

**SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMME
APRIL - JULY 2022**

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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 spring and into the summer. At the time of writing restrictions relating to Covid have been eased substantially and group walks should be largely unaffected, though a degree of caution will still be required. The situation, however, 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.

On January 29th significant changes were introduced to the Highway Code which give precedence to walkers and cyclists in certain situations, the new code establishing a hierarchy of road users. These changes are generally welcomed by the Ramblers but they have not been widely publicised so walkers would be wise not to rely on motorists either being aware of or adhering to the revised code.

Work on the England Coast Path is now predicted to be completed this year and if achieved will be the culmination of many years work by Natural England, the Ramblers and many other interested bodies. Nearer to home work continues on the Earls Colne to Kelvedon cycle route known as EC2K which should be open to walkers as well. The route has now been extended to Halstead and work has already been carried out clearing the old railway line between Earls Colne and Halstead. When completed the route should provide a welcome connection between the towns and villages of north Essex.

After 9 years on the group's committee, I will be standing down at the end of July so we will be looking for a new chairman and publicity officer. We are also looking for a group secretary and nominations for all these volunteer posts are welcomed. If neither the position of group chairman nor group secretary are filled it is doubtful whether the group can carry on in its present format. It may be possible, with the approval of Essex Area, to convert the group into a Ramblers "Flexigroup" which does not require a committee and imposes less onerous reporting requirements on the group, although a group co-ordinator would be required to organise the walks' programme and act as a point of contact with both Area and Central Office. If none of the key volunteer positions above are filled then it is very likely that the group will have to be closed down or possibly merged with another group. This would be a sad end to a group with nearly 100 members and a 35-year history so I encourage you all to consider standing for one of these positions at our forthcoming EGM in June. If you are unable to attend this EGM you may forward your nomination via email or post to our membership secretary whose details are shown elsewhere in this programme. I look forward to seeing you at our EGM.

Happy rambling and stay safe!

Geoff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4-8 APRIL – ESSEX WAY WALK

Chelmer & Blackwater group are organising a 4-day event to walk the first half of the Essex Way to coincide with the 50th anniversary of this long-distance route. Contact candbmembership@gmail.com if you would like to take part. We understand Colchester and Tendring groups are covering Great Tey to Harwich but have no details at the moment.

TUESDAY, 31 MAY – MARKS TEY WALK AND LUNCH

We are planning a walk from the Poplar Nurseries around Marks Tey to be followed by an optional lunch at the garden centre café and would be delighted if those of you who are

unable to attend the walk itself could join us for lunch at 1.00 pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend so that I may book a table. Janet (01787 373173 / 07484 377254)

DATE/LEADER	APRIL WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 3 rd 10.00 am Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	BOCKING VIA GOSFIELD Park in Convent Lane. Picnic lunch 9.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 763244 CM7 9RL
Sat 9 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 12 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635 627	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
Sat 30 th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	DANBURY Park at leisure centre opposite library. Walking via Danbury Country Park, Blakes Wood, Lingwood Common. Hopefully bluebells in bloom. Refreshments at end of walk. Picnic lunch Approx 8 miles	EXP 183 TL 781050 CM3 4NQ

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (continued)

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE – EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Please come along to this meeting, as we will be discussing the future of the group. See programme for further details.

SATURDAY, 25 JUNE – SOCIAL

Boules or Petanque starting at 12.00 noon in the pit at Greenstead Green. Park at the recreation ground Greenstead Green. Everyone to bring their own drinks and chair. We are planning to bring and share food – details to follow. **Names to Ronnie by 11 June.** Please come along and have some enjoyable fun.

SUNDAY, 17 JULY – TONY'S LONDON WALK

See programme for details.

SUNDAY, 24 JULY – DOVERCOURT

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

FOOTNOTES

THE CENTURY CIRCLE - Section 3

Linear walk, Writtle to Galleywood. Catch No 70 bus from stand 5 at Braintree bus station at 8.25 am to Chelmsford bus station to connect with No 45 bus at 9.30am to Writtle. The walk will start at 10.00 am at the junction of Bridge Street with St John's Green and Lodge Road. Alternatively, park at the free car park in Writtle and catch No 45 bus at the end of the walk to return to one's car. The concluding section is 4.75 miles. No 100 bus can be caught back from Galleywood Common to Chelmsford bus station. However, I am intending to walk back to Chelmsford. This would extend the walk to approximately 8.25 miles.

NB: The previous sections were undertaken in February and March 2020.

DATE/LEADER	MAY WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Tue 3 rd 10.00 am Gwen W 01245 382399 07976 709056	FORDHAM HEATH Walking via Hill House Wood. Park in front of green on Heath Road. Bring snack as required. Easy pace. Approx 5 miles	EXP 184 TL 943264 CO3 9TA
Sun 8 th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	CLARE COUNTRY PARK Car park charges apply. Picnic lunch Approx 10 miles	EXP 210 TL 770452 CO10 8NW
Sat 14 th 8.25 am from Braintree bus station - Teresa 07505 063108	CENTURY CIRCLE – Section 3 – LINEAR WALK Writtle to Galleywood. See footnotes on page 3 for full details. Picnic lunch 8.25 miles	EXP 183 TL 679063 CM1 3EP (at start of walk)
Tue 17 th 10.00 am Ann R 07751 183989	GREAT BARDFIELD Park on green opposite primary school. Bring refreshments as required. 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 678305 CM7 4RN
Sun 22 nd 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	RADWINTER Park in free car park opposite school 50 m north of church. Picnic lunch Approx 10.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 606374 CB10 2TX
Sat 28 th 8.25 am from Braintree bus station - Teresa 07505 063108	THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 1 LINEAR WALK Rayleigh to Battlesbridge via Hockley and Hullbridge. See footnotes below for full details. Picnic lunch Approx 8 miles	EXP 175 TQ 804905 S56 D4B (at start of walk).
Tue 31 st 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	MARKS TEY VIA GREAT AND LITTLE TEY Park at Poplar Nurseries, Coggeshall Road (A120), Marks Tey. Optional lunch at end of walk. Non walkers very welcome to join us for lunch. See Dates for your Diary for further details. Approx 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 898235 CO6 1HR

FOOTNOTES

THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 1

Linear walk Rayleigh to Battlesbridge. Walking via Hockley and Hullbridge. Catch No 70 bus from stand 5 at Braintree bus station at 8.25 am to Chelmsford bus station to connect with No 3 minibus at 9.20 am from stand 1 to Rayleigh. Walk will commence at 10.15 am from bus stop 1 in The Street. At end of walk, catch No 3 minibus from Battlesbridge to Chelmsford. Alternatively, park at the Antiques Centre in Battlesbridge and catch the No 3 minibus at 9.51 am to Rayleigh.

THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 2

Linear walk Battlesbridge to North Fambridge. Walking via Woodham Ferrers, Stow Maries and Cold Norton. Catch No 70 bus from stand 5 at Braintree bus station at 8.25 am to Chelmsford bus station to connect with No 3 minibus at 9.20 am from stand 1 to Battlesbridge. Walk will commence at 10.00 am from Battlesbridge in vicinity of the bridge.

NB: Please inform me if you intending to walk. I have to give at least two days' notice to the minibus company for the journey from North Fambridge to South Woodham Ferrers. At

least 4 people are required in order to provide transport. At end of walk catch No 3 bus from South Woodham Ferrers to Chelmsford.

DATE/LEADER	JUNE WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sat 4 th 10.00 am Ann R 07751 183989	WILLOWS GREEN Park at Pantiles, Mole Hill Green Road. Tea and cake at end for anyone wishing to stay. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 720198 CM3 1QD
Tue 7 th 11.00 am EGM	EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING at Gosfield Village Hall (Mauric Rowson Hall) in Bernard Brooks Room. This meeting will decide the future of our group. Please attend if possible.	EXP 195 TL 782296 CO9 1UB
Sun 12 th 10.00 am Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	CATTAWADE VIA DEDHAM Park at picnic car park at end of Stour Valley Path. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 197 TM 101332 CO11 1QW
Tue 14 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	GREENSTEAD GREEN Park by recreation ground. Bring snack if required. Easy pace. 6-7 miles	EXP 195 TL 822278 CO9 1QZ
Sat 18 th 8.25 am from Braintree bus station - Teresa 07505 063108	THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 2 LINEAR WALK Battlesbridge to North Fambridge via Woodham Ferrers, Stow Maries and Cold Norton. See footnotes on page 4 for details. Picnic lunch Approx 12 miles	EXP 183/175 TQ 781947 SS11 8TD (at start of walk)
Sat 25 th 12.00 noon Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	SOCIAL – BOULES/PETANQUE AT GREENSTEAD GREEN Park at recreation ground. See Dates for your Diary for further details.	EXP 195 TL 822278 CO9 1QZ
Sun 26 th 10.00 am Maria 1376 331510 07950 379083	BRAINTREE Park at railway station (charges apply). Walking via Bocking, Panfield and Rayne. Picnic lunch. 10.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 761227 CM7 9MB

FOOTNOTES

THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 3

Linear Walk North Fambridge to Burnham on Crouch. Walking on sea wall. Catch No 70 bus from stand 5 at Braintree bus station at 8.25 am to Chelmsford bus station to connect with No 36 bus at 9.20 am to South Woodham Ferrers station. Catch D5 minibus to North Fambridge. This service has to be booked, therefore, **please inform me if you intend to join the walk.** Optional fish and chips on arrival in Burnham on Crouch. It is anticipated that the journey would begin at approximately 10.00 am, so the walk would begin at 10.15 am from North Fambridge station (approximately 5 minutes bus ride). At end of walk catch 31X bus to Chelmsford.

DATE/LEADER	JULY WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 3 rd 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	CHAPPEL Park in car park by viaduct just past Swan pub. Picnic lunch Approx. 12 miles	EXP 195 TL 895285 CO6 2DD
Sat 9 th 8.25 am from Braintree bus station - Teresa 07505 063108	THE CROUCH VALLEY TRAIL – Section 3 LINEAR WALK North Fambridge to Burnham on Crouch. Walking on sea wall. See Footnotes on page 5 for details. Picnic lunch Approx 9 miles	EXP 175 TQ 856978 CM3 6NE (at start of walk)
Sun 17 th 10.00 am or 10.49 am Tony 07903 107437	LONDON Meet at Redbridge underground station at 10.00 am or Blackfriars underground at 10.40 am. Chance to have a meal at end of the walk. Please call Tony for further details or possibility of a lift. Picnic lunch. 9.5 miles	EXP 174 TQ 418884 IG4 5BG
Sun 24 th 10.00 am Ann R - Walk 1 07751 183989 Gwen W – Walk 2 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 cake. See details below for more information on both walks. 10 miles or 4-5 miles	EXP 184 TM 249 305 CO12 3TA
Sun 31 st 10.00 am Jo 01787 829352 07778 016761	EAST BERGHOLT Park in High Street car park. Walking via Dedham. Picnic lunch 10.5 miles	EXP 196 TM 069346 CO7 6TF

FOOTNOTES

DOVERCOURT WALKS – SUNDAY, 24 JULY

Park at Wick Lane car park or street parking.

Walk 1 – Start 10.00 am at the boating lake. Picnic lunch. Approx 10 miles.

Walk 2 – Start 11.30 am at the boating lake. Easy pace. Picnic lunch. 4-5 miles.

Both walks to end at Ann’s beach hut for tea and cake.

All walks are circular unless otherwise stated.

It is probably still advisable to take names and contact details for everyone on your walks.

The Ramblers now require a risk assessment to be completed for all group walks for insurance purposes. It is, therefore, advisable to do a “recce” walk and complete assessment.