

CURAC Michaelmas 2022 Walk Records

Start of Term Ramble

0: Saturday 1st October

We will walk up the river to Fen Ditton Meadows where the church is and find a spot to have lunch before heading back.

Meet: 12:30 at Great St Mary's Church

Linton Circular

1: Sunday 9th October

Walk Leaders: Emily (eln37), Audrey (ab2726), and Ella (eoh22)

Walk Distance: 8 miles / 12.8km

On this ramble we will explore the undulating countryside South East of Cambridge. From Linton we first make for Hadstock, home of the oldest church door still in use in Britain. Then we will head to Bartlow, where we'll encounter some impressive Roman tumuli, before returning to Linton.

Meet: 13:05 at the Drummer Street Bus Station (bay 6), for the 13:20 bus to Linton

Return: 17:00 bus back from Linton to Cambridge, arrive back at 17:35

Bus costs: £8

Milton Country Park

2: Sunday 16th October

Walk Leader: Balint (dratini0@gmail.com)

Walk distance: 7 miles / 11 km

Starting from Waterbeach, we'll make our way south along the river toward Cambridge, stopping in Milton Country Park for a bit of a wander, as well as a picnic lunch. Finally, we make our way back to Cambridge along the Cam, a section filled with houseboats and punctuated by multiple locks.

Meet: 10:45. At the railway station, for the 11:04 train to Waterbeach.

Return: Back to the city centre by 16:00 ish.

Train Cost: £2.40 (£1.55 with groupsave)

Through Wimpole Park

3: Saturday 22nd October

Walk leader: Christopher (cet34)

Distance: 12 miles / 19 km

From the village of Toft in the Bourn valley we head across fields to Great Eversden. From there we cross a low ridge and follow the Wimpole Way to Wimpole Park. This extensive estate surrounds the large stately home of Wimpole Hall, now a National Trust property. After exploring the parkland we exit the grounds along the grand Wimpole Avenue before taking the Harcamlow Way to Whaddon and continuing to Meldreth for the train home.

Meet: 09:30 at Drummer Street Bus Station for the 09:45 bus to Toft

Return: train from Meldreth, arriving back by around 17:25

Cost: £2.80 for bus and £3.40 (or £2.20 with railcard) for train

Spooky Halloween Ramble

4: Monday 31st October

Walk Leader: Balint (dratini0@gmail.com)

Walk distance: 12 km / 8 miles

Leaving the safety of the guided bus at a lonely and isolated stop in the middle of Fen Drayton Lakes nature reserve, we will start walking along the bank of the Great Ouse. By the time we reach Brownhill Lock, the darkness will have surely crept up on us. We then continue along the other bank making our way to the Saxon ring village of Holywell. This village is the site of an ancient 'holy well' known for the healing properties of its water, and to the ghost of Juliet Tewsley who has haunted the village since her death in 1050 AD. Assuming we escape with our lives and sanity intact, we will then make our way to St Ives, once home to Oliver Cromwell and containing the haunted Golden Lion coaching inn. As this is a night hike, you may wish to bring a flashlight/electric torch. Dressing up in Halloween costume is encouraged but not essential!

Meet: 16:40 at Drummer Street Bus station for the 16:55 Bus to Drayton Lakes

Return: 21:35 Bus from St Ives, back by 22:19

Cost: £6.60 (Cambridgeshire Plus DayRider)

A somewhat longer stroll along the Ouse

8: Saturday 26th November

Walk leader: Balint (dratini0@gmail.com)

Distance: 9 mi / 15 km

We begin our stroll by heading North following the banks of the Ouse. We pass by the nature reserve of the Paxton Pits, located close to Little Paxton (a village which is curiously much larger than Great Paxton). We then continue along the Ouse, until we turn inland to reach the village of Southoe. From here, we cross Diddlington wood and pass by Little Paxton wood, to finally return to St Neots, crossing the River Kym next to one of the few remaining fords in Cambridgeshire.

Meet: 9:35 at the *Parkside coach station* for the 9:50 coach to St. Neots

Return 16:31 coach from St Neots, back by 17:11