

Introduction to Walks Programme

What a range of walks there is on offer in the spring/summer programme! We are starting once more to work our way round the (140 mile) London Loop, with a walk once a month. On several Saturdays we plan to finish the walk at a pub, where lunch will be available. Longer evenings provide the possibility for evening walks, again finishing at a pub. 23 May is Ramblers' "Get Walking Day", when we are making a particular effort to introduce walking to those who might be a little uncertain about what is involved. Two walks are designated as photographic walks, where the leaders will find time for you to take photographs, and give encouragement with their own expertise. Finally, on 11 July there's another opportunity to walk HOOP; officially this is not our walk, but part of the Hitchin Festival (which is why there is a charge). Note you don't have to do the whole 13 miles: you can pop back into Hitchin (never far away) as soon as you feel you've done enough.

On all-day walks, remember to bring a packed lunch.

Harold Stokes

Ramblers. After two or three "taster" walks, we invite you to join Ramblers. As a member of Ramblers you are welcome to join the walks of any Group throughout the country. Please ask the leader for an Application Form, or join on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk or call 020 7339 8500.



See additional important Notes about walks on page 6.

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Walks Programme: April to July 2010

Sunday 4 April (Easter Day). All Day. 11m

Meet: Stevenage Library (TL 238239) 9.45 am for 301 bus from Bus Station (Stop H) at 10.00 to Welwyn Garden City.

Route: Welwyn Garden City to Stevenage via Ayot Green.

Leader: Des Brown. 01438 213365.



Saturday 10 April. London LOOP 1. All Day 8½m

Meet: Train Hitchin 08.58. Stevenage 09.03. Buy a Travelcard. GroupSave available. (See page 14)

Route: Erith Riverside to Old Bexley.

Leaders: Sue Smith and Mary Nudds. 01438 362027.



Sunday 11 April. All Day. 14m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin (TL 185292). 9.30 am.

Route: Woburn (Seven Parishes).

Leader: Mark Gallant. 01462 834518.

Saturday 17 April. Morning Pub Walk. 6½m

Meet: Stevenage Roaring Meg CP, by Costa Coffee (TL239233). 9.30 am.

Route: Aston End, Benington.

Call leaders to book lunch at The Crown.

Leaders: Harold and Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



Sunday 18 April. All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Whitwell, Preston.

Leader: Gill Harvey. 01438 317133.

Walks Programme. April to July 2010 (Continued)

Saturday 24 April. Morning Pub Walk. 5 or 6m

Meet: Live & Let Live, Pegsdon. (TL121303) 10.00 am.

Route: Pegsdon Hills. Call leader to book lunch.

Leader: Jan Worthington. 01462 815768.



Sunday 25 April. (1) All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Wheathampstead, Ayot St Lawrence, Brocket Hall.

Leader: Dave Weston. 01438 722301.

Sunday 25 April. (2) Morning Only. 4m

Photographic Walk. "Signs of Spring".

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Monks Wood and Fairlands Valley lakes.

Leaders: Chris Young and Des Brown. 01438 213365.



Saturday 1 May. Morning Bus Walk. 7m

Meet: St Mary's Square Hitchin (Stop L) for Bus 304 at

09.45. or St Pauls Walden (TL193222) at 10.00 am.

Route: Queen Mother Country, St Pauls Walden, Whitwell.

Call leaders in advance to book for optional lunch.

Leaders: David and Sue Smith. 01438 318568.



Sunday 2 May. All Day. 11½m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Radwell, Hinxworth, Newnham.

Leader: John Gregory. 01462 674639.

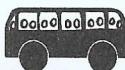
Sunday 9 May. Coach Outing to Windsor.

Prior Booking required. See page 14.

Coach: Hitchin, St Mary's Sq 08.00; LGC Railway

Station 08.15; Stevenage, Lytton Way 08.30.

Contact: Mary Nudds 01438 362027.



Sunday 23 May (Continued)

2. Meet: Old Market Square, Hitchin (TL185291). 10.30 am.

Route: Oughtonhead. **4½ miles.**

Leader: Rosalind Redwood. 01462 440113.

3. Meet: Fairlands Sailing Centre, Stevenage (TL254241). 2.00 pm.

Route: Fairlands Valley. **3 miles.**

Leader: Mary Nudds. 01438 362027.

Sunday 30 May. All Day. 11m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Hertford, Ware, Stanstead Abbots.

Leader: Des Brown. 01438 213365.

Saturday 5 June. London LOOP 3. All Day. 9m

Meet: Train Hitchin 08.58. Stevenage 09.03. Buy a

Travelcard. GroupSave available. (See page 14.)

Route: Jubilee Park to West Wickham Common.

Leaders: Carol and Harold Stokes. 01438 353666.



Sunday 6 June. All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Therfield Heath, Sandon.

Leader: Pat Rumpus. 01438 314597.

Saturday 12 June. Afternoon Only. 5½m

Bus: 101 from Stevenage (Stop C) at 13.55 or from

Hitchin at 13.27, to Little Wymondley.

Meet: Bucks Head, Little Wymondley (TL215275). 2.15 pm.

Route: STOOP 9. Little Wymondley to Lister Hospital via Graveley.

Return to Stevenage or Hitchin by bus.

Leader: Roger Jarvis. 01462 422837.



Saturday 15 May. London LOOP 2. All Day. 7¼m

Meet: Train Hitchin 08.58. Stevenage 09.03. Buy a Travelcard. GroupSave available. (See page 14.)
Route: Old Bexley to Jubilee Park.
Leader: Sheila George. 07980 313922.



Sunday 16 May. All Day. 9m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Woburn.
Leader: Dennis Cannon. 01462 629483.

Thursday 20 May. Evening Pub Walk. 4½m

Meet: The Bell, Benington (TL299236). 6.30 pm
Route: Benington.
Book meal in advance with leaders.
Leaders: Leon Fotiadis and Aliko Fikiori. 01438 243347.



Saturday 22 May. Morning Farm Walk. 6m

Meet: Church Farm, Ardeley (TL309272). 10.00 am
Route: Walk followed by optional lunch at farm.
No advance booking required.
Leaders: Leon Fotiadis and Aliko Fikiori.
01438 243347.



**Sunday 23 May. Ramblers' "Get Walking Day".
See page 6.**

**Come and introduce new walkers to the joys of
rambling. Three walks on this day.**



1. Meet: Chells Park, Stevenage (TL268245). 10.30 am
Route: Beane Valley. **4 miles.**
Leader: Ron Faulkner. 01438 237747.

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Sunday 13 June (1). All Day. 12m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Pegsdon Hills.
Leader: Dennis Cannon. 01462 629483.

Sunday 13 June (2). Morning Only. 6m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Offley and Deacon Hill.
Leader: Ron McDowell. 07976 210963.

Thursday 17 June. Evening Pub Walk. 5¼m

Meet: George and Dragon, Graveley (TL231277).
6.15 pm.
Route: Graveley. Book meal in advance with leaders.
Leaders: Robin Green and Liz Brosnan. 01438 727180.



Sunday 20 June. (1) All Day. 10m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: The Pelhams.
Leader: Rosalind Redwood. 01462 440113.

**Sunday 20 June. (2) Morning Only. 4m
Photographic Walk. "St Albans Trail".**

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Historic St Albans.
Leaders: Chris Young and Des Brown.
01438 213365.



Saturday 26 June. Morning Only. 5½m

Meet: Stevenage, Roaring Meg CP, by Costa Coffee (TL239233).
9.30 am.
Route: Ashwell.
Leader: John Gregory. 01462 674639.

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Sunday 27 June. All Day. 9m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Lea Valley, Broxbourne, Waltham Abbey.

Leaders: Rosemary Purcell and Liz Staples. 01438 360240.

Saturday 3 July. London LOOP 4. All Day. 8½m

Meet: Train Hitchin 08.58. Stevenage 09.03. Buy a

Travelcard. GroupSave available. (See page 14.)

Route: West Wickham Common to Hamsey Green.

Leader: Peter Briercliffe. 01462 637349.



Sunday 4 July. All Day. 8m (+ optional 3m)

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Ashridge

Leader: Ron Faulkner. 01438 237747.

Saturday 10 July. Morning Pub Walk. 7 - 8m

Meet: Train to Ashwell. Departs Stevenage 09.42, Hitchin 09.47,

Letchworth 09.51. Buy return to Ashwell.

Route: Ashwell (The Jester). Call leaders to book in for lunch.

Leaders: Robin Green and Liz Brosnan. 01438 727180.



Sunday 11 July. (1) All Day. 8m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am, or Great Ashby District Park CP (TL267268) at 9.40 am.

Route: Great Ashby, Walkern.

Leaders: David and Sue Smith. 01438 318568.

Sunday 11 July. (2) Hitchin Festival. All Day. 13m (with opt-outs.) Note: Festival entry fee for this walk is £3. Please pay on the day.

Meet: Old Market Square, Hitchin (TL185291). 9.30 am.

Route: HOOP. (Hitchin Outer Orbital Path)

Contact and Leader: Rosalind Redwood. 01462 440113.

Saturday 17 July. Morning Walk. 6m

Meet: Stapleford (TL309169). 10.00 am. Bus:

Stevenage Bus Station (Stop A) for 390 bus at 09.25.

(Return at 12.17 or 14.17.)

Route: Stapleford to Tonwell.

Leaders: Mary Nudds and Liz Staples. 01438 362027.



Sunday 18 July. All Day. 10m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Croydon, Hatley St George.

Leader: Sheila George. 07980 313922.

Tuesday 20 July. Evening Pub Walk. 5m

Meet: Three Horseshoes, Hooks Cross (TL277207).

6.15 pm

Route: Hooks Cross. Book meal in advance with leaders.

Leaders: Rosemary Purcell & Liz Staples. 01438 360240



Friday 23 July. Evening History Walk. 1½ hours.

Meet: Portmill Lane CP. Hitchin. 6.15 pm.

Route: Hitchin Local, followed by pub meal at Three

Moorhens. Book meal in advance with leader.

Leader: Sally Cannon. 01462 629483



Saturday 24 July. Morning Pub Walk. 5m

Meet: Wilbury Hills Car Park (TL200327). 10.00 am

Route: Cadwell, Ickleford.

Call leader to book lunch.

Leader: Gill Harvey. 01438 317133.



Sunday 25 July. All Day. 8¼m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Tempsford, Great Barford.

Leader: Richard Huxtable. 01462 629006.