



THE RAMBLERS - EAST BERKS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME: January - February 2025

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: 11 long walks, 8 short walks and 3 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 01 Jan 10:00 am	Maidenhead Thames Path and the Green Way Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 miles Tear yourself away from the TV and see how easy it is to get into the countryside from Maidenhead town centre. We'll cross The Moor and head for the River then walk through Riverside Gardens and over the bridge to the Taplow side of the river. From here we'll walk to Boulters Lock and take the Thames Path to Maidenhead's northern boundary returning to the town centre via the Green Way. This walk affords great views of the River Thames and Cliveden and enjoys the wide open spaces of Battlefield and Widbrook Commons together with the farmland either side of the Green Way. There will be some mud on this walk but no hills or stiles! Please bring a snack and drink for our 'banana break' at roughly half way. Unusually for a Wednesday there will be no organised lunch after this walk. Newcomers welcome. Meet/Start: Meet at the new car park off Kennet Road Maidenhead SL6 8BD. From the Sainsbury's roundabout on the A4 take the Cookham Road exit (B4447 north). At the mini-roundabout turn right into Kennet Road then first right into the car park. This car park is free on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Grid Ref: SU889815; Post Code: SL6 8BD; W3W: seats.copies.dull
Sunday 05 Jan 10:00 am	Hambleden Valley Parmoor and Pheasant Hill Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.2 miles This will be a pleasant walk up the Hambleden Valley to Skirmett and then up a long ascent through Hatchet Wood to Parmoor. We will then make our way back to Hambleden via Pheasants Hill and Rotten Row. There will be fields woods and some hills. Meet/Start: Start from the car park behind the Stag and Huntsman in Hambleden. Car park charge £3 for 4 hours or park considerably in the village. Grid Ref: SU785865; Post Code: RG9 6RP; W3W: mascot.resettle.stocked

Sunday 05 Jan 10:15 am	Guards Club Park to Taplow burial mound Leader(s): Mary W. 07599 295506 Class: Leisurely; Distance: 3 miles We will walk from Guards Club Park across the river and up to the 7th century Saxon burial mound in Taplow. Meet/Start: Park at the Guards Club car park access via Oldfield Road and Oldacres opposite small supermarket. Grid Ref: SU900811; Post Code: SL6 1XL; W3W: most.pinch.taxi
Wednesday 08 Jan 10:00 am	Hailey - Nuffield - Grim's Ditch Loop Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 8.2 miles A circular walk starting at King William IV in Hailey heading east uphill passing Bixmoor Wood and Homer Farm upon crossing Timbers Lane heading north-east passing English Farm and Hayden Farm turning north-west along a short section of Grim's Ditch and through Huntercombe Golf Club arriving at The Makers Space on the A4130 before turning south-west through the golf club again and reaching Nuffield here we will have a Banana break at the Holy Trinity church. Following the break we will head south until we reach the Grim's Ditch which we follow westward for 1.9 miles before heading south joining the Ickneild Way briefly before joining the Chiltern Way back to Hailey. The walk includes 6 stiles with long gentle hills. Meet/Start: Please park in the back car park of the King William IV pub in Hailey Grid Ref: SU642858; Post Code: OX10 6AD; W3W: undivided.learning.gobbling
Wednesday 08 Jan 10:15 am	Henley Park and Lambridge Wood Leader(s): Barbara S. Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.4 miles This is a lovely walk climbing gently up through the Deer Park and returning through Lambridge Wood. Meet/Start: Dry Leas car park next to Henley Rugby Club off Marlow Road A4155. This will cost £3.50 Grid Ref: SU758832; Post Code: RG9 2JN; W3W: former.resolved.jots
Thursday 09 Jan 10:30 am	Strollathon from Eton Wick Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be a short walk along the river Thames at a relaxed easy pace with some lovely views .We will pass some interesting old buildings. There are no stiles and it is a walk on the flat. The surfaces are generally good with a short stretch which can be a little muddy after rain.After the walk we will visit a local cafe. Meet/Start: Free car park on the south side of the B3026 in Eton Wick. 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: wicked.ends.bound

Wednesday 15 Jan 10:00 am	Hambleden Valley Pheasant Hill Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.2 miles This will be a pleasant walk up through Rotten Row and Pheasants Hill and back through Skirmett and down the Hambleden Valley. Option of lunch at the Stag and Huntsman. There will be fields woods and some hills. Meet/Start: Start from the car park behind the Stag and Huntsman in Hambleden. Car park charge £3 for 4 hours or park considerately in the village. Grid Ref: SU785865; Post Code: RG9 6RP; W3W: mascot.resettle.stocked
Wednesday 15 Jan 10:15 am	Marsh Meadow and Cock Marsh Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Leisurely; Distance: 3.5 miles This will be a lovely walk following the river for well over a mile. Meet/Start: National Trust car park on Cookham Moor Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: host.tens.manifests
Sunday 19 Jan 10:00 am	Gilsmithers Wood and Drawback Hill Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.7 miles Starting off with a climb out of Henley-on-Thames we then walk along a lane and eventually cross into a large field and walk along the edge. We then proceed along footways to reach a housing development where we turn right to go along some crossfield paths. Later we enter Gilsmithers Wood and then climb out of Bones Wood. As we go along Bones Lane we pass the Bottle and Glass Pub/Restaurant in Binfield Heath and turn left to head for High Wood. After passing through the wood we cross some fields to enter the grounds of Henley Golf Club in the hamlet of Harpsden. After passing through Harpsden we climb Drawback Hill and then descend back to the start point. Meet/Start: Marsh Meadows Car Park Mill Lane Henley-on-Thames RG9 4HB off A4155 Reading Road. Free Car Park. Grid Ref: SU770816; Post Code: RG9 4HB; W3W: mixed.spelled.allowable
Wednesday 22 Jan 10:00 am	Walk and New Year Lunch from Binfield Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.5 miles This will be a walk around the lanes of Binfield ending with lunch at the Stag and Hounds. Lunch will need to be booked in advance. for menu and details of payment please contact Barbara on lunch@eastberksramblers.org Meet/Start: Stag and Hounds on the junction of Forest Road and Tilehurst Lane Grid Ref: SU850711; Post Code: RG42 5BH; W3W: face.knee.towns

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Thursday 23 Jan 10:30 am	Strollathon at Braywick Park and Green Way Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 2.2 miles This will be an easy walk from Stafferton Lodge (Toby Carvery) through Braywick Park and along the cut. We will return via the sports pitches and enjoy a cuppa at Stafferton Lodge. Meet/Start: The car park at Stafferton Lodge (Toby Carvery). We can park there as long as we have drinks etc afterwards. Grid Ref: SU892799; Post Code: SL6 1DX; W3W: nerve.second.sticky
Wednesday 29 Jan 10:00 am	Lacey Green Loop Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 8 miles A circular walk starting from Lacey Green initially heading west then south to Callows Hill and onto Small Dean Farm skirting Park Wood and through Bradenham Beeches to come out onto New Road passing the entrance to RAF High Wycombe for a short distance to join a section of the Grim's Ditch heading roughly north to eventually rejoin New Road which we cross heading east passing Darvillshill Turnip End Highwood Bottom and up through Monkton Wood turn left at the road to Parslow's Hillock then left along Pink Road towards Lacey Green and the start of the walk. This walk should provide many excellent views of the Chiltern Hills. There are 5 stiles lots of gates and mud in plentiful amounts. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time so the walk can start promptly. Assistance dogs only Meet/Start: Lacey Green Village Hall Car Park (permission has been granted) Grid Ref: SP823002; Post Code: HP27 0QT; W3W: 0

Wednesday 05 Feb 10:00 am	Shire Horse Ashley Hill and Prospect Hill Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.7 miles The first part of this walk is across the flat open farmland south of the A4 towards Knowl Hill. We then start climbing through fields and woodland to Ashley Hill our half-way and highest point with far-reaching views to the south along the way. Over Ashley Hill and down to Prospect Hill we have views across to Hurley and up the Thames Valley. The total ascent of this walk is 440 ft. Please expect mud in parts. Bring a drink and snack for our traditional 'banana break' at roughly half way. Lunch will be booked at the Shire Horse for those wishing to indulge. Pre-orders required before setting off. Meet/Start: Meet in The Shire Horse car park furthest corner from the building. The pub is on the south side of the A4 just west of the junction with the A404 . https://www.chefandbrewer.com/pubs/berkshire/shire-horse/find-us Grid Ref: SU849803; Post Code: SL6 3QA; W3W: cloth.reshape.landscape
Wednesday 12 Feb 10:15 am	Thames walk to Eton and Windsor Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.5 miles This will be a circular walk across the fields to Eton crossing over the bridge into Windsor and returning via the riverside path . There should be some lovely views and we will be passing some interesting historic buildings including those of Eton College. It is a walk on the flat with no stiles. For those who wish to do so there will be the opportunity to visit a cafe at the end of the walk. Meet/Start: Free car park on the south side of the B3026 in Eton Wick. Near the shopping parade. The car park is on the right down Haywards Mead in front of the Football and Social Club. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6LT; W3W: audit.pigs.edgy
Sunday 16 Feb 10:15 am	Harpsden Wood and area Leader(s): Eleanor G. 07554 913570 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles From Mill Lane car park to Harpsden Wood then along a quiet lane and fields before crossing the golf course followed by a steep uphill stretch back to the outskirts of Henley. A quiet road and then the final half-mile retraces the start of the walk back to the car park. Two steep uphill stretches and one fairly steep downhill section. Paths may be a little slippery after rain. Meet/Start: Mill Lane car park Henley (free of charge) Grid Ref: SU770816; Post Code: RG9 4HB; W3W: squashes.daily.since

Wednesday 19 Feb 10:00 am	Assendon and Fawley Leader(s): Ian I. 07802 794483 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles Seven miles through the beautiful Chiltern Hills around the Assendons and Fawley. Leader does not plan to organise lunch therefore suggest regular lunch goers discuss options before the walk starts. Meet/Start: Park in lay-by's along road through Middle Assendon Grid Ref: SU739856; Post Code: RG9 6AT; W3W: scale.princely.greet
Wednesday 19 Feb 10:15 am	High Knowl Wood and Penny Lane Leader(s): Jacqui J.; Viv W. 07939 871143 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4 miles This is a lovely walk from the hamlet of Crazies Hill through small fields and quiet woods. There are some short hills and some paths may be muddy. Meet/Start: Please park considerately between Crazies Hill school and The Horns pub. Grid Ref: SU799808; Post Code: RG10 8LY; W3W: producers.whips.provide
Thursday 20 Feb 10:30 am	Strollathon from Jenners Cafe - Three bridges and a lock Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This is a flat walk at an easy pace. We start at Jenners Cafe and go over Maidenhead Bridge along the Jubilee River to Boulters Lock. We will take a detour to look at the weir and then return to Boulters and along the promenade back to Jenners Cafe. No mud! Meet/Start: Park in Jenners Cafe - pay in the cafe £2 for 2 hours pay in cafe. Grid Ref: SU901818; Post Code: SL6 8NP; W3W: card.longer.token
Saturday 22 Feb 10:00 am	Shottesbrooke Park and White Waltham Joint with Wycombe Ramblers Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.7 miles A walk across fields and along some country lanes passing through Shottesbrooke Park and White Waltham. We then pass by Waltham Place an Organic Farm and stop at St Mary's Church White Waltham for a break. Afterwards we continue to work our way back to the start point via fields lanes and footways. Could be muddy across fields. Bring gaiters or overtrousers. Meet/Start: Highfield Lane off Cannon Lane opposite the Thatched Cottage pub. Park considerately on side of the road opposite houses. Grid Ref: SU860796; Post Code: SL6 3PE; W3W: visits.proudest.widgets

Wednesday 26 Feb 10:00 am	Cockshoots Woods - Wendover Dean Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 9.1 miles A very hilly rambling walk over The Chiltern Hundreds, incorporating a section of the Grim's Ditch, views from Whiteleaf Hill, the Ridgeway passing through the Grangeland and Pulpit Hill Nature Reserve, views of Great Kimble Warren, over the Prime Minister's country retreat at Chequers and finally The Chiltern Way to return to the start. Please your bring own food for the banana break and lunch (as there will be no pub lunch organized for after the walk). Please note this is a strenuous walk with over 1 300 ft of ascent consider carefully before joining this walk. Assistant dogs only Meet/Start: Car Park at Cockshoots Woods off Cobblershill Lane Grid Ref: SP871041; Post Code: HP16 9PW; W3W: clouding.expansion.registers
Wednesday 26 Feb 10:15 am	The Green Lanes of St Lawrence Leader(s): Peter G. 07765 232178 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 miles A walk through fields and lanes around Waltham St Lawrence. We pass the medieval church at Shottesbrooke. Ramble 11 in the RFP green book In East Berkshire. Probably muddy in places. Meet/Start: Meet on the triangle in front of the church in Waltham St Lawrence. Park considerately around the green or in The Street. No convenient public transport to start point. Grid Ref: SU829769; Post Code: RG10 0JN; W3W: feel.texts.hurray