

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Easter Term 2016

To new ramblers and returning members alike, welcome to the Cambridge University Rambling Club! We invite you to leave the city for a few hours this term to enjoy the surrounding countryside with us. The pace of our walks is generally easy, as our main aim is to relax and appreciate the local scenery. We sometimes stop at a village pub *en route*, but you should **bring a packed lunch (except for half-day rambles) and a bottle of water** anyway. Strong boots, waterproofs, and warm clothing are also recommended. Your only expense will be the bus or train fare (given below) and our **annual £1 membership fee**. There is no need to sign up in advance to join any of this term's walks – just turn up at the time and place given.

For more information and for photos of past events, please explore our website at www.srcf.ucam.org/curac.

Saturday, 23rd April	“Sandy Beaches and Lovely Gardens”	<i>13 km / 8 miles Contact: Herman</i>
<p>On this relatively short walk we will venture onto the Norfolk coast, strolling on sandy beaches. Rambling along at low tide, we should be able to walk across much of the beach before we part from the sea (for a bit) and see the gardens at Holkham Estate. Spring is here and we should expect lovely flowers to go with a picnic lunch. After lunch, we will return to the beach for another couple of miles before reaching to the village of Burnham Overy Staithe to take a bus back to the train station.</p>		
<p>Meet: 07:15 at the railway station for the 07:35 train to King's Lynn Return: Back to Cambridge by 19:22 Cost: £14.10 (£9.30 with a Railcard/Groupsave)</p>		
Saturday, 30th April	“A Short Ramble: L Moor”	<i>8 km / 5 miles Contact: Angela</i>
<p>The first of several short walks this term, this ramble is specifically designed for people who are unable to spend all day walking. Starting from Shepreth, a small village fifteen minutes away from Cambridge by train, we will head north through farmland to Barrington. From there, we will follow the River Cam to L Moor, a small nature reserve which hosts a variety of flora and fauna. We will likely have time for a pub stop before returning to Cambridge.</p>		
<p>Meet: 13:40 at the railway station for the 13:55 train to Shepreth Return: Back to Cambridge by 17:29 Cost: £3.00 (£2.00 with a Railcard/Groupsave)</p>		
Sunday, 1st May	“Ditches in Dullingham”	<i>24 km / 15 miles Contact: Pierre</i>
<p>Starting from the hamlet of Dullingham, we walk along Devil's Dyke, an earthwork of Anglo-Saxon origin, and thence over rolling hills, through fields and meadows, to Upend. We continue to the village of Kirtling and its Tudor tower, and will stop in the churchyard to have lunch. Through a more wooded area, we head back to Dullingham, where, time permitting, we shall stop at a pub before taking the train back to Cambridge.</p>		
<p>Meet: 08.50 at the railway station for the 09.12 train to Dullingham Return: Back to Cambridge by 16.25 Cost: £6.00 (£4.00 with a Railcard/Groupsave)</p>		
Sunday, 8th May	“Odsey Oddity”	<i>24 km / 15 miles Contact: Stephen</i>
<p>We'll take the train to Ashwell and Morden station, located (despite its name) in the hamlet of Odsey. From there we'll take a circular route, climbing to a dizzying height of 168m at Therfield. We'll keep to the high ground, taking in a section of the Hertfordshire Way through some rustic villages, before heading downhill towards Ashwell, where we find the source of one branch of the river Cam -- and, time permitting, a choice of excellent pubs -- before the short walk back to Odsey.</p>		
<p>Meet: 09:40 at the railway station for the 09:55 train to Ashwell and Morden Return: Back to Cambridge by 18:28 Cost: £6.00 (£4.00 with a Railcard/Groupsave)</p>		

Saturday, 14th May

“Rivers and Tides:
An adventure in South Suffolk”

18 km / 12 miles Contact: Pete

This is a new area for the group. We will take a train to Ipswich and from thence a bus to Shotley Gate. Rambling to the nearby Shotley Marina, we will enjoy expansive views across the confluence of the Orwell and Stour Rivers to the busy ports of Harwich and Felixstowe. We then walk back towards Ipswich over the gently rolling landscape to Pin Mill and the wooded banks of the River Orwell, with its rough and ready houseboats and fancy sailing boats. We shall take plenty of time to savour the views. Finally we will arrive in Freston and take the bus back the short distance to Ipswich. We shall probably have the option of a meal in Ipswich at a Weatherspoon's.

Meet: 08.20 at the railway station for the 08:44 train to Ipswich

Return: Back to Cambridge by 19:39

Cost: £17.30 (£11.40 with a Railcard/Groupsave) + a few pounds for the bus

Sunday, 15th May

“A Short Ramble: Quy Water

8 km / 5 miles Contact: Angela

Disembarking in Cherry Hinton, we will follow a footpath with good views of the Cambridge Airport airstrip. Proceeding through Treversham, we then head out into farmland, walking briefly along Quy Water before returning for the bus home. We will likely have time for a pub stop before returning to Cambridge.

Meet: 13:50 at the railway station for the 14:05 Citi 1 bus

Return: Back to Cambridge by 17:50

Cost: A few pounds for the bus

Saturday, 21st May

“On Safari with OUWC”

19 km / 12 miles Contact: Christopher

This week we visit the wooded hills of Bedfordshire's Greensand Ridge on a joint walk with Oxford University Walking Club, and we will hopefully get a free glimpse of some exotic animals in Woburn Safari Park. Starting at the village of Woburn Sands we climb the slopes of Aspley Heath, skirting the remains of Danesborough Iron Age hill fort. After passing through the Woburn village, we meander through Woburn Park estate, home to over 1,200 deer and nine different species. We continue on a footpath through the safari park that takes us in close proximity to many of the animal enclosures. We then return to Woburn Sands through fields and woodland. N.B. because we are travelling further away from Cambridge than usual, the return time is approximate.

Meet: 08:25 at Parkside (bay 16) for the 08:40 coach (Stagecoach X5) to Milton Keynes

Return: Back to Cambridge by 20:10

Cost: £12.80 for bus coach (£9.70 with a student ID) and £4.50 for the bus

Sunday, 22nd May

“A Short Ramble: Fulbourn Circular”

8 km / 5 miles Contact: Angela

From Fulbourn, we walk north along small rivers and farmland. After visiting the villages of Little and Great Wilbraham, we shall cut through farmland once more to return to Fulbourn. We will likely have time for a pub stop before returning to Cambridge.

Meet: 13:50 at the railway station for the 14:05 Citi 1 bus

Return: Back to Cambridge by 17:50

Cost: A few pounds for the bus

Saturday or Sunday, 28th/29th May

To be confirmed

Saturday, 4th June

“The Heart of the South Downs
and Beautiful Brighton”

19 km / 12 miles Contact: Herman

To celebrate the end of term, the Rambling Club is planning a slightly longer day trip to the South Downs. A steep climb is expected after the start from Lewes, with great views of the River Ouse where sea trout spawn up the river twice a year. After that, the sea will be in view for the rest of the walk. From the highest point of the walk, we will venture into the less frequented parts of the South Downs as we make our way to Rottingdean, a village at the outskirts of Brighton, where we may have our lunch stop. After that, we will walk on the promenade on the cliffs or esplanade at the base of the cliffs towards Brighton. (Continued on next page...)

For those who are eager to get back to Cambridge, there are frequent trains from Brighton. And the station is an easy walk from the seafront. Alternatively, there will be time to look around in Brighton, the Pier, the Lanes etc. (suggestions available upon request), and dinner will be arranged at a local Italian restaurant for a three-course meal at a cost of around £12 each (without drinks). The seafood risotto is highly recommended.

For this walk, registration is required for planning purposes. Please email Herman (hml49) for more information and registration.

Meet: 07:25 in front of the railway station for the 07:44 train to London Kings Cross

Return: Back to Cambridge by 20:01 (or 24:00 with dinner)

Cost: £31.20 (£20.80 with a Railcard/Groupsave)

Saturday, 11th June

“The Fen Rivers Way”

77 km / 47 miles Contact: Stephanie

This ramble starts from the medieval seaport of King's Lynn (once considered England's most important port) and follows alongside the banks of the River Great Ouse through the fens to the town of Downham Market, once famous for its butter market and horse fair. From here sensible ramblers can take the train back to Cambridge, while for anyone wanting a challenge and/or practice for the Varsity March next week there will be an opportunity to continue along the river all the way back to Cambridge!

Meet: 08.20 in front of the train station for the 08:35 train to King's Lynn

Return: Back in Cambridge by 16:41 (or sometime Saturday night/Sunday morning if walking the entire distance!)

Cost: £4.95 groupsave/railcard (£7.50 without)

Sunday, 18th – Sunday, 19th June

“The Varsity March”

130 km / 81 miles Contact: Stephanie

The annual Varsity March is a mammoth two-day walk between Oxford and Cambridge, complete within 48 hours without any sleep. Once again this year we will be raising money for Jimmy's Cambridge and the Oxford Gatehouse: two charities which work with homeless people in Oxford and Cambridge. We also hope to be joined by Oxford University Walking Club. It will, of course, be possible to join or leave the walk at intermediate points if you do not wish to walk the full distance, or if you want to support your friends for short sections. More details will be sent out by email nearer the time, but please contact Stephanie if you would like more information.

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