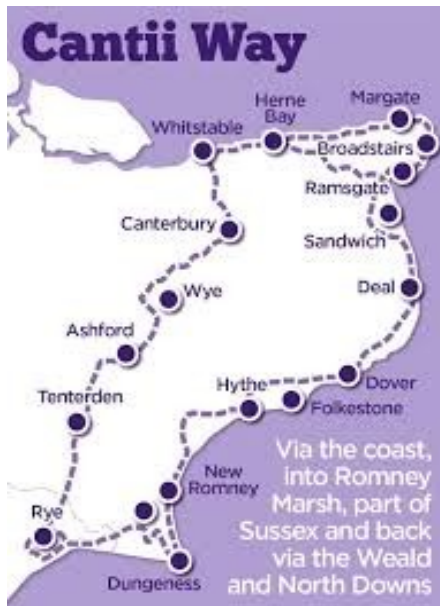


Cantii Way Tour Report - August 2023

There were 5 people on this 3 and a half day tour of Kent (Usha Dhanesha, Mick Jeynes, Lester Marriner, Mike Parsons and Steve Davoile). We did it from Saturday 11th to Tuesday 15th August

Day 1 (Ashford to Herne Bay)

The route from Ashford led us via Canterbury and Whitstable to Herne Bay where we stayed at the premier inn. The route was 36 miles with 1,400 ft of climbing. Unfortunately we couldn't get to look inside or even walk that close to Canterbury Cathedral without paying £16 to English Heritage so instead we found a cafe for cake and coffee.



Day 2 (Herne Bay to Dover)

The route led from Herne Bay to Margate, Ramsgate, Sandwich and Deal to Dover where we stayed at another Premier Inn but this one was located right on the seafront which lent itself to Usha taking a dip in the sea and later a walk into town to eat at the quirky Cullins Yard restaurant which had various WW2 military items on display. The route was 42 miles with 1,300 ft of climbing.

Day 3 (Dover to Rye)

Today we left Dover and headed to Rye via Folkestone and Dungeness. The abiding memories of the day was the overwhelming smell of decaying seaweed in the warm weather, which even made the news. Lunch at the Marina in Folkestone and spotting the recently installed Totem pole on the Capel-Le-Ferne nature reserve and inscribed with the name Perkūnas, a Baltic god. The route was 49 miles with 1,200 ft of climbing.



Day 4 (Rye to Ashford)

The route back from Rye to Ashford was 22 miles with 500 ft of climbing. The day contained a nice section of off road tracks through some woods. Mick and Lester cycled off to the railway station for the train home, while Mike, Usha and myself returned to the Premier Inn in Ashford to pick up our cars for the journey home.

The weather was largely sunny and warm with just the very odd light shower which helped make for a very enjoyable tour although being the school holidays it did mean crowded shared cycle paths though seaside towns which slowed progress.