

ELMBRIDGE U3A COUNTRY RAMBLING GROUP

July to December 2021 Walks Programme For Elmbridge U3A Members

The walks here alternate with those of the Country Walks Group and so, if you wish to do so, you could enjoy two walks each month. For the walks shown here, if you want to come along, call the walk leader or call David on 07935 887499 or email davidbrion@aol.com.

We try to choose start points with free parking and less than an hour's drive from Molesey and we aim to finish walks by 4 p.m. or, in the winter, earlier. Since we shall be mostly off-road in rural areas please have suitable stout footwear and given the unpredictability of our weather, warm and waterproof clothing. The length of each walk is shown against its description but you may be able to do less because some have a shorter option built in. For lunch most people take a picnic but you may also have the option of a quick (in winter, half hour) pub snack, if pubs are open – your choice on the day however it is wise to bring some food and drink even when the walk does include a pub. There will be short breaks to allow you to refresh yourself in midmorning and mid-afternoon.

You are very welcome to contribute walk ideas and/or to lead walks but if you just want to come along just to enjoy the countryside, we will be happy to see you. However, currently, you will need to have notified us in advance that you wish to join us and confirmed your acceptance of our approach to the restrictions under which we must operate. You will also need to have received an email from us confirming that you may attend because we will need to ensure that we stay within our upper limit for the walk group's size.

For your own and others' safety, please abide by any advice and guidelines issued with regard to each walk. In particular the document "Health & Safety When Walking" attached to the group's description on the web site and also to the then current Government Covid 19 guidance. Remember that you are walking entirely at your own risk. It is for you to decide whether or not you will be able to keep up with the group and complete the walks. If you are unsure please discuss it with us in advance – we reserve the right to turn you away if necessary. Also, remember that it is your responsibility to behave sensibly to minimise the potential for accidents to occur. Although walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities no activity is completely without risk.

Car sharing en route to the start is not likely to be possible for the time being but, in any case, is a matter for you. Drive times in the walk descriptions (e.g. "35 mins") are estimated from Molesey to the walk start. However, err on the cautious side since traffic will be traffic!

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U3A Elmbridge Country Rambling Group

Date: 8 July

Led by: Peter A (077111 398889)

Title: Deepdene Trail

Starts at: 10.15am at Brockham village green, next to Royal Oak pub (RH3 7JS). Parking around the green or side roads.

Lunch: Possibly Dorking Golf Club

Map ref: Explorer 146 grid ref 198 496

Description: About 6.5 miles. Easy / medium, around golf courses edges and woodland with ancient oaks. Views of Box Hill and open country south of Dorking. Max exertion: 117 steps of Deepdene estate.

Date: 12 August

Led by: Andrew (07941 117737)

Title: Albury Wandering

Starts at 10:15 a.m.

at Albury Heath Sports Ground (near GU5 9DB). Carpark reached before the junction with Park Road when coming south from the A25.

Lunch: Pub or picnic in Albury.

Map ref: Explorer 145 grid reference 059 470

Description: 8 to 10 miles. Walk to Shere and the Silent Pool then steeply up to the North Downs Way and west to Newlands Corner Drop down to Albury and up again to through Blackheath Forest.

Date: 9 September

Led by: Margaret R (07787 111508) and Jane E (07581 885 277)

Title: Towpath Trek

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. at Sadlers Ride car park, West Molesey (KT8 1SU).

Lunch: at the Woodlands Gardens in Bushy Park, next to the Pheasantry Café.

Map ref: Explorer 16 grid ref 142 692

Description: An easy 9.5 mile walk along the tow path and through Home Park to Teddington Lock and back through Bushy Park

Date: 14 October

Led by: Andy and Lin

Title: Punch Up?

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. Thursley Cricket green, just past the Three Horseshoes (GU8 6QD)

Lunch: at the Punchbowl National Trust café at Hindhead or picnic nearby

Map ref: Explorer 133 grid reference 891 357

Description: 7 to 8 miles walking on the east side of the Punchbowl to have a lunch stop at the cafe and then walk back on the west side

Date: 11 November

Led by: Gillian D (07930656060) and Margaret 07787 111508

Title: Shere and Peaslake

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. at Shere Recreation Ground CP (GU5 9HE)

Lunch: Peaslake, the Hurtwood Inn or village shop sells hot drinks etc.

Map ref: Explorer 145 grid ref 073 479

Description: An undulating 7.5 mile circular walk over heath and woodland

Date: 9 December

Led by: Gareth (07770 320326)

Title: Hascombe Hustle

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. in Hascombe parking opposite the White Horse (GU8 4JA) or, if lunching there, in its car park.

Lunch: At the pub or picnic nearby

Map ref: Explorer 134 grid reference 001 394

Description: A 6 miler over the Wintershall Estate.