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21 MAY – 5 JUNE 2022



Welcome to the 9th Chilterns Walking Festival

From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, the Chilterns Walking Festival provides over **65 opportunities** to enjoy beech woodlands, nature reserves, family walks and much more, all in the expert care of a knowledgeable guide.

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children and dogs, booking guidance etc.

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Free event



Difficulty
Range: 1 – 5
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Dogs on lead
welcome



Family
friendly



Near public
transport



Accessible

NEW THIS YEAR

- Chalk streams discovery sessions for kids
 - Nature walks to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of National Nature Reserves
 - Historic walk, lacemaking and cream tea experience
- Wildsong Walks – come sing your heart out in the woods!



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Chesham Beating the Bounds – long walk

Saturday 21 8am 25 miles Walk (3701)

Join us on this challenging walk around the ancient parish of Chesham which celebrates the old custom of Beating the Bounds



A Chilterns Poleambulation on World Nordic Walking Day!

Saturday 21 9.30am 8 miles Walk (3301)

Join us for a Chilterns Poleambulation on World Nordic Walking Day! This hilly circular 8-mile Nordic walk from Nuffield explores the western scarp of the Oxfordshire Chilterns. We will walk part of the ancient Grim's Ditch and Ridgeway National Trail and be blown away by the wide sweeping panoramic views.



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The art of walking

Saturday 21 9.30am 1 mile Walk (0701)

Come rediscover the art of walking! Together we will explore the rich terrain of human gait and learn how we can improve our walking at any age, updating our old habits into new choices and learning how we can continue to refine the way we walk in a gentle and relaxed way. Leave feeling more grounded and walking more gracefully.

Charged event



Walk to the WW1 Trenches at Marlow Common

Saturday 21 9.30pm 2 miles Walk (0401)

Join us for tea and coffee (on the house) in the Teepee at The Royal Oak before venturing out on to the lovely Marlow Common. Explore the wonderfully preserved WW1 practice trenches and soak up the magic of these beautiful beech woods, then back to the pub for a beer or lunch if you fancy.



Castles, Woods and Wildlife: Exploring the countryside surrounding Berkhamsted

Saturday 21 9.30pm 6.7 miles Walk (2501)

A circular walk from Berkhamsted, passing the historic castle, before very gradually heading uphill towards the Common. The Common and its surrounds once hosted troops stationed here before they went off to war. At the tranquil little hamlet of Frithsden we will take a rest by the green, returning through the village of Potten End and along the Grand Union Canal. We will stop along the way to highlight points of interest.



Where two major drovers' routes cross

Saturday 21 10am 10 miles Walk (0901)

Cattle were driven long distances to the growing market in London. The route from mid-Wales to Barnet crossed the route from the Midlands to Uxbridge on Amersham Common. This ten-mile circular walk will explore evidence on the ground and on old maps as we walk key parts of both routes. There are two drovers' inns on the route including The Ivy House where we will stop for lunch. The route crosses the River Misbourne and the climb out of the valley affords stunning views.

Charged event



Risborough Town, Villages and Countryside

 Saturday 21  10am  8 miles  Walk (3101)

A varied circular walk taking in the lowland chalk streams and spring lines to the west of Risborough then heading eastwards to the Chiltern Hills via the Ridgeway. We will visit the hamlets of Horsenden and Loosley Row before enjoying the views from Brush Hill Nature Reserve and the Whiteleaf Cross. After a picnic lunch we will descend to Princes Risborough Town Centre with the option to enjoy some local hospitality.



Guided nature walk for wellbeing and mindfulness

 Saturday 21  10.30pm  3.2 miles  Walk (0702)

Take a breather from the stresses of daily life in the beautiful Chilterns landscapes around Harpsden. The walk includes hills, woodland and open grassy areas. We will find peaceful places, where we can take a moment to listen to the birds, feel the breeze on our faces and hopefully watch the sun filtering through the trees.  **Charged event**

Practical Map Reading (around Piddington)

 Saturday 21  1.15pm  4.5 miles  Walk (3801)

Learn how to use a map and compass to plan interesting walks with confidence. We will navigate ourselves around a scenic 4.5 mile walk, through typical Chilterns countryside by field and woodland paths, using common navigation techniques.     **Charged event**

Chesham Beating the Bounds – short walk

 Saturday 21  2pm  5 miles  Walk (3702)

Join us on this scenic walk around the ancient parish of Chesham which celebrates the old custom of Beating the Bounds.



Dudes & Dogs Walk and Talk at Maidensgrove Common

 Sunday 22  10am  3 miles  Walk (1601)

Join Dogs & Dudes for a 60 minute walk around Maidensgrove Common. It's a great space for dogs, with wide open skies, gentle slopes and woodland. Walkers are welcome to bring friendly, well-behaved dogs, but do not have to own a dog to join.



These Feet were made for walking!

 Sunday 22  10am  3 miles  Walk (3601)

This workshop is a combination of education about healthy foot function and lots of simple practical tips on mobilizing, strengthening and integrating our feet into our bodies. We will spend time indoors with shoes off, and then explore outdoors with shoes on over a beautiful easy-going 3 mile walk. We'll finish with a social refreshment stop at a local cafe. **Charged event**



Reading the Natural Landscape

 Sunday 22  10am  7miles  Walk (0001)

Join Dadima's Walks for an exploration of the landscape, starting from Lewknor and rising up into the Chilterns hills, through Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve. We will pass through chalk grassland with wonderful views and should see lots of wild flowers and butterflies.



Exploring Chesham and beyond

 Sunday 22  10.30am  5.25 miles  Walk (0601)

A 5 mile walk, setting off through the back streets and parks of Chesham then up to Tyler's Hill via open fields with fine views. We pass through woods and undulating tracks to reach the River Chess, then follow the riverside path back.



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Tring Gap and the Chiltern Escarpment Circular

 Sunday 22  10.45am  7.7 miles  Walk (2301)

This is a circular walk taking in some of the varied terrain and excellent views offered by the Tring Gap valley and adjacent Chiltern escarpment. We set off from Tring Station, climbing the ridge to Aldbury Nowers nature reserve alongside a section of Grim's Ditch. We climb Pitstone Hill, pass through the Ashridge Estate woods and the Bridgewater Monument before descending into the picturesque village of Aldbury where we will stop for lunch on the green by the village pond. From here we return along the Grand Union Canal towpath.



Later Expansion of Amersham Old Town

 Sunday 22  2.30am  1 mile  Walk (0902)

A fascinating walk, led by a guide, around old Amersham. Discover the historic buildings and the interesting stories of the people who lived in and shaped the town in the past. You will learn about the workhouses of Amersham, coaching inns and 18th and 19th century travel, social housing, cottage industries, the workhouses and much more! **Charged event**



Awakening your senses – a mindful walking experience

 Monday 23  9.30am  4miles  Walk (3403)

Boost not only your physical but mental wellbeing on this walk exploring various techniques which promote awareness in the present moment. We will be stopping at the Amaravati Buddhist monastery on route, where you will have some time for quiet reflection either inside their beautiful temple or in the grounds outside. The Cedar cafe at the end of our walk is a lovely spot for a social cuppa or lunch. **Charged event**



Mysterious Earthworks

 Monday 23  10am  5 miles  Walk (1101)

A circular walk from Wyfold Grange looking at archaeological features identified by Lidar. Walking along quiet lanes and through woodland, we visit ancient earthworks, gaining insights into their history. Wyfold Grange is the site of a 12th century monastic grange set within an earthwork enclosure. We then walk via the Victorian Gothic Revival mansion of Wyfold Court to Castle Grove, an iron age hill fort, and finally visit an intriguing undated earthwork enclosure in Old Copse.



Walk this Wye

Monday 23 10pm 5 miles Walk (1501)

The walk starts with some wildlife spotting at Kingsmead Recreation Ground following the river upstream to The Rye. Along the route we will learn about the history of the River Wye and how the mills and industry shaped the town. From Pann Mill we will take in the backstream on our return leg, and have the chance to see and discuss how project partners are working to re-naturalise stretches of the river.



Power of Poles

Monday 23 5pm 2 miles Walk (2801)

Our new Pole walking induction has been trialled to great effect. The POWER of POLES course is totally unique in that it explores the use of both strapless and Nordic walking poles to aid the user to gain the best technique and results! It's fast, highly effective and really comprehensive!

This is a 'Fast Track' Power of Poles course over 90 minutes in Wendover Woods, intended for those who are able and eager to learn how to Pole. This walking technique can both support the joints and give the body a more comprehensive workout.

Charged event



Adventure Walk for those who can walk 5 - 6 km in an hour

Monday 23 7pm 3 miles Walk (2802)

Enjoy the extensive, stunning panoramas, woods and paths of Wendover Woods. Nordic Walk through the wild flower meadows, ancient woodlands and along the chalk escarpment of the Chiltern Hills.

Charged event



The treasures of Pegsdon

Tuesday 24 10am 4 miles Walk (1901)

Walk across the magnificent Pegsdon Hills with their rich heritage, abundant wildlife and exceptional views. You will see mysterious prehistoric features, colourful plants, several breeds of sheep and a wide sweep of Bedfordshire's countryside along the way.



Capability Brown's Ashridge

Tuesday 24 10am 4.5 miles Walk (3201)

Explore the natural beauty of the Ashridge Estate and see the impact Capability Brown's extraordinary 17th century landscaping had on the Estate. Enjoy sweeping vistas, 350 year old sweet chestnut trees and an original ice-house.

Charged event



Family toddle with Anna

Wednesday 25 10am 1.5 miles Walk (2701)

Join me and my little one for a simple, family-friendly walk around the Meadow path at Ashridge. Relaxed and informal, we will go at little legs' pace! A chance to chat to other parents and let the children play and run free. There are so many wonderful trees and dens to explore along the way, and if we're lucky, some muddy puddles!



The Danesfield House Gardens and Hillfort Tour

Wednesday 25 11am 2 miles Walk (0301)

With our glorious 65 acres of manicured gardens, we are delighted to once again open our grounds this year with an informative 1.5 hour tour given by Head Gardener, Dan Lawrence and his team. You will discover the numerous unique plantings, the Italian garden, rare c1900 Pulham Stone monuments and the remains of an Iron Age Hillfort know as Danesfield Camp. This will be followed by a brief talk about the house as RAF Medmenham from 1941 - 1946, by resident historian, Peter Faarup.



Ivinghoe Beacon views, orchids, and guided watercolour paint workshop

Wednesday 25 11am 4 miles Walk (3202)

Start with a leisurely walk from the pretty little village of Ivinghoe, passing Pitstone windmill and through chalk meadows which are home to many beautiful wild flowers. We will return to the community hub for refreshments and a guided watercolour painting session.

Charged event



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Cheese Shed Walks – Merrimoles & Tartary

📅 Thursday 26 ⌚ 10am 📍 8 miles 📄 Walk (2903)

This walk takes us through parts of the Nettlebed Estate, home of the prize-winning Nettlebed Cheese, and includes a stop at the Creamery to enjoy a scrumptious cheese toasty! We set off from the village of Bix and journey towards Nettlebed keeping a look out for the cows which produce the creamy milk for the cheese. There are plenty of discoveries along the way, including a 'James Bond' connection and a miniature castle. Our return route takes us past the old brick works and down into Bix Bottom to discover the little ruined Church of St James before climbing back up to Bix village. **Charged event**



Practical Map Reading (around Buckmoor)

📅 Thursday 26 ⌚ 1pm 📍 3.5 mile 📄 Walk (3802)

On this half day course we will navigate ourselves around a scenic 3.5 mile walk, through typical Chilterns terrain of fields and woodland, using common navigation techniques. You will learn about the useful bits of information a map can give and this will help you plan your own walks. During the walk we will also introduce some compass techniques. **Charged event**



Dipping into the Wells

📅 Friday 27 ⌚ 9.30am 📍 12 miles 📄 Walk (2904)

This 11 mile circular walk takes us on a journey to discover evidence, old and new, of man's quest for water, the essence of life. Piped water did not reach many communities here until the mid-1900s - people relied on local ponds, wells and the river for their water. Yet today, this area has the 'largest water abstraction project in Europe' and is the source of water for thousands of homes from Oxford to Swindon. We start our walk from Goring Station and climb up to dipping ponds on Greenmoor Common, one of the highest points in the Chilterns. We then explore the pond and well at Whitchurch Hill before descending to Gatehampton to return along the Thames to Goring. **Charged event**



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Barton Hills, flora and fauna guided walk

📅 Friday 27 ⌚ 10am 📍 2 miles 📄 Walk (1801)

Join the team that look after this important National Nature Reserve, as we explore the spectacular hills, learning how land use has changed over time and how the site is now managed. Discover the wildlife that makes it so special. Return to the village Church for a hot drink and cake in the garden, along with some sampling of local produce.



Exploring the Gaddesden Estate, and ponder on the origins of the 'Roman' road

📅 Friday 27 ⌚ 10.30pm 📍 8.5 mile 📄 Walk (3204)

Explore the Gaddesden Estate home to the Halsey family for over five Centuries and much used by the film industry since the 1960's. Social cuppa halfway at Charlie's pop up café. **Charged event**



Panoramic views and Prime Ministers' Haunts

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 9am 📍 5.5 miles 📄 Walk (3203)

We start with a steady climb up Coombe Hill to panoramic views over the Aylesbury Vale. We then drop down to the 12th century church of Ellesborough, through ancient box woodlands and around the edge of Chequers, the 16th century manor and home to prime ministers since 1921. **Charged event**



Climate Action Walk and Talk

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 9.30am 📍 8.25 miles 📄 Walk (2101)

Join us for our regular Princes Risborough Climate Action Walk and Talk. An opportunity to discuss personal climate action with a supportive group of walkers on a scenic walk taking in some of the finest local countryside. We'll walk up to the village of Whiteleaf before climbing into the hills, where we'll visit a couple of great view points before looping back down into the little town of Princes Risborough.



Butties, Birds and Beautiful Views – A walk from The Alford Arms

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 9.30am 📍 4.5 miles 📄 Walk (2601)

Join us for a bacon butty and cuppa (on the house) at The Alford Arms before venturing out into the lovely Gade Valley. The walk starts out along a Roman Road, passes a buddhist monastery and through the water meadows beside the River Gade. Along the way there are outstanding views over the valley and the opportunity to spot local wildlife.



Take the train for a walk in The Chiltern Hills; Princes Risborough to High Wycombe

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 9.45am 📍 13 miles 📄 Walk (3803)

This is a day long, linear walk of 13 miles. We start by taking the Chiltern Line train from the bustling High Wycombe station to Princes Risborough. We will pass through lovely countryside and picturesque villages such as Bledlow and Bradenham. There will be lots of interesting points to see on the way, such as Hughenden, the country estate of Benjamin Disraeli, Queen Victoria's favourite Prime Minister.

Charged event



Barton Hills Kids Nature Adventure

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 10am 📍 2 miles 📄 Walk (1802)

Join us for a morning of exploring the natural world at Barton Hills. We will be doing a number of activities including leaf rubbings to identify trees, looking for creepy crawlies, finding and identifying wild flowers and spotting butterflies, bees and birds along the way. We will be doing a route approximately 2 miles long stopping for a picnic at the springs so don't forget a packed lunch!



Western Turville Reservoir – 1 hour easy walk with or without poles

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 10.15am 📍 2 miles 📄 Walk (2805)

A flat canal and field side walk around the beautiful Wildlife Trust Reservoir and Wendover Arm of the Grand Union. Lots of bird life and countryside to enjoy.

Charged event



Arts & Crafts Architecture Chesham Bois

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 1.30pm 📍 2 miles 🎟 Walk (2002)

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Chesham Bois and find out about the many projects undertaken by this notable Arts & Crafts architect.

Charged event



Woodland Song Walk

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 2.30pm 📍 1.5 miles 🎟 Walk (1001)

Come and sing in King's Wood! This ancient beech woodland has an abundance of wild songs for us. We will share simple walking chants and songs of the woods and of the beings that live there. We will also be guided through the process of finding our own wild song to take home with us. Our circular route is short and we will take it slowly and attentively, stopping regularly to listen and explore what we hear along our way. For singers of all abilities.



Tudor Walk

📅 Saturday 28 ⌚ 2.30pm 📍 1.5 miles 🎟 Walk (1001)

The walk tells of life in early 16th century Amersham – including the food, drink, housing, work, markets, fairs, beliefs, health and cures. Learn about the 6 men and 1 woman burnt as Lollards.

Charged event



Berkhamsted woods and commons loop

📅 Sunday 29 ⌚ 10.30am 📍 5.15 miles 🎟 Walk (0602)

A 5 mile stile-free walk going through Alpine Meadow Nature Reserve and then over Berkhamsted Common, returning through Frithsden Beeches. There are great views over Berkhamsted towards the end of the walk.



Murder on the Ridgeway

📅 Sunday 29 ⌚ 11am 📍 5 miles 🎟 Walk (0501)

Discover a scenic part of the Ridgeway between Chinnor and Bledlow, an area well known to 'Midsomer Murders' fans. We walk to Bledlow village, a regular Midsomer venue, and visit the secluded Lyde Water Garden before returning to Chinnor station where you will have the chance to relax with a ride on the steam train.



Practical Map Reading (around Chenies)

📅 Sunday 29 ⌚ 1pm 📍 4 miles 🎟 Walk (3804)

On this half day course we will navigate ourselves around a scenic 3.5 mile walk, through typical Chilterns terrain of fields and woodland, using common navigation techniques. You will learn about the useful bits of information a map can give and this will help you plan your own walks. During the walk we will also introduce some compass techniques.

Charged event



Arts & Crafts Architecture, Amersham-on-the-Hill

📅 Sunday 29 ⌚ 2pm 📍 2 miles 🎟 Walk (2001)

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Starting from Amersham Station, this walk will take you around Amersham-on-the-Hill where you will find out about the many projects undertaken by this notable Arts & Crafts architect.

Charged event



Early Development of Amersham Old Town

📅 Sunday 29 ⌚ 2.30pm 📍 1 mile 🎟 Walk (0905)

A fascinating guided walk around old Amersham. Discover the historic buildings and the interesting stories of the people who lived in and shaped the town in the past. This covers the early history of Amersham including the parish church and its rectors, Amersham Brewery and the malting, Town Mill, the Charter Fair and the almshouses.

Charged event



Chalk stream discovery walk and family fun (for under 5's)

📅 Monday 30 ⌚ 10.30pm 📍 1 mile 🎟 Walk (1201)

After a short introduction we will have a walk along the river suitable for families with young children. We will spot wildlife and look at the features of the river as we walk. We will use all of our senses – please make sure you bring your wellies as we will walk through the water! We will return for some hands on activities – looking at river creatures, reading a story and singing some songs.



Family friendly chalk stream discovery walk

📅 Monday 30 ⌚ 1.30pm 📍 1 mile 🎟 Walk (1202)

Join us for a chalk stream discovery walk and wildlife spotting along the River Chess. Bring your wellies as we will walk through the water! This family-friendly event will include hands on activities including river dipping and looking at river creatures.



Stokenchurch and Chiltern Way Walk

📅 Tuesday 31 ⌚ 10am 📍 6 miles 🎟 Walk (0801)

We set off from Stokenchurch for an undulating walk through classic Chilterns woodlands and over commons. We follow the Chiltern Way to Town End, then pick up the Bledlow Circular Ride to Sprigg's Alley and other small hamlets as we wind our way back.





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Make a Dreamcatcher from Nature
 Tuesday 31 10am 2 miles Walk (3602)

Bring a little rucksack and an adult and join me on a nature ramble, during which we will collect all the natural 'ingredients' to make a dream catcher such as feathers and leaves. We will be out wandering in nature for 75mins max then return to Home Farm to get creative for another hour. There will be plenty of delicious refreshments available to buy from the cafe.

Charged event

Butterflies, Wildflowers and Orchids in a traditional Chilterns landscape
 Tuesday 31 10am 5 miles Walk (3001)

This scenic walk takes in the BBOWT Yoesden Nature Reserve which, on a good day, has many butterflies and wild flowers. Enjoy the beautiful views looking across the valley towards Radnage village.



A Poor King and Rich Commoners made Amersham
 Tuesday 31 11am 3 miles Walk (0903)

No other medium sized town has a medieval street plan untouched by post 1800 development. A short woodland walk starting at Amersham station through the beech woods down to Amersham Old Town will explain how this came about: including a charter of King John and evidence of domination in the 18th century by the Drake family. There will be a rare opportunity to see impressive memorials to this family in the Drake Chapel.

Charged event

To A Skylark!
 Wednesday 1 7.30am 3.5 miles Walk (2901)

Join us for this early morning walk to discover and celebrate 'the herald of the morn' - the joyous song of the skylark, and more! The arable fields of the Chilterns are home to the morning lark, a small bird which has been the subject of many works of literature from Chaucer to Shelley, and the wide-open fields of Shiplake Farm are a perfect place to experience them. Our short circular walk starts out from Binfield Heath and takes us through woods and over the fields at Shiplake Row. There will be plenty of 'skylark' facts along the way!

Charged event

A short walk on Naphill Common
 Wednesday 1 10.30am 3 miles Walk (0101)

A circular walk around one of the largest wooded commons in the Chilterns led by the Friends of Naphill Common.

The Hills are alive!
 Wednesday 1 11am 4 miles Walk (3501)

Come and experience a joyous combination of walking and singing outdoors. We will be accompanied on our scenic walk through Golden Valley by professional voice coach Victoria Williams. She has years of experience in making singing fun for all ages and abilities.

ALL voices welcome! We will stop for a picnic lunch so please bring food and drink supplies in a rucksack. We may even get to 'busk' in the courtyard cafe at Ashridge House afterwards! **Charged event**

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Marlow – a brief town tour, afternoon tea and try-your-hand at lacemaking

📅 Wednesday 1 ⌚ 2pm 📍 1 mile 🎟 Walk (1701)

This new experience led by tour guide Bobbie Latter combines a lively walking tour of historic Marlow (prepare to be entertained with lots of intriguing stories!) ending up in the Two Brewers pub for a delicious afternoon tea and a lesson in bobbin lace-making. Learn about this traditional craft and have a go for yourself under Bobbie's guidance! Charged event.



Charged event

Dunstable Downs – 1 hour Nordic walk. With or without poles moderate/strenuous level

📅 Wednesday 1 ⌚ 2.30pm 📍 3 miles 🎟 Walk (2804)

Enjoy the extensive, stunning panoramas offered from the chalk grasslands of Dunstable Downs. Nordic Walk through the wild flower meadows, ancient woodlands and along the chalk escarpment of the Chiltern Hills.

Charged event



Navigation Essentials & Bronze Navigator Award

📅 Thursday 2 ⌚ 9.30am 📍 6 miles 🎟 Walk (3901)

Pipsticks Walks and Angelina Mountain Leader bring you this combined Navigation Essentials (1-day) and NNAS Bronze Navigator Award (2-day) Course. This is a practical hands-on course and is aimed at people with no, or a little, navigation experience. It covers the fundamental elements of understanding maps and navigation in the countryside using paths tracks and other linear features.

Charged event



Aldbury Six-Mile Circular

📅 Thursday 2 ⌚ 10am 📍 6 miles 🎟 Walk (2401)

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust are delighted to be working in partnership with The Chiltern Society to offer this 6-mile scenic walk. The route follows The Ridgeway up through the Trust's Aldbury Nowers Nature Reserve and onwards to the top of Pitstone Hill to enjoy the spectacular views. It then returns through the beautiful woodland of the National Trust's Ashridge Estate before heading back down to Aldbury village.



Gems to celebrate the Jubilee - Risborough to Chinnor with a steamy return

📅 Friday 3 ⌚ 9am 📍 7.5 miles 🎟 Walk (1301)

Starting from Princes Risborough we walk across the Horsenden fields to visit a secluded oasis – the Lyde Garden in Bledlow. Joining the Midshires Way we climb through woodland up to Chinnor Hill Nature Reserve and join the Deep Time Walk which gives us a taste of the evolution of life on Earth throughout its 4.6 billion years. We descend Crowell Hill to reach the Chinnor chalk pit lakes in the hope of spotting some water fowl and orchids then visit the historic lime kiln. Return to Princes Risborough by steam train!

Charged event



Walk to the WW1 Trenches at Marlow Common

📅 Saturday 4 ⌚ 9.30pm 📍 2 miles 🎟 Walk (0402)

Join us for tea and coffee (on the house) in the Teepee at The Royal Oak before venturing out on to the lovely Marlow Common. Explore the wonderfully preserved World War One practice trenches and soak up the magic of these beautiful beech woods, then back to the pub for a beer or lunch if you fancy.



Flowers and Fruitcake at Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve!

📅 Saturday 4 ⌚ 10.30am 📍 1 mile 🎟 Walk (1401)

Join the reserve staff at Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve, for a fun, informative, and tasty walk on this Site of Special Scientific Interest. The day will include identifying what plants are up and flowering on the chalk downland, meeting, and learning about our sheep flocks on the reserve and why they are so important, and joining us for locally sourced cake and treats, as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the first National Nature Reserves.



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“Dulce et Decorum est” - in the footsteps of Wilfred Owen

📅 Saturday 4 ⌚ 1.45pm 📍 5 miles 🚶 Walk (2902)

Join us for this walk and discover one of our most celebrated Great War Poets, Wilfred Owen who witnessed first-hand the harsh reality and carnage of war. Our walk starts out from Binfield Heath and heads out over fields, following historic ways, to explore the small village of Dunsden where, in 1911 at the age of 18, Owen had come to live and work. It is thought that his poetry was heavily influenced by his time serving the poor local community here as we will discover during our walk.

Charged event



Rusty, bodgers, mosquitos and more....

📅 Sunday 5 ⌚ 2pm 📍 2 miles 🚶 Walk (2201)

An historical walk of High Wycombe, starting at High Wycombe Museum. Hear about the industry that made Wycombe famous throughout the world, handle a chair-maker's wage packet from 1913, learn about Wycombe's serial criminal and also of the club where practical jokes and amorous pursuits were encouraged.



Later Expansion of Amersham Old Town

📅 Sunday 5 ⌚ 2.30pm 📍 1 mile 🚶 Walk (0906)

A fascinating walk, led by a guide, around old Amersham. Discover the historic buildings and the interesting stories of the people who lived in and shaped the town in the past. You will learn about the workhouses of Amersham, coaching inns and 18th and 19th century travel, social housing, cottage industries, the workhouses and much more!

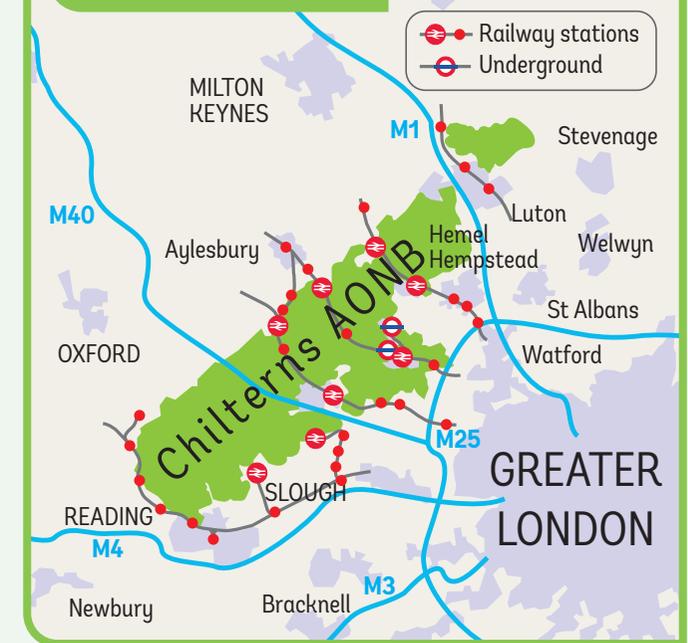
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KEY

- 🆓 Free event
- 📌 Difficulty Range: 1 - 5
1 = easy
- 🐕 Dogs on lead welcome
- 👨👩 Family friendly
- 🚶 Near public transport
- ♿ Accessible

HOW TO GET HERE



Less than an hour away from London, the **Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** is easily accessible by both road and rail. With 20 railway stations, and even a London Underground line, our market towns are easily reached by public transport and provide an excellent gateway to the Chilterns.

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