

Easter 2003 Termcard

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! Although many people may have exams this term, the weather at this time of year is often extremely pleasant for walking so we hope you'll be persuaded to leave the city and the books for a few hours this term, and join our friendly group for a relaxing walk in the countryside. We usually stop at a village pub en route, but please bring a packed lunch and something to drink anyway. Strong boots and waterproof clothing are also recommended. There is no need to sign up in advance to join a walk, and your only expense is the bus or train fare to the start point for each ramble, plus our £1 annual membership fee. In addition to our walks this term, we hope to see you at our garden party/punt picnic!

By clicking on the "detailed map" links, you can follow our routes using an online Landranger OS map. Instructions are provided to help you navigate around the map.

Saturday 26th April

Kennet circular

Distance: 11 miles

Contact: [Katharine Oakley](#)

Meet: 0955 at the station, for the 1009 train to Kennet

Return: 1618 train from Kennet, arriving back at 1652

Train fare: £3.35 with a railcard, £5.10 without (Return to Kennet)

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

We walk south along the River Kennett to Moulton, before following the valley south-east along the Icknield Way towards the village of Dalham, where we have lunch. We then leave the river and climb to the small church by Dalham Hall, skirting Brick Kiln and Bluebutton Woods, before crossing the railway line and returning to Kennett from the north.

Sunday 4th May

Newport circular

Distance: 10 miles

Contact: [Richard Northall](#)

Meet: 1005 at the station, for the 1020 train to Newport

Return: 1642 train from Newport, arriving back at 1708

Train fare: £3.05 with a railcard, £4.60 without (Return to Newport)

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Beginning in Newport, this walk heads east into the pleasant valley of Debden Water (which features a waterfall). After walking south through Cabbage Wood, we arrive in Debden village,

where we stop for lunch. We then walk north to 'The Roos', before joining the Harcamlow Way to head back into Newport, via the western end of Debden Water.

Tuesday 6th May

Meal at La Margherita

Contact: [Tanya Podinovskaia](#)

If you would like to join us for a meal out at La Margherita restaurant on Bridge Street, then please let Tanya know by Thursday 1st May, so that places can be booked.

Saturday 10th May

Ely circular

Distance: 11 miles

Contact: [Mike Bingham](#)

Meet: 1015 at the station, for the 1032 train to Ely

Return: 1701 train from Ely, arriving back at 1716

Train fare: £2.30 with a railcard, £3.50 without (Return to Ely)

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Leaving Ely we walk south along the banks of the River Great Ouse to Stretham, where we stop for lunch. At 15m above sea level this is the highest point on the walk! From there it's north, through the village of Little Thetford, and across fields with sweeping views of Ely Cathedral on our return. The walk ends with a stroll through the historic Cathedral precincts.

Sunday 18th May

Goldington – Clophill

Distance: 11½ miles

Contact: [Tanya Podinovskaia](#)

Meet: 1050 at the bus station, for the 1105 bus to Goldington

Return: 1734 bus from Clophill, arriving back at 1900

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This route follows the River Great Ouse through Priory Country Park before exploring the area to the south of Bedford. After lunch in Cardington, we walk from flatter landscape, through the villages of Cotton End and Haynes, to the undulating countryside around Clophill, following the Greensand Ridge Walk for much of the way.

Saturday 24th May

Girton – Bar Hill

Distance: 6 miles

Contact: [Alan Roberts](#)

Meet: 1300 at the bus station, for the
1315 bus to Girton Corner

Return: 1704 bus from Bar Hill, arriving
back at 1730

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description](#)

On this walk, we explore some of the villages in the countryside to the north-west of Cambridge. After arriving in Girton, we head north-east to Histon, and then to Oakington, crossing the line of the old Cambridge-Huntingdon railway. We then skirt Oakington Barracks before bearing south to Bar Hill for the bus back.

Sunday 1st June

Shepreth circular

Distance: 6½ miles

Contact: [Fiona Moss](#)

Meet: 1340 at the station, for the 1354
train to Shepreth

Return: 1710 train from Shepreth,
arriving back at 1725

Train fare: £1.90 with a railcard, £2.90
without (Return to Shepreth)

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description](#)

From Shepreth station we walk past ponds and woodland towards the village of Foxton. We then pass between West Hill and Chalk Hill (both an impressive 30m above sea level!) and on to the edge of Fowlmere. Then we walk through Fowlmere nature reserve on our way back to Shepreth.

Saturday 7th June

St Ives circular

Distance: 7½ miles

Contact: [Amy Leather](#)

Meet: 1240 at the bus station, for the
1255 bus to St Ives

Return: 1710 bus from St Ives, arriving
back at 1745

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description](#)

We leave St Ives in a westerly direction, following the Ouse Valley Way towards Houghton. Then we leave the Way to walk through Houghton Meadow, before crossing the River Ouse at

Hemingford Abbots and passing through Hemingford Meadow as we head back to St Ives for the bus.

May Week

Garden Party/Punt Trip

Contact: [Katharine Oakley](#)

We are hoping to organise a Garden Party and a Punt Trip during May Week - more details to follow later in the term!

Saturday 14th June

Great Missenden Circular

Distance: 16 miles

Contact: [Katharine Oakley](#)

Meet: 0730 at the station, for the 0745 train to Gt. Missenden

Return: 1822 train from Gt. Missenden, arriving back at 2125

Train fare: £14.60 with a railcard, £22.10 without (Return to Gt. Missenden)

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This week we travel a bit further afield, to the Chiltern Hills. We walk north-west along the South Buckinghamshire Way, before heading westwards through a mixture of wooded and more open countryside. After stopping for lunch in Lower Cadsden we follow the Chiltern Ridgeway past Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, and into the historic town of Wendover. We then climb steeply up to Kingsash and take the Chiltern Link path to the village of Ballinger Common, before descending into Great Missenden. N.B. The train fare will cost more than usual; see the fare in the table above.

Saturday 23rd August – Sunday 7th September

Summer Walk in the Swiss Alps

Contact: [Matthew Ford](#)

Continuing in the tradition of the past two years, we plan to organise another walking holiday in the Alps this year. Our route will take us eastward from Trient to Zermatt, across the Alps of southern Switzerland. The trip will last just over two weeks (16 days, including flights both ways), and will include twelve days of fairly strenuous walking, plus two 'rest days'. In addition, there will be an optional warm-up walk near Geneva, starting four days earlier, on Tuesday 19th August. Full details, including how to register for the trip, can be found [here](#).

Meeting Places

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure, and allow extra time for queues at the railway station on Saturday mornings

Bus/coach At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street, near the public toilets (!)

Train In the main hall of Cambridge railway station.

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