

**SUMMER/AUTUMN PROGRAMME
AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2021**

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PLEASE NOTE: On walks DO NOT consume your own drinks in pubs or pub gardens. Times given are for the start of the walk. Please allow time for parking and putting on boots etc. A maximum of two dogs are generally allowed on walks. Please contact the leader beforehand. Dogs must be on leads along roads or near livestock and under close control at all other times. All walks are at Rambler's own risk. Neither the R.A. nor the leader can accept any responsibility for any accident or injuries which may occur during any of the group's walks or other activities.

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CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS

Welcome to our new programme of walks which takes us through the summer and into the autumn. At the time of writing group walks have resumed subject to the rule of 30 but the situation may change at very short notice so please check our website or Facebook page before turning up on a walk or alternatively you may wish to contact the walk leader.

Despite the pandemic, work has quietly continued on the England coast path including the Essex sections. The route on most sections has now been determined and the section from Maldon to Salcott is waymarked and open to the public. Although the project is running behind schedule substantial progress has still been achieved and when completed it will be the longest continuous coastal trail in the world. Please see the latest news section of Essex Area Ramblers website for a detailed update.

Those members who check the Walk Finder section of the Ramblers main website may have noticed that all walks are now given a text reference in addition to a post code and OS grid reference. The text reference is generated by the app What3Words which divides the globe into trillions of 3 metre squares with each square having a unique three-word reference, although interestingly adjacent squares have totally different word combinations. What3Words is now widely used by the emergency services as callers can easily give the unique reference from their mobile phone without the need to consult an OS map or find out the local post code. The app is free to download on your mobile phone from Google Play or other reliable sources.

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of Graham Lewsey after a short illness. Graham had been an active member of the group for many years and had served on the committee for the past two years. Graham, accompanied by his wife Marion, had been a leader on numerous group walks and had enjoyed many of our group holidays including walking the West Highland Way in 2019. Our thoughts are with Marion and the rest of his family at this difficult time.

Please keep in touch by joining our 290 Facebook followers and posting on our Facebook page.

Happy rambling and stay safe!

Geoff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY, 1 AUGUST – DOVERCOURT

Two walks with tea and cakes at end of walks. See separate notes and programme for details.

SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER – TONY'S LONDON WALK

See programme for details.

SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER – AGM 11.00 AM TO 1.00 PM

See programme for details.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER – PATH CLEARANCE

See programme for details.

SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY – POST-CHRISTMAS MEAL

Venue to be notified later. Please keep this date free.

DATE/LEADER	AUGUST WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 1 st 10.00 am Ann R - walk one 07751 183989 11.30 am Gwen – walk two 07976 709056	DOVERCOURT Park at Wick Lane car park or street parking. Two walks, both meeting afterwards at Ann's beach hut for tea and cakes. See details below for more information on both walks. * Picnic lunch 10 or approx. 5 miles	EXP 184 TM 249305 CO12 3TA
Tue 3 rd 10.00 am Nigel 07825 987767	HALSTEAD Park on Bluebridge Industrial Estate. Meet on RH side grass entrance. Walking via Colne Engaine, Earls Colne and Greenstead Green. Bring refreshments as required. Moderate pace 6.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 825301 CO9 1QL
Sun 8 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	DUNWICH HEATH, SUFFOLK Parking at National Trust Dunwich Heath Coast Guard Cottages car park (charges apply for non-members). Walking the Suffolk coast via Minsmere, Westleton and Dunwich. Picnic lunch Approx 10 miles	EXP 232/212 TM 476677 IP17 3DJ
Sat 14 th 10.00 am Maria 01376 331510 07950 379083	CHALKNEY WOODS Park in lay-by on Tey Road. Picnic lunch 8 miles	EXP 195 TL 872273 CO6 2LD
Tue 17 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	EARLS COLNE VIA CHALKNEY WOOD Park behind Co-op in free car park. Bring snack as required. Easy pace. Approx 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 856289 CO6 2RZ
Tue 24 th 10.00 am Fran 07527 552484 01787 477232	BURES Park at recreation ground car park. Walking to Lamarsh and Alphamstone. Picnic lunch. Easy pace. Approx 6-7 miles	EXP 195 TL 908339 CO8 5AA
Sat 28 th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	FELSTEAD TO BARNSTON Park at church or street parking round village. Circular walk. Picnic lunch. Approx 9.5 miles	EXP 183/195 TL 677203 CM6 3DG

FOOTNOTES

***DOVERCOURT WALKS – SUNDAY 1 AUGUST**

Park at Wick Lane car park or street parking.

Walk One

Start 10.00 am at the boating lake. Picnic lunch. Approx 10 miles.

Walk Two

Start 11.30 am at the boating lake. Easy pace. Picnic lunch. 4-5 miles.

Meeting after both walks at Ann's beach hut followed by tea and cakes.

DATE/LEADER	SEPTEMBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sat 4 th 10.00 am Maria 01376 331510 07950 379083	BRAINTREE Park at Braintree railway station (charges apply). Walking via Bocking, Panfield and Rayne. Picnic lunch. 10.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 761227 CM7 9MB
Sat 11 th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	RAYNE Park at station. Walking to Willows Green and Crix Green. Picnic lunch. Approx 10 miles	EXP 195/183 TL 726224 CM77 6AB
Wed 15 th 10.00 am Gwen 01245 382399 07976 709056	TERLING Park opposite the village hall. Walking to Fairstead. Opportunity for refreshments at end of walk. Easy pace. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 772151 CM3 2PN
Tue 21 st 10.00 am Nigel 07825 987767	HALSTEAD Park in small car park at bottom of Box Mill Lane. Walking via Sible Hedingham and Gosfield. Bring refreshments as required. Moderate pace 7 miles	EXP 195 TL 808311 CO9 2JR
Sun 26 th 10.00 am Maureen 07962 817414	HATFIELD BROAD OAK VIA TAKELY Park in car park behind church. Picnic lunch 11 miles	EXP 183 TL 546166 CM22 7HG
Tue 28 th 10.00 am Penny 01371 810306	FINCHINGFIELD Park around the green. Circular walk. Opportunity for refreshments during walk at the Blue Egg, Great Bardfield. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 684328 CM7 4JX

FOOTNOTES

It is probably still advisable to 'phone leaders before walks to check the latest situation.

Please bring masks and sanitizer in case of need during walk.

All walks are circular unless otherwise stated.

POST CODES can embrace a large area, the OS grid point is the most reliable way to pinpoint a location.

DATE/LEADER	OCTOBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sat 2 nd 10.00 am Maria 01376 331510 07950 379083	RAYNE Park at station. Walking via Great Notley and Willows Green. Picnic lunch. 7 miles	EXP 195 TL 726224 CM77 6AB
Tue 5 th 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	COLNE ENGAINE COUNTRY LANE WALK Meet at Colne Engaine recreation ground car park (free). Coffee option at end in Five Bells. Bring refreshments as required. 4-5 miles	EXP 195 TL 849303 CO6 2ES
Sun 10 th 9.30 am or 10.00 am Tony B 07903 107437	LONDON WALK Meet at Redbridge underground station at 9.30 am or Blackfriars underground station at 10.00 am. Walking the Inns of Court, Fitzrovia and Bloomsbury. Opportunity to shorten the walk, we pass underground stations frequently. At finish, opportunity to have a meal. This is, of course, optional. Picnic lunch. 8.5 miles	EXP 174 TQ 418884 IG4 5BG
Sun 17 th 10.00 am Nigel 07825 987767	GREAT TEY Park in The Street by St Barnabas church. A circular walk including part of the Essex Way to Fordham and return. Picnic lunch. Moderate pace. 10 miles	EXP 184/195 TL 893257 CO6 1JT
Tue 19 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	RIVENHALL Park in free car park between school and village hall. Bring snacks as required. Easy pace. Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 828176 CM8 3PH
Sun 24 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	SUDBURY VIA TWINSTEAD Meet at free car park at end of Quay Lane, Sudbury. Picnic lunch. 9-10 miles	EXP 196 TL 871409 CO10 2AN
Sun 31 st 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	HALSTEAD Meet at Butler Road car park (free on Sundays). Picnic lunch. 8 miles	EXP 195 TL 810305 CO9 1JA

WALK LEADERS

1. At the start of the walk, ensure you take names and contact details (for contact tracing for everyone on your walks and keep for 21 days.
2. Please bring masks and sanitizer in case of incidents on walk.
3. Advise walkers at the start of the walk to maintain social distancing.

Please note the above information regarding Covid may not apply by the time the programme is published.

DATE/LEADER	NOVEMBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sat 6 th 11.00 am – 1.00 pm	AGM AT GOSFIELD VILLAGE HALL (Maurice Rowson Hall) in Bernard Brooks Room. Please come and support the group. This meeting obviously depends on the situation regarding Covid restrictions at the time. Tea and coffee with cakes provided.	EXP 195 TL 782296 CO9 1UB
Sun 7 th 10.00 am Jo 01787 829352 07778 016761	HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK Walking via Kersey. Meet at Toppesfield Bridge. Picnic lunch. 9-10 miles	EXP 196 TM 024423 IP7 5NG
Sun 14 th 10.00 am Maureen 07962 817414	WIDDINGTON Park around village green. Picnic lunch. 12 miles	EXP 195 TL 540318 CB11 3SF
Tue 16 th 10.00 am Fran 07527 552484 01787 477232	CHAPPEL Park at station car park. Opportunity for tea and cake at end of walk. Bring refreshments as required. Easy pace. Approx 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 897287 CO6 2DS
Sat 20 th 10.00 am and 1.00 pm Teresa 07505 063108	RAYNE FIGURE OF EIGHT WALK Parking at Rayne station. Morning walk to Willows Green and Crix Green (approx 5 miles) Afternoon walk starting at 1.00 pm (approx. 3.5 miles). Picnic lunch at Rayne station with opportunity to purchase refreshments. Total walks approx 8.5 miles	EXP 195/183 TL 726224 CM77 6AB
Tue 23 rd 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	P3 WORKING PARTY Bring gloves, secateurs and a drink. Location to be advised.	
Sun 28 th 10.00 am Maureen 07962 827414	CHELMONDISTON WALKING VIA FRESTON Car park on right past the Red Lion. Picnic lunch. Approx 11 miles	EXP 197 TM 205378 IP9 1DX