

CURAC Michaelmas 2021 Walk Records

Fresher's Ramble

1: Sunday 10th October

Distance: 5.8 miles

To kick things off this term there will be a circular walk from Central Cambridge, to Grantchester, to Byron's Pool and back to Cambridge via Hobson's Conduit.

Meet: 12:00

Return: ~14:00

Green Dragon and Ditton Meadow

2: Sunday 17th October

Distance: 4.4 miles

A lovely walk down the river Cam, the walk will start from Jesus Green then make our way down the river where various college's rowing clubs can be seen as well as 8 of the 11 bridges on the lower part of the river Cam, then pass the Green Dragon Bridge with a short stop at the Green Dragon Pub for food (you can also bring your own food and eat on Stourbridge Common as well) and arrive the Ditton Meadow after approx 1 hour walk.

Meet: 11:30 at the Round Church

Return: ~13:30

Meldreth to Shepreth the long way

3: Saturday 23rd Oct

Distance: 12 miles

Walk Leader: Christopher

This ramble will take us from Meldreth to Shepreth, only a couple of miles apart as the crow flies, but we'll take a more circuitous route exploring the countryside south west of Cambridge. From Meldreth we join the river Mel for a while before heading to the picturesque village of Barrington from where we make a loop taking in Haslingfield and Harston Mill. Heading to Shepreth we cross the river Rhee, a tributary of the Cam, and skirt the wildlife park before reaching the station.

Meet: 09:15 at the train station for the 09:27 train to Meldreth

Return: 16:39 train from Shepreth, arriving back 16:55 (or possibly earlier train)

Cost: £3.40 (£2.20 with a rail card)

The Church of Cold Christmas

4: Saturday 30th Oct

22 km / 14 miles

Walk Leader: Benjamin

From Roydon station we follow the Harcamlow Way through the rolling hills of Hertfordshire. After crossing the River Ash and some smaller streams we reach the tiny hamlet of Cold Christmas, allegedly named after an unusually cold Christmas. We then investigate the nearby remains of Little St Mary's church, which was abandoned in 1853 and is said to be haunted. Hopefully we continue our walk heading west, eventually traversing the beautiful grounds of Woodhall Park until we reach the river Beane, a tributary of the more famous Lea (or Lee). From here it is just over a mile to Watton-at-Stone for the train back.

Meet: 09:00 at the train station for the 09:20 service to Roydon

Return: Back in Cambridge by 17:11

Cost: £17.90 with Railcard/GroupSave

Medieval Essex

7: Saturday 20th November

Distance: 11 miles / 17 km

Walk Leader: Petr Štěpán, petr.rambling@gmail.com

This ramble visits the rolling wooded countryside of north-west Essex. After a short walk east from Bishop's Stortford, we enter Hatfield Forest, a medieval royal hunting forest, and stop there for lunch next to the lake. We then continue south through Wall Wood, before heading west to Little Hallingbury. We join the River Stort towpath and continue to Sawbridgeworth for the train home.

Meet: 09:00 outside the railway station for 09:20 service to Bishop's Stortford

Return: 16:08 from Sawbridgeworth, back to Cambridge at 16:51

Ticket: £13.90 (return to Sawbridgeworth, buy your own)

Drayton Lakes

8A: Saturday 27th November

Distance: 13 km

Walk Leader: Balint

Meet: Drummer St. bus station, at 9:05 for the 9:20 bus to St. Ives

Return: between 3:30 and 4:30 PM (buses go every 20 minutes, so there is no real point in me bothering with a precise time)

Cost: £7 (return to St. Ives)

Sunday Ramble(Short)

8B: Sunday 28th November

Walk leader: Emily, eln37@cam.ac.uk

A walk to Girton then down Bunkers Hill to the Swirls Court then to West Cambridge Site.

Meet: 9:30 at The Round Church

Return: ~11:00