

# CURAC Lent 2023 Walk Records

Note: this is not a proper termcard as it was created after the end of term, more just a record of walks that happened.

## Great Chesterford to Newport via Saffron Walden

3: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Walk Leader: Christopher  
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: 09:35 at the Railway Station for the 09:50 train to Great Chesterford  
Return: train from Newport arriving back around 17:21

## Quick walk around Fulbourn Fen

4: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Walk Leader: Balint  
12 km / 7 miles

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: 9:30 at Emmanuel Street bus station for the 9:45 bus to Fulbourn  
Return: Back in Cambridge at 15:51

## Essex's Watery Valley

5: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Walk Leader: Benjamin  
Distance: 13 miles / 21 km

We head to Essex to explore the Lee Valley, a watery area of rivers, lakes, and marshes. Starting in Roydon we first ascent the hills, following the Stort Valley Way south towards the village of Nazeing. We then slowly descend, entering the Lee Valley Country Park close to Cheshunt. Using a towing path and meandering lanes we walk northwards to Broxbourne for the train back.

Meet: 09:00 at the Railway Station for the 9:20 train to Roydon  
Return: Back in Cambridge by 17:08

Cost: £12.00 with RailCard/GroupSave (£18.20 without) (Day return to Broxbourne)

**Norfolk Coast**6: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Walk Leader: Balint  
Distance: 21 km / 13 miles

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.

As a heads-up, the train journey takes 2+ hours in each direction.

Meet: 08:00 at the Railway Station for the 8:20 train to Cromer  
Return: Back in Cambridge at 19:44

**Thetford Forest & Grimes' Graves**7: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Walk Leader: Kiarn  
Distance: 16km / 10 miles

We begin in Brandon, walking up the road for a bit before heading into Thetford Forest. We spend some time exploring the forest before making it to Grime's Graves, a neolithic flint mine. We have some time for a little look before continuing through the forest making our way down to the Little Ouse River which we then follow back to Brandon.

Meet: 09:10 at the Railway Station for the 9:30 train to Brandon  
Return: Back in Cambridge at 16:44

**Ramble to Grantchester**8: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Walk Leaders: Ella, Audrey & Emily  
Distance: 8km / 5 miles

We will meet at 1pm outside the front of Great St Mary's (the big church opposite King's College). This walk is a super short and informal one. It will be a circular walk, leading us through Grantchester, stopping to look at the church there and, space and weather permitting, with a stop at the beautiful Orchard Tea Garden. This walk will take roughly 2 hours and has no cost for public transport!

Meet: 13:00 at Great St Mary's Church

**Manningtree & The Stour**9: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Walk Leader: Balint  
Distance: 21km / 13 miles

Starting in Manningtree, we quickly make our way to the Stour Estuary, a reserve notable for its water birds. Afterward, we follow the curves of the north bank of the river. After this, we climb a hill to reach Langham Hall, at the dizzying height of 41 m. Finally, we follow the south bank of the river back to the estuary, and from there, we head back to the train station.

Meet: 8:40 at the railway station for the 9:00 train to Manningtree  
Return: Back in Cambridge by 20:39 (ideally 19:26)