

TURNER AND DICKENS WALK

The Turner and Dickens walk connects Margate and Broadstairs. It is named in recognition of the two towns' respective links with the world-renowned artist JMW Turner and author Charles Dickens. It is a four-mile signposted route that can be walked in either direction.

Local people identified the walk as a priority following the publication of the Thanet Walking Strategy. Much of the walk is based on the ancient path linking St-Peter-in-Thanet Church, Broadstairs, with St John's Church in Margate. It combines urban and rural Thanet, starting and finishing at the two harbours which date back to the Tudor period, one facing north and the other east.

The Mosaics. A key feature of the walk is art inspired by Turner and Dickens. Mosaic panels were installed in each town. Internationally renowned Broadstairs mosaic artist, Martin Cheek (www.martincheek.co.uk) worked with children from Upton School, Broadstairs and St. John's School, Margate on the design and installation. The mosaics are maintained by Broadstairs and Margate Town Teams, with additional funding from Broadstairs and St. Peter's Town Council.

DID YOU KNOW?

The numbers relate to the information on the inside spread.

- 1 Turner Contemporary** is located on the site where Turner lived in Margate.
- 2 Eric Morecambe** held his wedding reception at The Bull's Head Pub, Market Place, Margate.
- 3 Hawley Square:** John Keats, Horatio Nelson and Emma Hamilton lived here.
- 5 St. John's Church** Priests walked to the remote communities to say Mass at St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) and St-Peter-in-Thanet (Broadstairs).
- 6 Draper's Windmill** was built in 1845 and worked until the 1930's. Draper's Windmill Trust was formed by Mr. R.M. Towses, then Head of Drapers Mills School, to preserve the Mill.
- 7 St. Peter-in-Thanet Church** has the right to fly the White Ensign, dating from when the Church Tower was used as a signalling station in the Napoleonic Wars.
- 8 Dickens Mosaics** are opposite the Four Candles Pub, which is the smallest Brewpub in Britain.
- 9 Crampton Tower Museum** was built by the Broadstairs-born inventor and engineer Thomas Russell Crampton.
- 10 Pierremont Hall** is a Grade II listed building that Queen Victoria visited as a child.
- 11 Dickens House Museum** celebrates Charles Dickens' strong connection with Broadstairs from 1837-1851. It was once the home of Miss Mary Pearson Strong, on whom Dickens based the character of Betsy Trotwood in David Copperfield.

Enjoy the walk!

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The Broadstairs branch of the **Dickens Fellowship** meet on the 1st Wednesday each month at The Dickens House Museum and is the force behind for the Dickens Festival which happens in June.

More information visit
www.turneranddickenswalk.co.uk

or
www.visitthanet.co.uk

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call Thanet Tourist Information on
0870 264 6111

Huge thanks to the Facebook group 'Broadstairs in Photos', who have kindly taken and then donated the wonderful images featured in this leaflet.

Buses - The Thanet Loop bus connects Margate and Broadstairs and runs every 8 minutes.
Margate stop - on Cecil Street just before Hawley Square.
Broadstairs stops are by Pierremont Hall and on Queen's Road.
Margate Railway Station signposted from Turner Contemporary just past Dreamland on your left.
Broadstairs Railway Station, at top of the High Street opposite Crampton Tower Museum.

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A 4 mile/6km walk - approx. 2 hours

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Turner Contemporary

Start here. Cross the road and turn right to Margate Old Town. Head towards Duke Street, on your left.

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Turner Mosaics at St John's Primary School

Cross over St John's Road into St John's Street. After a few metres, turn left into Charlotte Square (note the interesting architecture of the pub!). Walk to the end and turn right (St Austin & St Gregory RC Church on the corner) into Victoria Road. Continue until you reach St John's Church.

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Margate Old Town

Walk down Duke Street and turn right at junction with Love Lane. Enter Market Place. Walk diagonally across to the left and go up New Cross Street. Turn left at the top to the main road (Hawley Street) and turn right. Walk uphill to traffic lights (Cecil Square). Cross Hawley Street at the traffic lights and go uphill past Union Crescent to Hawley Square.

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St John's Church, Margate

Turn left into Church Street, which is opposite the church. Keep walking as Church Street becomes St Peter's Footpath. Cross over Addiscombe Road. Go straight ahead to cross over College Road and continue along St Peter's Footpath. On the right is Drapers Mills Primary Academy and on the left is Draper's Windmill.

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Hawley Square

Walk diagonally across the Square to the top left-hand corner. Go through the gap between the houses and turn right into Addington Street. Continue along until you see St John's Church of England Primary School.



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St Peter-in-Thanel Church



Walk through the churchyard, one of the longest in the country. When you emerge from the Church, cross over the road and go straight ahead down the High Street. Keep going and the road becomes St Peter's Road.

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Crampton Tower (on right)

Walk under the railway bridge and continue straight ahead into the High Street.

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Pierremont Hall (on right)

Continue down the High Street to the bottom and walk through the gap on the right of the Albion Hotel to the seafront and the end of the walk, with the Dickens House Museum on the right.

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Dickens House Museum

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Dickens Mosaics

Continue along to the end of St Peter's Road and turn left towards the traffic lights. Go straight down The Broadway.

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