How to find Tenterden

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By Public Transport
There are regular bus links from Ashford, Hastings, Headcorn, Maidstone, Rye and Tunbridge Wells. Train services from London and the south east connect with the bus routes. The nearest mainline stations are Headcorn and Ashford International. Plan your journey by public transport (bus, coach or train) by using the services of Traveline 0871 200 2233 or visit traveline.org.uk. For specific train information contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

By Taxi:
Wedden Cars: 01580 291199 or 0845 6000988. St. Michael’s Car Hire: 01580 762277/764777 or 07798 677777

Car Parking:
There is short stay on-street parking in the High Street and a number of pay and display car parks throughout the town. These are indicated on the map overleaf.

Tourist Information:
Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden, 01580 762558, tenterdengateway@kent.gov.uk, visitheartofkent.co.uk

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Special Events

Countryside activities

Welcome

With its unique mix of fascinating history and heritage, Tenterden and its surrounding villages have so much to see and do, whatever the weather or time of year.

It’s just the place to find a range of quirky markets and the nearby shopping as it used to be.

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Widely regarded as one of the most charming towns in the South East, Tenterden and its surrounding villages and countryside is a fascinating place to visit and explore.

It is home to two museums (the town museum and the Col. Stephens Museum - his life and light railways), numerous historic buildings and churches and great local attractions such as the Kent & East Sussex Railway and some first class places to stay and eat.

Nearby there are wonderful gardens and historic houses including Smallhythe Place, Hole Park Gardens, Great Dixter House and Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens and Leeds Castle. The historic towns of Rye and Cranbrook, the sandy beaches of Camber and the mysterious and atmospheric Romney Marsh are close by.

Travel back to the nostalgic age of steam and enjoy a trip through 10½ miles of beautiful atmospheric Romney Marsh are close by.

During your visit be sure to trace the links to various buildings including Smallhythe Place, Hole Park Gardens, Great Dixter House and Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens and Leeds Castle. The historic towns of Rye and Cranbrook, the sandy beaches of Camber and the mysterious and atmospheric Romney Marsh are close by.

The Tenterden Town Hall was built in 1790. The Georgian Assembly Room on the first floor has boards with the names of all the Bailiffs and Mayors since 1449 and a musician’s gallery.

Tel: 01580 762334
www.stmildreds.org

Set in 100 acres of tranquil Wealden countryside, the London Beach Country Hotel and Golf Club nestles on the outskirts of Tenterden.

Each of the 24 spacious bedrooms overlooks the parkland golf course, providing stunning sunset views. The London Beach Bar serves breakfast until 11.00 and brasserie food all day from 11.00 to 21.00. The Restaurant is open daily between 12.30 to 14.30 and 19.00 to 21.00.

Tel: 01580 766279
phl@londonbeach.com • www.londonbeach.com

The home of one of Britain’s leading wine producers, The Vineyard produces world class wines using the finest local and international grapes. Our chefs create traditional English dishes with a modern twist.

Tel: 01580 766111
www.chapeldownwines.co.uk

Seven beautiful circular walks that begin and end at the Tenterden Gateway in the High Street.

For copies of these or other publications about the area, contact Tenterden Publications, 102 High Street.

Tel: 01580 762558.
Welcome

Tenterden has a wide range of family activities to suit all tastes.

The town is home to The Kent & East Sussex Railway, which regularly hosts special events such as 'A Day Out with Thomas TM' and takes visitors to medieval Bodiam Castle in East Sussex.

It also boasts a superb recreation ground with a children's play area, tennis courts, picnic area, bowls green and football pitch. A leisure centre with gym, health suite and swimming pool with fun flume and water features completes the offer.

Family fun

History and heritage

Until the silting up of the River Rother blocked its access to the sea in the 16th century, Tenterden had a bustling port and shipbuilding centre at Small Hythe that supported a flourishing wool trade. In 1449 it became a member of the Cinque Ports.

Much of the town’s heritage remains today, including many historic timber framed buildings, a medieval church, cobbled alleys and the Georgian Town Hall. To discover more pick up a copy of the town’s Heritage Trail to enjoy a leisurely stroll back in time, or visit the Tenterden & District Museum.

Country activities

The town is surrounded by the High Weald, an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with easy access to an unbeatable range of country activities.

Walkers can follow way marked country trails or circular walks around the town or park and ride by steam train. The quiet country lanes are a cyclist’s heaven - Cycle Route 18 links Tenterden to Ashford and Tunbridge Wells. Horse riding is available, anglers can fish in well stocked waters and golfers are spoilt for choice with top quality courses including Chart Hills and London Beach.

Traditional shopping

Tenterden’s charming high street and adjacent lanes boast a range of quirky independent stores which allow visitors to experience shopping as it used to be.

It’s just the place to find that special gift, local craft, book or antique in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Tenterden is still a market town hosting a Friday market and the nearby village of Rolvenden a weekly farmer’s market.

Special events

Tenterden stages a wide range of family events throughout the year including:

Tentertainment - Kent’s biggest and best summer-time music and local food festival; Tenterden Folk Festival - Internationally renowned as the first weekend of October; November Bonfire & Firework Spectacular; Christmas Festivities - Festive lights and late night shopping on the first Friday in December.

Look out for other events at The Sinden Theatre, the Kent & East Sussex Railway and The Barn Theatre in Small Hythe.

Hospitality

There’s an unbeatable selection of places to stay to suit all tastes, from small cozy guest houses to larger hotels with excellent leisure facilities.

There’s also an unrivalled selection of places to eat and drink from tea rooms and traditional inns to high quality restaurants offering menus from around the world.

Small Hythe is home to the award-winning Chapel Down Winery; nearby Biddenden boasts the Michelin starred restaurant, The West House and Biddenden Vineyards, Kent’s oldest commercial vineyard.