

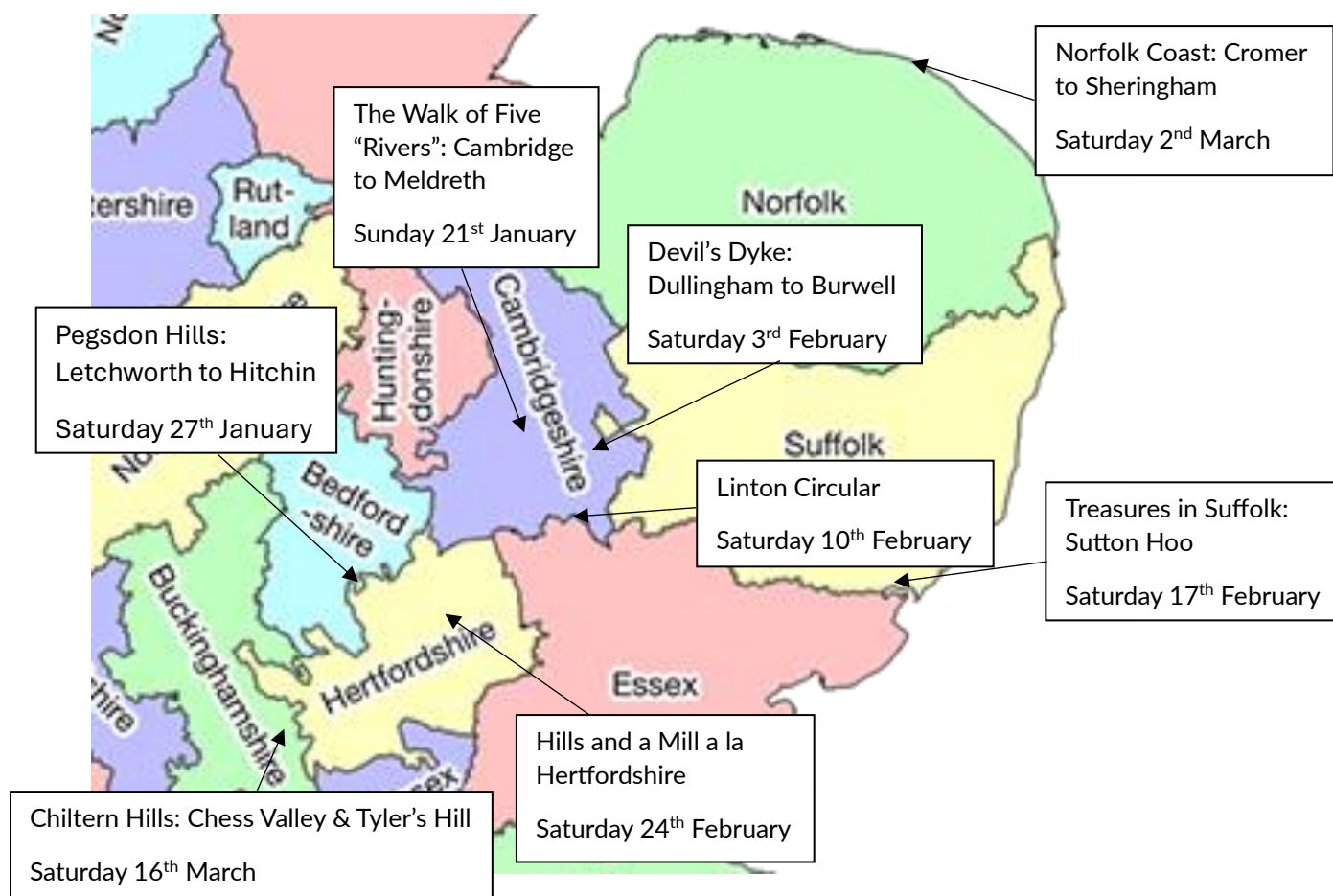
# Cambridge University Rambling Club

## Lent 2024 Termcard

If you are new, hello and welcome to Cambridge University Rambling Club! We run walks of around 10-25km around the countryside of East Anglia and occasionally further afield. Details and contacts for all the walks are included below. You do not need to sign up in advance to come on any of this term's walks. Simply turn up at the meeting point at the given time (the meeting point is usually outside the front of the train station or at Drummer Street bus station where the buses are used).

You should bring a packed lunch (unless stated otherwise) and a bottle of water. Strong boots, warm clothing and waterproofs are also recommended. Your only expense will be the bus or train fare (given below) and our annual £1 membership fee. Usually for trains all tickets will be purchased by the walk leader/another committee member to utilise the Group Save discount then everyone can pay them back on the train journey.

If you have any questions, email the club's president (Kiarn Turner) at [rambling@cambridgesu.co.uk](mailto:rambling@cambridgesu.co.uk) or the relevant walk leader.



### **The Walk of Five "Rivers": Cambridge to Meldreth**

1: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Distance: 18km / 11mi

Walk Leader: Kiarn ([kt506@cam.ac.uk](mailto:kt506@cam.ac.uk))

We begin at Great St Mary's Church in the city centre, following the River Cam down to Grantchester through Coe Fen, Sheep's Green, Paradise Nature Reserve & Grantchester Meadows. We then head out over fields, across Bourn Brook and towards Haslingfield. Leaving Haslingfield a hill appears and we climb to 65m before descending into the village of Barrington. After this we cross the River Rhee and follow the River Shep into Shepreth and on into Shepreth L-moor nature reserve. We finish the walk by following the River Mel through Melwood before a final stretch through Meldreth and to the station where we will get the train home.

Meet: 10:30 at Great St Mary's Church

Return: Back at Cambridge station around 16:28

Cost: £2.35 (single from Meldreth to Cambridge)

### **Pegsdon Hills: Letchworth to Hitchin**

2: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Distance: 23km / 15mi

Walk Leader: Kiarn ([kt506@cam.ac.uk](mailto:kt506@cam.ac.uk))

We begin in the town of Letchworth, almost immediately joining the ancient Icknield Way footpath which we follow for much of the first half of this walk. The first half of this walk also follows the route of the club's annual Varsity March from Oxford to Cambridge (though we are going in the opposite direction). We leave Letchworth, climbing gently towards Ickleford. We also pass through the village of Pirton before we enter the Pegsdon Hills, an area of the larger Chiltern Hills National Landscape. We leave the Icknield Way to climb Deacon Hill to a height of 172m. We continue across a sort of plateau with good views to the Northwest before leaving the Icknield Way to make our way down to Mazebeard Spring and Offley. We head back to Hitchin via Charlton.

Meet: 8:35 at the station for the 8:53 to Hitchin

Return: Back in Cambridge around 17:11

Cost: £6.40 (return to Hitchin)

### **Devil's Dyke: Dullingham to Burwell**

3: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Distance: 16km / 10mi

Walk Leader: Matthew ([jgmc2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jgmc2@cam.ac.uk))

Starting at Dullingham, we head up the Icknield Way, meeting Devil's Dyke. We then walk along the Dyke, a massive earthworks that is at places 9m above the surrounding countryside. We walk past Newmarket Racecourse on the way to the town of Reach, where we walk to Burwell to look at St. Mary's Church and the remains of Burwell Castle before making our way back to Cambridge.

Meet: 9:30 at station for 9:47 train to Dullingham

Return: Back at Drummer St. Bus Station around 17:34

Cost: £6.05 (£4.05 single to Dullingham + £2 bus from Burwell)

### **Linton Circular**

4: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Distance: 20km / 12mi

Walk Leader: Christopher ([cet34@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cet34@cam.ac.uk))

On this ramble we 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. We continue on footpaths across fields to Ashdon, pass a windmill and then head to Bartlow, where we'll encounter some impressive Roman tumuli, before returning to Linton.

Meet: 09:30 at the Bus Station (corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street) for the 09:45 bus to Linton (bay 6)

Return: 17:00 bus from Linton, arriving back at 17:39

Cost: £4 (two singles)

### **Treasures in Suffolk: Sutton Hoo**

5: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Distance: 18km / 11mi

Walk Leader: Benjamin ([bm515@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bm515@cam.ac.uk))

In 1938 various Anglo-Saxon treasures were discovered at a ship burial site in Sutton Hoo, as portrayed in the recent Netflix film "The Dig". On this walk we will explore this sparsely populated and often scenic part of Suffolk. Starting in Melton we cross the river Deben and follow the footpaths through the Sutton Hoo site. We then head south and will get some fine views of Woodbridge and the Deben estuary. After a few miles we turn east to join the Sandlings Walk further inland. It leads through forests, heathland, and past the former RAF Woodbridge base, which is known for an alleged UFO sighting at the eastern end of Rendlesham Forest in 1980. We eventually walk back to Melton by passing through a golf course.

Meet: 9:30 outside the railway station for the 9:47 service to Ipswich

Return: 17:11 from Melton, arriving in Cambridge at 19:40

Cost: £14.25 with GroupSave/Railcard

### **Hills and a Mill à la Hertfordshire**

6: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Distance: 23km / 14mi

Walk Leader: Benjamin ([bm515@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bm515@cam.ac.uk))

Starting in Watton-at-Stone, we ascend the hills of Hertfordshire by heading into a northeasterly direction. Footpaths and winding country lanes lead us through several tiny hamlets with quaint names such as Burn's Green and Wood End. Roughly in the middle of the walk we reach Ardeley where we can enjoy the sight of Cromer Windmill. We then slowly descend towards Baldock for the train home.

Meet : 09:10 outside the railway station for the 09:26 service to Stevenage

Return : 17:16 from Baldock, arriving in Cambridge at 17:41

Cost : £8.25 with GroupSave/Railcard

### **Norfolk Coast: Cromer to Sheringham**

7: Saturday 2nd March

Distance: 21km / 13mi

Walk Leader: Balint ([dratini0@gmail.com](mailto:dratini0@gmail.com))

Starting in Cromer we have a brief look at the pier before heading west on the Norfolk Coast Path. Just before Sheringham we will climb the 63m high Beeston Bump. This hill is said to be occasionally haunted by a ghostly black hound called the Black Shuck - a legend that inspired Conan Doyle's The Hound of Baskerville. We continue to walk on top of the cliffs for a few more miles before turning inland near Weybourne. Through Sheringham Park we then loop back to Sheringham station for the train home.

Meet: 8:05 at the station for the 8:20 to Norwich

Return: Back in Cambridge by 20:47 (likely 19:12)

Cost: £14.65 (return to Sheringham)

### **River, River, River! (Sawbridgeworth to Broxbourne)**

8: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Distance: 19km / 12mi

Walk Leader: Balint ([dratini0@gmail.com](mailto:dratini0@gmail.com))

This walk will follow the river Stort, and later on the Lee once the Stort flows into it. Once we have left Sawbridgeworth, we will encounter habitats such as the Hollingson Meads (once a quarry, now a birdwatching spot) or Hunsdon Mead. Once the Stort disappears in the Lee, we will finish off the walk by walking by Glen Faba and across Lee Valley country park in Broxbourne.

Meet: 10:05 for the 10:20 to Sawbridgeworth

Return: Back in Cambridge by 17:51

Cost: £10.00 (return to Hertford (!))

### **Chiltern Hills: Chess Valley Walk and Tylers Hill**

9: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Distance: 17km / 11mi

Walk Leader: Michael ([cwl48@cantab.ac.uk](mailto:cwl48@cantab.ac.uk))

From Chorleywood station we'll walk towards the River Chess and start the Chess Valley Walk, a highly popular trail in the Chiltern Hills National Landscape. We'll pass by vast fields and farmlands with majestic horses, until we reach elevated hills at Latimer. Below us will be the Latimer Park Farm, the site of an ancient Roman farm-villa. We'll also see the Latimer House, a secret base used by MI5 and MI6 during WWII for intercepting German military conversations. As we continue the Chess Valley Walk, we'll arrive at Cannon Mill, also known as the "Chesham Waterfall". Here, we'll take a detour and hike up to Tylers Hill, a vantage point with gorgeous views of the entire Chess Valley from above, before we head down to Chesham station and return to Cambridge.

Meet: 8:25 at the railway station for the 8:44 to King's Cross

Return: Back in Cambridge around 19:00 or earlier

Cost: £23.95 (£14.45 return to King's Cross, £9.50 for underground)

## Exploring the North Downs: Box Hill & Brockham circular

10: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Distance: 20km / 12mi

Elevation Gain: 526m / 1727ft

Walk Leader: Kiarn (kt506@cam.ac.uk)

This walk takes place largely in the Surrey Hills National Landscape and features lots of woodlands and a fair bit of elevation compared to the landscape around Cambridge.

We begin at Box Hill & Westhumble station and follow the River Mole to the Stepping Stones to cross the river. We then climb Box Hill at a height of 172m. Heading through a nice stretch of woodland we descend down to around 80m before climbing back onto the 150m White Hill. We then descend again and join the Bridges Walk across Headley Heath and into Box Hill village where we reach the actual high point of the walk at over 210m.

After making our final descent we reach the flatter part of this walk, passing over some fields on the way to and round the edge of Betchworth where we join the River Mole again which we'll follow back to Westhumble via Brockham. We'll likely get dinner at either the pub in Westhumble or somewhere in London on the way back.

Meet: 8:25 for the 8:44 to London King's Cross

Return: Back in Cambridge by 22:00 (probably earlier)

Cost: £23.65 (return to Box Hill & Westhumble, split at Earlsfield)