

Lent 2003 Termcard

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! Although the weather at this time of year can sometimes be unforgiving, we hope you'll be persuaded to leave the city 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 [Formal Hall at New Hall!](#)

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.

Sunday 19th January

Audley End – Newport

Distance: 11½ miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Meet: 1035 at the station, for the 1048 train to Audley End

Return: 1708 train from Newport, arriving back at 1731

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

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Due to the gales last term, we had to cancel this ramble – so here it is again! Starting from the village of Wendens Ambo in north-west Essex, we cross higher ground before descending to Wicken Bonhunt for lunch. Continuing south, we pass Hanginghill Wood on our way to the small village of Quendon. We then loop round to Widdington via London Jock Wood before heading north-west to Newport through the pleasant wooded valley of Debden Water.

Saturday 25th January

Royston circular

Distance: 11½ miles

Contact: [Fiona Moss](#)

Meet: 0935 at the station, for the 0954 train to Royston

Return: 1603 train from Royston, arriving back at 1625

Train fare: £2.70 with a railcard, £4.10 without (Return to Royston)

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This walk goes through the rolling Hertfordshire countryside. Starting at Royston, we walk south

along the Hertfordshire way to the village of Reed, where we have lunch at the impressive height of 150m above sea level! The walk continues past Duck's Green and into the village of Therfield. We then return to Royston through the nature reserve of Therfield Heath.

Sunday 2nd February

Haverhill – Horseheath

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Tanya Podinovskaia](#)

Meet: 1110 at the bus station, for the
1125 bus to Haverhill

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description](#)

Return: 1644 bus from Horseheath,
arriving back at 1718

We start with a short walk from Haverhill to Castle Camps where we stop for lunch. Passing the site of a medieval village at Castle Farm, we make our way through Camps End and over the River Granta (probably a tiny stream at this stage!). We then head northwards to Shudy Camps, over the line of the old Cambridge – Haverhill railway, and into Horseheath.

We hope to go ahead with this walk, in spite of the recent snowfalls, although the route may be shortened if necessary. Please remember to bring extra warm clothing, gloves, and appropriate footwear for the icy ground.

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Saturday 8th February

Stamford circular

Distance: 9½ miles

Contact: [Mike Bingham](#)

Meet: 0945 at the station, for the 1002
train to Stamford

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description](#)

Return: 1603 train from Stamford,
arriving back at 1716

Train fare: £8.60 with a railcard, £13.00
without (Return to Stamford)

Beginning with a walk through historic Burghley Park (home of the horse trials), we head to the attractive stone-built village of Barnack for lunch. From there we follow the River Welland back into Stamford, where the route ends among the outstanding medieval architecture of the ancient town centre.

Sunday 16th February

Elsenham circular

Distance: 10½ miles
 Contact: [Katharine Oakley](#)
 Meet: 1005 at the station, for the 1020 train to Elsenham
 Return: 1637 train from Elsenham, arriving back at 1708
 Train fare: £6.20 with a railcard, £4.10 without (Return to Elsenham)

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Starting from Elsenham, we walk towards Manuden in the valley of the River Stort, where we stop for lunch. From there we cross Bourne Brook on our way to the village of Farnham. We then head eastwards through the small town of Stansted Mountfitchet with its windmill and ruined castle, before returning past Alsa Wood to Elsenham.

Saturday 22nd February

Arlesey – Ashwell

Distance: 12 miles
 Contact: [Alan Roberts](#)
 Meet: 0935 at the station, for the 0954 train to Arlesey
 Return: 1659 train from Ashwell and Morden, arriving back at 1725
 Train fare: £7.35 with a railcard, £11.10 without (Return to Arlesey)

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We leave the village of Arlesey in an easterly direction towards Stotfold, from where we walk along the River Ivel towards Norton for our lunch stop. We then head north-east across the Great North Road (now adjacent to the A1(M)), up the Icknield Way and across hillier terrain to Ashwell, before continuing to Ashwell and Morden Station for the train back.

Tuesday 25th February

Formal Hall and AGM at New Hall

Contact: [Tanya Podinovskaia](#)

[Cambridge street plan](#)

If you would like to join us for Formal Hall in New Hall's newly-refurbished dome, then please let Tanya know by email (tp231@hermes.cam.ac.uk) before Sunday 16th February, stating whether or not you require a vegetarian meal. The meal will start at 7.30pm, and there will be a short and informal AGM afterwards – your chance to get involved in the running of the club!

Sunday 2nd March

Cambridge circular and Pancakes!

Distance: 8½ miles

Contact: [Katharine Oakley](#)

Meet: 1100 in front of Kings' College

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Return: Expect to arrive back in Cambridge at 1530

This walk gives the opportunity to get acquainted with some of the local villages. We begin by making our way along the River Cam towards Granchester (made famous by the poet Rupert Brooke). We then turn west towards the village of Barton where we stop for lunch. From there we walk to Coton, then follow the Harcamlow Way back into Cambridge, where everyone is welcome to join us in David's flat for pancakes. Meet in front of King's College at 1100. We expect to arrive back in Cambridge at 1530.

Saturday 8th March

Hitchin – Stopsley

Distance: 12 miles

Contact: [Matthew Ford](#)

Meet: 1015 at the station, for the 1031 train to Hitchin

Return: 1623 bus from Stopsley, then 1720 train from Hitchin, arriving back at 1752

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Train fare: £5.40 with a railcard, £8.20 without (Return to Hitchin)

Leaving Hitchin town centre along the River Oughton, we head four miles west to Pirton, where we stop at the Motte and Bailey pub for lunch. The pub is named after a twelfth-century castle, whose defences can still be seen in the village. From Pirton we follow the Icknield Way across Deacon Hill, a scenic area of chalk downland which was once the site of another hillfort. Continuing south-west, we arrive at Stopsley, on the outskirts of Luton.

Saturday 15th March

Newport – Braughing

Distance: 13 miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Meet: 1120 at the station, for the 1134 train to Newport

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Return: 1835 bus from Braughing, then 1936 train from Royston, arriving back at 1952

Train fare: £2.95 with a railcard, £4.50
without (Return to Newport)

Our last walk of term explores the rolling countryside and sunken lanes of the Essex-Hertfordshire border – new territory for the club! Starting from Newport, we pass St. Helen's Chapel on our way to the quiet hamlet of Rickling. After lunch in Clavering, we continue westwards past the site of a moated castle, before crossing the county boundary en route to the villages of Brent Pelham and Furneux Pelham. We then pass The Mumble Jumble (?) and Rotten Row (!) before descending to Braughing in the valley of the River Quin.

Sunday 6th April

Sponsored Walk: Cambridge – Ely

Distance: 17½ miles

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This event is organised by Macmillan Cancer Relief (*not by the Rambling Club*) and aims to raise money for the charity's Cambridgeshire branch, helping people cope with the effects of cancer and its treatment.

Participants have the option of walking all the way from Cambridge to Ely, from Waterbeach to Ely or from Cambridge to Waterbeach. If you would like an information pack, contact Beth Howson on (01223) 577020 or email riversidewalk2003@macmillan.org.uk. The charity also has a website: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/>.

Macmillan Cancer Relief is a registered charity: Number 261017

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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