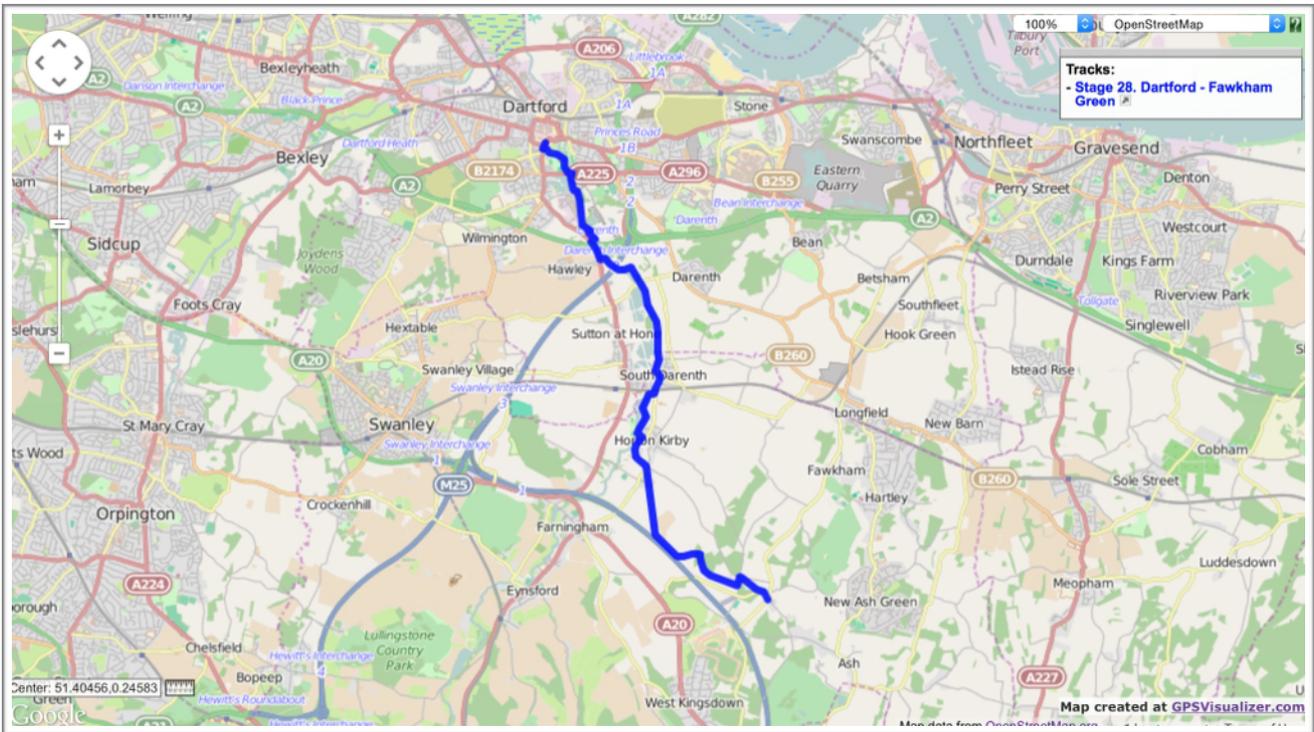




Stage 28 - DARTFORD TO FAWKHAM GREEN

Distance - 12km / 7.4 miles
Explorer map - 162 Greenwich & Gravesend
Time: 3 - 3.5 hours average time based on Naismith's rule
Total ascent - 145m
Total descent - 47m

Description - The route follows parts of the Darent Valley Path following the river to Horton Kirby. Return to a road briefly to then enter fields to pass the site of an Anglo Saxon Burial ground and footpaths to Fawkham Green. This is a very pleasant easy stage with lots of flora and fauna to be seen along the way.



Walk description

1 - From the Dartford Borough Museum turn immediately left into the park. Follow the park paths heading to the far left hand corner to meet up with the river and the Darent Valley Path. Don't cross the river but continue ahead to pass a running track on the right and then pass under the road (A225) and Brooklands lake on the right. Cross over Powder Mill to return and follow the river to a track that crosses it on the right. Turn left here to Hawley Road and then right to pass under the A2 road.

2 - Just after the Hawley sign turn left to cross over the river and then continue following it on your right passing under the M25 motorway and turn left to Darenth road. Turn right to go through the car park at the



Alders lakes and past the site of what was once Roman Buildings.
Travel through the wood and the field to reach South Darenth.

3 - In South Darenth turn right onto Holmesdale Road and round into Horton Road to pass under the railway bridge and turn right, Station road. After passing over the river turn left to the playing field carpark. Turn left over the weir to The St and turn right travelling through Horton Kirby.

4 - The road continues up Ray's Hill and at the cross roads bear right up the steps to pass through a small housing estate to continue ahead diagonally across three fields to the corners and the edge of the M20 motorway

5 - The path turns left down a green covered corridor parallel with the motorway before turning left at the footbridge and then the right track to Speedgate Farm. Cross into the field, across the stile and left at the road and then right at the T-junction to then take the footpath right to Sun Hill turning left to Fawkham Green and the Rising Sun Pub.

