

Cambridge University Rambling Club

Michaelmas 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, Benjamin Marschall, at: rambling@cusu.cam.ac.uk

A Stroll to Grantchester

5 miles / 9 km

Saturday 12th October

Benjamin Marschall: bm515@cam.ac.uk

This easy afternoon walk will take us to two tranquil villages just outside Cambridge. From Great St Mary's Church, we will head to the river, where we will pick up a path to take us behind the Botanic Gardens. We'll then head back to Trumpington Road, leading us to the village of Trumpington. We'll then follow the winding country lane past Byron's pool to Grantchester, where notable intellectuals of the early 20th century gathered for discussion and bucolic inspiration. After stopping for refreshment at the village tea rooms or a pub, we will follow the footpath along the river back to Cambridge, via Newnham.

Meet: 13:00 outside Great St Mary's

Return: Back to the city centre by 17:30

Cost: Free!

Rambling to Waterbeach

7 miles / 11 km

Saturday 19th October

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While many people enjoy walking to Grantchester, far fewer realize that the other direction is equally delightful. Starting from the centre of Cambridge, we'll make our way north along the river toward Waterbeach, stopping in Milton Country Park for a picnic lunch. This section of the river meanders through miles of agricultural land and is characterized by wildflowers, swans-a-plenty, houseboats, and an interesting lock.

Meet: 12:00 outside Great St Mary's

Return: 17:27 from Waterbeach, arriving in Cambridge at 17:37

Cost: £2.10

Shunning Stevenage

15 miles / 24 km

Saturday 26th October

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From Watton-at-Stone, we ascend the hills of Hertfordshire to leave Stevenage and its dark satanic mills to our left. Following footpaths and winding country lanes, we make our way to Ardeley. Continuing towards Clothall, we catch a glimpse of a windmill, and we pass the site of a Roman settlement on our way into Baldock.

Meet: 09:10 outside the railway station for the 09:27 service to Stevenage

Return: 17:17 from Baldock, arriving in Cambridge at 17:48

Cost: £7.15 with groupsave/railcard (£10.80 without)

Halloween Night Hike

9 miles / 14 km

Thursday 31st OctoberStephanie Smith: sgs30@cantab.net

Leaving Cambridge on the Coton footpath, we first make our way to Coton and then to the American military cemetery at the top of Madingley Hill. We then continue to Madingley Hall, which is haunted by the ghost of Lady Ursula Hynde as well as by a ghostly party and a young man with a decaying face. Assuming we escape without being bewitched, we will then return to Cambridge via Madingley Road.

Meet: 19:15 on King's Parade by Great St Mary's church opposite the Senate House lawn.**Return:** Back in central Cambridge by midnight.**Cost:** Free!**Medieval Essex**

11 miles / 17 km

Saturday 2nd NovemberPetr Štěpán: petr.rambling@gmail.com

This ramble visits the rolling wooded countryside of north-west Essex. After a short walk east from Bishop's Stortford, we enter Hatfield Forest, a medieval royal hunting forest, and stop there for lunch next to the lake. We then continue south through Wall Wood, before heading west to Little Hallingbury. We join the River Stort towpath and continue to Sawbridgeworth for the train home.

Meet: 09:00 outside the railway station for 09:21 service to Bishop's Stortford**Return:** 16:17 from Sawbridgeworth, back to Cambridge at 17:09**Cost:** £8.65 with groupsave/railcard (£13.10 without)**Through Wimpole Park**

12 miles / 20 km

Saturday 9th NovemberChristopher Thomas: cet34@cam.ac.uk

From the village of Toft in the Bourn valley we head across fields to Great Eversden. From there we cross a low ridge and follow the Wimpole Way to Wimpole Park. This extensive estate surrounds the large stately home of Wimpole Hall, now a National Trust property. After exploring the parkland we exit the grounds along the grand Wimpole Avenue before taking the Harcamlow Way to Whaddon and continuing to Meldreth for the train home.

Meet: 09:30 at Drummer Street Bus Station for the 09:45 bus to Toft**Return:** 16:36 train from Meldreth, arriving back 16:54**Cost:** £2.80 for bus and £3.10 for train (or £2.05 with a railcard/groupsave)**TO BE CONFIRMED****Weekend of 16th/17th November****The Wash: Where the Great Ouse Meets the Sea**

14 miles / 23 km

Saturday 23rd NovemberBenjamin Marschall: bm515@cam.ac.uk

After making our way to the Great Ouse from the King's Lynn railway station, we begin our walk by boarding a foot ferry to cross the river. We will then follow the Peter Scott Walk along the Ouse to the sea. From there, we will ramble along the edge of the Wash National Nature Reserve, an important winter feeding ground for wetland birds. We will pass by the picturesque Scott's Lighthouse before catching the bus back to King's Lynn.

Meet: 9:15 in front of the railway station for the 9:35 train to Kings Lynn**Return:** back to Cambridge by 18:37**Cost:** £8 (£5.30 with GroupSave) + a few pounds for the bus and foot ferry.**Baldock to Royston Along the Icknield Way**

12 miles / 20 km

Sunday 1st DecemberBenjamin Marschall: bm515@cam.ac.uk

From Baldock, we'll set out along the ancient Icknield Way, taking us up to the ridgeline of the Weston Hills. We'll proceed along to the villages of Wallington and Sandon, where we'll break for lunch. Afterwards, we'll continue along to Therfield, and then on to Royston for the train back to Cambridge.

Meet: 09:10 at the station for the 09:28 train to Baldock**Return:** Back to Cambridge at 16:28 (or 15:28 if we are lucky)**Cost:** £4.95 (with Railcard/GroupSave, £7.50 without)