

Autumn Weekend with HF Holidays, at Freshwater, Isle of Wight, Saturday 4th to Tuesday 7th October, 2025

We have chosen Freshwater House, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9RB as a base for our 2025 autumn walking holiday. The hotel has on-site parking, a garden, three lounges, a licensed bar, boot and drying room and a putting green. We have provisionally booked accommodation for 40, comprising 6 single rooms, 2 double and 15 twin / double - for three nights (Saturday 4th October, Sunday 5th October and Monday 6th October). All rooms are ensuite.

Freshwater is on the South West coast of the island, near the Needles, with access to Tennyson Down, and the island coastal path. We hope to plan a short walk for the Saturday afternoon, short and long walks for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and longer walks (14miles plus) for Sunday and Monday, all led by LVR leaders. For those who do not wish to walk every day, there are a range of sightseeing opportunities, including: Carisbrooke Castle and Osborne House (English Heritage); the beaches of Ventnor, Sandown, Shanklin, Appley or Ryde: The Garlic Farm; Mottistone Gardens and The Needles Old Battery (National Trust); the coastal towns and villages of Yarmouth, Totland, Bembridge and Sea View; the Roman Villa at Brading; the Hamstead Heritage Coast – and of course Cowes!

Wightlink run car ferries from Lymington to Yarmouth and from Portsmouth to Fishbourne. They also run a passenger only catamaran from Portsmouth to Ryde. **Red Funnel** run a car ferry from Southampton to East Cowes. **Hovertravel** will take you from Southsea to Ryde. The island has a generally good bus service (Vectis Travel) although buses are less frequent in the west of the island. The number 7 and the number 12 run between Newport and Freshwater. Senior bus passes can be used on most of the island buses, but not on the open top Needles Breezer. There is a rail service from Ryde to Shanklin, via Brading, and a steam Railway.

The price for this holiday is £375 per person, which includes dinner on 3 nights and packed lunch on Sunday and Monday. There is no single room supplement – the 6 single rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Many of the double rooms can be either twin or double, so please indicate if you specifically require a double or a twin. HF guests should be able to get a discount on the Wightlink Ferry. More information regarding travel options will be provided after receipt of deposit.

To book a place on this holiday, please complete the booking form below and send your **deposit of £50 per person** as soon as possible and **no later than 9th June, 2024**. Remaining balance to be paid no later than **9th August, 2025**. You should ensure that you have your own travel / holiday insurance. **Please note:** Payments made by members for LVR social events and holidays are **non-refundable**, except where the organiser and Treasurer determine that such a refund could not result in any financial loss to LVR or to other members. In some circumstances, a decision on any refund may not be made until the event/holiday is completed and all financial issues settled.

The £50 deposit per person should be paid, preferably by a bank transfer to Loddon Valley Ramblers, Sort Code 60-83-01, Account 20118040 using your surname & initial(s) and IOW25 (e.g. BATHERM IOW25) as the reference* or alternatively by enclosing a cheque made payable to Loddon Valley Ramblers with the booking form. (*If you are unable to enter a reference as stated please email, marybather@hotmail.co.uk with your name, date and the amount paid)

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Name

(s)

Address.....

Phone: Home.....Mobile.....

Email Address

Indicate Accommodation required: Single..... Double.....Twin.....

Any dietary requirements?.....

LVR members? Yes / No

I have transferred £ to the LVR bank account / I enclose a cheque for £ in respect of the deposit.

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