

Cambridge University Rambling Club

Easter 2019

You should **bring a packed lunch** (unless stated otherwise) and a bottle of water. 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 (with the exception of the Varsity March, see the description below). For more information, please explore our website and Facebook page at:

www.srcf.ucam.org/curac & www.facebook.com/cambridgerambling

If you have any questions, feel free to email the Club's President, Benjamin Marschall, at: rambling@cusu.cam.ac.uk

Hills in Bedfordshire

23 km / 14 miles

Saturday 27th April

Benjamin Marschall: bm515

We will visit some hills in southern Bedfordshire, which are part of the Chilterns. From Stopsley, on the edge of Luton, we climb to the summits of Warden Hill and Galley Hill, with fine views of the area. Along the John Bunyan Trail we will continue to the Barton Hills and the Pegsdon Hills Nature Reserve, before descending to Great Offley for our bus and train home.

Meet: 9:05 at the railway station for the 9:24 train to Hitchin

Return: 18:06 bus from Great Offley, back in Cambridge by 19:44

Cost: £5.60 with Railcard/GroupSave (£8.50 otherwise) for the train + £6.50 for the bus

Orwell river walk: Freston to Shotley Point

10 miles / 16 km

Saturday 4th May

Pete Jackson: pj17@waitrose.com

An easy 10 mile walk along the scenic and wooded banks of the wide river Orwell to Shotley point from where you get a great view of Harwich and Felixstowe ports. Possible visit to Greggs at Ipswich Station and possible coffee stop at Shotley.

Meet: 08.25 at the railway station for the 08.47 train to Ipswich; 40min connection then 10min bus ride to Freston

Return: The 16.55 bus from Shotley to Ipswich; 18.20 train from Ipswich arriving back at Cambridge at 19.40

Cost: £12.60 with Railcard or GroupSave (otherwise £18.70); plus a few pounds for the bus

Fen Rivers Way

12 miles / 19 km or 47 miles / 76 km

Saturday 11th May

Adam Ashing: aa999

A somewhat masochistic Club tradition: an option of a 47 mile overnight walk from King's Lynn to Cambridge, as a warmup for the Varsity March at the end of term. We will take the last train from Cambridge to King's Lynn on Friday night, and walk overnight along the River Great Ouse to Downham Market. Sensible ramblers can return from Downham Market by the first train of the morning, while less sane members continue walking upstream all the way to Cambridge, arriving in the early evening. Packed Lunch and Breakfast recommended.

Meet: 23:45 on **FRIDAY** night at the railway station for the 0:08 train to King's Lynn

Return: The 05:58 train from Downham market gets in to Cambridge at 06:37. The rest of us will arrive at some point on Saturday evening...

Cost: £5.13 with GroupSave/Railcard (or £7.70 without) + £5.13 (£7.70) for the Downham Market train.

Chiltern Hills: Wendover to Great Missenden
(joint walk with OUWC)

12 miles / 19 km

Saturday 18th May
Christopher Thomas: [cet34](#)

This week we venture a bit further afield for a joint walk with the Oxford University Walking Club in the Chilterns, slightly more hilly terrain than usual. From the market town of Wendover we head south west on the Ridgeway National Trail and ascend Coombe Hill where we'll hopefully be rewarded with good views. Skirting Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, we continue along the Ridgeway through undulating woodland. We then pass Grim's Ditch and Little Hampden before descending to Great Missenden along the South Buckinghamshire Way.

N.B. Because we are travelling further away from Cambridge than usual the return time is approximate.

Meet: 08:25 at the train station for the 08:44 train to London King's Cross

Return: train from Great Missenden, arriving back around 20:30 (or possibly earlier train arriving back around 19:30)

Cost: £16.25 + £9.05 with a Railcard/Groupsave (£24.60 + £13.70 without)

An Essex Stroll: Great Chesterford to Audley End

7.5 miles / 12 km

Sunday 26th May

Pierre Haas: [pah59](#)

From Great Chesterford, we set off on the Icknield Way along bridleways and ridiculously small country lanes. We pass through the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin at Stretthall, a Grade I listed church dating back to the early 11th century. We then make our way to Littlebury Green and, after passing Green Wood, we descend towards Wendens Ambo and Audley End station.

Meet: 13.30 at the train station for the 13.51 service to Great Chesterford

Return: 17.00 service from Audley End, arriving in Cambridge at 17.19

Cost: £4.90 with GroupSave/Railcard (£7.40 otherwise)

Patrolling the Anglo-Saxon Defences

20 miles / 31 km

Saturday 1st June

Aneesh Naik: [an485](#)

Starting at Newmarket station, we'll walk past the world-famous racecourse, before walking along a stretch of the ancient Anglo-Saxon earthwork, the 'Devil's Ditch'. We'll pass through a sequence of quaint East Cambridgeshire villages, before a stint of walking along another Anglo-Saxon earthwork: 'Fleam Dyke'. This will take us to Fulbourn for the final leg back to Cambridge.

Meet: 8.30 at the station for the 8.47 train to Newmarket.

Return: The walk takes us back to Cambridge. We'll hopefully be back by 6pm. People wanting to get back earlier can get a bus from Fulbourn, arriving by 5pm or so.

Cost: £4.20 with Railcard/GroupSave (£6.30 otherwise)

Gipping Valley River Path (Part 2)

12 miles / 19 km

Sunday 2nd June

Bálint Kovács: [bk372](#)

We start in the beautiful town of Needham Market, most likely by crossing a rather annoying but charming cattle tunnel. From then on, we will be following the river Gipping, mostly along its towpaths. We will pass by Claydon, then enter the suburbs of Ipswich, where we board the train home.

Meet: 9:00 at the train station for the 9:14 train to Needham Market

Return: 18:10 service from Ipswich, arriving in Cambridge at 20:26 (or 22:24 in the unlikely event of missing this train)

Cost: £13.15 with Railcard/GroupSave (or £19.90 without)

Norfolk Coast: To Cromer via Mundesley

14 miles / 23 km

Saturday 8th JuneBenjamin Marschall: [bm515](#)

From Gunton railway station, we will make our way towards Mundesley via footpaths and country roads, passing a house with a tenuous connection to John of Gaunt. Upon reaching the Norfolk Coast Path, which runs along the seaside, we will follow the cliff tops and promenade to the Victorian seaside town of Cromer.

Meet: 7:45 at the railway station for the 8:09 train to Gunton**Return:** Back to Cambridge by 20:08**Cost:** £12.70 with Railcard/GroupSave (£19.20 otherwise)**Constable Country: Manningtree circular**

21.5 miles / 35 km

Saturday 15th JunePierre Haas: [pah59](#)

This walk takes us a bit farther afield, to Dedham Vale, an "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" stragglng the counties of Suffolk and Essex. It is often called "Constable County" since the artist John Constable drew inspiration from this landscape. From Manningtree railway station, we follow the winding course of the river Stour inland, and then make our way through rolling hills and along bridleways and small country lanes, to Stoke-by-Nayland. We walk back to Manningtree through small woods in the countryside, passing by small churches and through postcard villages.

N.B. Bring lunch AND dinner for this walk.

Meet: 8.20 at the train station for the 8.47 service to Ipswich**Return:** 20.55 from Manningtree, arriving in Cambridge at 22.42**Cost:** £16.25 with railcard/groupsave (£24.80 otherwise)**The Varsity March**

81 miles / 130 km Oxford to Cambridge;

23 miles / 37 km from Oxford to Aylesbury

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd JuneAdam Ashing: [aa999](#)

The annual Varsity March is a mammoth two-day walk between Oxford and Cambridge, completed within 48 hours without any sleep! There is a choice between walking the full distance, the first section, returning to Cambridge by train from Aylesbury after the first day or walking an intermediate distance and getting a taxi to a station. If you intend stop at Aylesbury then you are welcome to just turn up on the day, but if you'd like to walk further please sign up in advance by emailing Adam.

Meet: 07:00 at Parkside coach station bay 16 for the 07:10 X5 bus to Oxford (NOT the main Drummer Street bus station)**Return:** 21.29 Aylesbury train arrives in Cambridge at 00.34, otherwise sometime on Sunday night or Monday morning...**Cost:** Bus is £10.20 with university/student card (£13.50 without); train is £26.85 with GroupSave/Railcard (£40.70 else) if returning from Aylesbury.