How to find Tenterden

By Car
Tenterden is situated on the A28 between Hastings and Ashford, and is less than an hour by car from the M25.

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 2223 or visit traveline.org.uk. For specific train information contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

By Taxi:
Wealden 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.com.
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 Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Leeds Castle, Great Dixter House and Gardens, The Jewel of the Weald of Kent Protection Society, the Colonel Stephens Museum, a tribute to one of the country’s leading railway engineers; Seasonal opening. Tel: 01580 765155 - www.kesr.org.uk

Tenterden Town map reproduced courtesy of the Weald of Kent Protection Society.

Involved in the history and local museums of the area are:

1 Tenterden Town Hall
The Town Hall was built in 1790. The Georgian Assembly Rooms on the first floor has boards with the names of all the Bailiffs and Mayors since 1449 and a musician’s pillory.
Tel: 01580 762271
www.tenterdentown.co.uk

2 St. Mildred’s Church
St. Mildred’s is a stunning medieval church whose imposing tower dominates the town’s skyline. Most of the building dates back to the 13th and 14th centuries. During your visit be sure to trace the links to Nelson’s daughter and the Spanish Armada.
Tel: 01580 762334
www.stmildred.org

3 Kent & East Sussex Railway
Travel back to the nostalgic age of steam and enjoy a trip through 100 miles of beautiful countryside to medieval Bodiam Castle. Visit the Colonel Stephens Museum, a tribute to one of the country’s leading railway engineers; Seasonal opening.
Tel: 01580 765155 - www.kesr.org.uk

4 Tenterden and District Museum
In a quiet location just off Tenterden High Street, the 19th century weather-board building was a coach house and stables. Exhibits show the history of Tenterden and the Cinque Ports.
Tel: 01580 764310
www.tenterdenmuseum.i12.com

5 Tenterden Gateway
A wide range of tourist information and local services including Tenterden Library and Post Office under one roof and located on the main High Street - a must visit to find out more information on the town and the surrounding villages.
Tel: 01580 762558
www.visitheartoftkent.com

6 Tenterden’s Coat of Arms
This shows a three masted ship with Fores’ furled; Mizen & main sails charged with the arms of the Cinque Ports (three half lions from the Royal arms; conjoined with three half ships); Mizen sail bearing the arms of Thomas Pettidsen, the town’s first Bailiff; Cabin and rudder at the stern; Anchor.
(On view at various locations in the town)

7 Leisure Centre and Recreation Ground
The centre boasts a large swimming pool and flume, gymnasium and health suite and sports hall. Outside there are tennis courts, a bowling green and children’s play area and skate park.
Tel: 01580 764310
www.tenterdenleisure.com

8 St. Michael and All Angels
Consecrated in 1863 as St Michael and All Angels, the church was constructed of Kentish ragstone and Bath Stone by tradesmen from the nearby village of Widford. The local area took its name from the church having previously been known as Bredeside.
www.stmildreds.org

9 The Chapel Down Winery
The home of one of Britain’s leading wine producers. The wine and fine food store is open daily between 12.30 to 14.30 and 19.00 to 21.00.
Tel: 01580 766111
www.chapeldownwinery.co.uk

10 Smallhythe Place
Home to Victorian actress Dame Ellen Terry, this superb Tudor property boasts a museum containing theatrical memorabilia; a theatre and cottage garden where seasonal events are held.
Tel: 01580 762324
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

For copies of these or other publications about the area, contact Tenterden Publications, 2 Manor Row, High Street.
Tel: 01580 762558.