



THE RAMBLERS - EAST BERKS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME: January - February 2024

Everyone is very welcome to walk with East Berks Ramblers, including under 18s and vulnerable adults, who must be accompanied by an adult.

In this programme: 10 long walks, 11 short walks and 5 Strollathons

Our walks are mainly moderate, but taken at different speeds and with different amounts of ascent and decent. Generally short walks are slower, flatish and under 5 miles; with long walks being slightly faster and hillier. More details on EBR web page.

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Please ensure that you are fit enough and have suitable footwear, clothing, food and drink for the walk you intend to join. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. For your own safety please abide by the advice and guidelines issued by organisers and the instructions of the walk leader. Be aware that you walk at your own risk, and that it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and minimise the potential for accidents to occur. Please carry an emergency phone number. If the weather is / has been bad, please check the website to see if the walk has been cancelled or amended.

Extra walks, led at short notice, and changes to walks, may be found on the EBR website.

For all walks - Registered Assistance dogs only.

Date/Time	Walk Description and Details
Wednesday 03 Jan 10:00 am	Lily Hill Park Swinley Park and Englemere Pond Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles Join us for an easy flattish walk around some of the green open spaces near Bracknell. We will walk through Lily Hill Park with its 56 acres of restored heritage parkland and gardens in to Swinley Park where we briefly following the Three Castles Path and then around Englemere Pond nature reserve. Start: Lily Hill Car Park off Lily Hill Drive next to the Running Horse Pub also signposted for Bracknell Rugby Club. Grid Ref: SU883690; Post Code: RG12 2UJ; W3W: upgrading.ended.single
Thursday 04 Jan 10:15 am	Strollathon - a walk around Guards Club park Reitlinger Open Space and Jubilee Gardens. Leader(s): Mary W. 07599 295506 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be an easy walk around the parks from Guards club. Refreshments at Blue River Cafe afterwards. Start: Small car park in the Guards Club park. This is at the end of Oldacres (opposite SK Express small supermarket) from Oldfield Road Grid Ref: SU900810; Post Code: SL6 1TU; W3W: flood.nation.artist

Sunday 07 Jan 10:00 am	Fifield and Gays Lane Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 miles A circular walk from Holyport to Fifield and back through fields and lanes. Start: Start from Holyport Green. Park considerately on the Green and Holyport Street. Grid Ref: SU892778; Post Code: SL6 2JL; W3W: bank.toned.engage
Wednesday 10 Jan 10:00 am	Christmas Common and Watlington Hill Circular Walk Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.7 miles This is an up and down walk through woodland and across fields with some road walking which is stile free. Ascent 909 ft descent 886 ft. There is a descent through woodland of almost 2Km to reach a massive urn and the walled garden of the Wormsley estate. We then join the Chiltern Way climbing steeply and later we walk along the Oxfordshire Way. As we exit Lower Deans Wood there are panoramic views of the South Oxfordshire countryside as we head for the gates to Watlington Park which we do not enter. There is then a steep descent down a field and a walk along a country lane. To complete the walk we then turn sharp right to walk up the long and winding path to the Watlington Hill car park. Will be muddy in places and walking poles recommended if you use them for the steep ascent on the Chiltern Way. Start: National Trust Watlington Hill Car Park Hill Road Watlington. Pay and Display charges for non members £3 for day (as at 10 Dec 23). National Trust members go free but must scan membership card for ticket to display. Grid Ref: SU709935; Post Code: OX49 5HS; W3W: smoker.resonated.cursing
Sunday 14 Jan 10:00 am	Boulters Lock to Bray and back Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.5 miles A mainly flat walk. We walk along the Thames Path National Trail by the side of the River Thames until we reach the Summerleaze bridge with Bray Marina on the opposite side. After crossing over we walk along Monkey Island Lane heading for the Bray parish church. Afterwards we head for Braywick Park and later the Guards Club Park. Eventually we reach Maidenhead Bridge and return to the start point on the opposite side of the Thames passing Boulters Lock. The walk crosses six bridges of varying design built in different eras. Start: Boulters Lock Car Park (not the Car Park lower down Ray Mead Road with a Cafe). 2-3 hours £2.60 3-4 Hours £3.90 as at April 2023. Pay and Display by cash card or the RingGo app. Grid Ref: SU902825; Post Code: SL6 8JN; W3W: erase.frozen.daring

Sunday 14 Jan 10:15 am	Furze Platt Pinkneys Green and Butler's Gate Leader(s): Eleanor G. 07554 913570 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.3 miles Farmland NT common quiet lane woodland. Includes a section of the Maidenhead Boundary Walk. Start: Start: Layby in front of Furze Platt Senior School Grid Ref: SU874826; Post Code: SL6 7NQ; W3W: retire.dairy.finishing
Wednesday 17 Jan 10:15 am	Littlewick Green Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles Starting from Jubilee Road Littlewick Green Burchetts Green Stubbings Woods returning via Cherry Garden Lane. Start: Meet on Jubilee Road near Church Park on verge near Church Grid Ref: SU839801; Post Code: SL6 3RG; W3W: chairs.dumps.scrubber
Thursday 18 Jan 10:30 am	Cookham Moor to Cookham Lock Leader(s): Anne L.; Arthur L. 07770 482578 Class: Easy; Distance: 2.2 miles Through Cookham High Street and churchyard. View Spencer's grave. Under the bridge into the hotel grounds. We walk past the Odney Club, cross the bridge and walk to the lock via the weir. We return via the High Street and finish with a pint or a coffee at the Kings Arms. Start: Park at the Cookham Moor National Trust car park - free to NT members £2 to non-members. Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: openly.arming.animated
Saturday 20 Jan 10:00 am	New Year Walk and Lunch Leader(s): Julie M. 07963 433193 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5 miles Join us for a pleasant walk from Littlewick Green, Cricketers Pub, crossing the A4 to Burchetts Green and joining the Chiltern Way. We will walk around Ashley Hill, up Pudding Hill and back to Littlewick Green via Warren Row and Knowl Hill. Some road walking and slightly muddy in places. Lunch at the Cricketers Pub must be pre-ordered. Main course and pudding costs £22.50. If you don't wish to join us on the walk you will be welcome for lunch at the Cricketers Pub. Lunch is organised for 1.30pm Contact Julie Maidment on walks or online julie.maidment62@btinternet.com. Parking is available alongside the village green so please park carefully and car share where possible. Start: The Cricketers, Coronation Road, Littlewick Green. Parking available alongside the village green Grid Ref: SU838799; Post Code: SL6 3RA; W3W: complain.throats.essay

Wednesday 24 Jan 10:00 am	Lower Shiplake - Thames Towpath and Binfield Heath Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.1 miles Circular walk starting at the playing fields next to Shiplake Memorial Hall, which passes by St Peter's and St Paul's, Shiplake College along the Thames Path into Shiplake and then joining the Chiltern Way for a while then heading off to Binfield Heath and returning to the start of the walk Some minor inclines and potentially muddy paths. For those lunching afterward "The flowing Spring" has been provisionally booked please note that cash is preferred and the car park may be busy, so please car share to the pub if possible. Start: Shiplake Memorial Hall Car park - please in the car park closest to the playing fields Grid Ref: SU763786; Post Code: RG9 4DW; W3W: jacuzzi.manly.baseless
Wednesday 24 Jan 10:15 am	Cooper's Hill and Runnymede Leader(s): Jacqui J. 07939 871143 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles A walk from the Memorial Car Park down to Runnymede and back. Start: Memorial Car Park off Cooper's Hill Lane, Englefield Green. Free parking and toilets available. Grid Ref: SU995718; Post Code: TW20 0LB; W3W: will.divide.relate
Thursday 01 Feb 10:15 am	Strollathon Windsor two bridges Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 2.2 miles We will climb the steps to cross the river at the A332 bridge and then walk along the river through the Brocas and over Eton Bridge. We will take a loop down Thames side across the railway bridge (more steps) and back along the edge of Home Park. It's then a pleasant walk along the river back to the cars. Refreshments in the Leisure Centre cafe. Start: Park in the Leisure Centre car park £2.40 for 2 hours (free if you have a yellow card because you use the gym). Alexandra Gardens car park is more expensive unless you have a Registered Residents Ringo account in which case it is free. Grid Ref: SU959772; Post Code: SL4 5JB; W3W: crew.free.drunk
Sunday 04 Feb 10:15 am	Marlow Circular Leader(s): Liz R. 07785 953751 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.8 miles An undulating walk along a short stretch of the Thames Path before heading inland through the Harleyford Estate and Pullingshill Wood then following the Chiltern Way back to Marlow. Start: Meet at entrance to Court Gardens "pay and display" car park Pound Lane Marlow. Payment by card or Ringo parking App Grid Ref: SU848861; Post Code: SL7 2UE; W3W: verb.jiffy.beefed

Wednesday 07 Feb 10:00 am	A wander around Warfield Leader(s): Ian I. 07802 794483 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles An interesting walk taking in parts of Warfileld and Jealott's Hill. Undulating may be muddy in places depending on the weather. Start: Frost Folly Car Park Weller's Lane Warfield RG42 6EN Large free car park Grid Ref: SU869726; Post Code: RG42 6EN; W3W: keep.view.sleepy
Wednesday 07 Feb 10:15 am	National Trust Land round Darlings Lane Leader(s): Dotty L. 07421 305675 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles Come and walk the length of Darlings Lane and on out to Cookham Dean Common and head back by lunch time. Start: Park free at the National Trust car park off Pinkneys Drive. Grid Ref: SU854815; Post Code: SL6 6QG; W3W: wealth.houseboat.ruffle
Sunday 11 Feb 10:00 am	Lane End and surrounding villages Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.6 miles A hilly walk from Lane End including Fingest Turville and Skirmett. Woodland hills and some lovely views. Start: Lane End free car park Finings Road. Turn right just past the traffic lights in the High Street. Grid Ref: SU807918; Post Code: HP14 3HB; W3W: lace.novels.overhaul
Wednesday 14 Feb 10:00 am	West Wycombe Bradenham & Saunderton Leader(s): Peter G. 07765 232178 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.1 miles From the golden ball of St Lawrence past the Mausoleum across the valley through Kit's and Pimlock's Woods to Bradenham then over fields to Saunderton and back along the ridge. Spectacular views across the valley. Hilly copious mud Start: NT car park on West Wycombe Hill near St Lawrence Church. From West Wycombe village take Chorley Road (signed to Bledlow) and turn immediately right into Church Lane. Pass the Hellfire Caves and go all the way to the top (~1/2 mile). Grid Ref: SU826951; Post Code: HP14 3AP; W3W: frame.party.driven

Wednesday 14 Feb 10:15 am	Eton and the Thames Path Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles A pleasant walk along the Thames to Eton. Lovely views of Windsor Castle and Eton College. Returning via the fields. This is a flat walk with no stiles . Start: Free car park in the centre of Eton Wick. On the south side of B3026 near the shopping parade. Turn down Haywards Mead and the car park is on the right in front of the Football and Social Club. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6JW; W3W: along.year.newest
Thursday 15 Feb 10:30 am	Strollathon Dorney and Thames Leader(s): Arthur L.; Anne L. 07770 482578 Class: Easy; Distance: 2.2 miles Start from Dorney Garden Centre Court Lane entrance to rowing lake down to the Thames and back to the garden centre for coffee. There will be several seats down to the river about every quarter of a mile. Start: Dorney Kitchen Garden Centre Car Park Court Lane Dorney SL4 6QP Grid Ref: SU925790; Post Code: SL4 6QP; W3W: often.gloves.strain
Sunday 18 Feb 10:00 am	Henley Park and Greys Green Circular. Joint walk with Wycombe District Ramblers Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.5 miles A hilly walk through woodland and across fields also passing through the grounds of Greys Court a National Trust site. Bring your National Trust card if you are a member. Staff at Greys Court will scan the card to earn them a fee from Head Office Start: Henley Rugby Club Long Stay Car Park Dry Leas Marlow Road Henley RG9 2JA. Free on Sundays. Grid Ref: SU760832; Post Code: RG9 2JA; W3W: vanish.package.slant
Wednesday 21 Feb 10:00 am	Ewelme via Swyncombe Leader(s): Margaret C. 07740 283623 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.8 miles A circular walk with a break to admire the wonderful display of snowdrops at St Botolph's Church in Swyncombe. Mainly undulating with 3 hills. Start: Recreation Ground Car Park Ewelme. Grid Ref: SU648911; Post Code: OX10 6PG; W3W: suffix.screamed.earphones
Wednesday 21 Feb 10:15 am	Little Marlow and Riverwoods Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles We leave the car park and pass through Globe Park business area crossing over A404 footbridge into Little Marlow. We return along the Thames. Start: Riverside car park in Gossmore Lane Marlow. Grid Ref: SU859861; Post Code: SL7 1SZ; W3W: reclaim.cadet.cavalier

Sunday 25 Feb 10:15 am	Ashley Hill and Dew Drop Inn Leader(s): Patrick R. 07548 135842 Class: Moderate; Distance: 3.3 miles Climbing to summit of Ashley Hill with fine views over Berkshire and then down via Dew Drop Inn. Start: Park on lay-by on north side of Bath Road (A4) at Knowl Hill. Grid Ref: SU822794; Post Code: RG10 9UR; W3W: events.patrolled.sway
Wednesday 28 Feb 10:00 am	3 Hills - Crazies Bowsey and Ashley Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.8 miles A circular walk which takes in three hills - Crazies Hill, Bowsey Hill and Ashley Hill Depending upon the preceding weather this walk can be muddy Start: Please park either outside The Horns (currently closed 21/11/23) or it's car park Grid Ref: SU800809; Post Code: RG10 8NB; W3W: aquatic.bearings.qualifier
Wednesday 28 Feb 10:15 am	Rebecca's Well and Bottom Boles Wood Leader(s): Jacqui J.; Viv W. 07939 871143 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.5 miles An easy climb through fields and tracks to Crazies Hill. We go past the charmingly decorated well along paths through older woods and back to Wargrave along a field path. Start: Park in the car park by the recreation ground off Recreation Road. Grid Ref: SU793786; Post Code: RG10 8BG; W3W: young.recur.being
Thursday 29 Feb 10:15 am	Strollathon round Braywick Leader(s): Pera M. 07769 952884 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles An easy walk around Braywick finishing at Toby for refreshments afterwards. Start: Meet at the Toby Carvery - parking free if using the cafe/restaurant Grid Ref: SU892799; Post Code: SL6 1DX; W3W: quite.await.cherry