



THE RAMBLERS - EAST BERKS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME: May - June 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: 12 long walks, 8 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 - Assistance dogs only.

Date/Time	Walk Description and Details
Thursday 01 May 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. 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 04 May 10:00 am	Maidenhead Thicket to Burchett's Greens then Knowl Hill and Littlewick Green Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.4 miles Walk through woods and fields to Burchett's Green then a gradual ascent to Keepers Cottage in Ashley Hill Forest. We follow a woodland path for some time then head down through woods to Knowl Hill where we will have our 'Banana break'. Next we head for Littlewick Green village where the famous British composer Ivor Novello lived in the early 20th Century. After walking along a hard Bridleway surface for some time we turn into Cherry Garden Lane and head for the Little Thicket. After crossing Cannon Lane we continue through woods and after rejoining Cannon Lane we then have to cross the busy Bath Road to reach The Thicket. We then walk for some time across the Common land to reach the car park our start point- Start: National Trust free Car Park off Pinkneys Drive Maidenhead. Post Code is nearest. Grid Ref: SU854815; Post Code: SL6 6QG; W3W: interview.novelists.toys

Wednesday 07 May 9:00 am	South Downs Way Coach Walk Leg #2 Exton to Queen Elizabeth Country Park Leader(s): Peter K. 07807 914382 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 11 miles Meet at: The coach will depart promptly from The Shire Horse Pub Bath Road Littlewick Green. Please car share wherever possible arrive in good time and park up on the right-hand side of the pub car park. To help achieve a smooth outward journey please boot up and select your pre-order for your pub evening meal (if required) before boarding. The coach will be stopping at Winchester Services for a short comfort break only and note that hot drinks are not permitted to be carried onboard the coach. The coach fare is £25 payable before boarding the coach preferably by card otherwise by cheque (payable to EBR) or exact cash please. Grid Ref: SU8494980370; Post Code: SL6 3QA; W3W: police.mermaids.nozzles Starting at the charming village of Exton on the river Meon a chalk stream. The national nature reserve of Old Winchester Hill is an elevated bronze age site with far reaching 360 panoramas. Salt Hill and the track along Highden and Tegdiwn Hills are other highlights which lead to Butser Hill the highest point on the South Downs Way with a panoramic view. Start: Exton village is the start point of the walk where the coach will drop us there. Grid Ref: SU612208; Post Code: SO32 3LW; W3W: edits.upholding.schools
Wednesday 07 May 10:15 am	Cliveden Reach Leader(s): Barbara S. 07764 602808 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 miles An interesting and easy ramble of 5.5 miles. Beginning at Cookham following the beautiful Cliveden Reach. Passing Boulter's Lock on route and a grand view of Cliveden Court the home of the Astors and set 200feet above the river. Unfortunately on the other side of the water! Start: National Trust car park on Cookham Moor. This is free for NT members or £2 for non-members Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: host.tens.manifests
Sunday 11 May 9:05 am	Lizzie Line Reading Leader(s): Martin C. 07914 026452 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles This will be a circular flat walk with no stiles. It will feature town & country walking along the river and canal and featuring murals and a nature reserve. Start: Meet outside Maidenhead Railway Station at 9.05 for the 9.26 train . Transport costs £6.10 return using Railcard/Group Save. Parking: free on the street or RBWM Stafferton Way multi story Grid Ref: SU887807; Post Code: SL6 1HN; W3W: chins.fonts.moving

Wednesday 14 May 10:00 am	Hodgemoor Woods nr Chalfont St Giles Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles A circular walk through the woods hills and countryside west of Chalfont St Giles passing by Knotty Green and through Coleshill Please arrive sufficiently early to allow the walk to start on time. Assistant dogs only Start: Car Park in Hodgemoor Woods (west of Chalfont St Giles) Grid Ref: SU968938; Post Code: HP7 0JX; W3W: dash.sheet.herb
Wednesday 14 May 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 Start: Lay by on A4 at Knowle Hill near Square Deal cafe. Grid Ref: SU822794; Post Code: RG10 9UR; W3W: fewest remodel.contoured
Thursday 15 May 10:30 am	Strollathon from Guards Club Leader(s): Gail C. 07733 087217 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be a gentle walk through the open space crossing the river and walking to Ray Mill Island before returning to Jenners Cafe for refreshments and then back along the river to our cars. Start: Guards Club Free Car Park Oldacres Off Oldfield Road Maidenhead. Note Oldacres is opposite the food and wine convenience store in Oldfield Road Grid Ref: SU900810; Post Code: SL6 1XL; W3W: clips.towns.mimic
Sunday 18 May 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. Potential for mud in wet weather. Mostly flat. Start: Layby in front of Furze Platt Senior School Grid Ref: SU874826; Post Code: SL6 7NQ; W3W: priced.blaze.sweat
Sunday 18 May 10:15 am	Knowl Hill Common Shottesbrooke Park and Waltham St. Lawrence Leader(s): John S. 07887 678575 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6 miles The walk takes in the view from Knowl Hill Common crosses open fields to the picturesque Shottesbrooke Park and then passes through the Saxon village of Waltham St. Lawrence. Mainly flat. 4 stiles. Start: Lay-by off the A4 at Knowl Hill (the former Seven Stars pub lay-by). Grid Ref: SU822794; Post Code: RG10 9UR; W3W: pigment.baguette.primed

Wednesday 21 May 10:00 am	Hambleden Old Luxter and Skirmett Leader(s): Ian I. 07802 794483 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles A delightful walk from Hambleden ascending via the Great Wood to Old Luxters winery and brewery where we will stop for a banana break. There should be an opportunity to buy coffee or tea to drink and wine and beer to take home. We shall return via the outskirts of Skirmett and along the valley to Hambleden. The walk leader will not be organising lunch. Regular lunch goers may like to organise something in the Stag and Huntsman. Start: Park in Hambleden Village car park (charge) - or considerately in the village. Meet in car park. Grid Ref: SU785865; Post Code: RG9 6RP; W3W: unfocused.snitch.stunner
Wednesday 28 May 10:00 am	Lower Shiplake Loop Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 10.9 miles A circular walk starting from Shiplake passing Shiplake College along the Thames path through Lower Shiplake along the Chilterns Way to Crowsley Park circling round Binfield Heath back to Shiplake. The walk provides wonderful views across the Thames Valley. The walk is moderately hilly. Please bring lunch due to the length of the walk Assistant dogs only Please arrive sufficiently early so the walk can start on time. Start: Please park in the Shiplake Memorial Hall car park closest to the playing fields Grid Ref: SU763786; Post Code: RG9 4DF; W3W: perfumed.games.giggles
Wednesday 28 May 10:15 am	Hodgedale Lane and Prospect Hill Leader(s): Jacqui J.; Viv W. 07939 871143 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5 miles A pleasant walk along the river at Hurley climbing through fields to Prospect Hill returning through the village. There will be some hills. Please contact Jacqui J or Viv W for more information. Start: Hurley car park off High Street Hurley Grid Ref: SU825840; Post Code: SL6 5NB; W3W: ourselves.scatters.member
Thursday 29 May 10:30 am	Hurley Lock Leader(s): Anne L.; Arthur L. 07770 482578 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles After crossing the Thames there is a café (open at 11.00 a.m.) this is 1/4 mile from the car park. Walk will continue to Temple bridge and return. There are several riverside seats en route. Start: Park in the village car park behind the church. This is a free car park. Grid Ref: SU825840; Post Code: SL6 5NB; W3W: dares.messaging.slyly

Sunday 01 Jun 10:00 am	Watlington to Cookley Green and Swyncombe. Joint with Wycombe District Ramblers Leader(s): Malcolm S. 07733 426699 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles We set off along footways at the start then enter fields and go along some narrow footpaths before crossing a road to reach an even larger field with a wide footpath rising gently. Eventually we cross another road and start a very long but gradual and winding ascent. We continue for quite a while across various terrain using Shakespeare's Way to reach Cookley Green. From there we use the Chiltern Way and start a descent through woods and fields to Swyncombe Church where there will be a 'banana break'. Afterwards we join the Ridgeway and after a descent start a long steepish climb. This is a long stretch of the walk through woods and by the side of fields. Later we use Swan's Way and after exiting some woods start descending along a footway to reach our start point. Start: Watlington Village Free Car Park Hill Road Watlington OX49 5BD. Please note post code. I could not get the Pin on the map to agree with it. The Spire and Spoke Cafe is nearby. Grid Ref: SU690944; Post Code: OX49 5AB; W3W: activates.dome.wing
Wednesday 04 Jun 9:00 am	South Downs Way Coach Walk Leg #3: Queen Elizabeth Country Park to Hooksway Leader(s): Dawn D.; Julie M. 07793 232963 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 10.5 miles Meet at: Meet at the Shire Horse on the A4 west of the A404 junction. Please car share if possible and park in the far corner of the car park. The coach will leave at 09:00am prompt. Grid Ref: SU8494580337; Post Code: SL6 3QA; W3W: apron.adapt.relate Starting at the main car park of the Queen Elizabeth Country Park our path takes us on a steep ascent through the Queen Elizabeth Forest up and over our first hill the first of many. The total ascent on this section of the South Downs Way is 1620ft with barely a flat section on which to recover. On the plus side the paths are easy walking and the views spectacular. Apart from the beautiful countryside we may see hang gliders launching themselves from the steeper summits. We will stop briefly at Winchester Services on the M3 for a comfort break only. Please note no hot drinks are allowed on the coach. Please bring with you enough food and drink for the day. We will travel in the coach with our boots on and with our bags to hand so that we can make a quick exit and start. Everyday shoes can be left in the luggage compartment of the coach. If you wish to have dinner at the Shire Horse on our return please make sure you place your order with a walk leader before the coach leaves. If possible please view the menu on the Shire Horse website beforehand to save time. Start: The coach will drop us at Queen Elizabeth Country Park Gravel Hill Waterlooville at approx 10:45am. Grid Ref: SU718184; Post Code: PO8 0QE; W3W: bookshelf.supplied.nagging
Wednesday 04 Jun 10:15 am	A mystery walk from Wargrave Leader(s): Gail C. 07733 087217 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 miles This will be a mystery walk of 5 - 6 miles. Start: Meet in the Recreation ground car park located off Victoria Road Wargrave Grid Ref: SU793786; Post Code: RG10 8BG; W3W: closes.handy.defectors

Sunday 08 Jun 1:30 pm	Afternoon walk through three Chiltern Villages Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5 miles This will be a beautiful afternoon walk from Lane End through Fingest and Frieth. We will enjoy woodlands fields and some stunning views. It is an undulating walk with one steep hill out of Fingest - we will be rewarded with a fine panorama over the valley. Bring a snack for a break. Start: Lane End car park (free). B482 from Marlow. Pass Grouse and Ale pub on right then through traffic lights in village soon turning right into car park. Grid Ref: SU807918; Post Code: HP14 3HB; W3W: king.cake.catchers
Wednesday 11 Jun 10:00 am	Lane End and villages Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles This will be a hilly walk from Lane End taking in Fingest Turville and Skirmett. The climbs will be rewarded with some lovely views. The leader will not be organising lunch but the Grouse and Ale is nearby. Start: Car park turn right just past traffic lights on the High Street. Grid Ref: SU807918; Post Code: HP14 3HB; W3W: twinkled.relies.foremost
Wednesday 11 Jun 10:15 am	Ashley Hill and Dew Drop Inn Leader(s): Viv W.; Jacqui J. 07762 320260 Class: Moderate; Distance: 3.5 miles A hilly walk through fields and woods climbing to the summit of Ashley Hill passing Dewdrop Inn on return. Start: Park at the layby on the A4 Bath Road at Knowle Hill. (near Square Deal cafe) Grid Ref: SU822794; Post Code: RG10 9UR; W3W: ship.inhales.wheat
Thursday 12 Jun 10:30 am	Strollathon from Eton Wick Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be a pleasant easy walk of about 2 miles along the Thames. There will be a number of historic features to see en route. It is a flat walk with no stiles. We will end up in the Corner Cafe in Eton Wick. Start: Free car park on the south side of the B3026. Near the shopping parade off Haywards Mead. In front of Football and Social Club. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6JW; W3W: funny.cargo.zest
Wednesday 18 Jun 10:00 am	Hodgemoor Woods and the Chalfonts Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 8.4 miles A circular walk starting from Hodgemoor Woods heading east into Chalfont St. Giles south to Chalfont St. Peter west to Jordans and Seer Green and finally heading back north to the Start the walk will pass through woodlands open fields villages and river valleys Assistant dogs only. Please arrive sufficiently early to allow the walk to start on time. Start: Hodgemoor Woods Car park west of Chalfont St. Giles Grid Ref: SU968938; Post Code: HP7 0JX; W3W: open.export.pram

Wednesday 25 Jun 10:00 am	Downley Bradenham Hughenden Leader(s): Dawn D. 07793 232963 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles This is a hilly walk at a moderate pace through beautiful woodland and open fields. The total ascent is 962ft with some steep climbs. The hills of course afford wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. Part of our walk takes us through the Hughenden estate allowing a quick peek at the house itself. Please bring a snack for our traditional 'banana break' at roughly half way round. A table has been booked at the Le De Spencer Arms for lunch for anyone who has worked up an appetite. Start: Le De Spencers Arms Plomer Green Lane Downley HP13 5YN. Please park considerately in the pub car park or in the spaces on the road opposite the pub. Please do not park in the Residents Only area just past the pub. Grid Ref: SU849958; Post Code: HP13 5YQ; W3W: softly.idea.empty
Wednesday 25 Jun 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. Start: Park near the Horns public house (no longer open) Grid Ref: SU800809; Post Code: RG10 8LW; W3W: copycat.custodian.really
Thursday 26 Jun 10:30 am	Strollathon through Braywick Nature Reserve Leader(s): Gail C. 07733 087217 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles We will stroll through the nature reserve (wild life and flowers) with our “resident” expert (Ken). Refreshments at the Leisure Centre café maybe sitting outside before returning to our cars. Start: Braywick Nature Reserve Car Park off Hibbert Road. Maidenhead Maximum 3 hours parking (free) Hibbert Rd is located off the Braywick dual carriage way Grid Ref: SU894794; Post Code: SL6 1UU; W3W: jolly.issued.costs