

December/January walks programme

Month	Walk	Details	Booking open	Booking closes	Capacity
December					
Sat 5 th	Chesham/Ashley Green Circular 8.5 miles Leader Andrew King	Explore the patchwork of farmland, woods and hidden corners on the Bucks/Herts border. One short steepish climb. Meet at Marylebone. Aylesbury train departs 09.57, Harrow 10.09, change at Chalfont 10.27 for Chesham train. Arrives Chesham 10.45 Picnic lunch. Possible pub stop for a drink depending on restrictions. EX 181. Leader Andrew K	24/11/20	01/12/20	11+ leader
Sun 6 th	West Brompton to Fulham plus carols 4 miles linear Leader: Danny	After walking through Brompton Cemetery, we head for Chelsea Harbour where we join the Thames path threading its way through the new developments in this area. We finish at Fulham Palace where a Festive Fair will be in progress with carols in the courtyard at 15.30 & 16.30. Meet West Brompton station at 12.00. Picnic at the Palace. EX161. Leader Danny – 07907 346957 or 07591 999016 Book Festive Fair tickets for 14.20 or around that time by the link below https://www.fulhampalace.org/whats-on/events/christmas-fair-weekend/	24/11/20	01/12/20	11+ leader
Sat 12 th	Clapham Common to Tooting Bec (linear) 6.25 miles. Leader: Susan	A gentle walk taking in Clapham, Wandsworth and Tooting Bec Commons. Meet outside Clapham High Street (Overground) 11am or outside Clapham Common (Northern Line) 11.10am. There will be opportunities for refreshments along the	24/11/20	01/12/20	5+ leader

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		way and at the end of the walk, depending on the regulations after the lockdown. More information will be circulated nearer the time. If it has been raining it may be a little muddy in places. Leader: Susan			
Sun 13 th Dec	Chiswick and Hammersmith linear 6.5 miles Leaders: Hilary/Rochelle	Meet at Turnham Green (District line to Ealing Broadway or Richmond from Hammersmith) at 10.45 am. Exploring Bedford Park estate; cafes and toilets at Ravenscourt Park. A walk along the Thames Path to Chiswick House grounds where there are more cafes and toilets. End at Chiswick Park (District Line) Leaders: Hilary/Rochelle)	24/11/20	01/12/20	5 + leader x 2
SAT DEC 19th	Circular walk to/from Guildford. Approx 8 miles. Leaders: Harriet, Pam, Sunita	Lovely walk in woodland & open fields, partly on the North Downs Way. It's Surrey so there are hills but not the monsters -Box or White Hill! It could be muddy in places. Those who desire excitement should have time to sample the delights of Guildford at the end. Meet Waterloo station. Buy OPDR to Guildford. 9.30 train arriving Guildford 10.02. Bring picnic lunch. EX145 Leaders Harriet, Pam & Sunita..			5 +leader x2
Sat 19 th Dec	Kew Gardens. 4 miles + free to roam. Leader: Jennifer	No holiday this year? Join me for a stroll around the world at Kew Gardens visiting Australia, California, Japan, Spain We will finish with a visit to a stunning exhibition in which the artist Jan Hendrix explores the beauty, fragility and destruction of the natural world. Picnic lunch.	24/11/20	01/12/20	4 +leader

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		Meet Jodrell Gate, Kew Road, at 10.30. No admission charge to the Gardens. Please indicate if you are a member of Kew when booking. Leader Jennifer			
Sun 20 th	Kew Gardens. 4 miles + free to roam. Leader: Jennifer	Details as above	24/11/20	01/12/20	4 +leader
Sun 20 th	Vauxhall to Kings Cross via Trafalgar Square. 6 miles linear. Leader: Hilary	Starting from Vauxhall Station at 10.45 am (meet at Exit 3 underground Victoria Line), through the pleasure gardens across Lambeth bridge and along the Thames to Trafalgar Square (where we hope to see the Xmas Tree). Up towards St Martins Lane and High Holborn. Lunch in Russell Square before arriving at Kings Cross and an exploration of Granary Square and Gaslight Pk before ending the walk here. Leader Hilary	24/11/20	01/12/20	11+ leader
Bank Holiday Mon 28 th Dec	Woolwich/Belvedere 6 miles linear Leader: Danny	Starting in Woolwich town centre, the walk heads to the Thames, via the historic Royal Arsenal. We then follow the Thames Path past Thamesmead & Tripcock Point before arriving at the splendid Crossness Pumping Station. The last stretch is through the Crossness Nature Reserve, to Belvedere station. Picnic en-route or late lunch at the Morgan pub in Belvedere. Meet Woolwich Arsenal station at 10.45 (trains from Charing Cross @ 10.12 or Cannon Street @ 10.05 or to the nearby DLR station). EX162. Leader Danny - 07907 346957 or 07591 999016.	24/11/20	01/12/20	11 + leader

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Tues 29 th Dec	Northwood and Ruislip woods ~7 miles linear Leader: Gillian/Stuart	Walking in Ruislip Woods. Expect mud! Meet at Northwood (Met line) at 10.30am. Bring picnic lunch. Availability of cafes/toilets to be confirmed. Finish at Northwood Hills (Met line – one stop down from Northwood). Distance: around 7 miles. EX 172 Leader: Gillian/Stuart (07719452023)	24/11/20	01/12/20	11+ leader
BOOKING FOR JANUARY WALKS OPENS ON 15 DECEMBER					
January					
Sat 2 nd	Welwyn North to Knebworth 7 miles linear Leader: Sandy <i>This walk is rescheduled from November</i>	The walk will be mainly along footpaths and through fields, with few hilly bits. Meet at Finsbury Park (platform 7) and take the 10.34 Cambridge train, arrive Welwyn North 11.00. Buy OPDR to Knebworth. Distance 7 miles, with the option to take a bus from Woolmer Green to Knebworth, saving a couple of miles. Picnic lunch. EX 182 Leader Sandy	15/12/20	22/12/20	11+ leader
Sun 3 rd	Great Missenden circular 8 miles. Leader: Gillian/Stuart	Details to come	15/12/20	22/12/20	11+ leader
Sat 9 th	Mill hill circular, approx 7.5 miles. Leader: Jo Cain	Route takes in Mill Hill school, green belt farms and views and Darlands nature reserve. Lunch at Orange Tree pub (outdoor seating is available) on Totteridge lane. Several short climbs and some road walking.	15/12/20	22/12/20	tbc

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		Meet St Pancras or Mill Hill Station (thameslink) times tbc. Leader: Jo Cain			
Sun 10 th	Ealing Broadway/Hanwell. 6 miles linear Leader: Danny <i>This walk is rescheduled from November</i>	This walk makes good use of green spaces in this pleasant part of London. Soon after leaving the station, leafy streets & tracks leading to Pitshanger Park are traversed. At Perivale Park, the Capital Ring is joined to Greenford Bridge and then the River Brent to Hanwell. Cafes en-route and pub at end or bring picnic. Meet Ealing Broadway station at 10.30. EX172. Leader Danny 07907-346957 or 07591-999016	15/12/20	22/12/20	11+ leader
Sat 16 th	Wimbledon to Richmond. 7 miles linear. Leaders: Jennifer and Sunita	One of the prettiest sections of the Capital Ring we walk through Wimbledon Park and Wimbledon Common, past Wimbledon Windmill to Richmond Park. We pass through Petersham Meadows, famous in Turner's paintings, and along the Thames Path National Trail to Richmond station. Picnic lunch. Meet Wimbledon Park station (District Line) 10.00. EX 161. Leaders Sunita and Jennifer	15/12/20	22/12/20	5 + leader x 2
Sun 17 th	Loughton circular. 7 miles. Leader Pam. <i>This is a reprise of the walk Pam led on 31 October</i>	Epping Forest for 'forest bathing'. Relax and de-stress with nature, whatever the weather! Meet at 10.30 at Loughton station. (~36 mins from Oxford Circus on Epping branch of Central line). Lunch/loo stop at High Beach. Bring picnic, possibility of kiosk for tea and	15/12/20	22/12/20	5 + leader

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		coffee etc.). Wrap up warm and dry. Can be muddy in places. Distance: ~7 miles. EX 174. Leader: Pam.			
Sat 23 rd Jan	Berkhamsted Common, Ashridge House and Frithsden Beeches 6.5 miles. Circular. Leader: Hilary <i>This walk is rescheduled from November</i>	A circular walk starting and finishing at Berkhamsted station. The walk takes us past Berkhamsted castle, Berkhamsted common; Ashridge House; Frithsden Beeches. One moderate hill and one slightly steep short downward slope. Meet at Euston. Buy OPDR to Berkhamsted. Milton Keynes train departs at 09.54, arrives Berkhamsted 10.21 where the leader will meet the group. There are no pubs and cafes on route but plenty of eateries in Berkhamsted for when we finish our walk so please bring some snacks with you. Distance: 6.5 miles. EX: 181. Leader Hilary:	15/12/20	22/12/20	11+ leader
Sun 24 th	Petts Wood circular 8 miles. Leader: Susan	This is an easy and pleasant walk through woodlands nestled in the middle of London's South-Eastern suburbs. Train departs London Victoria 9.58, arrive Petts Wood (zone 5) 10.33. EX162. More information on any rail disruption and refreshment arrangements nearer the time. Leader: Susan	15/12/20	22/12/20	5+ leader
Sat 30 th	Hertford and Ware Towns – 7 miles circular Leader: Dominique	From the county town of Hertford to the maltings town of Ware. Meet Finsbury Park station (platform 7 or 8). Train leaves at 9.57 and arrives Hertford North	15/12/20	22/12/20	11 + leader

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		at 10.27. Leader will join the train in Cuffley. Buy Off Peak Day Return to Hertford North. Please note, it is not yet known if there will be engineering work that day. Check with the leader nearer the time. Lunch in Ware (cafes, pub and supermarket available). OS Landranger 166. Leader: Dominique			
Sun 31 st	<p>Harlow Town to Roydon 8-9 miles. Linear Leader: Jackie</p> <p>This walk is rescheduled from November</p>	<p>Undulating countryside, woods, fields, farmlands and ancient Essex hamlets. Lunch in Hunsdon (tbc). One major road to cross (twice!)</p> <p>Meet at Liverpool St. Buy Super off peak day return to Harlow town (£9.95 with railcard). Train departs Liverpool St 9.25, Tottenham Hale 9.37, arrives Harlow Town 9.54. Distance 8-9 miles. EX 174 Leader: Jackie who will join the train at Tottenham Hale</p>	15/12/20	22/12/20	5+ leader