



Michaelmas 2025 Termcard

Hello and welcome to Cambridge University Rambling Club! We run walks of around 10-30km 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. 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).

You should bring a packed lunch and water. Strong boots 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 to utilise the Group Save discount and then everyone can pay them back on the train journey.

If you have any questions, email the club's president, Alfie, at rambling@cambridgesu.co.uk or the relevant walk leader (emails in walk details).

Sunday 12th October: Freshers' Ramble

Cambridge Circular via Coton & Grantchester

Distance: 16km / 10mi

Leader: Alfie (aw2041@cam.ac.uk)

We start at Great St Mary's Church and head towards Coton on the Harcamlow Way. From Coton Countryside Reserve we walk up what could generously be called a hill where there is a good view of Cambridge. From there, we pass the villages of Barton and Grantchester and follow the River Cam back into town.

Meet at 11:00 at Great St Mary's Church.

Back in Cambridge by ~16:00.

Cost: Free.

Saturday 18th October: Rambling "to" Waterbeach

Waterbeach to Cambridge

Distance: 11km / 7mi

Leader: Balint (dratini0@gmail.com)

I joined the club 10 years ago. To commemorate, this is the first walk I took with the club. The original description is as follows: "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 at 10:45 at Drummer Street bus station for the 10:55 bus to Waterbeach.

Back in Cambridge by 16:30.

Cost: £2.50 (single to Waterbeach).

Saturday 25th October: Chiltern Hills: Ashridge Estate & the Ivinghoe Beacon

Tring & Ivinghoe Beacon Circular

Distance: 17km / 11mi

Leader: Kiarn (kiarn.turner@gmail.com)

We begin from Tring Station, heading across fields to the village of Aldbury. We then head uphill and through the forest into the Ashridge Estate and to the Bridgewater Monument. We then continue through the estate's lovely woodlands to Ringshall. After passing along the edge of Ringshall Coppice we reach the Icknield Way which we (sort of) follow to the Ivinghoe Beacon which should have good views over the surrounding area at 233m. We then follow the Ridgeway back to the station, passing over Pitstone Hill (201m) on the way.

Meet at 08:25 at the train station for the 08:44 to London Kings Cross.

Back in Cambridge by 19:00.

Cost: £34.25 (London travelcard + return from Harrow to Tring).

Friday 31st October: Spooky Halloween Ramble

Drayton Lakes to St Ives via Holywell

Distance: 12km / 8mi

Leader: Balint (dratini0@gmail.com)

(Assuming no flooding.) 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 for 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 a Halloween costume is encouraged but not essential!

Meet at 16:40 at Drummer Street bus station for the 16:51 bus to Drayton Lakes.

Back in Cambridge by 22:15.

Cost: £5.00 (two singles to and from Drayton Lakes).

Sunday 9th November: The Greensand Ridge: Sandy to St Neots

Sandy to St Neots

Distance: 22km / 14mi

Leader: Jasper (jnw35@cam.ac.uk)

We begin at The Lodge nature reserve, home of the RSPCA, where we will walk through Sandy Warren, an SSI featuring two Iron Age hill forts. We then head north along the North Bedfordshire Heritage Trail to the Village of Everton. From there, we join the Greensand Ridge Walk which we follow north-east passing through the estates of two stately homes, Woodbury Hall and Tetworth Hall. We then descend the ridge at Tetworth and head north-west to join the Roman road which will bring us back to St Neots.

Meet at 09:00 at Drummer Street bus station for the 09:15 bus to St Neots.

Back in Cambridge by 18:45.

Cost: £6.55 (£2.55 single to Sandy + £4 for two single bus tickets).

Saturday 15th November: The Church of Cold Christmas

Roydon to Watton at Stone

Distance: 22km / 14mi

Leader: Alfie (aw2041@cam.ac.uk)

From Roydon station we take the Harcamlow Way through some gentle hills and over the River Ash to the quaintly named hamlet of Cold Christmas. We can then stop at the nearby and (allegedly) haunted Little St Mary's Church. Next, we join the Hertfordshire Way and walk through Woodhall Park before crossing the River Beane and heading up to the station in Watton at Stone.

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

Back in Cambridge by 17:41.

Cost: £11.70 (return to Hertford).

Saturday 22nd November: Meldreth to Shepreth the Long Way

Meldreth to Shepreth

Distance: 19km / 12mi

Leader: Christopher (cet34@cam.ac.uk)

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 at 09:00 at the train station for the 09:14 to Meldreth.

Back in Cambridge by 16:03

Cost: £2.95 with railcard or GroupSave, £4.50 without (return to Meldreth).

Saturday 29th November: Ending on a Low Point

The Great Fen

Distance: 20km / 13 mi

Leader: Jasper (jnw35@cam.ac.uk)

Starting from the village of Conington, we make our way north-east through the village of Holme before crossing the Cambridge-Peterborough railway into the Great Fen. We will wander through the Holme Fen nature reserve, stopping at the lowest land point in the UK (9ft or 3m below sea-level), before making our way along a section of the decommissioned Ramsey-Holme railway, then south to Woodwalton Fen. After spending some time exploring this nature reserve, we'll finally exit the Great Fen to the east at Ramsey Heights where the walk will end.

Meet at 08:45 at the train station for the 09:00 to Peterborough.

Back in Cambridge by 21:06.

Cost: £20.55 (£16.55 return to Peterborough + £4 for two single bus tickets).