

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Michaelmas Term 2008

Welcome to the Rambling Club! 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 main aim is to relax and appreciate the local scenery and villages, and we have tried to provide a mixture of walks of different lengths. We sometimes stop at a village pub en route, but **you should always bring a packed lunch and a drink** anyway. **Strong boots and waterproof clothing are also recommended.** Your only expense is the bus or train fare (given below), plus our £1 annual membership fee. There is no need to sign up in advance to join any of this term's walks – just turn up at the time and place given. Our meeting points are:

Bus/Coach: At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street.

Train: In the main hall of Cambridge Railway Station.

Saturday 18th October:
Cambridge to Waterbeach

"Freshers' Ramble 2008"

10 km / 6 miles

Contact: Helen

This is a gentle afternoon stroll along the River Cam, ideal both for new members who want to learn more about the club and meet some fellow walking enthusiasts as well as for existing members who want to swap stories of their summer travels. After the walk we'll stop briefly at the pub in Waterbeach before catching the train back to Cambridge.

Meet: 13:30 on the Quayside next to Magdalene Bridge

Return: 17:35 train from Waterbeach, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:44

Cost: £2.40 for the train, or £1.60 with a railcard [Single from Waterbeach]

Sunday 26th October
Cambourne Circular

"Here be Dragons: A walk through time"

18 km / 11 miles

Contact: Mary Jeddere-Fisher

We start in the new town of Cambourne – so new, in fact, that it wasn't shown on our map – and soon head out through the surrounding countryside to some very old villages, many of which have existed for over a thousand years. We walk through Caxton, Great and Little Gransden, Longstowe and Bourn, passing five churches, a windmill and the remains of a moat and a castle on our way, before returning to Cambourne to catch the bus back home.

Meet: 9:30 at the bus station for the 9:50 bus to Cambourne

Return: 16:27 bus from Cambourne, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:07

Cost: £3 for the bus fare

Saturday 1st November
Fenstanton to St Ives

"Unguided Tours around a Busway"

16 km / 10 miles

Contact: Steven

This week we'll be exploring the watery wonderland of Fen Drayton Nature Reserve and the River Ouse, as well as investigating the progress on Cambridgeshire's new Guided Busway. From Fenstanton we'll first navigate between the lakes of the nature reserve (assuming it's not flooded!) to Swavesey. We'll make our way along the banks of the River Ouse and across the historic Chapel Bridge to the riverside market town of St Ives.

Meet: 10:00 at the bus station for the 10:15 bus to Fenstanton

Return: 16:00 bus from St Ives, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:36

Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Sunday 9th November
Newmarket Circular

"Fortified Horses"

18 km / 11 miles

Contact: David

From the National Stud and Newmarket Heath, we'll be walking along the Devil's Dyke, a 5-6th century Anglo-Saxon fortification, and one the best preserved dykes in England. Next we head for a series of pretty villages - Ditton Green, Saxon Street and Cheveley, and stop for lunch by a village pub. From there we'll head towards the centre of Newmarket to catch the bus back to Cambridge. Along the way we past plenty of studs and horses as Newmarket is a centre for horse-racing in England.

Meet: 10:00 at the bus station for the 10:15 bus to Newmarket

Return: 16:40 bus from Newmarket, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:10

Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Wednesday 12th November

Meal Out

Contact: Helen

Details of our termly meal out at a restaurant in Cambridge will be sent out by email nearer the time.

For photos and more information about the club, have a look at our website: www.srcf.ucam.org/curac

Saturday 15th November
Shepreth to Royston

“Views, Hills and a Crop beginning with B”

21 km / 13 miles

Contact: Geoffrey

From Shepreth we head to Melbourn, and then on to Great Chishill where we stop for some lunch. We walk along the top of some of the few hills around this area, and are rewarded for our effort with a good view. From Great Chishill we head to the small village known as Barley. After Barley we cross the A10 to Therfield, then head into Royston to catch the train back to Cambridge with some good views towards Cambridge.

Meet: 9:40 at the train station for the 9:55 train to Shepreth

Return: 16:04 train from Royston, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:27

Cost: £4.50, or £2.95 with a railcard [Return to Royston]

Sunday 23rd November
Haverhill to Horseheath

“Mary’s Molehill Mountaineering”

19 km / 12 miles

Contact: Mary Flook

With the aim of getting back to Horseheath before dark, this is a trip to look for moats and molehills (or a Cambridgeshire hill). There may also be the opportunity to get lost outside the woods.

Meet: 08:55 at the bus station for the 09:10 bus to Haverhill.

Return: 16:23 bus from Horseheath, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:02

Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Saturday 29th November
Ely Circular

“A Ramble round Eel Island”

18 km / 11 miles

Contact: Gillian

We set off from the station into Ely, which was an Island and important port until the Fens were drained in the 18th century, and is now the third smallest City in England. We turn South and head along a footpath to Little Thetford. From here we continue into Stretham, taking a slight diversion to see the village’s windmill. Leaving Stretham we travel further South until we reach the river, and the Stretham Old Engine, a steam-driven fenland drainage engine that was used to pump water from flood-affected areas of The Fens back into the River Great Ouse. From there we follow the Fen Rivers Way along the River Great Ouse back up to Ely, where we can visit the Cathedral or one of Ely’s many Tea Shops before catching the train home.

Meet: 9:45 for the 10:04 train to Ely

Return: 16:26 train from Ely, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:44

Cost: £3.50, or £2.30 with a railcard [Return to Ely]

Thursday 4th December

‘Christmas’ Party

Contact: Helen

With the end of term fast approaching we hope you’ll be able to join us at the Rambling Club Christmas party for an evening of mulled wine and mince pies. More details will be sent out by email nearer the time.

Saturday 6th December
Stowmarket Circular

“A Suffolk Stroll”

Contact: Barney

To celebrate the end of term, we stray slightly further afield than usual, and spend the day exploring the area surrounding the Suffolk market town of Stowmarket, where River Gipping rises. Along the way we look at the remains of the Stowmarket Navigation and the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway, which closed in 1952.

Meet: 9:20 at the train station for the 9:43 train to Stowmarket

Return: 16:32 train from Stowmarket, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:41

Cost: £11.50, or £7.60 with a railcard [Return to Stowmarket]

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