

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 unless otherwise notified. Please arrive slightly early to start on time and car share if you can.

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.

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.

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.

Please let the leader know if you plan to join us. If you need directions to the start point **or you might be late**, please 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.

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Spring Programme

Wednesday 5th February - 3 miles. Led by Liz

Meet at Burbush Car Park, on the road from Burley to Bransgore, Map OL22 ref 201018 and we will walk around Dur Hill.

Friday 21st February – 3.5 miles. Led by Liz

Meet at Potter's Wheel car park, Verwood (free) – opposite Memorial Hall and Recreation ground, BH31 6HF, Map ref SU 087091. Walk to Stephen's Castle, Pistle Down and Mount Ararat. A mixture of tracks and smaller paths (may be muddy) and a flight of steps (which we can take slowly), worthwhile for the view. Coffee shop near car park!

Thursday 5th March - 4 miles. Led by Christine

Park and meet along Ringwood Road (service road), St Ives, beside the footbridge over A31 (north side of bridge) Map OL22 ref 122037. This is an easy walk to Avon Heath Country Park on sand and gravel tracks.

Tuesday 17th March - 3.5 miles. Led by Ros

Meet at The Hiker Cafe, Hengistbury Head and we will walk over the headland or round the beach.

Monday 6th April - 3.5 miles. Led by Ros

Meet at Linford Bottom car park, Map OL22 ref 181072, and we will go up to Linford top and back through the woods.

Thursday 23rd April - 3.5 miles. Led by Christine

Meet at Breamore Church car park, Map OL22 ref 153189. This walk partially follows the route of an old railway and visits Breamore station.

Wednesday 13th May - 3 miles. Led by Ros

Meet at the car park opposite the Lamb Inn, Nomansland, Post Code SP5 2BP. The walk will take us along lanes, through woods and across heathland.

Thursday 28th May - 3.5 miles. Led by Christine

Meet at Moyles Court sand pit car park, Map OL22 ref 163082 and we will walk around Blashford Lake. This is a mainly level and easy walk, but there is one patch that might be muddy.