

## Lent 2004 Termcard

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Welcome (back) to the Rambling Club! Once again we invite you to leave the city for a few hours this term, 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 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 (which will usually be less than £6), plus our £1 annual membership fee. In addition to our walks this term, we hope you can join us for a meal at a Spanish restaurant!

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*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.*

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### Sunday 18th January

#### Thetford Forest circular

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Tanya](#)

Meet: 1040 at the station, for the  
1055 train to Bury St Edmunds

Return: 1607 train from Thetford,  
arriving back at 1647 < tr>

Train fare: £4.70 with a railcard, £7.10  
without (Return to Thetford)

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with  
description](#)

We start from Thetford and walk along the Little Ouse River, down St Edmund Way. There will be a stop for picnic lunch in Jubilee Wood (please make sure you bring packed lunch as there is no pub on this walk). We then walk through Warren Wood within Thetford Forest, and take a look at Thetford Priory on the way back.

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### Saturday 24th January

#### Stansted Mountfitchet – Elsenham

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Mike](#)

Meet: 1020 at the station, for the  
1034 train to Stansted  
Mountfitchet

Return: 1641 train from Elsenham,  
arriving back at 1712

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description](#)

Train fare: £4.50 with a railcard, £6.80 without (Return to Stansted Mountfitchet)

A varied and attractive walk passing close to Stansted airport. Starting at Stansted Mountfitchet we pass Stansted Hall on our way to the hamlet of Tye Green. Then we drop down to Elsenham for a lunch stop, passing another historic hall on the way. After lunch we cross undulating countryside to the village of Henham, before catching the train back from Elsenham.

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## Sunday 1st February

### Burwell – Stow cum Quy

Distance: 11 miles

Contact: [Katharine](#)

Meet: 0955 at the bus station for the 1010 bus to Burwell

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Return: 1722 bus from Quy, arriving back at 1734

This walk explores the fens immediately north-east of Cambridge. We head east from Burwell towards the village of Reach, which we exit via Barston Drove. We then walk along Devil's Dyke Nature Reserve, before turning off towards the pretty village of Swaffham Prior, which is well-known for its two churches within one churchyard. We stop here for lunch, before continuing towards Swaffham Bulbeck and Lode, and finally passing National Trust-owned Anglesey Abbey on the way to Stow cum Quy.

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## Saturday 7th February

### Toft circular

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Amy](#)

Meet: 0945 at the bus station for the 1000 bus to Toft

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Return: 1611 bus from Toft, arriving back at 1639

Leaving Toft, we walk in a westerly direction towards Bourn, where we join Riddy Lane. This takes us through Longstowe Park, before we stop for lunch at a pub in Longstowe itself. In the afternoon, we head south past Oliver Cromwell's Hole and Kingston Wood. We then pick up the Harcamlow Way, walking on hillier ground in Wimpole Park, and passing through Great Eversden as we head back to Toft for the bus.

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## Sunday 15th February

## Royston – Baldock

Distance: 12 miles  
 Contact: [Richard](#)  
 Meet: 0915 at the station, for the  
 0931 train to Royston  
 Return: 1624 train from Baldock,  
 arriving back at 1655  
 Train fare: £4.35 with a railcard, £6.60  
 without (Return to Baldock)

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description](#)

Heading south out of Royston, we climb steeply to Therfield, passing the highest point in East Anglia (168 m!). We soon come to Kelshall, from where we walk south-west over undulating ground towards Sandon, along the Icknield Way. After lunch we turn east towards Wallington, where George Orwell lived for a period. We then follow the Hertfordshire Way through woodland, before descending from the Chilterns towards Baldock.

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## Saturday 21st February

### Huntingdon – St Ives (and Pancakes!)

Distance: 7 miles  
 Contact: [Fiona](#)  
 Meet: 0940 at the bus station, for the  
 0955 bus to Huntingdon  
 Return: 1515 bus from St Ives, arriving  
 back at 1545

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description](#)

We walk south out of Huntingdon to join the Ouse Valley Way, which we follow through the edge of Godmanchester and along Cook's Stream to join the River Ouse. After lunch in the village of Houghton, we walk round Houghton Meadow, before following the Ouse Valley Way into St Ives. After the walk you are welcome to join us for pancakes at 6 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

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## Tuesday 24th February

### Meal at "La Tasca" and AGM at Trinity

Contact: [Alan](#)

[Cambridge street  
plan showing the  
restaurant](#)

If you would like to join us for a meal out at the Spanish restaurant, La Tasca, on Bridge Street, then please let Alan know by email before Tuesday 17th February. The meal will start at approximately 7.30pm, and there will be a short and informal AGM afterwards - your chance to get involved in the running of the club!

## Sunday 29th February

### Horseheath circular

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Katharine](#)

Meet: 1110 at the bus station for the  
1125 bus to Horseheath

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with  
description](#)

Return: 1644 bus from Horseheath,  
arriving back at 1718

Starting from the small village of Horseheath, we walk north-west through rolling countryside towards Balsham, where we stop for lunch. We then head eastwards towards the village of West Wrating, before returning to Horseheath through fields and wooded countryside.

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## Saturday 6th March

### Newport – Great Chesterford

Distance: 12 miles

Contact: [Fiona](#)

Meet: 0920 at the station, for  
the 0934 train to Newport

Return: 1654 train from Great  
Chesterford, arriving back  
at 1712

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with  
description](#)

Transport fare: £3.25 with a railcard,  
£4.90 without

From Newport we walk north through the Essex countryside to Audley End Park. We proceed through Saffron Walden and then north to Little Walden, where we stop for lunch in the highly-rated pub. We continue past various farms, before descending into Great Chesterford on the ancient Icknield Way.

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## Saturday 13th March

### Watton at Stone – Ware

Distance: 18 miles

Contact: [Alan](#)

Meet: 0745 at the station, for  
the 0801 train to Watton  
at Stone (changing at  
Stevenage)

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description](#)

Return: 1757 train from Ware  
(changing at Broxbourne),  
arriving back at 1912

Transport fare: £8.40 with a railcard,  
£12.70 without (Return to  
Hertford Stns)

This term we end with a longer walk which explores some of Hertfordshire's villages. Starting from Watton at Stone, we take an easterly route towards Dane End, which we pass through, before heading north through Levens Green to the improbably named village of Nasty. We then turn west, crossing a stream, before bearing south back towards Dane End, where we have lunch. In the afternoon we make our way south-east through High Cross and Cold Christmas (!), then join the Harcamlow Way towards Noah's Ark, before entering Ware from the east.

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## 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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