

Walks Programme. August to November 2009

On All Day walks, bring a packed lunch. For updated information see www.nhr.org.uk.

Introduction to Walks Programme

Hopefully there's something for everyone in this late summer/autumn walks programme. Let me mention a few of particular interest. Some short, "Introduction to Walking" walks on 1 and 8 August; 6 September; 3, 10 and 31 October. Longer walks include an introduction to HOOP (2 August), and two along the Greensand Ridge (30 August and 27 September). There's a Treasure Hunt Ramble on 16 August, a Quiz Walk on Bank Holiday Monday, and a couple of evening pub walks on 13 August and 3 September. Or you can test your map reading skills on 8 November. Finally, on 17 October we celebrate the Area's Silver Jubilee with a whole series of walks, followed by a slice of the exclusive Jubilee cake.

Uma Mylvahanam (umamylvahanam@yahoo.co.uk) is maintaining our walks statistics, and leaders are reminded to report numbers to her after each walk.

Ramblers' Association. *After two or three "taster" walks, we invite you to join the RA. As a member of the RA 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.*

Saturday 1 August. Morning. 5½m

Meet: Stevenage Bus Station (Stop C). 101 bus at 09.45, arrives Little Wymondley 09.58.

Route: Little Wymondley.

Leaders: Liz Staples and Mary Nudds. 01438 360240.



Sunday 2 August. All Day. 12m

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

Route: HOOP (Hitchin Outer Orbital Path).

Inaugural walking of proposed route.

Comments on the route welcomed.

Leader: Rosalind Redwood. 01462 440113.

Saturday 8 August. Morning. 6½m

Meet: Stevenage Library (TL 238239). 9.30 am.

Route: Ardeley.

Leaders: Leon Fotiadis and Alik Fikiori. 01438 243347.

Sunday 9 August. All Day. 9m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Kings Walden, Breachwood Green, Tea Green.

Leader: Ron McDowell. 09769 210963.

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Thursday 13 August. Evening Pub Walk. 4¼m

Meet: Green Man, Great Offley. 6.30 pm.
Route: Great Offley. Call leaders to book in for pub meal after the walk.
Leaders: Robin Green and Liz Brosnan.
01438 727180.



Saturday 15 August. All Day. 9½m

Meet: Stevenage Bus Station (Stop C) for 102 bus at 09.35 (Hitchin, St Mary's Square at 09.52) to Great Offley.
Route: Great Offley to Stevenage Bus Station via Ley Green and Preston.
Leaders: Harold and Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



Sunday 16 August. Treasure Hunt Ramble.

Meet: Plume of Feathers, Tewin. (TL272154). 10.00 am.
Note change of pub.
For entry form, see Spring Edition p.14 or contact: Chris Young 01462 454952.



Sunday 23 August. All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Five Churches Walk.
Leader: Des Brown. 01438 213365.

Saturday 29 August. Morning Pub Walk. 7m

Meet: Windmill, Charlton. 9.30 am.
Route: Great Offley. Call leaders to book in for pub meal after the walk.
Leaders: Robin Green & Liz Brosnan. 01438 727180.



Sunday 13 September. All Day. 9m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Sandy, Tempsford, Ouse Valley.
Leader: Peter Briercliffe. 01462 637349.

Saturday 19 September. Morning. 6½m

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

Sunday 20 September. All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Stanstead Abbots, Hunsdon.
Leaders: Liz Staples and Rosemary Purcell. 01438 360240.

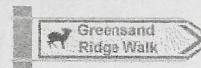
Saturday 26 September. London Walk. 7m

Meet: Train. Hitchin 08.58; Stevenage 09.03. Buy Travelcard. GroupSave available.
Route: Hampton Court.
Leader: Peter Briercliffe. 01462 637349.



Sunday 27 September. Greensand Ridge 4. All Day. Linear Walk with Car Shuttle. 8m

Meet: Call leaders in advance to arrange car sharing to meeting point at 9.30 am.
Route: Northill to Gamlingay.
Leaders: Harold and Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



Saturday 3 October. Morning. 6½m

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

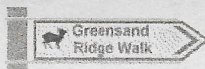
Sunday 30 August. Greensand Ridge 3. All Day.

Linear Walk with Car Shuttle. 11½m

Meet: Call leaders in advance to arrange car sharing to meeting point at 9.30 am.

Route: Maulden to Northill.

Leaders: Harold and Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



Monday 31 August. Bank Holiday Quiz Walk. 1-2 hrs

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin 3.00 pm.

Route: Local. Teams of three or four will be formed on the day. Entry form p.15. Call leader to book in for pub meal in the Three Moorhens after the walk.

Leader: Dennis Cannon. 01462 629483.



Thursday 3 September. Evening Pub Walk. 4¼m

Meet: The Bull, Whitwell. 6.30 pm.

Route: Whitwell. Call leaders to book in for pub meal after the walk.

Leaders: Robin Green and Liz Brosnan.
01438 727180.



Sunday 6 September. (1) All Day. 10m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Hexton, Pegsdon, Icknield Way.

Leader: Gill Harvey. 01438 317133.

Sunday 6 September. (2) Morning. 5m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Oughtonhead summer flowers.

Leader: Rosalind Redwood. 01462 440113.

Route: Stapleford to Woolmer Green. Return to Stevenage on 300/301 bus. Call leaders to book in for optional pub lunch at the Red Lion after the walk.

Leaders: Harold and Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



Sunday 4 October. Coach Outing. Norwich.

Prior booking required. See page 15

Coach: Stevenage Railway Station 07.45; Hitchin,

St Mary's Square 08.00; Letchworth Railway Station 08.15.

Contact: Mary Nudds. 01438 362027. Call for late availability.



Saturday 10 October. Afternoon. 5½m

Meet: Hitchin Station. 2.00 pm.

Route: Purwell Meadows and Wymondleys.

Leader: Roger Jarvis. 01462 422837.

Sunday 11 October. All Day. 10m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Knebworth Park, Stagenhoe.

Leader: Ron Faulkner. 01438 237747.

Saturday 17 October. Area Jubilee Walks.

Meet: Woolmer Green Village Hall (TL252186).

Served by regular 300/301 bus (Stevenage/Hemel Hempstead).

Please book in advance (by 10 Oct) to help with planning of walks and catering.

Choice of three circular walks:

10.00 am (13m); 11.30 am (9m); 1.30 pm (4½m).

4.00 pm. Grand Jubilee Celebration

Contact: Carol Stokes. 01438 353666.



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Sunday 18 October. All Day. 10m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Ampthill.

Leader: Mark Gallant. 01462 834518.

Sunday 25 October. All Day. 10m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Barkway.

Leader: Sheila George. 07980 313922.

Saturday 31 October. Morning. 7m

Meet: Stevenage Bus Station. (Stop C) for 102 bus at 09.35 (Hitchin St Mary's Square 09.54). Buy return to Gt Offley.

Route: Great Offley, Lilley Bottom.

Leader: Roger Jarvis. 01462 422837.



Sunday 1 November. All Day. 9m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Rowney Warren (Shefford).

Leader: Dennis Cannon. 01462 629483.

Saturday 7 November. Morning. 7m

Meet: Stevenage Bus Station (Stop A) for 384 bus at 08.55, arrives Walkern at 09.15.

Route: Walkern, Luffenhall.

Leader: Mary Nudds. 01438 362027.



Sunday 8 November. All Day. 10m
Walk Leading and Map Reading Practice Opportunity ! Download the walk from the website, and follow it as we walk.



Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Wallington, Sandon.

Leaders: David and Sue Smith. 01438 318568.

Sunday 15 November. All Day. 8¾m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: RSPB. Sandy, Potton.

Leader: Richard Huxtable. 01462 629006.

Saturday 21 November. AGM Walk. 6m

Meet: Datchworth Green Hall. (TL267183)

10.30 am. (Connecting 379 bus from Stevenage Bus Station (Stop A) at 10.00, arr 10.14.)

Route: Datchworth.

Leader: Dave Ashby. 01438 880470.



Sunday 22 November. All Day. 9m

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Route: Ware, Wareside.

Leader: Dave Ashby. 01438 880470.

Sunday 29 November. All Day. 8m

Meet: Portmill Lane CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.

Route: Great Offley.

Leaders: Robin Green and Liz Brosnan. 01438 727180.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 13 December. Christmas Walk and Lunch.

Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.

Lunch must be booked and paid for in advance.

See page 6.

Contact: Sheila George. 07980 313922.

