

CURAC Michaelmas 2020 Walk Records

Note: Walks this term were heavily affected by COVID restrictions.

Grantchester

1A: Saturday 10th October

Distance: 5 miles / 9 km

Duration: about 3 hours

This walk will take us to two tranquil villages just outside Cambridge. From Great St Mary's Church, we will head to the river, where we will pick up a path to take us behind the Botanic Gardens. We'll then head back to Trumpington Road, leading us to the village of Trumpington. We'll then follow the winding country lane past Byron's pool to Grantchester, where notable intellectuals of the early 20th century gathered for discussion and bucolic inspiration. We'll then follow the footpath along the river back to Cambridge, via Newnham.

Up and Down the Cam via Fen Ditton

1B: Sunday 11th October

Distance: 7.5 miles / 12km

Duration: about 3 hours

We head north on the eastern bank of the Cam, walking through Stourbridge Common and the tiny but pretty village of Fen Ditton. We continue along some fields until crossing the river using Baits Bite Lock. On the western bank of the Cam we then walk back into central Cambridge.

Rambling from Waterbeach

2: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October

Distance: 7 miles / 11 km

While many people enjoy walking to Grantchester, far fewer realize that the other direction is equally delightful. Starting from Waterbeach, we'll make our way south along the river toward Cambridge, stopping in Milton Country Park for a picnic lunch. This section of the river meanders through miles of agricultural land and is characterized by wildflowers, swans-a-plenty, houseboats, and an interesting lock.

Meet: time TBC, around 10-11. At the railway station, for the train to Waterbeach.

Return: Back to the city centre by 16 ish.

Cost: £2.20