

Lent 2002 Termcard

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! We hope you will find time to leave the city for a few hours, and enjoy the surrounding countryside with us. The pace of our walks is generally easy, as our primary aim is to relax and appreciate the local scenery and villages.

We usually stop at a village pub en route, but you should bring a packed lunch and liquid refreshment 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/train fare to the start point for each ramble, plus our £1 annual membership fee.

In addition to our walks this term, we look forward to seeing you at our [Formal Hall at St. John's!](#)

Sunday 20th January

Audley End circular

Distance: 12 miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Meet: 1025 at station, for the 1034 train to Audley End

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Return: 1605 train from Audley End, arriving in Cambridge at 1628

Train fare: £2.65 with a railcard, £4.00 without (Return to Audley End)

Starting from the village of Wendens Ambo in NW Essex, we head SW to Arkesden, where we'll stop for lunch. Continuing along the Harcamlow Way, we pass through Duddenhoe End, before heading back for the return train through more wooded countryside.

Saturday 26th January

Stowmarket circular

Distance: 12 miles

Contact: [Matthew](#)

Meet: 0955 at the station, for the 1009 train to Stowmarket.

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Return: 1704 train from Stowmarket, arriving back at 1807.

Train fare: £4.95 with a railcard, £7.50 without (Return to Stowmarket)

Starting and finishing at Stowmarket railway station, this circuit leads us through the rural Suffolk villages of Great Finborough, Buxhall and Harleston. Lunch will be at the Buxhall Crown Inn.

Sunday 3rd February

Linton – Audley End

Distance: 9 miles
 Contact: [Matthew](#)
 Meet: 1115 at the bus station
 (junction of Emmanuel St and
 Drummer St), for the 1125 bus
 to Linton.
 Return: 1705 **train** from Audley End,
 arriving back at 1728.
 (bring your railcard!)
 Bus/train fares: About £3 (?) bus fare + £2.60
 train fare with a railcard (£3.90
 without a railcard)

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Starting from Linton, on the River Granta, we head south for half an hour to the King's Head in Hadstock for lunch. Continuing south we join the Harcamlow Way, which leads us into the historic market town of Saffron Walden, where you can race around the largest turf maze in Britain! We return by train from Audley End, two miles further to the south-west.

Saturday 9th February

Bourn – Comberton & Pancakes!

Distance: 8 miles
 Contact: [David Barden](#)
 Meet: 0950 at the bus station (junction
 of Emmanuel St and
 Drummer St), for the 1000 bus to
 Bourn.
 Return: 1500 bus from Comberton,
 arriving back at 1525.

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We start off in a south-westerly direction, heading up out of the Bourn valley to Ermine Street, where we'll stop for lunch. We then walk east along Porter's Way, passing Oliver Cromwell's hole (whatever that is) before descending to the village of Kingston. We then head towards Toft, and from there continue to Comberton for the return bus. Join us for pancakes afterwards in David's flat (feel free to bring your own toppings!).

Sunday 17th February

Royston – Baldock

Distance: 12 miles
 Contact: [Daniel](#)

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Meet: 1020 at the station, for the 1031 train to Royston.

Return: 1654 train from Baldock, arriving back at 1725.

Train fare: £4.10 with a railcard, £6.20 without (Return to Baldock)

Starting from Royston, we head up to Therfield for lunch, passing the highest point in East Anglia (!). From there we continue to Kelshall, and then to Wallington, where George Orwell used to live. After passing through woodland on the Hertfordshire Way, we descend from the Chilterns towards Baldock for the return train.

Sunday 24th February

Fulbourn – Great Shelford

Distance: 7 miles

Contact: [David Spence](#)

Meet: 1320 at the bus station (junction of Emmanuel St and Drummer St), for the 1330 bus to Fulbourn.

Return: 1719 **train** from Shelford, arriving back at 1728. (bring your railcard!)

Bus/train fares: £1.45 bus fare + £1.05 train fare with a railcard (£1.60 without a railcard)

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Starting from Fulbourn we head south towards a Roman Road, which we then follow for a mile before turning south again through the ancient Wandlebury Ring and past the Gog Magog hills. We then descend to Great Shelford via Stapleford.

(this is an afternoon walk, so there will be no stop for lunch)

Sunday 3rd March

Bishop's Stortford – Sawbridgeworth

Distance: 13 miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Meet: 0925 at the station, for the 0934 train to Bishop's Stortford.

Return: 1626 train from Sawbridgeworth, arriving back at 1728.

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Train £6.15 with a railcard, £9.30
fare: without (Return to
Sawbridgeworth)

After walking south along the River Stort for a mile, we bear west across higher ground to Green Tye, along the Hertfordshire Way. After lunch at Hadham Cross, we follow the picturesque valley of the River Ash until Widford, from where we continue eastwards, passing through a cluster of small woods on our way back to Sawbridgeworth.

Thursday 7th March

Formal Hall and AGM at St. John's

Contact: [David Spence](#)

If you would like to attend, please send a cheque for £3.04 (payable to "*David Spence*"), to David Spence at St. John's College by Sunday 24th, or bring it to the ramble on that day. Please state your name, college and e-mail address, and whether you would like a vegetarian meal. The meal will start at 7.30pm, and there will be a short AGM afterwards; further details will be issued to those attending in due course.

Saturday 9th March

St. Neots – Huntingdon

Distance: 11 miles

Contact: [David Spence](#)

Meet: 0925 at the bus station (junction of Emmanuel St and Drummer St), for the 0935 bus to Huntingdon (then a further bus to St. Neots)

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Return: 1645 bus from Huntingdon, arriving back at 1745

From St. Neots we will be heading mainly along the Ouse Valley Walk, which follows the River Great Ouse. We will leave the path for a lunch stop in Offord D'Arcy and to take in the Roman Town of Godmanchester.

Saturday 16th March

Amphill – Bow Brickhill

Distance: 14 miles

Contact: [Matthew](#)

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- Meet: 0905 at the bus station (junction of Emmanuel St and Drummer St), for the 0915 bus to Bedford (then a further bus to Ampthill)
- Return: 1728 **train** from Bow Brickhill to Bedford, then 1900 bus from Bedford arriving back at 2005. (bring your railcard!)
- Bus/train fares: Estimated £8 total

This walk takes us through the pleasantly undulating and varied countryside south of Bedford. We start by crossing Ampthill Park, on the site of Ampthill Castle, which was once a residence of Henry VIII. Continuing south-west on the Greensand Ridge Walk, we stop for lunch in at the Rose & Crown in Ridgment. From there we walk through the grounds of Woburn Safari Park and Woburn Abbey into Woburn village itself; many of the park's animals are visible from the public footpath! Finally we climb 70m through undulating woodland to Bow Brickhill station.

Summer ramble in the Alps, 2002

We are hoping to organise another trip to the Alps this year, during the Long Vacation. The dates and itinerary have yet to be fixed, but our current plan is the "[Tour du Mont Blanc](#)". This long-distance path encircles the highest peak in Europe, passing through France, Italy and Switzerland. Accommodation will be in staffed mountain refuges and hostels. The total duration will be around 14 days, and costs are estimated to be £400-500, including the return air ticket to Geneva. Shorter variants should be possible. Please let <mailto:mtf22@hermes.cam.ac.uk> know if you might be interested, and we will send you more information and discuss possible dates. [Photos from last year's trip](#) are available.

Meeting Places

(please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure):

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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