



THE RAMBLERS - EAST BERKS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME: May - June 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: 9 long walks, 8 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
Sunday 03 May 10:00 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 and five stiles. The second hill and all the stiles can be avoided by an easy to follow variation at the 3 mile point which will shorten the walk to 3.9 miles. The walk is accessible from the 37 bus route from Maidenhead to Wycombe. If using the bus please check beforehand. Assistance dogs only, please Please bring snack and drink for break. 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

Wednesday 06 May 9:00 am	Coach Walk - South Downs Way Leg 8 Leader(s): Peter K.; Lesley W. 07807 914382 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 11.3 miles; Total Ascent: 931 feet Leg 8 of the South Downs Way from Ditchling Beacon to Southease. 11.31 miles and 931 ft of ascent 470 ft of ascent over 2 miles in the middle. Our coach will depart from the Shire Horse, Littlewick Green, promptly at 9am. The coach fare is £25, payable on the day by card, cash (correct money please) or cheque (payable to East Berks Ramblers). Please arrive in walking boots ready to disembark quickly at the other end. Normal shoes can be left in the luggage compartment of the coach. The journey to Ditchling Beacon 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 Southease 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 one fairly steep ascent of around 470ft over 2 miles at approximately half way through. Otherwise it is mainly downhill. Start: Please park in the Shire Horse car park, in the area furthest away from the pub, in plenty of time for a 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
Sunday 10 May 10:00 am	Canal walk from West Drayton to Slough Leader(s): Eleanor G. 07554 913570 Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.3 miles; Total Ascent: 10 feet We start from West Drayton station and walk beside the Grand Union Canal for about half a mile before crossing it to join the towpath of the Slough arm of the canal, which is much less used by boaters. The walk to the Slough basin end of the canal is mostly rural and tree-lined, with the chance to spot various waterfowl along the way. The final half-mile of the walk takes us along the pavement of Stoke Road to reach Slough station. The walk is flat, with just one set of steps, but the towpath is quite uneven underfoot in places, so boots or stout shoes are necessary. Assistance dogs only, please. The intention is to travel to and from the walk by rail. The leader will be catching the Elizabeth Line train which leaves Maidenhead at 09.36, arriving at West Drayton 09.55. This train also calls at Taplow, Burnham, Slough, Langley and Iver en route. If walkers are also travelling from Maidenhead, we suggest meeting the leader outside the station by 09.25. Otherwise, please meet just outside West Drayton station at 10.00. The return journey will be made from Slough, by whichever train is the next suitable one! Please note, there are toilets at the stations but none along the walk route. Start: The forecourt of West Drayton railway station. Grid Ref: TQ061801; Post Code: UB7 8FH; W3W: laws.movies.pump

Wednesday 13 May 10:00 am	Cookham Circular Leader(s): Colin R. 07928 238599 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.5 miles We start from the picturesque village of Cookham and head through open countryside to Widbrook Common, then across to the Thames towpath via Battlemead. We walk back along the river towards Cookham for a banana break at Holy Trinity Church, then continue to Bourne End, returning to the car park along Cockmarsh. This will be a flattish walk at a moderate pace. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Park at the National Trust car park off The Moor in Cookham. This is £2 or free for member of NT. Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: majoring.visa.curiosity
Wednesday 13 May 10:15 am	Savill Gardens Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 3.5 miles From car park we will proceed to the Totem Pole and then up an incline towards the rhododendrons, azaleas and Punch bowl before returning to the car park. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Car park is £6.40 for 2 hours or £9.60 for 3 hours. Suggest car sharing. Grid Ref: SU977707; Post Code: TW20 0UU; W3W: bind.these.blank
Thursday 14 May 10:30 am	Strollathon through Ockwells park Leader(s): Martin C. 07914 026452 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be an easy, flat walk from Ockwells Park, and weather permitting through Thrift Wood. We will enjoy refreshment at Junior's cafe afterwards. Assistance dogs only, please. Start: Meet in the free car park at Ockwells Park. Grid Ref: SU878789; Post Code: SL6 3YU; W3W: bunk.risks.palace

Wednesday 20 May 10:15 am	Goring and the East Leader(s): Peter G. 07887 678575 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.3 miles; Total Ascent: 650 feet A walk from the village of Goring-on-Thames into the wooded hills to the east, through Wroxhills Wood and Old Elvendon Wood and passing Bottom House Farm. We climb through Great Chalk Wood to Upper Gatehampton Farm then pass through a nature reserve before returning along the Thames Path. Great views over the Thames valley. The walk is based on a Chiltern Society walk. Goring is easily reached by off-peak GWR train from Slough 09:26, Maidenhead 09:32, Twyford 09:39, Reading 09:56, Tilehurst 10:00 arriving Goring and Streatley 10:08. We'll wait for any walkers who catch this train. Trains return at 13:19, 13:58, 14:25, 14:47 etc. Assistance dogs only, please. Note start time 10:15 to accommodate train passengers. Start: We start in the Wheel Orchard public car park behind the Catherine Wheel public house in the middle of Goring. £5.30 for 5 hours. We suggest parking in Manor Road nearby for free rather than taking up space from the villagers. Grid Ref: SU599806; Post Code: RG8 9DP; W3W: tangling.bottom.marginal
Wednesday 20 May 10:15 am	Hurley and Prospect Hill Leader(s): John S. 07765 232178 Class: Moderate; Distance: 4.8 miles; Total Ascent: 250 feet The walk starts along an attractive stretch of the Thames, climbs steadily to hills overlooking the valley and then passes through farmland and woods. One steep descent (Prospect Hill) near the end. No stiles. Assistance dogs only please. Meet/park: the free Hurley village car park opposite the Church. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Hurley village car park off Hurley High Street. Grid Ref: SU824840; Post Code: SL6 5NB; W3W: useful.crop.menswear
Sunday 24 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: 7.2 miles; Total Ascent: 382 feet 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 sometime, 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- Assistance Dogs only. Please bring a snack and drink for the walk. I would appreciate a lift to the start point, from my home in Cox Green, Maidenhead Start: National Trust free Car Park off Pinkneys Drive, Maidenhead. Post Code is nearest. Grid Ref: SU854815; Post Code: SL6 6QG; W3W: also.riverbed.buzz

Wednesday 27 May 10:00 am	Finchampstead - Woods, lakes and a river Leader(s): Sally W. 07721 494496 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7.8 miles; Total Ascent: 295 feet After crossing two styles into and out of a field near the start of the walk we head on a purpose-built path to a quiet tarmac lane flanked by some large properties before turning into Simons Woods. The woods have many well-trodden paths and are close to the renown Finchampstead Ridges. We exit the woods and head through farmland to join the Three Castles Path, passing the facilities at Horseshoe Lake, which makes an ideal place for a break. We then join then Blackwater Valley Path and meander between lakes and alongside the river before heading north and back to our starting point. This walk is virtually flat. It may be a bit muddy in the Blackwater Valley if there has been a lot of rain. Please remember to bring sufficient drink and a snack for a 3+ hours walk. Guide dogs only please. Start: Park near St James' Church or in the Queen's Oak car park where we can have lunch. The Queen's Oak has requested that we pre-book lunch so please be prepared to provide your choice before we set off if you are staying for lunch. https://www.thequeensoak.com/food-and-drink Grid Ref: SU793638; Post Code: RG40 4LS; W3W: pony.loved.recitals
Wednesday 27 May 10:30 am	Bus walk from Wooburn Green to Cookham Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Leisurely; Distance: 4.5 miles; Total Ascent: 246 feet Meet at: Meet at the NT car park on Cookham Moor. Grid Ref: SU8923985356; Post Code: SL6 9RU; W3W: unstated.splice.memo This is a linear walk from Wooburn Green to Cookham, passing along the disused railway, crossing the river at the railway bridge. We will walk by the river before a gradual ascent to the top of the escarpment, and back to the car park on Cookham Moor via the golf course. The walk can be shortened by returning to the car park over Cock Marsh, by the river. This will make the total walk 2.5 miles. We will meet at the car park at 10.30 am, and catch the 37 at the War Memorial for a 10 minute ride to Wooburn Green alighting at Town Lane. You can use a bus pass, cash or card to pay fare. We will walk at a leisurely to moderate pace. Assistance dogs only, please. Grid Ref: SU909879; Post Code: HP10 0PD; W3W: stroke.ahead.gone
Thursday 28 May 10:30 am	Spade Oak Strollathon Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 1.8 miles This will be a lovely walk, along the river and then through the shade of the trees beside the lake. We will have refreshments at the Spade Oak Hotel afterwards. Assistance dogs only, please Start: Free car park off Coldmoorholme Lane, past the Spade Oak Hotel. Grid Ref: SU883875; Post Code: SL8 5PT; W3W: reflector.solar.parkway

Sunday 31 May 10:15 am	Twyford Circular from Twyford Station Leader(s): Martin C. 07914 026452 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5 miles Starting from Twyford Station we will explore the surrounding countryside, passing lakes and water courses of the River Loddon. The walk is flat, with no stiles but a few gates. A mixture of urban/rural terrain through countryside and riverside paths. Please bring a snack and drink. Assistance dogs only, please. Start: Meet outside Twyford Railway Station, Station Road . Free on street parking in Station Road & Hurst Road. Grid Ref: SU790758; Post Code: RG10 9ND; W3W: hometown.steady.peach
Wednesday 03 Jun 10:15 am	Hurley and Thames Path Leader(s): Christine B. 07473 160665 Class: Moderate; Distance: 3.5 miles This will be a flat walk from car park, along lane with caravan park on right and fields on left. We will join the Thames path crossing over two bridges passing by Hurley lock. We will turn right before Temple bridge and return to the car park. Assistance dogs only, please. Start: Park in the free car park opposite the Church. Grid Ref: SU825840; Post Code: SL6 5NB; W3W: dried.speak.reheat
Wednesday 10 Jun 9:00 am	South Downs Way - Leg 9 Leader(s): Lesley W.; Peter K. 07807 914382 Class: Strenuous; Distance: 11.2 miles; Total Ascent: 1336 feet This penultimate section of the South Downs Way is a challenging 11-miler with a total ascent of 1336ft, taking us from Southease, almost at sea level, up to Firle Beacon at 710ft. The route descends into Alfriston, where it joins the Vanguard and continues into Exceat, our entry point into the Seven Sisters Country Park. But that's for our next coach walk! Our coach will depart from the Shire Horse pub, Littlewick Green, promptly at 9am. The coach fare is £25, payable on the day by card, cash (correct money please) or cheque (payable to East Berks Ramblers). The journey to Southease will take approx 2 hours and we will stop for a short comfort break on the way. Please arrive wearing your walking boots. Spare shoes can be left in the coach's luggage compartment. 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 Exceat for the return journey of around 2 hours, including a comfort break. We should be back at the Shire Horse between 18:30 and 19:00, depending on traffic. Start: Our meeting point is the Shire Horse pub on the A4, half a mile west of the A4/A404 junction. Please park in the Shire Horse car park, in the area furthest away from the pub, and arrive in plenty of time for a 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: diver.magnum.inferior

Wednesday 10 Jun 10:15 am	Along the River Thames to Datchet Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 miles The walk will take us along the Thames to Eton from where we will cross over the bridge and follow the river to the edge of Datchet. We will return on the other side of the river and walk on public footpaths across Eton College grounds. The walk will provide some interesting views of the river, Windsor Castle and Eton College buildings. Please note the walk will be at a Moderate pace and although the walk is flat there is a flight of steps to negotiate. There will be an opportunity to have refreshments in a cafe at the end of the walk, where toilets are available. Please note toilets are not available on the walk route. 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.Align at Bell Lane. Grid Ref: SU948784; Post Code: SL4 6JW; W3W: fleet.debit.spice
Thursday 11 Jun 10:30 am	Cookham Cockmarsh Strollathon Leader(s): Linda F. 07547 727042 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This will be a pleasant stroll around Cockmarsh, alongside the river. We will return through Cookham and enjoy some refreshments in the village. Assistance dogs only, please Start: National Trust car park on The Moor, £2 or free for NT members Grid Ref: SU892853; Post Code: SL6 9SA; W3W: openly.arming.animated
Wednesday 17 Jun 10:00 am	Christmas Common Leader(s): Richard W. 07980 147412 Class: Moderate; Distance: 8.2 miles; Total Ascent: 1025 feet A hilly circular walk starting from Watlington Hill NT Car Park, joining the Oxfordshire Way briefly, before turning to pass the edge of Shirburn Wood, then through Cowleaze Wood, Wormsley Park, North End, and Christmas Common, before returning to the start. This walk will provide views across the Oxford Vale, traversing through a series of woodlands and Chiltern villages Assistant dogs only Start: NT Car Park on Watlington Hill Grid Ref: SU709935; Post Code: OX49 5HS; W3W: icebergs.rival.device
Wednesday 17 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. Assistance dogs only, please 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

Wednesday 24 Jun 10:00 am	Frost Folly and Hawthorn Hill Leader(s): Ian I. 07802 794483 Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles Starting from Frost Folly carpark in Moss End we head towards Warfield then across fields and lanes toward hawthorn Hill. We then follow an ancient road besides Birds Hill Golf Course towards Tickleback Lane then back to the start. Assistance dogs only please. Start: Frost Folly car park Moss End. Grid Ref: SU873725; Post Code: RG42 6EN; W3W: start.foster.digit
Thursday 25 Jun 10:30 am	Strollathon from Eton Wick Leader(s): Kaye C. 07833 241407 Class: Easy; Distance: 2 miles This a pleasant walk circular walk along the Thames , from Eton Wick to Boveney. We will be walking on the flat and there are no stiles. There are some lovely views of the river. After the walk we will be stopping for refreshments at the cafe in Eton Wick. 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: weedy.mint.loud