


LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS' WALKS AND EVENTS  
September to December 2023  
Walks subject to change, please check website

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- Our walks are on the web site; see [www.lvra.org.uk/Webpages/walks.html](http://www.lvra.org.uk/Webpages/walks.html).
- Members and walkers are reminded that they attend walks in this programme at their own risk and that they are responsible for their own personal safety.
- We welcome children and young people under 18 on our walks but they must be accompanied by an adult who holds parental responsibility, such as a parent, legal guardian, carer, teacher or youth worker.
- Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk you intend to join. If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first: it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Most Ramblers' walks are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing for the walk you intend to join, and bring some food and drink, even if the walk includes a pub or café break. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. When in doubt, contact the organisers or the walk leader in advance.
- For your own and others' safety please read and abide by any advice and guidelines issued by the organisers, and the instructions of the walk leader. Though walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities, no activity is completely without risk and it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and to minimise the potential for accidents.
- We occasionally have some easier walks in our programme; look for the .
- Sometimes we have joint walks with other Ramblers groups in our programme; look for the .
- We occasionally have two walks starting together, but of different distances; look for the .
- Some walks are accessible by public transport; look for the  or .
- Walks which are shown as Strenuous are marked with . People in doubt about their fitness should contact the leader in advance.
- Please travel to the walk start in sufficient time to put on boots & waterproof clothing etc. We aim to start our walks promptly at the time in the programme.
- Although we may break near a pub we cannot guarantee it and they are often busy at lunchtime on Sundays. It is therefore advisable to bring a packed lunch on longer walks. Please do not park in pub car parks unless you are using the pub, or the walk instructions say you may, in which case the leader will have obtained permission.
- If you are a dog owner, please see our policy on [Dogs on Walks](#).
- If you're looking for a led walk in another area or on another day, try the [Ramblers' Walk Finder](#).

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10:00, 5.8 miles:** Ups and downs in the Chilterns. Turville Heath up through fields to Hellcorner Farm and back through woods to Turville with some open views on the way. **Start:** [SU744909](#) Limited parking off road where Balham's Lane meets Drovers Lane. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG9 6LD (51.61243,-0.92606) ///undulation.presented.unrated. **Meet: 09:00** at [SU807697](#) Car share from Cantley Recreation ground CP RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Chris R, 0771 053 4818**.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10:00, 12.2 miles:** Wooburn to Forty Green. Start at Wooburn Rec Ground, a circular undulating walk via Spade Oak, Sheepridge, skirting Flackwell Heath up to Forty Green. Returning via Holtspur Bank Nature Reserve and Mill Wood. Good views across the countryside. 1000 feet of ascent spread over the walk. **Start:** [SU911877](#) Wooburn Rec Ground, Wash Hill. Bring packed lunch HP10 OJA (51.58173,-0.68751) ///frogs.store.cotton. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10:15, 12½ miles:** Following the Chiltern Way and then entering pleasant woods and farmland, we proceed to Burnham Beeches Nature Reserve for lunch (and ice creams!!). We return to the cars following Shakespeare's Way back to Wooburn. **Start:** [SU911877](#) Wash Hill car park (at junction of Wooburn Hill and Wash Hill road). Bring packed lunch HP10 OJA (51.58173,-0.68751) ///frogs.store.cotton. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10:30, 6 miles:** A walk around Twyford. Ruscombe Down, Stanlake, Hogmoor Lane, Whistley Bridge, Loddon Nature reserve and Twyford village, only 140 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU797762](#) Roadside parking opposite Ruscombe Church, Southbury Lane. There is additional parking in Milton Way (RG10 9LE) if necessary RG10 9UD (51.47983,-0.85354) ///livid.front.chuck. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **David B, 0773 801 6588**.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10:00, 6 miles:** CRUCHFIELD MANOR and PALEY STREET. A pleasant walk which encompasses undulating farmland and shaded bridleways. There are a couple of very tall unkept grass fields to pass through in the early part of the walk. However there are no stiles to encounter on the walk. **Start:** [SU878739](#) Parking area at the end of Hawthorn Lane beside the A330 near Cruchfield Manor at Hawthorn Hill RG42 6HJ (51.45748,-0.73731) ///brings.friday.times. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Graham St, 0791 340 3345**.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10:15, 10 miles:** Lovely walk over commons, through woodland and villages. **Start:** [SU652662](#) Goring Lane, Burghfield Common. Bring packed lunch RG7 3FL (51.39110,-1.06433) ///acute.since.ducks. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Sue A & Sue H, 0785 428 6890**.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10:00, 16 miles:** Circumnavigation of Crowsley Park. I wanted to try a new start location so I thought we'd try the Bird In Hand pub car park. We'll head for Shiplake Row returning via Rotherfield Peppard and Gallowstree Common. Please drop me a line if you plan to come as Steve (publican) wanted to know how many cars to expect. If there are too many, we'll need to relocate the start at short notice so your contact details will be useful. The route is mostly tracks and paths so expect mud underfoot and select your clothing / footwear appropriately. I'll be 'popping in for a pint' after the walk, it would be rude not to (but not obligatory). **Start:** [SU715791](#) The Bird In Hand pub car park by kind permission of Steve, the publican. Bring packed lunch RG4 9NP (51.50711,-0.97014) ///clip.prettiest.safest. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Peter C, 0771 468 3067**.



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10:30, 3 miles:** Wellington College was one of the first buildings in Crowthorne, but why was it here and what was its significance? Join me as we walk the 3-mile perimeter and learn more about its impressive history. **Start:** [SU824637](#) Car park at the junction of Dukes Ride (B3348) and Wellington Business Park. RG45 6DE (51.36717,-0.81650) ///dogs.kicked.beats. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Sally B, 0787 614 1817 or 0134 477 4468**.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10:30, 5½ miles:** Woodlands, lakes and Blackwater river. **Start:** [SU812635](#) Crowthorne: Simon's Wood CP, Wellingtonia Avenue; height 1.9m RG45 6AE (51.36470,-0.83324) ///smug.signal.deeper. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Marc C, 0776 463 2899**.

**15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September.** Elan Valley holiday.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10:00, 6 miles:** An undulating walk in the Chilterns starting at Maidensgrove Common to the remains of the church at Bix Bottom, passing through Crocker End and returning through the nature reserve. **Start:** [SU720887](#) Maidensgrove Common RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Margaret T, 0118 978 8540 or 0791 700 2202**.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10:15, 10½ miles:** Hurley, Burchett's Green, Pinkneys, Marlow. Varied walk with river, wood and farmland walking. **Start:** [SU825840](#) Hurley: Village CP. Bring packed lunch SL6 5NB (51.54899,-0.81070) ///silently.scale.badminton. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10:00, 12 miles:** An undulating walk in the Oxfordshire Countryside, skirting the McAlpine Estate. Then go on to enjoy the view of Stonor Park, touching Maidensgrove, then Bix Bottom and Bix before returning to Middle Assendon. **Start:** [SU739856](#) Middle Assendon; lay-by on B480 opposite road to Fawley Bottom. Bring packed lunch RG9 6AS (51.56541,-0.93528) ///suing.nosedive.racked. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Christine H, 0777 586 0169**.



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10:30, 5.9 miles:** Walk from the "Seven Stars", Knowl Hill. Then via footpaths to Shottesbrooke Farm, short road walk and down to Shottesbrooke church. From there to Waltham St Lawrence and back to Knowl Hill. Mainly open landscape with some woodland. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Lay by in front of "Seven Stars" off A4 at Knowl Hill RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. Difficulty **Easy**. Leader **Nick P, 0783 796 2126 or 0118 969 7153**.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10:15, 11½ miles:** Devil's jumps, Frensham Little Pond & Farnham Heath. Overflow car park SU874429. **Start:** [SU873434](#) Tilford: CP just S of bridge. Bring packed lunch GU10 2BU (51.18340,-0.75181) ///caged.also.rebounded. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John T, 0118 979 8070 or 0754 897 2170**.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10:00, 15.7 miles:** Pilgrimage to London (Little) taking in the famous St James Way as we meander through the relatively flat countryside of North Hampshire. **Start:** [SU626556](#) Sherborne Rec car park off Vyne Road. Bring packed lunch RG24 9HX (51.29608,-1.10292) ///ripen.motoring.knee. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John D, 0771 323 3089**.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10:30, 5 miles:** Town, Gown and Crown, part 1 only. An opportunity for the 'Long Tuesday lot' to join the Thursday people who prefer shorter distances. This varied walk takes in a lake, river, parks, medieval history and urban areas on paths and quiet streets. Part 1 is a LINEAR walk that starts in Lower Earley and goes through Reading University's Whiteknights campus and then Palmer Park to the river Kennet. We take in the historic Abbey Ruins (Henry I is here somewhere) and the Forbury Gardens to reach the Market Place in Reading town centre. Here, having covered about 5 miles, those on the short route catch the no 21 bus back to the start. (Buses every 20 mins, take 20 mins, alight Chalfont Way Circle stop, turn left at the red post box and walk 200m along Chalfont Way to the CP.) Part 2 walkers continue out of town beside the Kennet, through Waterloo Meadows and then beside Foudry Brook. After passing the wind-turbine in Green Park we return to the start via Nores Hill, Ryhill and Chalfont Park having walked a further 7 miles. Assistance dogs only. No stiles. **Start:** [SU741700](#) Chalfont Courts Car Park next to Suttons Bowling Club, Chalfont Way, Earley. This is not the ASDA CP RG6 5HQ (51.42416, -0.93500) ///clap.descended.tone. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10:30, 12 miles:** Town, Gown and Crown, parts 1 plus 2. An opportunity for the 'Long Tuesday lot' to join the Thursday people who prefer shorter distances. This varied walk takes in a lake, river, parks, medieval history and urban areas on paths and quiet streets. Part 1 is a one-way walk that starts in Lower Earley and goes through Reading University's Whiteknights campus and then Palmer Park to the river Kennet. We take in the historic Abbey Ruins (Henry I is here somewhere) and the Forbury Gardens to reach the Market Place in Reading town centre. Here, having covered about 5 miles, those on the short route catch the no 21 bus back to the start. (Buses every 20 mins, take 20 mins, alight Chalfont Way Circle stop, turn left at the red post box and walk 200m along Chalfont Way to the CP.) Part 2 walkers continue out of town beside the Kennet, through Waterloo Meadows and then beside Foudry Brook. After passing the wind-turbine in Green Park we return to the start via Nores Hill, Ryhill and Chalfont Park having walked a further 7 miles. Assistance dogs only. No stiles. **Start:** [SU741700](#) Chalfont Courts Car Park next to Suttons Bowling Club, Chalfont Way, Earley. This is not the ASDA CP. Bring packed lunch RG6 5HQ (51.42416, -0.93500) ///clap.descended.tone. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10:00, 7 miles:** Autumnal walk through the Chiltern woods of Goring Heath and Nunej Green. **Start:** [SU638787](#) Lay-by adjacent to Whitchurch Hill recreation ground , southern end of Goring Heath Road RG8 7NX (51.50417,-1.08174) ///mush.revisits.jams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Colin R, 0773 891 1507**.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10:00, 11 miles:** River, woodland, open countryside and Oxfordshire villages. This is a circular walk from Mill Lane CP which passes Bolney Court, skirts Shiplake, goes through Binfield Heath, by Crowsley Park, Rotherfield Greys, Badgemore and back through Henley. **Start:** [SU770817](#) Mill Lane Car Park RG9 4HD. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG9 4HD (51.52878,-0.89077) ///drawn.welcome.driven. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU807697](#) Please call leader if meeting at Cantley car park for car share RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Susan R, 0796 670 2349 or 0118 978 8988**.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10:15, 12½ miles:** The Berkshire Downs North from Chieveley. Shaded byways and paths; quiet lanes with stunning views across the Downs. Our route takes us to Catmore and Lilley, then back through Leckhampstead and North Heath. Assistance dogs only. **Start:** [SU476744](#) Chieveley Village Hall Car Park. High Street, Chieveley. (Permission obtained). Bring packed lunch RG20 8TA (51.46366,-1.31650) ///query.possible.boarded. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 3½ miles:** From Mattingley Church we will visit pretty Diple Mill and on to West Green (opportunity for a coffee stop, NT membership not required) before returning across open fields and following the River Blackwater. **Start:** [SU736581](#) Mattingley Church RG27 8LA (51.31694,-0.94531) ///messaging.range.harmonica. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Kath P, 0777 569 4011**.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 6 miles:** Open countryside to see Hurley House, Hurley Priory remains along with the charming 17th century almshouses. One hill to enjoy extensive views into the valley. **Start:** [SU826835](#) The Olde Bell, Hurley. Permission obtained to use their car park as it is proposed, for those that want, to lunch here SL6 5NA (51.54480,-0.80954) ///eyelid.thudding.soccer. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Linda A, 0149 141 1011 or 0777 612 6663**.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 14:00, 6.8 miles:** A walk to commemorate and celebrate the life of Derek Smith. Derek, a founder member of Loddon Valley Ramblers, and a committee member and its Secretary for many years, passed away in January 2023, and this walk, a 7-mile loop from Remenham Church, is designed to recognise his immense contribution. The walk takes in the Thames path, the deer park at Culham House, Remenham Hill and Remenham Wood before returning to the church. It is stile-free, with one steep climb. Just before the end of the walk, there will be a small ceremony to unveil a memorial plaque to Derek, on one of the gates installed by LVR in May of this year. **Start:** [SU770841](#) Remenham Church RG9 3DB (51.55078 , -0.89030) ///rucksack.music.lateral. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901**.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 5.8 miles:** Pleasant circular walk around Burchett's Green. **Start:** [SU858809](#) Free National Trust car park SL6 4GL (51.52113,-0.76540) ///reckoned.showering.thorax. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Stewart M, 0790 151 4832**.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 11 miles:** Heading west from Odiham the route conjoins parts of the Three Castles Path turning at Five Lanes End before returning via the remains of the castle. **Start:** [SU747517](#) CP NW of Odiham on the Basingstoke Canal. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG29 1DH (51.26012,-0.93070) ///spirits.reservoir.knocking. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU716670](#) Clares Green Road by Spencers Wood Pavilion for car share RG7 1DY (51.39767,-0.97244) ///venues.deal.orders. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Richard H, 0788 411 3491 or 0118 988 4118**.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 10:15, 15½ miles:** Upper Basildon, Stanford Dingley and Yattendon. The woods and fields north and south of the M4. **Start:** [SU565769](#) Roadside parking at the green, Holly Lane, Ashampstead. Bring packed lunch RG8 8RT (51.48835,-1.18794) ///unguarded.breezy.older. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 6 miles:** Woods and Commons south-east of Wooburn. Encompasses Boveney Wood, Littleworth Common, Sheepcote Woods, Farm Wood. After an initial climb the walk is very flat. **Start:** [SU911877](#) Wooburn: Recreation ground car park, Wash Hill HP10 0JA (51.58173,-0.68751) ///frogs.store.cotton. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 5½ miles:** A leisurely walk in the Chiltern Hills and woodland with stunning views of the Hambleden Valley. **Start:** [SU785865](#) Car park behind the Stag & Huntsman pub, Hambleden RG9 6RP (51.57182,-0.86653) ///curvy.rave.repaying. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Gerry C, 0780 535 6708**.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 12 miles:** A walk of contrasts, countryside and town, canal and rivers, old and new. Start at Donnington Castle, then south towards Enbourne, returning via the Kennet and Avon Canal, through Newbury over a couple of rivers and then to Donnington. **Start:** [SU462690](#) Car park at Donnington Castle. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG14 2LE (51.41873,-1.33684) ///marinated.strictest.language. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU709677](#) Mere Oak Park and Ride for car share RG7 1WJ (51.40479,-0.98167) ///sober.shack.count. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Christine H, 0777 586 0169**.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 11½ miles:** Alpacas, Almshouses and Querns. Bozodown, Mapledurham Church, Collins End, Path Hill and Whitchurch. **Start:** [SU634765](#) Pangbourne: Village Hall CP. Bring packed lunch RG8 7AN (51.48423,-1.08835) ///credit.flippers.bouncing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 5 miles:** Enjoy a pleasant walk in the North Hampshire countryside through fields and woods via Up Green and Castle Bottom Nature Reserve. **Start:** [SU779609](#) The Green at Eversley Church RG27 0PX (51.34211,-0.88173) ///ruffle.relatives.flats. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **John R, 0796 959 2394 or 0118 979 8703**.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10:00, 6 miles:** An undulating walk in the Chilterns: Marlow, Happy Valley, open views from Copy Farm and autumn colour in Pullingshill beech woods. **Start:** [SU840859](#) Considerate roadside parking at western end of Pound Lane Marlow near junction with A4155. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start SL7 2DG (51.56551,-0.78923) ///grafted.feathers.green. **Meet: 09:05** at [SU807697](#) Optional car share from Cantley Recreation ground Wokingham RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Chris R, 0771 053 4818**.

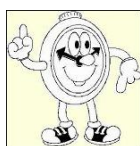
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10:15, 12½ miles:** Woods, fields and an amphitheatre. Through Pamber Forest, Little London, Bramley Corner, Three Ashes and Benyon's Inclosure. **Start:** [SU626622](#) Silchester: Pamber Road Recreation Ground. Bring packed lunch RG7 2PH (51.35515,-1.10213) ///outfitter.functions.pursuing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.



**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 15 miles:** Old Railways, Castles, Stunning views of North Hampshire. Starting point at the church at the junction of Harts Lane and Church Lane. Please park carefully along Church Lane. **Start:** [SU470610](#) RG20 9HX. Bring packed lunch RG20 9HX (51.34653,-1.32535) ///stated.tragedy.exact. Difficulty **Strenuous**. Leader **John D, 0771 323 3089**.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 4½ miles:** Bowsey Hill and part of Chiltern Way. **Start:** [SU795785](#) Wargrave Recreation Ground CP RG10 8BH (51.49986,-0.85609) ///dairy.intention.requested. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10:30, 6 miles:** Moderate walk passing through Greys Court, the village of Satwell and mature beech woods. **Start:** [SU710820](#) At the top of Peppard Common near the Red Lion pub RG9 5JX (51.53245,-0.97782) ///wrong.starfish.forgiven. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Gerry C, 0780 535 6708**.



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 6 miles:** Bowsey and Ashley Hill walk. A gentle climb up Bowsey hill, down to Warren Row and up again to Hurley Chalk Pit nature reserve and Ashley Hill before descending back to Knowl Hill. About 600 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU822794](#) In the lay-by at Knowl Hill (permission to park in Village Hall CP requested) RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Sue T, 0780 185 4700**.



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10:00, 12½ miles:** Henley, Harpsden, Sonning, Shiplake and the Thames. Join us for a walk in parkland, woods and farmland, with Thames valley views, and along the Thames Path, with 600 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU770817](#) Mill Lane car park, Henley-on-Thames. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG9 4HD (51.52878,-0.89077) ///drawn.welcome.driven. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU807697](#) Cantley Park CP (CP nearest the road), Twyford Road, Wokingham for car share RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Paul L, 0776 858 5657 or 0118 979 0190**.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10:00, 13 miles:** Taplow to Egypt in just one day. A fairly flat walk with only 500' of ascent from Taplow village to Burnham Beeches via an odd farm with a little Shakespeare on the Way! We will stop at the Beeches eco cafe for refreshments. **Start:** [SU911822](#) Taplow village car park off Rectory Road. Bring packed lunch SL6 OEX (51.53137,-0.68807) ///field.hills.crops. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Anushka H, 0779 223 7977**.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10:30, 6.4 miles:** A circular walk taking in Cadmore End Common, Piddington, Studley Green and back to Cadmore End. A mixture of woods and open fields with good views. with approx. 600 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU783927](#) Cadmore End: Church Road (opposite school) HP14 3PE (51.62836,-0.87037) ///shorter.variety.daydream. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 13:00, 7.3 miles:** South Oxfordshire views, thanks to a couple of hills. We walk from Christmas Common down Pyrton Hill, up Shirburn Hill, and then gently down, passing through the Wormsley Estate, with an intriguing glimpse of its walled garden; finally back up to our starting point, and possibly a drink before heading home. Total ascent 288m. **Start:** [SU715931](#) Roadside parking opposite the Fox and Hounds pub, or in the pub car park if you are calling in before walking OX49 5HN (51.63309,-0.96813) ///sunflower.refreshed.mailing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Alison B, 0789 179 3290**.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 6 miles:** A Grim walk from William IV pub at Ipsden to Nuffield and return with nice views across the Chilterns. **Start:** [SU642858](#) William IV pub car park OX10 6AD (51.56772,-1.07481) ///lowest.breeze.cafe. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Peter D, 0118 377 4820**.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 11 miles:** Enjoy tree lined bridleways and views of open fields. Fairly flat so good for trying out a longer walk. We visit Woodlands Park, White Waltham, West End and Waltham St Lawrence. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Knowl Hill layby. Bring packed lunch RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Nigel K, 0118 979 1740 or 0751 288 0414**.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 09:30, 16 miles:** A clockwise walk taking in the Ridgeway, Ashampstead, Yattendon, Aldworth and back. **Start:** [SU566812](#) Post box cottage. Bring packed lunch RG8 9QE (51.52725,-1.18361) ///geology.waltzed.mixer. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mike E, 0783 364 6908**.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: LVR AGM. 7.30pm at Finchampstead Village Hall, The Village, RG40 4JU**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10:30, 6 miles:** Flat for Hambleton. An old favourite, with gentle climbs and riverside. **Start:** [SU785865](#) Hambleton: CP behind "Stag & Huntsman" PH. Pay and display every day RG9 6RP (51.57182,-0.86653) ///curvy.rave.repaying. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10:30, 4½ miles:** A gentle walk to Crazies Hill and Boles Wood. **Start:** [SU793786](#) Wargrave recreation ground car park RG10 8BG (51.50107,-0.85839) ///spelling.withdraws.cuddling. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **David T, 0789 993 8397 or 0118 977 4184**.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 13 miles:** Head west from Streatley and walk through Oxfordshire villages before heading north and returning via the Ridgeway. **Start:** [SU566812](#) On the Ridgeway, a mile west of Goring and Streatley golf club. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG8 9QE (51.52725,-1.18361) ///geology.waltzed.mixer. **Meet: 09:00 at [SU733678](#) Shinfield Green CP for car share RG2 9EH (51.40458,-0.94626) ///feed.mostly.relay. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Richard H, 0788 411 3491 or 0118 988 4118**.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 12½ miles:** Meeting a Corker, a King and a Judge before Whitehall. Exlade Street, Oratory School, Hook End, Wyfold Court, Satwell and Stoke Row. **Start:** [SU664830](#) Checkendon: CP near church. Bring packed lunch RG8 OSS (51.54231,-1.04368) ///alternate.flops.films. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10:30, 3.6 miles:** Join me for a different view of central Reading, as we follow 3 rivers and learn about some of the areas impressive history. We start from behind the main library and the number 4 bus stops right outside. **Start:** [SU718734](#) The Amphitheatre BEHIND Reading Central Library, Abbey Square, Reading RG1 3BQ (51.45504,-0.86803) ///poppy.ledge.renew. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Sally B, 0787 614 1817 or 0134 477 4468**.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10:30, 5½ miles:** A walk passing Heathlake and Gorrick Wood. **Start:** [SU839659](#) Southern end of Pinewood Centre car park, Old Wokingham Road, Wokingham RG40 3AQ RG40 3AQ (51.38640,-0.79497) ///often.global.shack. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Mary C & Roger C, 0118 978 0235**.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Ramblers Berkshire Area AGM**, starting at 9.30am, hosted by Loddon Valley Ramblers at Reading School, Erleigh Road, Reading RG1 5LW. The AGM will start off with a couple of short local walks in the morning:

- Walk 1 - 8.5 miles, starting at 9.30
- Walk 2 - 4 miles, starting at 10.30

Following the walks will be lunch from 1pm; please bring your own food, although tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits will be provided.

At 2pm there will be a talk by Peter Innes from Reading University about Climate Change and its impact on the natural world.

This is followed at 3pm by the AGM meeting, which will start with presentations, and election of the new committee for 2023-2024.

Trustee Question and Answer is at 4pm.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 7 miles:** Fields and woods around Dogmersfield taking in the River Hart, Tundry Pond and the Basingstoke Canal. **Start:** [SU790541](#) Edenbrook Country Park car park, The Brambles, Fleet (not the large Hart Leisure Centre car park which is nearby. The car park you need is past the Leisure Centre itself and is signposted for the Country Park) GU51 5DW (51.28080,-0.86752) ///treetop.onion.aims. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Colin R, 0773 891 1507**.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10:15, 12 miles:** The open land north and east of Ewelme. North past the pigs to Brightwell Baldwin, Upperton and Britwell Salome, then along Swan's Way to Potter's Farm. **Start:** [SU648912](#) Ewelme: Cow Common car park (junction of High Street and Parson's lane). Bring packed lunch OX10 6PG (51.61580,-1.06521) ///mascot.warms.overdrive. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 09:30, 16 miles:** A clockwise walk from Lambourn north towards the Ridgeway a double up and down to East Garston Eastbury and back. **Start:** [SU325788](#) Car park in Lambourn. Bring packed lunch RG17 8XJ (51.50741,-1.53224) ///coil.dime.intensely. Difficulty **Strenuous**. Leader **Mike E, 0783 364 6908**.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10:30, 6½ miles:** A local walk from Barkham Church to the Coombes and the onto the University Farm research Centre. A great mixture of local woodland and pastures. **Start:** [SU783664](#) Barkham Village Hall car park, next to Barkham Church RG40 4PL (51.39159,-0.87537) ///river.standards.fenced. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.



**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 6 miles:** Easy walk around Wargrave into Crazies Hill and back; mostly open countryside. **Start:** [SU781784](#) Wargrave Station car park RG10 8HR (51.49914,-0.87613) ///divisible.cage.sailing. Difficulty **Easy**. Leader **Linda A, 0149 141 1011 or 0777 612 6663**.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:00, 11 miles:** A walk of two halves - approximately 5 miles south of A4, then 6 miles north of A4. Walking through open countryside, woodland and along the river, skirting Waltham St Lawrence then via Shottesbrooke Park, north to Burchett's Green then passing Hall Place, Hurley and returning via Warren Rowe and Star Lane. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Seven Stars layby, Knowl Hill. RG10 9UR. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. **Meet: 09:30** at [SU807697](#) Cantley Car Park, Wokingham. Please call leader if meeting at Cantley for car share RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Susan R, 0796 670 2349 or 0118 978 8988**.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 10:15, 12 miles:** Chiltern walk from Peppard, through autumn fields, woods and ancient lanes. The walk consists of 2 loops - the first of 8 miles before lunch at Peppard Church, the second an optional additional 4 miles. Walkers have the option of joining for the first 8 miles only if they wish. **Start:** [SU709818](#) Side Road opposite Red Lion PH at Peppard Common, nr Henley on Thames, RG9 5LB. Bring packed lunch RG9 5LB (51.53126,-0.97887) ///march.every.competing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mary B, 0118 926 7208 or 0755 743 2878**.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10:30, 5½ miles:** Pleasant local, forest walk from Crowthorne, Broadmoor, returning via Wildmoor Heath. **Start:** [SU841637](#) Morgan Centre CP, Lower Broadmoor Road, Crowthorne RG45 7LA (51.36623,-0.79347) ///bikes.filled.arts. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Jane T, 0789 973 4799 or 0118 978 4319**.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10:00, 6.3 miles:** Bagshot Heath figure of eight walk. Mainly on firm gravel tracks over Surrey, New England and Deer Rock Hills. No stiles. **Start:** [SU902629](#) Meet at the entrance to Bagshot Pavilion and Playing Fields car park (parking NOT permitted), with roadside parking along College Ride GU19 5ES (51.35841,-0.70594) ///vaccines.financial.rabble. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mark C, 0790 500 8551**.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10:00, 10½ miles:** Silchester & Pamber Forest. West from the CP, then through Pamber Forest to Latchmere Green. East through fields to Clapper's Farm. We then pass the Amphitheatre before returning to the start on the Brenda Parker Way. (This walk was originally scheduled for January 23 but was cancelled due to flooding.) Assistance Dogs only. **Start:** [SU626622](#) Car Park by Silchester Common Pavilion on Pamber Road. Bring packed lunch RG7 2PH (51.35515,-1.10213) ///outfitter.functions.pursuing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 09:30, 15½ miles:** Walking in Paradise (and other woods). Maidensgrove, Woodend, Southend, Skirmett, Fingest and Turville. (Note earlier start time due to early sunset.) **Start:** [SU720887](#) Maidensgrove: At the eastern end of the Common, where Park Lane emerges into the open. Bring packed lunch RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Strenuous**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 3½ miles:** Along the Blackwater river and around Horseshoe and Moor Green lakes. **Start:** [SU805687](#) Finchampstead: Moor Green Lakes car park, Lower Sandhurst Road RG40 2AP (51.41181,-0.84256) ///urban.salt.trade. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Marc C, 0776 463 2899**.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 6 miles:** Sandhurst thro' Wildmoor Heath then part of Devil's Highway around Broadmoor Hospital. Rural & urban walk. **Start:** [SU841613](#) Sandhurst: Memorial Park, Yorktown Road GU47 9BS (51.34497,-0.79284) ///asking.apply.fetch. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:15, 6½ miles:** Walking past the ancient Roman walls of Silchester, we travel south to Little London. We then return to the cars though forest and the Brenda Parker Way. **Start:** [SU635628](#) Silchester / Calleva visitors car park RG7 2HJ (51.36161,-1.08903) ///lurching.giants.letters. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:00, 12.8 miles:** Eton, Jubilee River, Taplow waterside, Thames Path, Dorney Lake. Join us for a waterside walk from Boveney, visiting Eton and along the Jubilee River, via Taplow's new waterside and the Thames Path, to Dorney Lake, the Olympic rowing venue. This is a flat walk with mostly good surfaces. **Start:** [SU937777](#) Boveney Ramblers free car park off Dorney Common, Boveney Road/Lock Path, Dorney, Windsor. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start SL4 6QG (51.49109,-0.65079) ///herb.sadly.worry. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU807697](#) Cantley Park CP (CP nearest the road), Twyford Road, Wokingham for car share RG40 5TU (51.42126,-0.84048) ///necks.judge.dreams. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Paul L, 0776 858 5657 or 0118 979 0190**.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10:00, 12 miles:** A scenic winter walk in the Chilterns from Maidensgrove to Watlington Hill via Park Corner and Cookley Green, returning through North End and Pishill. 1400 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU720887](#) Parking at the side of the road at Maidensgrove Common. Bring packed lunch RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John R, 0796 959 2394 or 0118 979 8703**.



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 5.3 miles:** Packhorse to Mapledurham and back . A very familiar easy walk. **Start:** [SU691782](#) The Packhorse Car Park RG4 7UH (51.49787,-1.00539) ///rabble.packet.margin. Difficulty **Easy**. Leader **Ian M, 0742 933 7369**.



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 5 miles:** Chairman's mince pie walk with mulled wine. A stroll around Barkham, across pleasant undulating farmland and through a delightful area of woodland. Essential you bring your own mug, please. **Start:** [SU783664](#) Barkham Village Hall car park, Church lane RG40 4PL (51.39159,-0.87537) ///river.standards.fenced. Difficulty **Easy**. Leader **Christine H, 0777 586 0169**.



# LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS' WALKS AND EVENTS

September to December 2023

Walks subject to change, please check website

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10:00, 10½ miles:** A Pre-Christmas Walk through Swinley Forest to see Christmas Trees in their natural environment. Our walk will include Caesar's Camp & Rapley Lake before returning via Lower Star Post and hopefully views over North Bracknell. **Start:** [SU851662](#) Great Hollands Recreation Car Park, South Road - near Bracknell Crematorium. Bring packed lunch RG40 3DN (51.38835,-0.77803) ///lanes.paints.starts. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Mike S & Zena S, 0797 906 0925**.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 09:30, 16 miles:** Henley Hinterland. Starting from the Mill Lane car park in Henley, heading south for Shiplake and Harpsden Bottom, then west to Rotherfield Peppard, skirting north of Greys Court, then sneaking back via the southern edge of Henley. The route is mostly on tracks and paths so expect it to be muddy. It might be cold and wet so wear appropriate clothes / footwear. Let's go for a slightly earlier than normal start time as the days are short. **Start:** [SU770817](#) Mill Lane public car park in Henley. Bring packed lunch RG9 4HD (51.52878,-0.89077) ///drawn.welcome.driven. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Peter C, 0771 468 3067**.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10:30, 5 miles:** A Christmas winter walk from Littlewick Green taking in Prospect Hill, Hall Place and Burchett's Green. **Start:** [SU839799](#) Littlewick Green (north side) on Jubilee Road; please car share where possible as limited parking SL6 3QX (51.51227, -0.79142) ///forgot.tastings.joys. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Carmel H, 0796 179 0398**.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 4.8 miles:** A leisurely walk westwards from Mattingley Church taking in Lyde Green and Bottle Lane, leading to The Leather Bottle pub before returning to the start. **Start:** [SU736581](#) Mattingley Church c/p RG27 8LA (51.31694,-0.94531) ///messaging.range.harmonica. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Richard K, 0773 334 3307 or 012 763 7313**.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10:30, 5.3 miles:** Through the Forestry Commission land of Warren Heath & Heath Warren. **Start:** [SU779609](#) The green in front of Eversley Church RG27 OPX (51.34211,-0.88173) ///ruffle.relatives.flats. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 13:30, 6.4 miles:** The last walk of 2023. A chance to recover from Christmas with a walk from Lower Earley (Chalfont Park), over the M4 to Arborfield (Carters Hill) and Sindlesham, returning via the greener bits of Lower Earley. **Start:** [SU741700](#) Chalfont Park car park, Chalfont Way, Lower Earley RG6 5HQ (51.42416, -0.93500) ///clap.descended.tone. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901**.

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*We hope you enjoy our walks. We need more volunteers to lead. We will help you plan your first walk and would love to welcome you to the team. Give me a call – I look forward to hearing from you.*

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