

Walks

All U3A members are welcome to join any of our walks. Non U3A members are also welcome but please be aware that if you are not a member you will not be covered by our insurance.

All walks start at 10.00 am.

Walks are very informal and usually last about two hours.

Starting points are usually given as map references, but if we can give you a post code we will. If you think you may have trouble finding the start, do phone the leader in advance for directions.

Please arrive slightly early to start on time, and car share if you can.

Good weather and walking conditions are not guaranteed, but we will always be prepared to make a start, even if we cut the walk short due to the weather or ground conditions.

Well behaved dogs welcome, but please be prepared to put your dog on a lead if necessary particularly near livestock or when ground nesting birds may be present.

There is no need to let us know you plan to join us, but if you need directions to the start point or you might be late, ring the leader's mobile and we will endeavour to wait for you.

The leaders endeavour to find enjoyable routes and, as this is a group for everyone, if you have a favourite walk that you think others might enjoy, you are welcome to lead us if you would like.

Summer Programme 2018

Friday 15th June - Gorley Common - 3 miles Led by Christine

Meet at car park at sharp bend in lane near Hyde Garden Centre and tea rooms. Map OL22 ref 169119) This is a forest walk on some less well known tracks. There are some stiles and moderate hills.

Wednesday 27th June - Wick to Hengistbury Head and back, 2 miles each way. Led by Ros and Chris

Meet at the car park in Wick Lane, on the south side of Tuckton Bridge, a small, payable car park so car sharing advised. Some on-street parking available. Map OL22 ref 153 922 Please allow all morning for this walk so we can relax over coffee at Chris's beach hut. There will be a choice of routes back, including the possibility of returning by boat (£5 or £6,) Details at www.bournemouthboating.co.uk United Ferry.

Tuesday 10th July - Godshill Valleys and Views 3.5 miles Led by Ros
Meet at The Fighting Cocks, Godshill, Fordingbridge, SP6 2LL (Map OL22 ref 177150) Some steep climbs on this walk, both up and down, but hopefully we will be rewarded by good views, weather permitting.

Monday 23rd July - High Corner and Hasley - 3.5 miles Led by Christine
Meet at High Corner car park (Map OL22 ref 199105) This is the Forestry Commission car park at the top of the track not the pub car park. The walk is on a variety of forest paths. It might be muddy depending on the weather.

Wednesday 8th August - Burgate and Castle Hill - 3.5 miles Led by Christine
Meet at Burgate School approach road, Salisbury Road, Fordingbridge, (Map OL22 ref 152155) This walk partially follows the Avon Valley Footpath and has some pleasing views. We shall walk along a quiet lane for a while.

Thursday 23rd August - Slap Bottom and Castle Hill - 4 miles Led by Ros
Meet at Burbush Car park, on the road from Burley to Bransgore (Map OL22 ref 201 018) A mixture of forest tracks and quiet roads, hilly in places. This is the walk that was snowed off in March so let's hope for dry tracks and sunshine this time.

Tuesday 11th September - Wilverley Plain - 3.5 miles Led by or Ros
Meet at Wilverley Plain car park - Not Wilverley Pit or Wilverley Camp Site - (Map OL22 ref 254010) We will walk around the moor or through the inclosure, depending on the weather.

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