

	THE RAMBLERS - EAST BERKS GROUP WALKS PROGRAMME: March - April 2026 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, 6 short walks and 4 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 6 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 - Assistance dogs only.

Date/Time	Walk Description and Details
Wednesday 04 Mar 10:00 am	Taplow, Hitcham, Hunts Wood and the Thames Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles; Total Ascent: 261 feet We will leave Taplow and walk through the fields to reach Hunts Wood, very pleasant woodland surrounding a golf course. Following Boundary Lane we loop back to Taplow and take a footpath to the Saxon burial mound in the grounds of Taplow Court. Our path then takes us downhill, over the Jubilee River, through Taplow Riverside park and on to the Thames Path. Our return to Taplow takes us through fields and along country tracks and footpaths. Though muddy in part, this is a relatively easy walk with no stiles. We will stop for our traditional banana break at roughly half way. A table has been booked for lunch for our group at the Oak & Saw in Taplow village. All are welcome to join us. Lunch choices need to be pre-ordered through the leader in the morning, before we set off. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Please park in the Village Centre Car Park, signposted off Rectory Road, Taplow. It is tucked away behind the Village Hall and Village Green. Please meet in the Oak & Saw Car Park on Rectory Road. Grid Ref: SU911822; Post Code: SL6 0EX; W3W: shots.cigar.such

Wednesday 04 Mar 10:15 am	Marlow Common and Bovingdon Green Leader(s): Richard F. 07764 538286 Class: Moderate; Distance: 3.5 miles This walk alternates typical beautiful beech woods with open country and some eye-opening surprises. It starts with a steepish descent - poles advised if it hasn't dried up. The ascent is more across the slope. If there is demand we will visit the WW1 training trenches. Assistance dogs only, please. Start: The walk begins on an informal roadside parking spot on an unnamed road off Marlow Common, Bucks, gridref SU 822 865, at the intersection of a signed footpath. Grid Ref: SU822865; Post Code: SL7 2QR; W3W: havens.mainly.foal
Thursday 05 Mar 10:30 am	Strollathon around Cookham Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be an easy stroll around Cookham, ending up with refreshments in the village. We will walk alongside the river and towards the weir. This walk is accessible using 37 or 20 bus route from Maidenhead to Wycombe Assistance dogs only, please Start: National Trust car park on Cookham Moor. Free for NT members, £2 for non-members. Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: n/a; W3W: dreamers.hardens.shirtless
Sunday 08 Mar 10:00 am	Thames Path & the Green Way Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 miles; Total Ascent: 36 feet Starting from Maidenhead Town Centre, we make our way across The Moor to the River Thames, cross over the bridge and walk through the pleasantly landscaped Taplow Riverside Development to Boulters Island. From here we pick up the Thames Path and follow it north towards Cookham. This stretch of the Thames Path has lovely views of the river, Cliveden House and its grounds. Turning our backs on Cliveden, we cross Battlemead and Widbrook Commons to join the Green Way which takes us back into Maidenhead Town Centre. This is a flat walk with some muddy patches but no stiles. We will stop at roughly half way for our traditional banana break. Please bring a drink and snack with you. No dogs except assistance dogs. Start: We will meet in the car park in the old Ten Pin Bowling area. The entrance is from Kennet Road (Opposite Coln Close). It may look like a building site but there is a parking area when you turn in. Parking is free of charge of Sundays. This car park is 5 minutes' walk from the nearest bus stops and 10 minutes from the station. Grid Ref: SU889815; Post Code: SL6 8BD; W3W: employ.able.singer

Wednesday 11 Mar 10:00 am	Circular walk from Stoke Row towards Hailey returning via Checkendon Leader(s): Sally W. 07721 494496 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles; Total Ascent: 833 feet This is a walk through farmland and wooded areas with a short section on a tarmacked lane which has no through traffic and ends with a fantastic view across open countryside. There are several hills with one very long down and up. The walk will start at the The Cherry Tree Inn in Stoke Row with a short section on tarmac to avoid what is often a very muddy field. There are plenty of kissing gates to negotiate but no stiles. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park in The Cherry Tree Inn carpark which is at the front of the pub if you are intending to have lunch or nearby on the road through Stoke Row. Grid Ref: SU683840; Post Code: RG9 5QA; W3W: empire.flips.increases
Wednesday 18 Mar 10:00 am	Swallowfield towards Grazeley and Spencers Wood Leader(s): Malcolm G. 07858 323641 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.8 miles; Total Ascent: 98 feet This walk is based upon the walk "Spencers Wood and Priory Farm" from the Rambling for Pleasure around Reading book. This published walk has been slightly changed with a new start point in Swallowfield and an extra loop towards Grazeley in the middle in order to provide a longer walk The start is located at Swallowfield Village Hall. To find come south on A33 from junction 11 of M4; at traffic lights turn left to Three Mile Cross; follow main road through village and into Spencers Wood; continue on this road to Swallowfield and pass Mill House restaurant on right hand side; shortly after take the left turn (Swallowfield Street) and follow this road to village hall Assistance dogs only, please Start: Please meet in front of Swallowfield Village Hall There is some parking at the village hall but this is technically for users of the hall so may be busy. Alternatively park on the roadside before the village hall alongside the recreation ground (be aware that temporary traffic lights may be in place which will limit this option) So further street parking is available just beyond the village hall by turning right at mini roundabout passing The Crown pub Grid Ref: SU726650; Post Code: RG7 1QW; W3W: bids.brush.offers
Wednesday 25 Mar 10:00 am	Stokenchurch - Ibstone Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles; Total Ascent: 941 feet A circular walk starting from the centre of Stokenchurch, heading south through Penley Wood to Ibstone, then west through Hale Wood, before turning north to Hailey Wood, and then turning east back to the start. This is a hilly walk passing through the Chiltern countryside and woods. Assistant dogs only Start: Parking can be found outside The King Hotel or on the surrounding streets, we will meet in The King Hotel car park Grid Ref: SU760962; Post Code: HP14 3UF; W3W: school.offers.irritated

Wednesday 25 Mar 10:15 am	Rose Lane and Culham Estate Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5 miles This circular walk takes us from Cockpole Green down to the river through the parkland of Culham Court with its white fallow deer. There are a few hills. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park near the Horns public house (no longer open) Grid Ref: SU800809; Post Code: RG10 8LW; W3W: copycat.custodian.really
Sunday 29 Mar 10:00 am	Bray Lake and Holyport Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6 miles; Total Ascent: 10 feet This is a flat, stile free walk. We will walk across fields to Fifield, through Moneyrow Green to Holyport, returning to the start via the North side of Bray Lake. This walk is accessible using bus routes 37 and 16 Maidenhead to Windsor Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park in the car park at Bray Lake or in Monkey Island Lane. This walk is accessible from the 37 bus from Maidenhead to Windsor. Get off at the Westbrook stop - first one after the Post Office. Grid Ref: SU912786; Post Code: SL6 2EB; W3W: debit.also.bands
Wednesday 01 Apr 9:00 am	Coach Walk: South Downs Way - Leg 7 Leader(s): Peter K.; Lesley W. 07807 914382 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 10.2 miles; Total Ascent: 1891 feet A walk of 10.2 miles, with 1,891 ft of ascent, along the South Downs Way from Castle Town to Ditchling Beacon. We begin by climbing steeply out of the Adur Valley to reach the top of the Downs. We are soon treated to panoramic views on Truleigh Hill and, a little further on, at Devil's Dyke, a spectacular dry valley, 100 metres deep. We drop down slightly into the village of Pycombe where we cross the A27, thankfully over a bridge. The final 3 miles is a long climb of 500 ft to Ditchling Beacon - just think of the rewarding views and the coach waiting at the end! Our coach will depart from the Shire Horse, Littlewick Green, promptly at 9am. The journey to Castle Town will be approx 1.75 hours and we will stop for a comfort break on the way. Once on our walk, we will stop after 3-4 miles for lunch and at least once more for a 'banana' break. Please bring enough food and drink for the day as there will be nowhere to stop and shop once on the Downs. Our coach will meet us at Ditchling Beacon for the return journey of around 2 hours, including a comfort break. We should be back at the Shire Horse at around 18:30/19:00. This walk contains 2 fairly steep ascents: around 640 ft over 2 miles from Castle Town; and 500 ft over 3 miles out of Pycombe. Start: Please park in the Shire Horse car park, in the area furthest away from the pub, in plenty of time for a prompt 9am departure by coach. The Shire Horse is on the A4, half a mile west of the A4/A404 junction. Grid Ref: SU849803; Post Code: SL6 3FG; W3W: marsh.exchanges.curtains

Thursday 02 Apr 10:15 am	Berks to Bucks Strollathon Leader(s): Dotty L. 07421 305675 Class: Leisurely; Distance: 2 miles This will be an easy walk to Boulter's Lock, over the bridge into Bucks and back. We will stop for refreshments on the way. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Guards Club free car park. Access to car park via Oldfield Road and Oldacres which is opposite small supermarket. Grid Ref: SU900810; Post Code: SL6 1TU; W3W: zeal.spits.saints
Wednesday 08 Apr 10:30 am	Wooburn, Hedsor and Bourne End circular Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Leisurely; Distance: 4.6 miles; Total Ascent: 455 feet This is a lovely varied walk through woods and fields with some great views. There are two hills, the second of which could be avoided if preferred. The hills will be taken at a leisurely pace. There are some stiles on the route. The walk is accessible from the 37 bus route from Maidenhead to Wycombe. Please note later start time. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park at the car park off Wash Hill, or catch 37 bus from Maidenhead to Wycombe and get off at Town Lane. Grid Ref: SU910878; Post Code: HP10 0TT; W3W: forgot.stacks.clown
Sunday 12 Apr 6:15 am	Dawn walk in memory of Mary Leader(s): Dotty L. 07421 305675 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6 miles Mary Williams started this tradition, this is the 20th time we have done it. It is always special, but this time it will be more so. We will start from Moorbridge Road (near Waitrose) and walk over the fields and by the river, arriving at Jenners cafe in time for breakfast. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park on the road in Moorbridge Road. Grid Ref: SU893812; Post Code: SL6 8BQ; W3W: factories.solo.frost
Wednesday 15 Apr 10:00 am	Hiking round trip from Stubbings via Burchetts Green Leader(s): Colin R. 07928 238599 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.6 miles; Total Ascent: 495 feet This will be a varied walk, through fields and woods. We will cross Pinkneys Green, passing under the A404 and rising through Temple Golf Club to skirt around Berkshire College of Agriculture towards Burchetts Green. We will return through Maidenhead Thicket to the car park. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park at the free National Trust car park in Pinkneys Drive. Grid Ref: SU854815; Post Code: SL6 6QG; W3W: unfounded.vets.declines

Wednesday 15 Apr 10:15 am	Eton and Windsor Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.5 miles We will be walking across the fields to Eton, with some excellent views of Windsor Castle. We will then cross the river and walk by the side of the Castle , returning along the Thames. The walk is fairly flat and there are no stiles but there are a couple of sets of steps. At the end of the walk there will be an option to stop at a cafe . Assistance dogs only please. Start: Car park is on the south side of the B3026 off Haywards Mead ,in front of the Sports and Social Club. Carousel bus no. 15 from Slough to Maidenhead stops nearby . Alight at Bells Lane stop. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6LT; W3W: holds.lights.orders
Thursday 16 Apr 10:30 am	Round Bray Lake Strollathon Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 1.8 miles This will be a pleasant walk around Bray Lake, pausing for refreshments at the Sailing Club. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park in Monkey Island Lane, off the Windsor Road (not through Bray Village) Grid Ref: SU914785; Post Code: SL6 2AZ; W3W: torn.riding.puns
Sunday 19 Apr 10:15 am	Hillgrove Farm and Spade Oak Reach Leader(s): Eleanor G. 07554 913570 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.3 miles Slightly adapted from ramble 9 in the book 'Rambling for Pleasure along the Thames'. The first half of the walk includes a gentle climb across Winter Hill golf course, farmland and a steady descent along a gravel track. The second half of the walk is flat, walking beside the Thames before returning to the start point on Cookham Moor. Assistance dogs only, please. Undulating, some shady footpaths, attractive views and riverside path. Start: National Trust car park on Cookham Moor. Free to NT members, otherwise £2. Alternatively, or if NT car park is full, park in the shopping car park by Cookham station (free on Sundays) and walk along to meet the group at Cookham Moor. Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: majoring.visa.curiosity
Wednesday 22 Apr 10:00 am	Bluebell Walk - Middle Assendon Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles; Total Ascent: 656 feet A circular walk starting from Middle Assendon, which takes a route through multiple bluebell woods around Nettlebed Assistance dogs only, please Start: Please park with consideration in the layby on the left before reaching the Rainbow pub (now sadly closed), meet at the top end of the layby nearest the pub Grid Ref: SU739856; Post Code: RG9 6AT; W3W: scale.princely.greet

Wednesday 29 Apr 10:00 am	Coombe Hill and Chequers Leader(s): Ian I. 07802 794483 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.2 miles A hilly walk from Coombe Hill, across pleasant farmland and past Chequers. Some stiles. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Free NT Car park at Coombe Hill Grid Ref: SP851062; Post Code: HP17 0UR; W3W: partners.changes.denim
Wednesday 29 Apr 10:15 am	Bowsey Hill and Juddmonte Farm Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.5 miles Gentle climb to the top of Bowsey Hill then passing through paddocks of Juddmonte stud farm Assistance dogs only, please Start: Lay by on A4 at Knowle Hill near Square Deal cafe. Grid Ref: SU822794; Post Code: RG10 9UR; W3W: fewest remodel.contoured
Thursday 30 Apr 10:30 am	Strollathon from Eton Wick Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be a pleasant circular walk from Eton Wick towards Eton along the Thames, using field paths and the Thames Path. There are no stiles and the walk is flat. We will be stopping at the cafe in Eton Wick at the end of the walk. Assistance dogs only please. Start: The car park is just south of the B3026 down Haywards Mead. Carousel bus 15, running between Slough and Maidenhead, stops nearby. Alight at Bell Lane. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6JW; W3W: called.windy.waddle