

PANG VALLEY RAMBLERS

WALKS PROGRAMME Aug 2017 to Dec 2017

AUGUST 2017

Sunday 6 August 2017

10:30 HOSE HILL LAKE, THEALE 5.5 miles SU648703

Park in Sheffield Botton Lock Picnic Area car park. Nearest Post Code: RG7 4AJ. Hose Hill Lake. A varied walk around Hose Hill Lake, up to Sulhamstead and back along the Kennet and Avon Canal. The Lake hosts a wide variety of water fowl and nightingales join the butterflies and dragonflies in the summer. Look out for lapwings, little ring plovers, great crested grebes.

Wednesday 9 August 2017

12:00 ALDWORTH 5 miles SU555796

Walk and afternoon tea, St Mary's Church, Aldworth. A five mile walk from The Bell, Aldworth (Nearest Post Code: RG8 9SE), leaving at 12.30. Get there earlier if you want a drink or bite to eat. Walk along footpaths leading to the Ridgeway. Outstanding views over the Downs. Some gentle, steady hills. The walk ends at St Mary's church for tea and cake at 15.00. Bring some money with you.

Saturday 12 August 2017

14:30 PAICES WOOD, ALDERMASTON 2.5 miles SU585637

Start from the main CP within Paices Wood Country Parkland, signed from A340 south of Youngs Industrial Estate top of hill South of Aldermaston village. Nearest Post Code: RG7 4PG. A short afternoon walk at modest pace round a little known area of woods & lakes with time to look around, with the opportunity of having a picnic by the lakes after the walk if the weather is kind. PLEASE NOTE START TIME

Sunday 13 August 2017

10:30 MOULSFORD 5.5 miles SU590839

Start from the Moulsoford recreation ground car park on the Streatley to Wallingford road (Nearest Post Code: OX10 9JE). A walk with a gradual climb up to the edge of the downs through The Well Barn Estate. Beautiful rolling downland scenery. Could be muddy.

Sunday 20 August 2017

10:30 BRADFIELD SOUTHEND 8.5 miles SU597707

Start in recreation ground CP (nearest postcode RG7 6EY) for a figure of 8 walk to Beenham, Douai Abbey and Upper Woolhampton. The walk is over a varied countryside, there are several stiles, some uphill stretches and it can be a little muddy after rain. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 23 August 2017

10:30 SONNING COMMON 4.5 miles SU707807

Park considerably in Newfield Road/ Shiplake Bottom for this circular walk through open landscape giving good views of the Chilterns as we make our way to Rotherfield Greys, Rotherfield Peppard and return. Nearest Post Code: RG9 5HG.

Sunday 27 August 2017

10:30 GORING 8.2 miles SU599807

Walk starts from car park in Goring next to the Catherine Wheel pub. Nearest Postcode: RG8 9AT. Follows the Thames Path out of Goring with lovely views across the river. After reaching the B471 out of Whitchurch, ascend the hill for a short way then path goes via Coombe End Farm and Great Chalk wood before returning to Goring. Some Chiltern hills up and downs. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 30 August 2017

10:30 CUNNING MAN, BURGFIELD 4 miles SU680707

Park at the Cunning Man Burghfield. Nearest Post Code: RG30 3RB. A pleasant and totally flat walk. Includes the Kennet and Avon Canal and the Southcote Linear Park.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday 3 September 2017

10:30 PANGBOURNE 5.5 miles SU634765

Park in car park in centre of Pangbourne near the Elephant. Nearest Post Code: RG8 7AP. After crossing the Toll Bridge the walk climbs up Whitchurch Hill, passes through Chiltern farmland and has good views across the Thames Valley. Whitchurch Hill and Boze Down. There are a few steep uphill and downhill sections.

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Sunday 10 September 2017

10:30 GORING 10.5 miles SU601803

Park considerably in Manor Road Goring (Nearest Post Code: RG8 9EJ) for a walk over the Thames to Streatley and then a steep ascent through Common Wood to Lough Down for a chance to catch our breath, and then onto the Ridge Way. At Warren Farm we enjoy the welcome descent beside Unhill Wood and through Moulford to the Thames and back to Goring. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 13 September 2017

10:30 HENLEY on THAMES 5.1 miles SU745817

Park considerably in Elizabeth Road/Nicholas Road off Grey Road Henley (Nearest Post Code: RG9 1RA), for this circular walk over farm and woodland with the manageable undulations of the Harpsden Valley passing Crowsley Park, Mays Green Harpsden and return.

Sunday 17 September 2017

10:30 WHITCHURCH HILL 5 miles SU638787

Whitchurch Hill, parking by the recreation ground on the road from Whitchurch Hill signed to Goring Heath and Technology Centre (Nearest Post Code: RG8 7PW). We will go up to Cold Harbour and Great Chalk Wood, and come back along the Thames, then high above the river with excellent views of the Thames Valley.

Sunday 24 September 2017

10:30 ARBORFIELD CROSS 5.3 miles SU759669

Starting at the Recreation Ground CP (Nearest Post Code: RG2 9JR) in Swallowfield Road Arborfield Cross for a circular walk with manageable undulations over farm and woodland to Farley Hill and return. Reward yourself afterwards with a visit to the nearby Garden Centre or Pub.

Wednesday 27 September 2017

10:30 NORTH MORETON 5.5 miles SU561893

Park in car park to rear of 'The Bear at Home' PH if having lunch, (Nearest Post Code: OX11 9ATD) or corner of High St & Bear lane. Walk down to church across fields to Mackney & Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, return via South Moreton. Flat & no stiles. Pub stop at end.

Saturday 30 September 2017

10:45 WHITCHURCH HILL 3 miles SU638787

Start from the Recreation Ground CP Whitchurch Hill off B471 (Nearest Post Code: RG8 7NX) in lane signed Goring Heath & Technology Centre for a short Saturday stroll through lower Chiltern woods & fields, taking in Hill Bottom, Great Oaks, Furzemoor Plantation, returning through Beech Wood. Wear sturdy shoes. NOTE START TIME.

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1 October 2017

10:30 GREYS COURT, GREYS GREEN 4 miles SU723832

Walk starts at SE end of Rocky Lane at bottom of hill from Henley to Greys Rd near Greys Court (Nearest Post Code: RG9 4PG), and then circuits back via Rotherfield Greys. Undulating walk at sensible speed. (NT members please carry your card).

Sunday 8 October 2017

10:30 BRAMSHILL 8.5 miles SU760613

Start in Bramshill Common Wood CP. Nearest Post Code: RG27 0PR. The walk starts in the Bramshill Plantation before going through Hazeley Heath (an RSPB site) to Hartley Wintney returning via Warren Heath to St Mary's church and back to the start. The walk is on good footpaths, tracks and lanes with a little, but not too taxing, uphill and no stiles. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 11 October 2017

10:40 OXFORD 6 miles SP504063

To Oxford Train station by rail (bus or car). Meet outside Oxford Train Station at 10:40. Walk along the Oxford Canal then down the River Thames. Bring a snack but then late lunch at The Turf Tavern Inn, (a Morse Pub) in Oxford Centre. Walk is about 6 miles.

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Sunday 15 October 2017

10:30 STONOR nr HENLEY 9 miles SU736891

Park on the Verge opposite Stonor House (Nearest Post Code: RG9 6HG). Steep climb through Stonor Park at start of walk. To Ibstone church via Southend and Turville Court, returning through Turville and part of the Chiltern Way. Typical Chiltern terrain with several ups and downs and good views. Bring a PACKED LUNCH. GUIDE DOGS ONLY.

Wednesday 25 October 2017

10:30 MORTIMER 4.5 miles SU655645

Park at the village car park in Mortimer opposite the Horse and Groom pub (Nearest Post Code: RG7 3RD). This is a generally flat walk through woods and across fields to Wokefield Common.

Saturday 28 October 2017

10:45 WOODCOTE 2.5 miles SU646821

Start from Recreation ground CP in Woodcote for a short Saturday stroll round the woods & fields to the west of the village with good views, taking in Dean Wood, High Wood & Beech Lane. Some slight inclines. Wear sturdy shoes. NOTE START TIME.

Sunday 29 October 2017

10:00 FRILSHAM, nr YATTENDON 10 miles SU552730

This is a shared walk with Berkshire Weekend Walkers - <http://www.berksww.org.uk/>. Meet in the car park behind the Pot Kiln Pub (Nearest Post Code: RG18 0XX), Frilsham. A walk crossing the River Pang twice along two different traverses with long gentle climbs. Outward through Bucklebury and returning via Frilsham. Refresh afterwards with a pint of West Berks Brewery's real ale. NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday 8 November 2017

10:30 GORING HEATH 4.4 miles SU643801

Park thoughtfully at what was once Goring Heath PO, parking on the grass verge near the crossroads (Nearest Post Code: RG8 7RH). A beautiful and varied walk on rural footpaths through woods which has one lengthy incline that will be sensibly paced.

Sunday 12 November 2017

10:30 GORING 5.5 miles SU599806

Meet 10:30 in car park by The Catherine Wheel Pub (Nearest Post Code: RG8 9AT). Walk goes through woods to Hartslock Hill and back along the Thames and would take in the Autumn Colours along the Thames. 2 steep hills to navigate.

Saturday 18 November 2017

10:45 BRADFIELD 2.5 miles SU584724

Park at Rushall Manor Farm, up gravel track north of Back Lane & west of Scratchface Lane (Nearest Post Code: RG7 6DS) near Black Barn between Bradfield & Stanford Dingley. A short Saturday stroll through the woods to the north of the farm, taking in Rushall Copse, Long Copse, Scratchface Lane and The Gravels, returning through Owlpit Copse. Some steady inclines, and may be muddy in places at his time of the year so wear sturdy shoes/boots. NOTE START TIME.

Sunday 19 November 2017

10:30 MAPLEDURHAM - Figure of Eight 5.5 miles SU698758

Meet in Mapledurham Playing Fields car park off the Upper Woodcote Road (Nearest Post Code RG4 7BX). This walk traverses some of the Mapledurham estate's finest scenery including views over Reading to the south and out towards the Chilterns to the north. The route picks up the Warren before rising steeply up to Pond Lane at the highest point. After descending towards Mapledurham village there is a second steep section (much shorter this time) returning via Jackson's Lane to the starting point.

Sunday 19 November 2017

10:30 CLIFTON HAMPDEN & the THAMES 10 miles SU548952

Park in the large car park opposite the Barley Mow pub (Nearest Post Code: OX14 3EH). A mainly flat walk which partly follows the Thames Path and visits the villages of Appleford, Long Wittenham and Sutton Courtney where we will see the graves of Herbert Asquith and George Orwell. BRING PACKED LUNCH. COULD BE MUDDY.

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Wednesday 22 November 2017

10:30 GALLOWSTREE/WYFOLD 6.1 miles SU701812

'The Greyhound' pub, Gallowstree Road, Rotherfield Peppard (Nearest Post Code: RG9 5HS). The walk goes through woods, open fields over gently undulating ground. Across Kingwood Common it passes in front of the historic and beautiful Wyfield Court mansion, through New Copse to return to pub for lunch if required.

Sunday 26 November 2017

10:30 UFTON NERVET 4.5 miles SU635675

Start from the primary school in Church Lane, Ufton Nervet on the south side of St Peter's Church (Nearest Post Code: RG7 4HH). An undulating walk to the west of Burghfield giving extensive views over the Kennet Valley.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 3 December 2017

10:30 FINCHAMPSTEAD RIDGES 8.5 miles SU813637

Park in the National Trust carpark at the top of Wellingtonia Avenue on the B3348 (free). Nearest Post Code: RG45 6AF. A moderately easy walk through The Ridges, woods and fields with a stretch along the Blackwater River. Good view across the Berkshire border into Hampshire. BRING PACKED LUNCH. REGISTERED ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY..

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