



THE RAMBLERS WEST HERTS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME 2026

Those taking part do so at their own risk.

Please check start times as these can vary.

Ordnance Survey map references and post codes refer to the walk meeting point. Note that post codes in non residential areas can be some distance from the actual meeting point.

We recommend you bring a flask for the mid-morning break and a packed lunch where indicated.

If you wish to bring your dog on a walk see the 'Walking with us' notes (available on our web site).

* Please only use these numbers on the day of the walk.

+ Two walks on these days.

JANUARY

Sun 4th	Heartwood to Symondshyde					tel:
10:00 am	8.02 miles	TL1684410845	AL4 9DQ	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Heartwood Forest Car Park, Wheathampstead Road, Sandridge

Walking through Heartwood Forest, across Nomansland to Wheathampstead and on towards Symondshyde Farm where will stop for lunch. Return to start via Symondshyde Wood and Hertfordshire Way.

Tue 6th	Tring to Hastoe					tel:
10:00 am	5.59 miles	SP9245410581	HP23 6AR	Azar Thomson	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Tring Park Car Park, Hastoe Lane, Tring, (This is the new car park which is a quarter of a mile further along Hastoe Lane from the museum car park. Go under the A41 and it's on the Left.

From Hastoe Lane along the path with fine views over Tring, passing through Stubbing's Wood (Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) towards Drayton Wood, Marlin Hill and then Icknield Way Trail along the King Charles Ride and back to the car park.

Thu 8th	Amble around Ashridge Management college					tel:
10:00 am	3.42 miles	SP9938812276	HP4 1NS	Val Howlett / Heather Harris	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park by Ashridge management college.

Amble around the estate and coffee in the Bakehouse.

Sun 11th	Wendover to Dancers End					tel:
10:00 am	9.82 miles	SP8684607744	HP22 6DX	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library Car Park, 15 High St, Wendover. (Sunday charge is £1.70. NO cash accepted. Contactless or Pay with the following APPS: RingGo, PayByPhone, JustPark, AppyParking, Location is 5251934.)

A New Year leg stretcher! Head out on the Ridgeway to Barnwood, Dunridge Manor, Dancers End nature reserve returning via the Icknield Way Trail. Open farms fields, several woods, muddy! and lanes.

Tue 13th	Chipperfield to Sarratt					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL0446701535	WD4 9BL	Heather Harris	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common car park.

This is a circular walk from Chipperfield Common around to Micklefield Green and on to Sarratt. We then head back to Chipperfield passing the eccentric Commonwood House.

Sun 18th	Chiltern walk					tel:
10:00 am	8.2 miles	SP9246810639	HP23 6AR	Val Howlett	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Tring Park Car park in Hastoe lane, Tring. (under the bridge and it is on the left.)

Climb up to the ridge way going towards Hastoe, early lunch at Cholesbury, back to Wigginton and Tring park.

Tue 20th	Wheathampstead - The West Side!					tel:
10:00 am	7.52 miles	TL1785014123	AL4 8BP	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park, Wheathampstead.

Walk through farm fields, woods, lanes, bridleways, hamlets and a golf course! Head out to Leasey Bridge, Mackerye End, Custard Wood and Lamer Wood. Assume mud! Car park can get busy. Car sharing appreciated.

Sun 25th	North Mymms Park					tel:
10:00 am	7.77 miles	TL2140906473	AL4 0NE	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Bullens Green Ln, Near Colney Heath, St Albans. (Follow Roestock Lane till you reach Corry's End) Parking along the road side but please park considerately.

It crosses a quiet valley surrounded by rolling wooded hills, passing St Mary's church and the octagon lodge. The route is mostly flat with some steady climb through Cangsley Grove, with views across the Potwells Valley passing Hawkshead Wood There are no stiles. Some lane walking on quiet roads. There may be some muddy areas after rain. Walking boots are highly recommended and walking poles may be useful if it's muddy. Horses and sheep grazing in fields so well controlled dogs are allowed but may need to be on leads in some sections.

Wed 28th	Bovingdon walk on a Wednesday					tel:
10:00 am	6.59 miles	TL0222304970	HP3 0DT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Little Hay Golf Club, Box Lane (B4505). Please park at the bottom end of car park away from club house.

Starting at Little Hay golf club we proceed downhill towards Bourne End before swinging of towards Vale and Lower farms. Then uphill to Bovingdon, passing His Majesty Hotel. Coffee break in St Lawrence Churchyard. Before joining the Chiltern Way and then part of the Boxmoor Trust land. Golf Club sells Coffee and cake for those who need warming at the end of the walk. Could be muddy, plus two reasonable hills.

FEBRUARY

Sun 1st	Benington to Watton at Stone					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	TL2981123756	SG2 7LN	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Benington Village Hall, Walkern Road. Benington.

Walking fields and woodlands to Watton at Stone passing small villages on the way

Tue 3rd	St Paul's Walden to Preston					tel:
10:00 am	6.28 miles	TL1927622224	SG4 8BT	Clive Sutton	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car Park behind the Strathmore Arms pub car park & opposite All Saints Church. Access via Church Lane (off B651), St Paul's Walden.

Fields, Woods & Mud. (Saving grace, there's somewhere to sit for coffee in Preston).

Thu 5th	Winter Amble in Hemel Hempstead					tel:
10:00 am	2.98 miles	TL0463409466	HP1 3BA	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park at Hilliers Garden Centre, Leighton Buzzard Road, Hemel Hempstead.

A short winter walk at a slow pace through Piccotts End and Gadebridge Park, giving a chance to admire the recent work on changing the course of the River Gade. The walk is mostly on paved surfaces and there are no stiles or steps. There is an opportunity to join us at the end of the walk for tea/coffee/cake in the cafe at the garden centre.

Sun 8th	Wheathampstead, Shaws Corner and Lamer Wood circular					tel:
10:00 am	8.2 miles	TL1785114122	AL4 8BP	Jackie Hawkins	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: East Lane car park, Wheathampstead

Flat walk on mostly mud free paths. No styles or major road crossings

Tue 10th	Chipperfield and Kings Langley					tel:
10:00 am	5.53 miles	TL0448201528	WD4 9BL	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common car park, The Common.

Walking from Chipperfield to Shendish Manor through Scatterdells Wood. Returning via Kings Langley Common. The walk includes some short but steep hills.

Sun 15th	Digswell to Bulls Green and Burnham Green					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	TL2460015016	AL6 0DA	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Digswell viaduct car park

A walk taking in the villages of Tewin, Bulls Green and Burnham Green. Mainly on good paths and tracks. In the event of mud alternative routes will be taken.

Tue 17th	Flamstead to Roe-End Spring					tel:
10:00 am	7.02 miles	TL0757014551	AL3 8DE	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Friendless Lane Car Park, Flamstead. (Not the sports ground car park)

Walk to Roe End, Jockey End and back to Flamstead passing through woods, open farm fields, and along country lanes. Field with some horses in it and was quite muddy in places.

Sun 22nd	A Wintery Country Walk- ARDELEY					tel:
10:00 am	8.39 miles	TL2982823768	SG2 7LN	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Start place: Benington Village Hall, Walkern Road. Benington. :

Stunning hilltop views of the neighbouring pretty villages of Benington, Ardeley and Walkern in Northern Central Hertfordshire and hopefully we will be greeted by white blanket of snowdrops to tell us spring is nigh. The garden at Benington Lordship is famed for its displays of snowdrops and winter walks with a lovely tearoom. This visit is not included on this walk. If you wish to visit the gardens after the walk tickets cost £8.00 (£9.00 on Sundays). Some muddy fields.

Tue 24th	Walk from the Museum					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	SP9241710966	HP23 6AS	Marion Adams	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Hastoe Lane Museum car park

A short walk from the museum car park through woods and fields and returning via Tring Park. After the walk a chance to visit the unusual Natural History Museum established by Walter Rothschild (free entry, bookable in advance although booking is unlikely to be necessary), museum cafe or the historic centre of Tring itself with its small shops and cafes.

MARCH

Sun 1st	Great Offley to Preston					tel:
10:00 am	8.7 miles	TL1446526698	SG5 3EG	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Salusbury Lane, Great Offley, Herts. (If you enter Great Offley from the Luton side, take the first turning on the right,(Luton White Hill) then immediately left into Salusbury Lane and follow to the other end to park) High St. / Kings Walden will be closed for road works.

Following the Chiltern Way through fields and woods, then paths and tracks to Preston for our lunch stop. Returning to the start via Austage End.

Tue 3rd	From Harpenden to Childwick and Redbournbury					tel:
10:00 am	6.77 miles	TL1435712040	AL5 1AW	Charmian Allwright	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: There is a parking area alongside what used to be The Three Horseshoes Pub. It is opposite the East Common Cricket Ground by Bamville Farm. (East Common Lane, Between Cross Lane & Ayers End Lane)

A circular route incorporating the Childwick Estate and following the river Ver across to Redbournbury Mill before heading back to Harpenden. A mixture of muddy areas as well as good paths. No stiles.

Thu 5th	Amble around Rothhamsted					tel:
10:00 am	2.98 miles	TL1329913401	AL5 2JQ	Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Rothamsted car park, Harpenden (at the far end).

Slow walk around good paths, hopefully no mud and coffee after.

Sun 8th	London Monopoly Walk stage 2. 2nd attempt.					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL1558107056	AL1 5HD	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: St Albans City Station or St Pancras Station. Car park price at £3.40 for the day

This walk is the second walk of stage 2, which I did in back in September 2025. However, many members have asked to do the walk again. This walk takes in the Old Kent Road. Liverpool and Fenchurch stations, with Tower Bridge and some of Whitechapel. Hopefully filling in the final pieces of the Monopoly Board.

Tue 10th	Studham to Roe End and Elm Grove					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL0225815777	LU6 2QG	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Near Red Lion pub on Church Rd, Studham, Dunstable .

A circular walk around Studham heading to Roe End on the East and Elm Grove on the West. Some fine views through woods, lanes and farm fields with sheep. The thrill of muddy paths also included! . (but benches at end on common for picnicking.)

Sun 15th	Wendover to Erriwig					tel:
10:00 am	10 miles	SP8684307735	HP22 6DX	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library Car Park, 15 High St, Wendover. (Sunday charge is £1.70. NO cash accepted. Contactless or Pay with the following APPS: RingGo, PayByPhone, JustPark, AppyParking. Location is 5251934.)

Walk through woods, farm fields and lanes and passing through Stonehill wood, Swan Bottom and Lee Gate. There are some stiles & sheep & horses in fields. Assume mud.

Tue 17th	Kimpton walk about.					tel:
10:00 am	7.02 miles	TL1770318618	SG4 8EF	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Kimpton Parkfield Ground car park, (off Hitchin Road)

A walk from Kimpton in typical Hertfordshire countryside. Progressing to Holt farm, Heysham's spring and Long Tom's Spring, following the Chiltern Way, before heading down Skegsbury Lane and back to Kimpton.

Sun 22nd	A Walk to College Lake Nature Reserve.					tel:
10:00 am	9.51 miles	SP9561414741	HP23 5RZ	Ruth Cassidy.	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Pitstone Hill NT. Car Park. Stocks Road, Aldbury.

Heading to the former chalk quarry along the Ridgeway to Pitstone Hill, down to Grim's Ditch and Aldbury Nowers. Along the canal to arrive at College Lake Cafe for a coffee stop. We will explore the 2 mile 'Wild Trail' before returning via Pitstone. One ascent, refreshments and toilets available at the Cafe. Moderate circular walk.

Tue 24th	Ley Hill to Chesham					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	SP9900701959	HP5 1UY	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Ley Hill opposite the Crown.

A walk from Ley Hill to Chesham and Scottowe's Pond. Return via Hill Farm and Cowcroft Wood. May be muddy and will be hilly.

Sun 29th	BILLINGTON - The Sand Quarry					tel:
10:00 am	9.32 miles	SP9128823939	LU7 2AE	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Tiddenfoot Waterside Park, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Crossing the river Ouzel and along the Grand Union Canal towards the site of the Sand pit quarry with the lunch stop at St Michael's church with the view over the quarry. 2 stiles. Expect mud.

Tue 31st	Highfield, Colney Heath and Tyttenhanger Lakes					tel:
10:00 am	6.77 miles	TL1745906531	AL4 0DB	Ginny Harrison	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Russet Drive Car Park, Highfield, St Albans (near Ab Salute Gym, not the car park next to the shops).

A super walk, partly along the Alban Way and through some pretty countryside. There may be some mud, but, hey, consider it a work out for those glutes!

APRIL

Thu 2nd	Amble with Bluebells (with luck)					tel:
10:00 am	3.48 miles	TL1080314025	AL3 7PZ	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park at Redbourn Golf Club, Kinsbourne Green Lane, Redbourn

A walk from the Golf Club to Rothamsted Park and back, hopefully including some early bluebells in Knott Wood. The walk will be at a leisurely pace and there are no stiles or steps. There will be an opportunity to join us for coffee in the golf club at the end of the walk.

Sun 5th	Wheathampstead to Kimpton Mill					tel:
10:00 am	9.51 miles	TL1783314099	AL4 8BP	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park, Wheathampstead

Fields and Woods to Ayot St Lawrence then descending into the Mimram valley to Kimpton Mill and following the river to Codicote Bottom. Return via Ayot St Lawrence.

Tue 7th	Datchworth to Watkin's Spring North					tel:
10:00 am	6.4 miles	TL2685118611	SG3 6SX	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Turkey Farm Park (Recreation Ground and Community Orchard), Brookbridge Lane, Datchworth. Photo shows signage entrance to the car park. from Brookbridge Lane.

Walk through farm fields, lanes and woods from Datchworth village heading out to Bramfield Woods, Watkins Hall Spring and Raffin Green. Assume muddy. Seats at end of walk for picnicking and village has a local coffee shop!

Sun 12th	Walk around The Chess Valley					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	TQ0418899515	WD3 6AY	Val Howlett	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Sarratt Village Green (opposite the Boot)

From Sarratt we walk down towards the chess Valley to Latimer and on to Chenies, may be muddy in parts.

Tue 14th	Bluebells and Scientific Research					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL1032211891	AL3 7NG	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park next to the cricket Pavilion on Redbourn Common

A walk through Rothamsted, Hatching Green and Hammonds End to include (hopefully) the wonderful display of bluebells in Knott Wood.

Sunday 19th to Thursday 23rd April Spring Break Axbridge

Sun 26th	Ashridge Woods in Spring					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	SP9712713027	HP4 1LX	Rose Allen	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: NT Visitor Centre Car Park (by the Bridgewater Monument) SP 971 130

Our route will introduce some of the best beechwoods on the NT Ashridge Estate. Walking from the Bridgewater Monument (33m high) out towards Moneybury Hill and into the to Flat Isley plantation. Continue into Crawley Wood, taking care not to trample the bluebells, and discover the Trig Point at 249 metres (Higher than the Beacon of 233m). Onwards to find the wild garlic covering the forest floor prior to Ward's Hurst Farm. Then walking alongside Ringshall Coppice where we can admire the renovation work undertaken by the NT volunteers. Follow onto Ivinghoe Common and cross into Ashridge Golf Course leaving by Old Park Lodge. Enter Thunderdell Wood and over into Northchurch Common where you can enjoy your packed lunch. Follow paths through more beechwoods back to Marley Meadow and NT Bridgewater Monument. No dogs please.

Tue 28th	Great Gaddesden circuit					tel:
10:00 am	7.52 miles	TL0312811380	HP1 3BU	Marion Adams	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Hemel Hempstead Garden Centre, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden. (Park in the overflow carpark) Parking with permission of the management.

Walking up to Gaddesden Row through woods and fields and returning through Gaddesden Place with views over the Gade Valley. Calling in for a cup of tea in the Garden Centre at the end.

MAY

Sun 3rd	London. In search of the London Docks					tel:
10:00 am	8.02 miles	TL1558207056	AL1 5HD	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: St Albans City Station or Docklands Light Railway- Bank.

Much of the original Docks in London have now gone, but traces can still be found. This walk takes in some of these now missing Docks along with some of the still exciting Docks. We take the Docklands Light Railway to Canary Wharf, then jump on a ferry (£4.50 contact less payment) to the remains of the Surrey Docks. Finishing at St Katherine Docks after crossing Tower Bridge. Travel arrangements nearer the time.

Tue 5th	Penn Street and Little Missenden					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	SU9237896063	HP7 0PY	Jackie Hawkins	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Penn Wood car park, Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street, Amersham. (off A404)

Walk through woods and open fields. Pass through Shardloe Parklands Conservation Area. No stiles but crossing fields with horses.

Thu 7th	Amble around Chipperfield Common					tel:
10:00 am	2.98 miles	TL0445501559	WD4 9BL	Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common car park, The Common, Chipperfield

A flat walk around the Common with Coffee after

Sun 10th	Circular walk from Ickleford via Oughtonhead Nature Reserve.					tel:
10:00 am	9.01 miles	TL1810431816	SG5 3YA	Charmian Allwright	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Car park next to Ickleford Sports and Recreation Centre, Chambers Lane. Ickleford. Car park on the right. (otherwise please park responsibly in the nearby roads.)

Plenty of variety to enjoy with the river, the nature reserve, some hills as well as history at Toot Hill in Pirton. Good tracks and no stiles.

Tue 12th	Ayot Green to Old Welwyn					tel:
10:00 am	6.77 miles	TL2220113798	AL6 9AA	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Park at the Waggoners Pub Brickwall Close, Ayot Green, Welwyn. Park at the bottom end of the car park and avoid parking on the pub's marked bays. Car sharing also helpful.

Starting from Ayot Green, walk through Sherrardspark Woods and onto Digswell and Old Welwyn returning via Ryefield Farm and Ayot St Peter. Open farm fields, woods, lanes and residential paths in villages. There is one short section walking beside a busy road.

Sun 17th	Wheathampstead Short Walk 6.5 miles.					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL1783014118	AL4 8BP	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park. Wheathampstead. Behind the BULL PH.

A fairly flat walk, with only one hill, but even that is only a gentle rise. This walk starts with us joining our Wheathampstead long walkers. Which will take us to Gustard Wood, where we split. Long walk going on to Kimpton, while we head towards Ayot St Lawrence for a coffee break (coffee not provided). After which we return to Wheathampstead via Lamer House and Lamerwood House. For those who wish a picnic lunch, we will dine in the Crinkle Crankle Community Garden near the Church after the walk.

Sun 17th	Wheathampstead to Kimpton					tel:
10:00 am	11.5 miles	TL1783514118	AL4 8BP	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park, Wheathampstead

Walking from Wheathampstead through woods and fields to Kimpton. Following the River Mimram to Codicote Bottom returning via Ayot St Lawrence.

Tue 19th	COLNEY HEATH - BOWMAN's Lakes					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL1820603732	AL2 1QA	Azar Thomson	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Parking: Free car park at St Peters Church, Riverside, London Colney, Herts,

Mostly well-signed paths, tracks and lanes from the village of London Colney takes in the picturesque countryside and local industrial part. Explore the huge variety of habitats along the way including the River Colne, the Bowman's fishing lakes (fantastic for birdwatching). One stile. Lunch on the green afterwards.

Sun 24th	Hertford Heath to the River Lee Navigation					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	TL3507311664	SG13 7QY	Ian Brander	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: By the Goat pub, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath. Park around the Green.

From Hertford Heath we walk to St Margarets. Then along the River Lee Navigation to Great Amwell and return to Hertford Heath through Goldings Wood and Balls Wood.

Tue 26th	Berko 6					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL0221905004	HP3 0DT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

~~Meet: Little Hay Golf Club Car Park, off Hempstead Rd, Bovington, Hemel Hempstead. (Please Park at the bottom end of the car park away from the clubhouse.)~~

~~From the Golf club we proceed to Lower Farm and Bottom Farm. Then it's another steady climb to Long Green, then downhill to the Grand Union Canal following that to Bourne End. Then it's a steady climb up to Little Hay Golf Club with chance of a coffee with a possibly a cake~~

Sun 31st	A Walk in the Chilterns					tel:
10:00 am	9.51 miles	SP9591501653	HP5 1DS	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: The Star Yard Car Park, Parsonage Lane, Chesham. There is a charge of £1.20 for parking all day on Sundays.

A walk around the rolling hills outside Chesham, along the valleys of Herberts Hole and the River Misbourne, through the attractive village of Little Missenden and several very pretty woods.

JUNE

Tue 2nd	Ashley Green to Heath End					tel:
10:00 am	7.08 miles	SP9773605118	HP5 3PN	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Ashley Green village car park. Two Dells Lane, Ashley Green.

Walk from Ashley Green to Heath End passing Hockeridge Bottom, the ruins of Marlin Chapel and the Rossway Park estate. A mixture of woodlands and rolling green pastures. Several hills and a few stiles.

Thu 4th	Amble on Dunstable Downs					tel:
10:00 am	3.42 miles	TL0084819451	LU6 2GY	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park at the Visitor Centre on Dunstable Downs. (B4541) There is a parking fee of £3.50. There is no charge for members of the National Trust.

We follow the Icknield Way along the ridge and then to the Tree Cathedral. We then do a circuit round Whipsnade Village, go through the churchyard and back to the Visitor Centre on the Chiltern Way. Members who would prefer a shorter walk can turn back at the Tree Cathedral in which case the walk would be 2.3 miles. The walk will be at a slow pace and there are no stiles or steps. Members are cordially invited to join us for tea/coffee/cakes in the Visitor Centre after the walk.

Sun 7th	Sundon Hills to Toddington					tel:
10:00 am	9.01 miles	TL0469928501	LU5 6LL	Bob Miller	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Sundon Hills Car Park off Harlington Road, Sundon. Note: on Apple Maps the car park is described as Picnic Area. (Follow the signs from Upper Sundon to Sundon Hills Country Park)

An undulating walk in beautiful countryside. Some paths may be overgrown and there is one short section of steep steps descending followed by a tricky ascent. Dogs must be kept on a short leash at all times. Total ascent 195 metres.

Tue 9th	A spring walk from Potton End					tel:
10:00 am	7.02 miles	TL0164608894	HP4 2QG	Lynda Abbott / Chris Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park on the Common in Potton End opposite the village hall.

A circular walk from Potton End including Berkhamsted Common, the Golden Valley, Nettleden and Frithsden.

Sun 14th	Turvey - Ouse Valley Way					tel:
10:00 am	10.13 miles	SP9361952366	MK46 4HR	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Layby on Bridge Street, Turvey, Bedfordshire. If driving from the M1, you travel through Turvey and head to the village of Cold Brayfield. You will pass the Three Fyshes pub on the left, go over the bridge and the layby is on the right hand side.

Lovely walk through the Bedfordshire countryside passing through farm fields, honey stoned villages, and a walk along a section of the River Ouse. Starting from the quaint village of Turvey, then head out to Pavenham and Carlton. Sheep and possibly cows in fields. A small section of the route may be quite muddy! Car sharing would be helpful. Recommendation: It is advised to wear your walking boots and bring your walking sticks if you use them. The short muddy section is through an ISSS natural spring so can be muddy with uneven ground and use of boards. See image.

Tue 16th	Bricket Wood and Munden					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL1504502081	AL2 3TX	Jackie Hawkins	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Parking in Riverside Way car park on Drop Lane, Off Smug Oak Lane.

Walk along River Colne, through Munden Estate and Bricket Wood. No stiles but a short section of steep ground

Sun 21st	LUTON HENGE SUMMER SOLSTICE					tel:
10:00 am	8.7 miles	TL0464328642	LU5 6LL	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Start place: Sundon Hills Car Park off Harlington Road, Sundon, LU5 6LL. Note: on Apple Maps the car park is described as Picnic Area. (Follow the signs from Upper Sundon to Sundon Hills Country Park) Time: 10am Grid Ref: TL046285 Postcode: Location is 906 metres to the South SouthEast of LU5 6LL

We walk towards the Sundon Hills Country Park, one of the highest points in Bedfordshire, offering stunning views towards Sharpenhoe Clappers and the surrounding countryside. Then along the John Bunyan Trail to the source of the River Lee and the Luton Henge. Luton Henge was installed in July 2025 as a contemporary echo of ancient Neolithic sites like Stonehenge. Then Chiltern Way towards Upper Sundon to the starting point.

Tue 23rd	Bovingdon 6 revisited.					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL0222604987	HP3 0DT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

~~Meet: Little Hay Golf Club, Hempstead Rd, Bovingdon. Please park at lower end of car park away from club house. From Golf Club we proceed to Lower Farm and Bottom Farm. After which we head to Grand Union Canal and follow to Bourne End. Then it's a steady climb up the hill back to the Golf Club, with the chance of coffee and possibly cake.~~

Sunday 28th June Coach trip to Colchester

Wed 30th	Cholesbury to Hastoe					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	SP9323007111	HP23 6ND	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Cholesbury Cricket Club, Cholsey Lane, Cholesbury

A walk from Cholesbury to Hastoe passing through High Scrubs and returning through Drayton Wood.

JULY

Thu 2nd	Amble around Ashridge					tel:
10:00 am	2.98 miles	SP9937312278	HP4 1NS	Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park opposite Ashridge college

Easy walk around the estate, with coffee after at the management college.

Sun 5th	DUNSMORE– THE CHILTERN HILLS					tel:
10:00 am	9.13 miles	SP8684607753	HP22 6DX	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library car park, £1.70 parking charge for all day payable by card.

A circular walk starting from Wendover Library towards the beautiful hamlet of Dunsmore and along the Ridgeway to Goodmerhill wood and Maple wood. There are some very steep gradients and spectacular views of the surrounding towns/countryside. Then ending in Wendover where you can purchase your well-deserved ice-cream at Rumsey's. 3 stiles.

Tue 7th	Morning walk around Redbourn countryside					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL1032511892	AL3 7NG	Ruth Crowther	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Redbourn cricket pavilion carpark, West Common.

10 km walk in the countryside around Redbourn

Sun 12th	ICKLEFORD– Lavender Farm					tel:
10:00 am	8.08 miles	TL1807931809	SG5 3XZ	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

~~Meet: Meet: Car Park Ickleford Sports & Recreation Club, Chambers Lane, Ickleford, Hitchin.~~

~~A walk in Oughtonhead Common Nature Reserve with a wide variety of wildlife habitats. Walk alongside the River Oughton towards the Hitchin Lavender Farm for our lunch stop at the farm where you can purchase coffee and cake or bring your own lunch and enjoy the summer breeze. . No stiles. Not expected to be Muddy.~~

Tue 14th	Shenley meadows					tel:
10:00 am	6.09 miles	TL1817400544	WD7 9JP	Jackie Hawkins	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park at Cafe in the Orchard, Radlett Lane, Shenley

Walk through woods and wild grass meadows. Several styles, one livestock field, a few country lanes.

Sun 19th	Woburn Figure of Eight Walk					tel:
10:00 am	11.5 miles	SP9505733150	MK17 9QZ	Ruth Cassidy	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Park Street Car Park, Woburn Village. (Opposite St. Mary's Church). Parking is free.

A Walk through Bedfordshire countryside consisting of two parts. Starting with a Southern loop of 7.5 miles through open parkland, fields and farmland to Milton Bryan and Potsgrove. Returning to Woburn for a Lunch stop. Followed by an optional Northern loop of 4 miles through heathland, woods and fields. No stiles. Mainly flat terrain. For those finishing at lunchtime after the 1st loop, there is an opportunity to visit Flootes Coffee shop.

Tue 21st	Little Hay Golf Club 6 miles.					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL0221504982	HP3 0DT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Little Hay Golf Club lower part of car park away from Club House. Box Lane, Bovingdon.

From Little Hay we travel to Lower and Bottom Farm, before heading to the Grand Union Canal. On to Bourne End before heading back to the Golf Club, where we have the chance of a coffee and perhaps a cake.

Sun 26th	Shade at Ashridge					tel:
10:00 am	8.02 miles	SP9634715956	HP4 1NF	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: National Trust car park at Ivinghoe Beacon, Beacon Rd. Ivinghoe.

I've called this walk Shade at Ashridge, with high temperature in mind, I thought shade would be the answer. Also we can stop for lunch at the Ashridge Monument Cafe or bring a picnic. The vast majority of this walk will be under trees of Ashridge. We only have 1 steep climb, which we tackle at a slow pace.

Tue 28th	CADWELL - Lavender Farm (EVENING WALK)					tel:
10:00 am	5.59 miles	TL1807531799	SG5 3XZ	Azar Thomson	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Meet: Car Park Ickleford Sports & Recreation Club, Chambers Lane, Ickleford, Hitchin.

A walk in Oughtonhead Common Nature Reserve with a wide variety of wildlife habitats. Walk alongside the River Oughton towards the Hitchin Lavender Farm with coffee stop at the farm where you can purchase coffee and cake and enjoy the view. No stiles.

AUGUST

Sun 2nd	Whitwell to Knebworth circuit					tel:
10:00 am	13.48 miles	TL1830720945	SG4 8BE	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Recreation Ground, Bradway, Whitwell

Going North from Whitwell to cross Knebworth Park and on Potters Heath, Welwyn returning via Ayot St Lawrence. This is a longer walk so be sure to bring plenty of water and maybe an extra snack.

Sun 2nd	Tring Park & Grand Union Canal (Shorter Walk)					tel:
10:00 am	8.82 miles	SP9246710598	HP23 6AR	Anette Corbach	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Tring Park car park, Hastoe Lane, Tring. (Go past the first car park in Hastoe Lane and under the A41 flyover. The car park is on the left a little way up the hill.)

Through Tring Park towards Tring station, joining the canal to Cow Roast and then returning via Wigginton Bottom and Hastoe.

Tue 4th	Circular walk to Totternhoe Nature Reserve					tel:
10:00 am	8.02 miles	SP9687421316	LU6 2BD	Ruth Cassidy	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Meet at Eaton Bray Recreation Ground Car Park, The Rye, Eaton Bray

Following the Chiltern Way along the lower Downs and the Green Lane track towards Totternhoe Knolls. Through a mix of open countryside, chalk grasslands, quiet lanes and village scenery. 3 stiles, good views.

Thu 6th	Gustard Wood Amble					tel:
10:00 am	3.23 miles	TL1757315729	AL4 8RS	Heather Harris	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Mid Herts Golf Club car park.

This will be a gentle circular amble from Mid Herts Golf Club across Gustard Wood common. Coffee, tea etc are available to buy in the club house at the end.

Sun 9th	Chalfont St Giles to Jordans					tel:
10:00 am	8.57 miles	SU9910593631	HP8 4QA	Ian Brander	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Chalfont St Giles Blizzards Yard car park. (Currently free on Sundays)

Walking from Chalfont St Giles we start along the Misbourne Valley then after a short climb pass through Hodgemoor Woods. We then skirt around the edge of Seer Green to reach Jordans. We return heading towards Chalfont St Peter and then follow the Misbourne Valley back to Chalfont St Giles.

Tue 11th	Panshanger to Letty Green					tel:
10:00 am	7.02 miles	TL3061112502	SG14 2WN	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Panshanger Car Park, Thieves Lane, Hertford. Parking charges shown on photos. Pay by CC at machine or by Apps but note, additional charges apply. At the time of the recce, for a 4 hour ticket RingGo +60p and PayByPhone +40p.

Walk through Hertingfordbury to Letty Green and back through Panshanger Park. Walk through lanes, Cole Green way, open farm fields and woods. There are some cows and sheep in the fields. Some fine views.

Sun 16th	Summer Picnic Walk. Long (8miles)					tel:
10:00 am	8.02 miles	TL0515708216	HP1 3FA	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Gadebridge Park car park, Gadebridge Lane, (Off Leighton Buzzard Road), Hemel Hempstead. There is additional parking at Queensway Car Park at the southern end of Gadebridge Park MEETING POINT. Between the footbridge & the Skatepark

This walk being in Gadebridge Park before heading through the pretty village of Picotts End. Then it's up to Bridens Camp and Gaddesden Place. After which it's down hill to Water End and across the water meadows. Upwards again to Heizdens Wood and onto Boxstead Farm. From here we return to Picotts End and Gadebridge Park. Where hopefully the weather is kind to be able to enjoy our picnic with our other fellow walkers. THIS WALK IS THE LONGEST OF THREE WALKS AND LUNCH IS IN GADEBRIDGE PARK AT THE END OF THE WALK WHERE WE WILL MEET THE OTHER WALKERS.

Sun 16th	Summer Picnic Walk (2nd Walk)(5.7 miles)					tel:
10:00 am	5.72 miles	TL0516108215	HP1 3FA	Azar Thomson	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Gadebridge Park car park, Gadebridge Lane, (off Leighton Buzard Road), Hemel Hempstead. Additional Parking at Queensway Car Park at the southern end of Gadebridge Park. MEETING POINT. Between the footbridge & the Skatepark

There are three walks today starting from the same place, but starting at different times. All three walks end at 1:30 pm, where we all come together to have lunch. A light snack and drink will be provided by WHR. From Gadebridge Park car park, we head upwards to Hammerfield and Shrub Hill Common, then Field End Farm and Warnersend Wood, with lovely views of rural Hemel across the fields and hills. We cross the River Gade towards medieval timber-framed cottages at Piccotts End and a lovely view of the Old Town before we arrive back at the starting point. Small hills. No stiles.

Sun 16th	Summer Picnic Walk (3.2 miles) (Amble)					tel:
10:00 am	3.2 miles	TL0515908217	HP1 3FA	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Gadebridge Park, off Leighton Buzzard Road, Hemel Hempstead. (meet between the footbridge & the Skatepark) (There is additional parking at Queensway Car Park at the southern end of Gadebridge Park

An amble short walk with gentle hills. It is a slower paced walk with goods paths and no stiles. We follow the River Gade which is famous for its British species of Crayfish (you must have a licence to fish there) before turning off to Piccotts End Lane through woods and down some steps to join the Nicky Line. We enjoy some lovely views of Hemel through Highfield before returning to the start for lunch

Tue 18th	Mardley Heath to Danesbury					tel:
10:00 am	6.03 miles	TL2488718381	AL6 0TP	Clive Sutton	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Mardley Heath Car Park, Heath Road, Woolmer Green.

We walk though Mardley Heath to Pottersheath via Ninnings wood then onto Danesbury Park where we stop for coffee in the Hidden Grotto. Return to the start via Foxley Grove and Oaklands.

Sun 23rd	Chipperfield to Kings Langley					tel:
10:00 am	8.51 miles	TL0448901522	WD4 9BL	Bob Miller	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common Car Park

Circular walk taking in Tower Hill, Scatterdells Wood, The Nucket & Kings Langley. Stile free. Total ascent 200 metres. Several fields with cattle, so all dogs must be kept on a short lead at all times.

Tue 25th	Tewin to Bramfield					tel:
10:00 am	6.52 miles	TL2719914701	AL6 OJX	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Hertford Road, Tewin, Welwyn. Park around the village green.

Walk from Tewin through Tewin Wood and Bramfield Woods to Bramfield. Return via Marden Hill. The walk is mostly in woods and in the shade.

Sun 30th	Princes Risborough - The Whiteleaf Cross					tel:
10:00 am	9.69 miles	SP8054403450	HP27 9AN	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: The Mount car park, Stratton Road, Princes Risborough. Sunday charge: £1.30 all day by contactless. Apps & additional fees applied: JustPark, PayByPhone, RingGo, Appyparking.

Walk from the pretty village of Princes Risborough and then through to Horsenden, Loosley Row and Windmill, Redland End and then to the Whiteleaf Cross hill monument. Open farm fields, lanes, railways crossing, woods, some hills and panoramic views. Horses in fields.

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