

Cambridge University Rambling Club

Easter 2018

To new ramblers and returning members alike, welcome to the Cambridge University Rambling Club! We invite you to leave the city for a few hours this term to 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. You should **bring a packed lunch** (unless stated otherwise) and a bottle of water. Strong boots, waterproofs, and warm clothing are also recommended. Your only expense will be the bus or train fare (given below) and our annual £1 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.

For more information and for photos of past events, please explore our website and Facebook page at:

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If you have any questions, feel free to email the Club's President, Aneesh Naik, at:

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| <p>Saturday 28th April (Angela Grommet - ag768@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Search of Bluebell Wolds 17 miles / 27 km</p> <p>With the warm weather we've had recently, the bluebells should be in full bloom this weekend! A bluebell "wold" is a breathtaking carpet of blue flowers, often tucked away in quiet woodlands. On this walk, we will go in search of these secret (or not-so-secret) wolds. Starting from Cambourne, we walk south through the undulating countryside to Hayley Wood, an ancient woodland and documented bluebell hot-spot. After some exploration, we will proceed to Waresley & Gransden Woods, where we will have a second opportunity to find bluebells. From Great Gransden, we pass Hardwicke Farm and some old moats before returning to Cambourne.</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 at the Drummer Street Bus Station for the 9:10 bus for Cambourne Return: Back to Cambridge by 19:37 Cost: £6.70 (Dayrider Plus)</p> | <p>Sunday 29th April (Aneesh Naik - an485@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Death-Defying Sunday Pub Walk 10 miles / 16 km</p> <p>This post-lunch walk will take us due west out of Cambridge. We'll rise gently, enjoying views of the Cambridge and the University Library. We'll laugh in the very face of death as we skirt a far corner of the Barton Road rifle range, before winding up at the Blue Lion Inn in the village of Hardwick. After a well-deserved pint, we'll return the way we came, for a second danse macabre.</p> <p>Meet: 13:00 at the front entrance of Clare College on Trinity Lane. Return: Approximately 18:00, subject to amount of time spent in pub. Cost: Free!</p> |
| <p>Saturday 5th May (Stephen Kell - srk31@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crossing and Re-crossing the Broads 14 miles / 23 km</p> <p>We'll take the train to the picturesque Norfolk village of Reedham, admiring its railway swing bridge before making use of a different river crossing, the Reedham Chain Ferry: a floating platform hauled by chains. This puts us on the south of the Yare and Waveney rivers, skirting the edge of the Norfolk Broads through a series of villages. We then cross back over the Waveney into St Olaves, passing marshland and plantations before picking up the Angles Way, skirting the edge of the Somerleyton Hall (we may glimpse its famous hedge maze, although the grounds will be closed). We will then shortly reach Somerleyton station for the return train.</p> <p>Meet: Cambridge railway station at 9.50am for the 10.10 train to Reedham (change at Norwich) Return: Back to Cambridge by 20.59. Note that there will be an option for a subgroup to end the walk earlier at Haddiscoe, where the 17.03 train will return to Cambridge at 19.09. Cost: Train fare £12.50 with GroupSave, 50p for the Reedham crossing.</p> | <p>Sunday 6th May (Tom Comerford - tafc2@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Left at the Quadrivium 15 miles / 24 km</p> <p>Starting at Great Chesterford, we'll set out on the ancient Icknield Way, taking us through Linton, up to the intersection with the (approximately half as) ancient Roman road, Worsted Street. There we will make a left, and start making our very straight way back towards Cambridge. If there's time, we can stop off at the Iron Age ring fort in Wandlebury. Our destination will be the Babraham park-and-ride for buses back to the station or city centre.</p> <p>Meet: 8:50 at Cambridge Station for the 9:10 train to Great Chesterford Return: Back to Cambridge station around 16:00 Cost: £5.80 for the train (£3.90 with GroupSave), £3 for the bus back</p> |

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| <p>Saturday 12th May (Pierre Haas - pah59@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ditches, Dykes and Dullingham 15 miles / 24 km</p> <p>Starting from the hamlet of Dullingham, we walk along Devil's Dyke, an earthwork of Anglo-Saxon origin, and thence over rolling hills, through fields and meadows, to Upend. We continue to the village of Kirtling and its Tudor tower, and will stop in the churchyard to have lunch. Through a more wooded area, we head back to Dullingham, where, time permitting, we shall stop at a pub before catching the train back to Cambridge.</p> <p>Meet: 09.25 at the train station for the 09.44 service to Dullingham Return: Back to Cambridge by 15:39 Cost: £6.30 (or £4.15 with GroupSave). Note: If we miss the 15:21 Dullingham-Cambridge train, we'll have to return via Newmarket at additional cost.</p> | <p>Sunday 13th May (Herman Lam - hml49@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quy Water: A Short Ramble 8 km / 5 miles</p> <p>Disembarking in Cherry Hinton, we will follow a footpath with good views of the Cambridge Airport airstrip. Proceeding through Teversham, we then head out into farmland, walking briefly along Quy Water before returning for the bus home. We will likely have time for a pub stop before returning to Cambridge.</p> <p>Meet: 13:40 at the Drummer Street Bus Station for the 13:55 Citi 1 bus (the 14:05 bus from the Railway Station) Return: Back to Cambridge by 17:50 Cost: £4.30 (Dayrider Ticket)</p> |
| <p>Saturday 19th May (Angela Grommet - ag768@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Search of Rhododendrons 12 miles / 19 km</p> <p>Disembarking at the seaside town of Cromer, we will walk along the beach at the base of chalk cliffs towards Sheringham. After a couple miles, we will turn inland, passing the remains of an Augustinian priory on our way to Sheringham Park. In the park, we will stroll through avenues lined with rhododendrons in full bloom. From there, we will wind our way through shady woodland to Holt railway station. We will then climb aboard an old steam train for a picturesque ride back to Sheringham. Depending on the weather, perhaps we can have fish and chips on the beach before returning to Cambridge.</p> <p>Meet: 7:50 at the railway station for the 8:10 train to Norwich (and thence to Cromer) Return: Back to Cambridge by 20:31 Cost: £12.50 (with Groupsave/Railcard) for the modern train + £7.00 for the steam train</p> | <p>Sunday 20th May (Pete Jackson - pj17@waitrose.com)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bury St Edmunds and Ickworth Park 12 miles / 19 km</p> <p>We shall take the train to Bury St Edmunds and walk through this ancient town to Ickworth Park. This a National Trust property with extensive parkland with fine woods, views and magnificent house with an unusual cafe. We shall get a taxi (cheaper and more flexible than the bus) back to Bury for the train back to Cambridge.</p> <p>Meet: 8:55 at the train station for the 09.14 train to Bury. Return: The 17:41 train from Bury has us back to Cambridge at 18.25. Cost: £11.30 train fare (£7.53 with railcard/GroupSave) and about £2.50 for taxi. Bring a packed lunch.</p> |
| <p>Saturday 26th May (Aneesh Naik - an485@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Blind Scramble up the Fen Rivers Way 12 miles / 19 km or 47 miles / 76 km</p> <p>The Bank Holiday weekend is the perfect occasion for a somewhat masochistic Club tradition: a 47 mile overnight walk from King's Lynn to Cambridge, as a warmup for the Varsity March at the end of term. We will take the last train from Cambridge to King's Lynn on Friday night, and walk overnight along the River Great Ouse to Downham Market. Sensible ramblers can return from Downham Market by the first train of the morning, while less sane members continue walking upstream all the way to Cambridge, arriving in the early evening.</p> <p>Meet: 23:50 on FRIDAY night at the railway station for the 0:08 train to King's Lynn Return: The 05:58 train from Downham market gets in to Cambridge at 06:37. The rest of us will arrive at some point on Saturday evening... Cost: £7.70 (£5.13 with Groupsave/Railcard) + £7.70 (£5.13) for the Downham Market train.</p> | <p>Sunday 27th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO RAMBLE SCHEDULED</p> |

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| <p>Saturday 2nd June (Christopher Thomas - cet34@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chiltern Hills: Wendover to Great Missenden (joint walk with OUWC) 12 miles / 19 km</p> <p>This week we venture a bit further afield for a joint walk with the Oxford University Walking Club in the Chilterns, slightly more hilly terrain than usual. From the market town of Wendover we head south west on the Ridgeway National Trail and ascend Coombe Hill where we'll hopefully be rewarded with good views. Skirting Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, we continue along the Ridgeway through undulating woodland. We then pass Grim's Ditch and Little Hampden before descending to Great Missenden along the South Buckinghamshire Way.</p> <p>Meet: 08:00 at the train station for the 08:14 train to London King's Cross Return: 18:02 train from Great Missenden, arriving back at approximately 20:00 Cost: £15.80+£8.80 with GroupSave (£23.90+£13.30 else)</p> | <p>Sunday 3rd June (Stephen Kell - srk31@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Return of the Odsey Odyssey 14.5 miles / 23 km</p> <p>We'll take the train to Ashwell and Morden station, located (despite its name) in the hamlet of Odsey. From there we'll take a circular route, climbing to a dizzying height of 168m at Therfield. We'll keep to the high ground, taking in a section of the Hertfordshire Way through some rustic villages, before heading downhill towards Ashwell, where we find the source of one branch of the river Cam -- and, time permitting, a choice of excellent pubs.</p> <p>Meet: 9.40am for the 9.54 train to Ashwell and Morden Return: 18.04 train from Ashwell & Morden, arriving 18.31 (or, if taking a pub stop, perhaps one hour later) Cost: £6.30 for the train, or £4.20 with railcard or GroupSave</p> |
| <p>Saturday 9th June (Aneesh Naik - an485@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Thetford Thiracle 15 miles / 24 km</p> <p>Leaving the historic town of Thetford and heading in a north-westerly direction, we join the St Edmund way and follow the Little Ouse River through the impressive Thetford Forest. At Santon Downham we stop for a picnic lunch before heading back towards Thetford, taking a meandering route deeper in the Forest.</p> <p>Meet: 08:50 at the railway station for the 09:09 train to Thetford. Return: The 18:13 train from Thetford brings us to Cambridge at 18:59. Cost: £13.60 (£9.00 with GroupSave)</p> | <p>Sunday 10th June (Pierre Haas - pah59@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Essex Stroll (Great Chesterford to Audley End) 7.5 miles / 12 km</p> <p>From Great Chesterford, we set off on the Icknield Way along bridleways and ridiculously small country lanes. We pass through the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin at Strethall, a Grade I listed church dating back to the early 11th century. We then make our way to Littlebury Green and, after passing Green Wood, we descend towards Wendens Ambo and Audley End station.</p> <p>Meet: 13.30 at the train station for the 13.51 service to Great Chesterford Return: 17.22 from Audley End, in Cambridge at 17.41 Cost: £7.20 (£4.75 with railcard/GroupSave)</p> |
| <p>Saturday 16th June (Stephanie Smith - sqs30@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Trip to the Seaside 15 miles / 24 km</p> <p>To celebrate the end of term, we travel by train and bus to the seaside town of Hunstanton on the beautiful Norfolk coast. From here we follow the Norfolk Coast Path through sand dunes, salt marsh, and the villages of Thornham and Brancaster to Burnham Overy Staith. Depending on timing there may be the opportunity to pick up fish and chips in Hunstanton or King's Lynn on the way back, but to be safe you should bring some food for dinner as well as lunch.</p> <p>Meet: 08.20 at the train station for the 08.35 train to King's Lynn. Return: 17.18 bus from Burnham Overy Staith then 19.44 train from King's Lynn arriving back in Cambridge at 20.37. Cost: £5.15 (GroupSave, else £7.80) for the train to King's Lynn, plus £9.00 for the bus</p> | <p>Sunday 17th June (Angela Grommet - ag768@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Search of Wild Orchids 5 miles / 7 km</p> <p>From Fulbourn, we venture into Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve. In the past, we've been able to spot several varieties of wild orchids in this area. After visiting the villages of Little and Great Wilbraham, we shall cut through farmland once more to return to Fulbourn. We will likely have time for a pub stop before returning to Cambridge.</p> <p>Meet: 13:40 at the railway station for the 13:50 bus to Fulbourn Return: Back to Cambridge by 17:50 Cost: £4.30 (Dayrider)</p> |
| <p>Saturday 23rd + Sunday 24th June (Stephanie Smith - sqs30@cam.ac.uk)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Varsity March 130 km / 81 miles Oxford to Cambridge; 37 km / 23 miles from Oxford to Aylesbury</p> <p>The annual Varsity March is a mammoth two-day walk between Oxford and Cambridge, completed within 48 hours without any sleep! There is a choice between walking the full distance or just the first section, returning to Cambridge by train from Aylesbury after the first day. Once again this year we'll be raising money for Jimmy's Cambridge and the Oxford Gatehouse; please consider sponsoring us at www.justgiving.co.uk/teams/varsitymarch2018. If you intend stop at Aylesbury then you are welcome to just turn up on the day, but if you'd like to walk further or would like to take part in the charity fundraising (even if you only plan to walk a short distance) please sign up in advance by emailing Stephanie.</p> <p>Meet: 07:00 at Parkside coach station bay 16 for the 07:10 X5 bus to Oxford (NOT the main Drummer Street bus station) Return: 21.29 Aylesbury train arrives in Cambridge at 00.34, otherwise sometime on Sunday night or Monday morning... Cost: Bus is £10.20 with university/student card (£13.50 without); train is £26.85 GroupSave/railcard (£40.70 else) if returning from Aylesbury.</p> | |