Cambridge University Rambling Club Lent 2019

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, please explore our website and Facebook page at: www.srcf.ucam.org/curac & www.facebook.com/cambridgerambling

If you have any questions, feel free to email the Club's President, Aneesh Naik, at: rambling@cusu.cam.ac.uk

Following the Ouse Valley Across Huntingdonshire

16 miles / 26 km

Saturday 19th January Aneesh Naik: an485

Starting in St Ives, we follow the Ouse Valley Way all the way to St Neots, on the other side of the old county of Huntingdonshire. Along the way, we pass the beautiful Houghton Mill, the Portholdme floodplain, and a nature reserve with kingfishers galore.

Meet: 08:50 at the Drummer St Bus Station for the 09:05 bus to St Ives **Return:** X5 from St Neots should put us back in Cambridge around 18:00

Cost: £7 for a Cambridgeshire Dayrider Plus

Fleam Dyke Total: Linton to Fulbourn

10 miles / 16 km

Saturday 26th January

Pete Jackson: pj17@waitrose.com

No. 13 bus to Linton from Drummer St at 10.00am. Return by bus from Fulbourn; in Cambridge at about 17.00. Gently undulating uphill paths to Balsham and then down to Fulbourn on Fleam Dyke. Away from roads. Nice views. One tumulus. One Wind farm very close up!

Meet: 09:45 at the Drummer St Bus Station for the 10:00 No. 13 Bus to Linton **Return:** Bus from Fulbourn should put us back in Cambridge around 17:00

Cost: A few pounds for the bus

Great Chesterford to Newport via Saffron Walden

12 miles / 20 km

Saturday 2nd February Christopher Thomas: cet34

Starting in Great Chesterford, we head upstream along the River Granta (a tributary of the Cam) before climbing to almost 100m (!) on our way to the market town of Saffron Walden. We then walk through the grounds of Audley End before following the Harcamlow Way down Beechy Ride and then to the pleasant valley of Debden Water. From Debden Park we pass through Cabbage Wood and then descend to Newport.

Meet: 09:05 at the Railway Station for the 09:21 train to Great Chesterford

Return: Train from Newport arriving back around 16:51 **Cost:** £5.00 with Railcard/GroupSave (£7.60 without)

Wander in Wandlebury

13 miles / 21 km

Saturday 9th February

Renata Khouri: rk595@medschl.cam.ac.uk

From Shelford we cross farms and walk along the Granta to Babraham, then turning north and up Copley Hill. From there, we walk a bit along the Roman Road to the Wandlebury Hill Fort, and contemplate Cambridge from the Magog Down Hills. We carry on crossing Addenbrookes to reach the guided busway, and head back to Cambridge rail station by foot. Those who wish a quicker route back can take the bus from Babraham P&R after Wandlebury (8.5mi / 14km).

Meet: 09:00 at rail station for the 09:21 to Shelford.

Return: Back by 15:00 if finishing the walk by foot, or 13:30 if taking the bus from the P&R.

Cost: £2.10 with Railcard Groupsave (£3.20 otherwise)

A Lark through the Brecks

14 miles / 23 km

Saturday 16th February

Pierre Haas: pah59

Starting from Mildenhall, we follow the Lark Valley Path upstream through Suffolk's Brecks, rambling along rivers, through woodland and through Breckland's characteristic heathland. The walk ends in the rather historic town of Bury St Edmunds, and there may be time to admire what little remains of St Edmundsbury abbey before taking the train back to Cambridge.

Meet: 08:25 at the train station for the 08.47 service to Kennett

Return: 16.57 service from Bury St Edmunds, arriving in Cambridge at 17.40

Cost: £7.65 with Railcard/GroupSave (£11.60 otherwise) for the train + £2.10 for the bus

Big Skies and 'Wild' Ponies: Anglesey Abbey to

Burwell

12 miles / 19 km

Saturday 23rd FebruaryPete Jackson: pj17@waitrose.com

From Quy Road, walk to Wicken Fen cafe. Look out for semi wild Koniki (ponies). Walk to Burwell; possible pub stop.

Meet: 08:35 at the Drummer St Bus Station for the 08:50 No. 11 bus to Quy Rd near Lode

Return: Return to Cambridge by bus at 18.13

Cost: £7 for a Day Rider bus ticket

Norfolk Broads: Between Bure and Yare

15 miles / 24 km

Saturday 2nd March

Benjamin Marshall: bm515

We take the train to Acle on the River Bure, and join the Weavers' Way heading south. Early on we reach the peak of this walk, where at 15m above sea level we can already see Great Yarmouth, our eventual destination. After passing through Halvergate we leave the Weavers' Way and walk along a footpath through the Halvergate Marshes. We will be able to see some drainage mills, and to enjoy the flatness and emptiness of Norfolk. Eventually we join the Wherryman's Way, and walk to Great Yarmouth along the River Yare.

Meet: 8:45 at the Railway Station for the 9:09 train to Norwich

Return: Back to Cambridge by 20:09.

Cost: £12.70 with Railcard/GroupSave (£19.20 otherwise)

A Lark in the Fens: Littleport to Ely

10 miles / 16 km

Sunday 10th March

Stephanie Smith: sgs30

From Littleport we cross the Great Ouse river and make our way via Sandhill and Padnal Fen to join the River Lark which we follow to the small village of Prickwillow. We then take the Hereward Way to Ely, where there should be time for a quick look inside the cathedral before catching the train home.

Meet: 08.50 at the train station for the 09.04 train to Littleport **Return:** 13.57 train from Ely, arriving back in Cambridge at 14.16

Cost: £3.90 with Railcard/GroupSave (£5.90 otherwise)