

## Michaelmas 2002 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 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 or train fare to the start point for each ramble (which will usually be less than £6), plus our £1 annual membership fee.

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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 20th October

#### Cambridge – Waterbeach

Distance: 6 miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Meet: 1.45pm on the Quayside next to Magdalene Bridge

Return: 5.05pm train from Waterbeach, arriving back in Cambridge City Centre around 5.50pm

Train fare: £1.20 with a railcard, £1.80 without



*On a previous walk to Waterbeach*

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

This will be a gentle two-hour stroll out of Cambridge, along the River Cam to Clayhithe. From there it is half a mile to Waterbeach village, where we'll stop for drinks at the White Horse before taking the train back to Cambridge.

If you're a new student, this walk will be an ideal chance to meet some other rambling enthusiasts.

*Please bring your rail fare in cash (preferably exact change), to save time at the station in Waterbeach. There will also be an opportunity to contribute your £1.00 membership fee at the end of the walk, if you choose to participate in subsequent events.*

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### Sunday 27th October

#### Audley End – Newport

Distance: 11½ miles

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Contact: [David](#)  
Meet: 1035 at the station, for the 1048  
train to Audley End  
Return: 1708 train from Newport,  
arriving back at 1731  
Train fare: £2.95 with a railcard, £4.50  
without (Return to Newport)

A ramble through the gentle chalky hills of north-west Essex. Starting from the village of Wendens Ambo, 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. N.B. The clocks go back early on Sunday morning, so you get an extra hour in bed!

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## Saturday 2nd November

### Bromham – Bedford

Distance: 10 miles  
Contact: [Matthew](#)  
Meet: 0905 at the bus station (junction  
of Emmanuel St and Drummer  
St), for the 0915 coach to  
Bedford (then a further bus to  
Bromham)  
Return: 1600 coach from Bedford,  
arriving back at 1705

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with  
description](#)

Starting from Bromham village, with its historic water mill, we follow the John Bunyan Trail south-west along a pronounced ridge next to the Great Ouse valley. Descending into Wootton, we stop for lunch at the Rose and Crown before following the river bank into Bedford.

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## Thursday 7th November

### Meal out at "Sala Thong"

Contact: [Katharine](#)

[Cambridge street  
plan showing the  
restaurant](#)

If you would like to join us for an evening meal at this popular Thai restaurant on Newnham Road, then please let Katharine know by Thursday 31st October. More details will be sent out to those attending nearer the time.

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## Sunday 10th November

## Linton circular

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Tanya](#)

Meet: 1115 at the bus station (junction of Emmanuel St and Drummer St), for the 1125 bus to Linton

Return: 1650 bus from Linton, arriving back at 1718

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Starting from Linton in the valley of the River Granta, we walk to Bartlow for lunch. After briefly diverting to look at the impressive Roman burial mounds known as the Bartlow Hills, we then continue across more wooded, rolling countryside to the windmills of Ashdon. From there, we head towards Hadstock and then on to Linton, with views to the north-west on the way.

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## Saturday 16th November

### Thurston – Bury St Edmunds

Distance: 9 miles

Contact: [Katharine](#)

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

Return: 1607 train from Bury St Edmunds, arriving back at 1652

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

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

Starting from Thurston, we head south through the Suffolk countryside toward the village of Rougham, where we stop for lunch. Then we turn west, passing a small lake on the way to the tiny village of Rushbrooke. We continue towards Bury St Edmunds, entering the city through No Man's Meadows nature reserve and the famous Abbey Gardens.

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## Sunday 24th November

### Meldreth – Shepreth

Distance: 11 miles

Contact: [Mike](#)

Meet: 1045 at the station, for the 1054 train to Meldreth

Return: 1710 train from Shepreth, arriving back at 1725

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

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

This walk explores the attractive countryside south-west of Cambridge. From Meldreth we head

north, crossing the valley of the River Cam to reach the small village of Orwell. Crossing a low ridge of chalky hills, we continue to Little Eversden before heading south to Barrington. A short walk back across the Cam then brings us to Shepreth.

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## Saturday 30th November

### Hertford – Stevenage

Distance: 12 miles

Contact: [Alan](#)

Meet: 0915 at the station, for the 0931 train to Stevenage (then a further train to Hertford North)

Return: 1715 train from Stevenage, arriving back at 1752

Train fare: £7.75 with a railcard, £11.70 without (Return to Hertford North)

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

From Hertford North station, we take a northerly route out of Hertford following the River Beane. We then join the Hertfordshire Way, and continue past Stapleford and through Chesterbolt Wood up to Home Farm, where we turn to the west. After crossing a weir, we approach Watton at Stone, where we stop for lunch. We then follow the Chain Walk past Stocking Spring and into the more hilly, wooded countryside around Benington, before heading past High Wood and into Stevenage.

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## Saturday 7th December

### Ipswich – Shotley

Distance: 17½ miles

Contact: [Fiona](#)

Meet: 0630 at the station, for the 0643 train to Ipswich

Return: 1613 bus from Shotley, then 1744 train from Ipswich, arriving back at 1907

Transport fare: £8.00 with a railcard, £12.00 without, *plus bus fare*

[Wide area map](#)

[Detailed map with description](#)

This longer walk will explore the gently undulating countryside between the estuaries of the Rivers Stour and Orwell in south-east Suffolk, starting early in order to make the most of the short winter day. From Ipswich railway station, we walk south past Alton Water Reservoir nature reserve and the village of Stutton before reaching the estuary of the River Stour. Lunch will be in Harkstead, and we then continue alongside the estuary to the tip of the peninsula at Shotley Gate. This village has a Martello tower, one of many watch-towers built during the Napoleonic Wars. A short walk then brings us to Shotley itself, from where we catch a bus back to Ipswich.

## 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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