


LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS' WALKS AND EVENTS
January to April 2024
Walks subject to change, please check website

- Our walks are on the web site; see 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](#).

Tuesday 2nd January 10:00, 11½ miles: West Berks Downs. Churn Knob and the Downs around West Ilsley and Chilton; open fields with long views. **Start:** [SU525855](#) Recreation ground CP, Boham's Road, Blewbury. Bring packed lunch OX11 9HB (51.56649,-1.24301) ///improving.overpaid.essay. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

Thursday 4th January 10:30, 6.1 miles: A local walk from Finchampstead Ridges to the River Blackwater, returning via Horseshoe Lake, Ambarrow and Simon's Pool. **Start:** [SU812635](#) National Trust Car Park at Simon's Wood, Wellingtonia Avenue, Crowthorne RG45 6AE (51.36470,-0.83324) ///smug.signal.deeper. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Mike S & Zena S, 0797 906 0925**.

Tuesday 9th January 10:00, 12 miles: Pretty Hampshire countryside north from Oakley. Quiet lanes & paths to Wootton St Lawrence, then a byway to Hannington. We return to the start via the Wayfarers' Walk. **Start:** [SU570509](#) Car park opposite Village Hall on Station Rd, turn off B3400 just west of Oakley. Bring packed lunch RG23 7HA (51.25524,-1.18429) ///oils.whizzing.walking. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.

Thursday 11th January 10:30, 6 miles: Frimley Green and Deepcut. Along the Basingstoke Canal and across heathland. May encounter army trainees who look too young to carry lethal weapons. **Start:** [SU887562](#) Frimley Lodge Park car park GU16 6HY (51.29819,-0.72867) ///park.likening.qualifier. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

Sunday 14th January 10:00, 5½ miles: Wyndham's Pool, Hawley Lake and Minley. A walk mostly on military land with a fairly long uphill section after passing Minley Warren and with a fine view of Minley Manor. **Start:** [SU822596](#) Yateley Common (Wyndham's Pool) car park GU46 6BE (51.33030,-0.82213) ///greed.breathing.lobbed. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham St, 0791 340 3345**.

Tuesday 16th January 10:00, 11.2 miles: Avoiding the mud in Swinley Forest. Enjoy a figure of eight walk from Great Hollands proceeding towards Caesar's Camp and ascending New England Hill and then down to Rapley Lake. We take a banana break by Prince Edward's estate and walk into Bagshot Heath and enjoy our lunch on Saddleback Hill. We return along more gravel tracks to the "Star Posts" and back to the cars. Puddles but (hopefully) no mud! 644 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU851662](#) Great Hollands Recreation Ground car park, South Road, Bracknell (Opposite Crematorium). Bring packed lunch RG40 3DN (51.38835,-0.77803) ///lanes.paints.starts. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.



Tuesday 16th January 10:00, 15 miles: Hidden Nudists and Something Exotic. A Wonderful Winter's trail North and South of the Blackwater Valley through Moor Green Lakes Nature Reserve, Eversley and Finchampstead. **Start:** [SU812635](#) Simon's Wood CP, Wellingtonia Avenue, Crowthorne. Bring packed lunch RG45 6AE (51.36470,-0.83324) ///smug.signal.deeper. Difficulty **Strenuous**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

Thursday 18th January 10:30, 4½ miles: A leisurely, possibly muddy, walk from Heath Lake taking in East Berks Golf Club and Gorrick Wood. Where possible please car share as parking is limited. **Start:** [SU827654](#) Heath Lake car park RG40 3AY (51.38243,-0.81202) ///member.when.indoor. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Richard K, 0773 334 3307 or 012 763 7313**.

Thursday 18th January 10:30, 5.6 miles: Holies Hanging, Lardon Chase and Lough Down. Walk from Goring along the Thames, cross to Streatley, and then take to the hills for attractive views of the Goring Gap and surrounding countryside. 600 feet of ascent, with one steep climb. A couple of stiles. **Start:** [SU601800](#) Manor Road, Goring RG8 9EP (51.51625,-1.13525) ///enthused.affords.eggplants. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901**.

Sunday 21st January 10:30, 6½ miles: Around Upper Basildon and Ashampstead Common. Gently rolling hills and vistas of fields and the occasional cluster of cottages and farm buildings. 530 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU597761](#) The Triangle Upper Basildon RG8 8LU (51.48087,-1.14197) ///disposal.evaporate.womb. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Ian M, 0742 933 7369**.

Tuesday 23rd January 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: 09:00 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**.

Thursday 25th January 10:30, 6½ miles: Crowthorne to and through Caesar's Camp via Devil's Highway Roman Road. Circular no-stile walk from Crowthorne to Caesar's Camp, exploring Broadmoor, the Devil's Highway then up and across Ceasar's Camp, and back. **Start:** [SU841637](#) Crowthorne: Morgan Centre CP, Lower Broadmoor Road RG45 7LA (51.36623,-0.79347) ///bikes.filled.arts. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Marc C, 0776 463 2899**.

Thursday 25th January 10:30, 7.8 miles: A circular walk along the Thames from Henley to Shiplake and back, via Harpsden and Shiplake Row. Please bring packed lunch. (lunch in Shiplake). **Start:** [SU770817](#) Mill Lane CP, off Reading Road, Henley RG9 4HD (51.52878,-0.89077) ///drawn.welcome.driven. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mary B, 0755 743 2878**.

Sunday 28th January 10:00, 6 miles: Semi-urban walk exploring Lily Hill Park and then on to Swinley Park, Englemere Pond and Longhill Park. **Start:** [SU887694](#) Lily Hill Park North car park off Lily Hill Road (this is the car park furthest away from the main road, not the one next to the Running Horse pub) RG12 2RX (51.41667,-0.72474) ///waddle.likely.pushes. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Colin R, 0773 891 1507**.

Tuesday 30th January 10:15, 10½ miles: Winter walk from Pinkneys Green taking in Cookham Dean, Bisham and Hurley. 500 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU854815](#) Maidenhead: Pinkney's Green car park, Pinkneys Drive near Henley Road, NOT on Pinkneys Green. Bring packed lunch SL6 6QG (51.52610,-0.76922) ///upset.issue.prefect. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

Tuesday 30th January 10:00, 15 miles: Taplow waterside, Thames Path, Dorney Lake loop, Eton, Jubilee River, Boulter's Lock. Join us for a waterside walk from Taplow to Dorney Lake, the Olympic rowing venue, open in winter, then visiting Eton and returning along the Jubilee River, and on Taplow's new watersides to Boulter's Lock. This is a flat walk with mostly good surfaces. Option for anyone to shorten to 13 miles by omitting a loop at the end. Pub drinks at the end. **Start:** [SU902816](#) Car park opposite Hall & Woodhouse pub, Mill Lane, Taplow, Maidenhead, or park along this adjacent road (Mill Lane). Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start SL6 0AA (51.52615,-0.70014) ///become.intend.brass. **Meet: 09:00** 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**.

Thursday 1st February 10:30, 5 miles: Walk the woods. Simon's wood, Ravenswood, Gorrick wood and Bramshill wood. **Start:** [SU812635](#) Simon's Wood car park Wellingtonia Ave Crowthorne RG45 6AE (51.36470,-0.83324) ///smug.signal.deeper. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Mary C & Roger C, 0118 978 0235**.

Friday 2nd February: Leaders' Dinner.

Sunday 4th February 10:00, 5.6 miles: A mostly flat walk through country lanes, woodland and farmland. This pleasant walk includes a section of the Coombes and passes Barkham church, before returning through farmland, a country lane and a golf course. **Start:** [SU797668](#) The Scout Hut, Redlands Farm Park, Evendons lane RG41 4DX (51.39487,-0.85549) ///petty.dizzy.fleet. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Margaret T, 0118 978 8540 or 0791 700 2202**.

Sunday 4th February 10:00, 11½ miles: Walk from Cadmore End taking in the beauty of the surrounding hills and valleys. A walk with approximately 850 feet of ascent over the walk, taking in Wheeler End, the Radnage ridge and Stokenchurch, then back to Cadmore End. **Start:** [SU783927](#) Church Road, opposite school. Bring packed lunch HP14 3PE (51.62836,-0.87037) ///shorter.variety.daydream. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

Tuesday 6th February 10:00, 12 miles: Little Marlow via Flackwell Heath. Returning over Winter Hill Golf course. Ascent 950 feet. Optional shortcut after 9½ miles avoiding last climb. Car park requires either NT card or £2 cash only. **Start:** [SU892853](#) Cookham NT car park. Bring packed lunch SL6 9SA (51.55986,-0.71407) ///charging.typed.frantic. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John T, 0118 979 8070 or 0754 897 2170**.



Thursday 8th February 10:30, 3½ miles: A stroll around Ashenbury Park and into Loddon Nature Reserve. **Start:** [SU771740](#) Ashenbury Park CP RG5 4PU (51.46034,-0.89058) ///paddocks.bravery.contrived. Difficulty **Easy**. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**.

Sunday 11th February 10:00, 6.2 miles: Farley Hill down to the River Blackwater and then into Bramshill Plantation. Mostly gravel and tarmac lanes to avoid the mud. After a banana break by the lake in Bramshill Plantation, we return to Farley Hill along country lanes. **Start:** [SU752647](#) Roadside parking along Church Lane RG7 1UL (51.37659,-0.92079) ///wing.agreed.crush. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.

Tuesday 13th February 10:15, 10.1 miles: Three Lakes Walk. A walk to the east of Reading, taking in South Lake, Maiden Erleigh Lake and Whiteknights Lake, plus a visit to the Harris Garden on the University of Reading campus. Mainly parkland or woodland, with a few connecting roads. Virtually flat and no stiles. **Start:** [SU744721](#) Sol Joel Park car park, off Church Road, Earley. Bring packed lunch RG6 1EY (51.44324,-0.92981) ///much.line.photos. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901**.

Tuesday 13th February 10:00, 15½ miles: The Hughenden Valley and the South Bucks Way. Through plantations and woods, a grove, and a ditch to Great Missenden. **Start:** [SU877981](#) Great Kingshill: Car park on "The Common". Bring packed lunch HP15 6EN (51.67507,-0.73345) ///bronzer.cherished.nuns. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

Thursday 15th February 10:30, 6 miles: Late Winter walk from Ascot centre passing the Great Pond, Ascot Heath and returning over the race course. **Start:** [SU926688](#) Car Park No 6, Ascot High St SL5 7HB (51.41048,-0.67050) ///index.flying.tooth. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Carmel H, 0796 179 0398**.

Sunday 18th February 10:00, 5.2 miles: A few downs and ups from Nettlebed, to drive out February blues. Walking down to Warburg Nature Reserve, back up to Russell's Water Common, dropping down again before meandering slowly back to our starting point. Poles advised for our second descent, which can be slippery. **Start:** [SU702868](#) The Green, Nettlebed. Park considerably at roadside on The Green and neighbouring lanes RG9 5AX (51.57561,-0.98858) ///faster.youths.soup. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Alison B, 0789 179 3290**.

Tuesday 20th February 10:00, 11 miles: Danger, Caesar, Danger! An interesting tour of Swinley Woods via Wickham Bushes, circumventing Danger Area, Wishmoor Bottom, Bagshot Heath and Caesar's Camp. **Start:** [SU851662](#) Great Hollands Recreation Ground CP, South Road, Bracknell. Bring packed lunch RG40 3DN (51.38835,-0.77803) ///lanes.paints.starts. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

Thursday 22nd February 10:30, 6½ miles: Bramshill Forest from Eversley Church. Few stiles. Dog friendly. **Start:** [SU779609](#) Eversley Church CP RG27 0PX (51.34211,-0.88173) ///ruffle.relatives.flats. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mark C, 0790 500 8551**.

Thursday 22nd February 10:30, 8 miles: A circular walk in the Chilterns, from Checkendon, through Braziers Common to Ipsden, returning via Hailey and Well Place. Please bring packed lunch. (Lunch near Well Place). **Start:** [SU664830](#) Checkendon Recreation Ground, Main Street, Checkendon RG8 0SS (51.54233,-1.04356) ///prom.unsightly.bead. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mary B, 0755 743 2878**.

Sunday 25th February 10:30, 5½ miles: A gently undulating walk to the west of Nettlebed. A circular walk taking in Copes Wood, Park Wood and Nuffield Common then back to Nettlebed. **Start:** [SU702868](#) Nettlebed: "The Green" - road near the bus shelter RG9 5AX (51.57561,-0.98858) ///faster.youths.soup. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

Tuesday 27th February 10:00, 11.3 miles: Our walk will explore the countryside to the West of Odiham. Including the villages of Greywell, Mapledurwell, Up Nately & North Warnborough. We will also pass the ruins of King John's castle, but our canal walking will be limited to just under a mile. **Start:** [SU747517](#) Basingstoke Canal Car Park, Odiham Wharf, London Road, Odiham. Bring packed lunch RG29 1DH (51.26012,-0.93070) ///spirits.reservoir.knocking. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mike S & Zena S, 0797 906 0925**.

Tuesday 27th February 10:15, 14½ miles: An exhilarating walk above the Kennet valley before dropping south to walk through the villages of Facombe, Netherton and Linkenholt before striking north again to the ridge and passing the iconic Gibbet Hill. **Start:** [SU380616](#) Walbury Hill CP. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG17 9EH (51.35186,-1.45539) ///leans.oils.solutions. **Meet: 09:00** 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**.

Thursday 29th February 10:30, 3½ miles: Along the Blackwater river and around Horseshoe and Moor Green lakes. Leisurely flat no-stile walk following Green Moor lakes and the Blackwater river to Horseshoe lake for coffee/banana break, before getting back to start car park. **Start:** [SU805628](#) Finchampstead: Moor Green Lakes car park, Lower Sandhurst Road RG40 3TF (51.35864,-0.84428) ///flask.dive.souk. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Marc C, 0776 463 2899**.

Thursday 29th February 10:30, 6 miles: Binfield Heath and Crowsley Park. A fairly flat walk through fields and woods around Binfield Heath and Crowsley Park. **Start:** [SU746786](#) Arch Hill, Binfield Heath, Park on the road by the recreation ground RG9 4DY (51.50142,-0.92665) ///excavate.lighter.enjoy. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Sue T, 0780 185 4700**.

Saturday 2nd March 14:00, 8 miles: Ewelme Park, Cookley Green and Russell's Water. Along the valley to Park Corner, before a gentle climb to a view of Swyncombe House, returning via Doyley Wood. **Start:** [SU720887](#) Maidensgrove: At the eastern end of the Common, where Park Lane emerges into the open RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

Sunday 3rd March 10:00, 5.6 miles: Pleasant circular walk including a stretch of the Kennet and Avon canal. **Start:** [SU648705](#) From Sheffield Bottom Lock Picnic Area Car Park, by the Swing Bridge, on the Kennet and Avon canal, south of Theale RG7 4AP (51.42939,-1.07004) ///asks.bonds.visits. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Stewart M, 0790 151 4832 or 011 896 6311**.

Sunday 3rd March 10:00, 11 miles: Ramble through fields and woodland and visit pretty Chiltern villages on the way, during the snowdrop season. **Start:** [SU702868](#) Nettlebed: The Green, parking on the grass verge behind the bus shelter. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start RG9 5AX (51.57561,-0.98858) ///faster.youths.soup. **Meet: 09:15** at [SU807697](#) Cantley Park CP, Twyford Road, Wokingham 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 5th March 10:00, 11 miles: A delightful, mainly flat, walk through fields and woodlands in North Hampshire. Starting at Mattingley the walk passes through West Green, Rotherwick, Hartley Wespall, and Lyde Green. **Start:** [SU736581](#) Mattingley church. Bring packed lunch RG27 8LA (51.31694,-0.94531) ///messaging.range.harmonica. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John R, 0796 959 2394 or 0118 979 8703**.

Thursday 7th March 10:30, 5.8 miles: Hurley, Frogmill Farm, Knowl Hill bridleway, Highwood, Hurleyford Park and Hurley Lock. This walk takes in a stretch of the Thames between Hurley and Frog Mill farm, the Knowl Hill bridleway below Ashley Hill, High Wood and the familiar views down to Hurley and the River Thames. The total ascent is only about 190 feet. **Start:** [SU825840](#) Hurley Village Car Park, High Street, Hurley SL6 5NB (51.54899,-0.81070) ///silently.scale.badminton. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **David B, 0773 801 6588**.



Sunday 10th March 09:30, 7 miles: A linear walk from Ascot Station to Sunningdale Station. We meet at Wokingham Station to catch the 09.38 to Ascot; please purchase a return ticket to Sunningdale. This trip is on the proviso there will be no strikes or engineering works. The walk will take in Sunninghill, Cheapside, Virginia Water, Coworth Park, and Wentworth Golf Course. **Start:** [SU805687](#) Wokingham Railway Station RG40 2AP (51.41181,-0.84256) ///urban.salt.trade. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Peter D, 0118 377 4820 or 0735 918 9429**.

Tuesday 12th March 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 outskirts of Newbury 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 12th March 10:00, 15 miles: Middle Assendon Meander. A 15 mile circuit from Middle Assendon via Bix and Badgemore, picking up the Oxfordshire Way at the end of the Fair Mile. Then heading for Fawley, and Hambleton before returning via Coxlease Farm. There are a few busy roads to cross and a small section on the road in the Stonor valley but mostly we will be on tracks and lanes. The tracks can get muddy so bring appropriate footwear. **Start:** [SU739856](#) Parking in the layby at the side of the road. Bring packed lunch RG9 6AS (51.56541,-0.93528) *///suing.nosedive.racked.* Difficulty **Strenuous.** Leader **Peter C, 0771 468 3067.**

Thursday 14th March 10:30, 5 miles: A gentle country side ramble starting from Knowl Hill, along the Southern Bridle Circuit to Littlewick Green then up to Burchetts Green, along the Chiltern Way, through Ashley Hill Forest then down Star Lane and back home. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Knowl Hill Lay By, (by the old Seven Stars Pub) RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) *///remedy.prefect.appeal.* Difficulty **Leisurely.** Leader **Gerry C, 0780 535 6708.**

Sunday 17th March 10:00, 6 miles: A varied walk to the north of Pangbourne: Whitchurch, Great Chalk Wood and Cold Harbour. Along the River Thames then up through fields and woods with some fine views along the way. **Start:** [SU634765](#) Village Hall CP, Station Rd Pangbourne RG8 7AN (51.48423,-1.08835) *///credit.flippers.bouncing.* Difficulty **Moderate.** Leader **Chris R, 0771 053 4818.**

Tuesday 19th March 10:00, 13 miles: From Trenches to Stupas. We take a spring walk from Pullingshill Wood passing First WW practice trenches, we head north through Bovingdon Green and Marlow Bottom towards the Buddhist Stupas near Handy Cross, returning via Bluey's Farm and Marlow Common. Around 1,200 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU823861](#) Marlow: Triangle between Hollowhill and Pullingshill Woods. Bring packed lunch SL7 2DS (51.56825,-0.81337) *///central.invent.unafraid.* Difficulty **Moderate.** Leader **Anushka H, 0779 223 7977.**



Thursday 21st March 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, 0134 477 4468 or 0787 614 1817.**



Thursday 21st March 10:30, 6 miles: Peppard to Stoke Row and back. Out one way and back another through attractive South Oxfordshire countryside. 427 feet of ascent but no stiles. The walk can be accessed by public transport by catching Reading Transport service 25 from Friar St, Reading to the Unicorn PH at Peppard Common. Please contact leader if intending to do so. **Start:** [SU709818](#) Side road opposite "Red Lion" PH, Rotherfield Peppard RG9 5LB (51.53126,-0.97887) *///march.every.competing.* Difficulty **Leisurely.** Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901.**



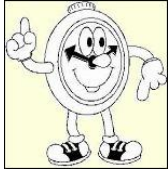
Sunday 24th March 10:30, 5 miles: Boveney Olympic Rowing Lake and Dorney Common. **Start:** [SU939777](#) Free car park at Boveney SL4 6QG (51.49109,-0.65079) *///herb.sadly.worry.* Difficulty **Easy Access.** Leader **David T, 0789 993 8397 or 0118 977 4184.**

Tuesday 26th March 10:30, 11 miles: Lovely spring walk from Hermitage through woodland and fields linking four local villages via Oare, Coldash, Ashmore Green and Curridge. Lovely views over the Kennet Valley. **Start:** [SU500729](#) Hillier Garden Centre, Priors Court Road, Hermitage in the car park furthest from the garden centre near the exit. Bring packed lunch RG18 9TG (51.45330,-1.28097) *///dumplings.slot.truth.* Difficulty **Moderate.** Leader **Sue A & Sue H, 0785 428 6890 or 0785 506 9324.**

Tuesday 26th March 10:00, 15 miles: Hurley Hike. From Hurley along the river and up thru the deer park to Remenham Hill, then to Crazies Hill, over Bowsey Hill and a late lunch at Littlewick Green. Back via Maidenhead Thicket and Berks Agricultural College, 1,000 feet of ascent. **Start:** [SU825840](#) Hurley Village Car Park. Bring packed lunch SL6 5NB (51.54899,-0.81070) *///silently.scale.badminton.* Difficulty **Moderate.** Leader **Duncan M, 0788 426 6309.**

Thursday 28th March 10:30, 6 miles: From Nuffield church along The Ridgeway to the Norman church at Swyncombe. **Start:** [SU668873](#) Holy Trinity Church CP Nuffield Hill, Nuffield. Donation to church please RG9 5SR (51.58113,-1.03732) ///cowering.sheep.pose. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**.

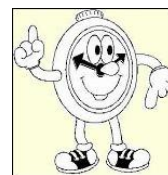
Thursday 28th March 10:30, 8 miles: A circular walk from Peppard Common towards Henley, along the Pack and Prime Lane, returning via Greys Court, Shepherd Green and Greys Green. Please bring packed lunch. (lunch at Greys Green). **Start:** [SU710820](#) Peppard Common (opposite Red Lion PH), Rotherfield Peppard, near Henley RG9 5JX (51.53245,-0.97782) ///wrong.starfish.forgiven. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mary B, 0755 743 2878**.



CLOCKS WENT FORWARD OVERNIGHT.

Sunday 31st March 10:00, 6.6 miles: A lovely undulating walk in the Chilterns with good views and varied terrain. We will pass through the edge of the nature reserve and across open fields to Park Corner and then head north to Cookley Green, returning through Russell's Water and Pishill back to the start. **Start:** [SU720887](#) At the eastern end of Maidensgrove Common RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Margaret T,**

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Sunday 31st March 10:00, 11½ miles: A circular walk to the west of Lane End taking in some of the best views of the Chiltern Hills. The walk takes in Cadmore End Common, Ibstone, Turville and Skirmett, with some beautiful views along the way. **Start:** [SU807918](#) Lane End: Car park by the traffic lights. Bring packed lunch HP14 3ER (51.61919,-0.83600) ///clustered.fries.pulp. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

Tuesday 2nd April 10:15, 13 miles: Walking along both sides of the Pang Valley starting from Bucklebury Common. From the car park we descend into the delightful village of Stanford Dingley where we cross the river Pang. We then climb up onto the other side of the valley towards Frilsham. We cross the river again and walk to Grimsbury Castle (Earthworks as opposed to a proper castle!). After lunch, we walk southwards towards Cold Ash and then into Bucklebury Common and return to the cars. Total ascent 930 feet. **Start:** [SU556691](#) Bucklebury Common Car park - the one on the RIGHT as you travel from The Bladebone pub. Bring packed lunch RG7 6RP (51.41834,-1.20101) ///magpie.pound.tiredness. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992**.

Thursday 4th April 10:30, 5½ miles: Simon's Wood to Heath Lake circular walk via East Berkshire golf course. Flat no-stile leisurely walk from Simon's Wood car park, following the Devil's Highway Roman Road to Crowthorne station and Heath Lake via East Berkshire golf course. **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**.

Saturday 6th April 14:00, 8 miles: Saturday afternoon spring ramble from Rotherfield Peppard to The Maharajah's Well at Stoke Row via Highmoor and Ipsden Wood. **Start:** [SU709818](#) Rotherfield Peppard: Side road opposite "Red Lion" PH RG9 5LB (51.53126,-0.97887) ///march.every.competing. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

Sunday 7th April 10:00, 8 miles: Explore the new and lovely Maidenhead Millenium Walk. This is a LINEAR WALK and please contact the leader with offers of leaving cars in Maidenhead as there are no buses on a Sunday. The route connects at each end with the Thames Path and also includes a section of the Maidenhead Boundary Walk. Riverside, parkland and woods on mostly flat terrain. **Start:** [SU825840](#) Hurley Village Car Park, High Street, Hurley SL6 5NB (51.54899,-0.81070) ///silently.scale.badminton. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Linda A, 0777 612 6663**.

Tuesday 9th April 10:00, 12.2 miles: Remenham and Medmenham. A full circuit of Remenham parish, with a jaunt across Hambleden lock to Medmenham and back for good measure. Riverside and Chiltern views. Mostly flat, but with a steep climb through the deer park (594 feet of ascent). No stiles. **Start:** [SU770841](#) Remenham Church. Bring packed lunch RG9 3DB (51.55078,-0.89030) ///rucksack.music.lateral. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901**.



Tuesday 9th April 10:00, 15½ miles: Wooing the Woods and Water. A glorious walk in the surroundings of Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow, Bourne End, Cookham Dean and Hedsor Wharf. **Start:** [SU911877](#) Wooburn recreation ground CP, Wash Hill. Bring packed lunch HP10 OJA (51.58173,-0.68751) ///frogs.store.cotton. Difficulty **Strenuous**. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

Thursday 11th April 10:30, 4 miles: A varied and level circular walk following the Basingstoke Canal and then crossing open fields to Winchfield Church before returning to the canal and car park via Tundry Pond. **Start:** [SU778537](#) The Barley Mow Slipway car park, Sprat's Hatch Lane, Hook RG27 8DD (51.27787,-0.88596) ///language.airtime.built. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Kath P, 0777 569 4011**.

Thursday 11th April 10:30, 6.9 miles: Maidensgrove to Turville Heath and back. I have used variations to the normal route. An old favourite but taking in a few different paths for variety, but still giving the pleasure of walking in the beauty of the area. **Start:** [SU720887](#) Maidensgrove: At the eastern end of the Common, where Park Lane emerges into the open RG9 6EX (51.59299,-0.96204) ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

Sunday 14th April 10:00, 6.9 miles: Woods and fields around Checkendon and Braziers Common, taking in part of the Chiltern Way. **Start:** [SU645820](#) Recreation Ground car park off Reading Road, Woodcote RG8 0QY (51.53395,-1.07072) ///flight.skinning.mentions. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Colin R, 0773 891 1507**.

Tuesday 16th April 10:00, 12 miles: A flat farmland and woodland walk via Westley Mill, Long lane farm, Holyport and Maidens Green. **Start:** [SU873726](#) Frost Folly CP Moss End. Bring packed lunch RG42 6EN (51.44567,-0.74520) ///undulation.sends.water. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Nigel K, 0118 979 1740 or 0751 288 0414**.

Thursday 18th April 10:30, 6 miles: Two Hills and Two Greens. Spring walk from Knowl Hill via Ashley Hill, Burchetts Green & Littlewick Green. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Knowl Hill: Layby on A4 RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

Friday 19th April. Rye weekend.

Sunday 21st April 10:15, 6½ miles: Frogmill and Bowsey Hill. From Crazies Hill down to the Thames then towards Warren Row before climbing Bowsey Hill and returning to start. **Start:** [SU800809](#) Crazies Hill. Roadside parking along street near The Horns (ex public house) RG10 8NB (51.52136,-0.84834) ///outbursts.ends.unimpeded. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mark C, 0790 500 8551**.



Tuesday 23rd April 10:20, 12 miles: Something different: a circular walk round the alleys and waterways of Oxford. It will involve catching the 09.48 train from Reading. From Wokingham 09.20 and 09.27 will link. More details to follow. **Start:** [SP504063](#) Front of Oxford Railway Station. Bring packed lunch OX1 1HS (51.75342,-1.27010) ///panels.wicked.scarcelly. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Christine H, 0777 586 0169**.

Tuesday 23rd April 10:00, 16 miles: Henley to Peppard. A 16-mile near figure of 8 from Mill Lane car park heading west towards Peppard. The route is almost exclusively on tracks and lanes. Expect it to be muddy. **Start:** [SU770817](#) Mill Lane car park. Bring packed lunch RG9 4HD (51.52878,-0.89077) ///drawn.welcome.driven. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Peter C, 0771 468 3067**.

Thursday 25th April 10:30, 6 miles: A pleasant spring walk at Knowl Hill through woods and fields. We walk up to Bowsey Hill, then around Cayton Park to Warren Row and return via Ashley Hill. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Lay by off the A4 at Knowl Hill RG10 9UR (51.50774,-0.81642) ///remedy.prefect.appeal. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **John R, 0796 959 2394 or 0118 979 8703**.

Thursday 25th April 10:30, 8.2 miles: A circular walk from Sonning Eye to Shiplake, via Dunsden Green and Binfield Heath, returning via the Thames Path. Please bring packed lunch. (lunch at Shiplake Church). **Start:** [SU751759](#) Thames Street (near Reading Sailing Club, off B478), Sonning Eye RG4 6TR (51.47798,-0.92042) ///period.admits.debate. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Mary B, 0755 743 2878**.

LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS' WALKS AND EVENTS

January to April 2024

Walks subject to change, please check website

Sunday 28th April 10:00, 7.1 miles: Winnersh Church starting point NO PARKING IN Church Car Park. Limited parking local streets. Walk from Church to Dinton Pastures, Twyford and back via Hurst. **Start:** [SU781708](#) Next to Winnersh Church, Winnersh RG41 5NA (51.43100, -0.87682) ///truly.drunk.adjust. Difficulty **Leisurely**. Leader **Tim M, 0118 375 0480**.

Sunday 28th April 10:00, 11 miles: Pleasant walk through woodland and farmland, to the river at Hurley, then back via Littlewick Green, Shottesbrooke Park and Waltham St Lawrence. **Start:** [SU822794](#) Knowl Hill Layby on A4. 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 Park CP, Twyford Road, Wokingham 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 30th April 10:15, 12½ miles: 4 Marks out of 4 (Marks). A perfect score for this route through beautiful, gently-rolling Hampshire countryside from Chawton Park Wood (north of the village of Four Marks). Our route, on byways, paths and quiet lanes, takes us through woods and fields. From the car park we head north to Lower Wield; our return goes through Bentworth and Beech and on the Writers' Way. (The latter runs parallel to the, sadly unsighted, Watercress Line.) Assistance dogs only. **Start:** [SU672360](#) Chawton Park Wood Car Park. At the north end of Boyneswood Road, where it turns sharp left, carry straight on, onto a narrow lane before immediately turning sharp right onto a gravel road that leads into the car park. (Sat Navs use 57 Boyneswood Road.). Bring packed lunch GU34 5ED (51.12015,-1.04053) ///driftwood.headlines.arranged. Difficulty **Moderate**. Leader **Keith B, 0778 046 4115**.

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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