

CURAC Lent 2022 Walk Records

Quick Walk around Fulbourn Fen

1: Sunday 23rd Jan

Distance: 12 km

After crossing the Fulbourn Fen, we turn north, reaching the town of Great Wilbraham. We then quickly reach Great Wilbraham Common, one of the largest remaining areas of species-rich grassland in the county. After passing by a farm, we reach the beautiful bank of Little Wilbraham River (truly a marvel of the locals' naming sense). We will then finish off with a brief stroll along a narrow path by Caudle ditch, and looping back to Fulbourn by the road.

Meet: 9:25 at Emmanuel Street bus station for the 9:42 bus to Fulbourn

Return: Back in Cambridge at 15:51

Cost: £4.20 (Cambridge DayRider)

Linton Circular

3: Saturday 6th Feb

Walk Leader: Christopher

Distance: 11 miles / 17 km

On this ramble we explore the undulating countryside south east of Cambridge. From Linton we first make for Hadstock, home of the oldest church door still in use in Britain. We continue on footpaths across fields to Ashdon, pass a windmill and then head to Bartlow, where we'll encounter some impressive Roman tumuli, before returning to Linton.

Meet: 09:05 at the Bus Station (corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street) for the 09:20 bus to Linton (bay 6)

Return: 17:05 bus from Linton, arriving back at 17:35

Cost: £6.60

Great Chesterford to Newport via Saffron Walden

4: Saturday 12th Feb

Walk Leader: Benjamin

Distance: 12 miles / 20 km

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: 09:00 at the Railway Station for the 09:20 train to Great Chesterford

Return: Train from Newport arriving back around 16:51

Cost: £5.50 with Railcard/GroupSave (£8.50 without)

Norfolk Coast: A Pier, a Hill, and Cliffs7: Saturday 5th March

Walk Leader: Benjamin

Distance: 13 miles / 21 km

Starting in Cromer we have a brief look at the pier before heading west on the Norfolk Coast Path. Just before Sheringham we will climb the 63m high Beeston Bump. This hill is said to be occasionally haunted by a ghostly black hound called the Black Shuck - a legend that inspired Conan Doyle's The Hound of Baskerville. We continue to walk on top of the cliffs for a few more miles before turning inland near Weybourne. Through Sheringham Park we then loop back to Sheringham station for the train home.

Meet: 08:00 at the Railway Station for the 8:20 train to Cromer

Return: Back in Cambridge at 19:44

Cost: £13.30 with RailCard/GroupSave (£20.20 without)

Trip to Ely Cathedral + Walk back from Waterbeach9: Monday 21st March

After a look around the cathedral (free entry for students) and a picnic or lunch in a cafe depending on the weather, we will get back on the train and get off at Waterbeach to walk home.

Meet: 9:45 for the 10:05 to Ely

Return: ~16:30