

# Ringwood U3A Walks Group

## Winter/Spring Programme 2018

All walks start at 10.00 am and last up to 2 hours, usually less.  
Please arrive slightly early to start on time, and car share if you can.

**Monday 15th January - Boscombe Beach 2.5 miles Led by Christine**  
Meet outside Cafe Riva (MapOL22 ref 128913) This is a small cafe on Boscombe Overcliff at the top of the cliff railway. It is almost opposite the Commodore Hotel. There is plenty of free parking on the roads around here. Walk along cliff top, down to Boscombe Pier and back along prom. This is a very easy walk except for final zig zag

**Monday 5th February - Lucy Hill Enclosure 3 miles Led by Ros**  
Meet at Lucy Hill car park (Map ref SU 226046) Lyndhurst Road Burley. Walk on cycle tracks within the enclosure, but with a muddy start and finish.

**Tuesday 13th February - Castleman Trailway 4 miles Led by Christine**  
Meet at end of trailway (MapOL22 ref 138050). To avoid confusion let's meet at the underpass where the Verwood Road goes under the A31. This is not a salubrious meeting point, the walk will be away from roads! We will walk along the old railway line and divert into Moors Valley for coffee. This is easy, flat walking.

**Friday 2nd March - 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.

**Wednesday 14th March - Portuguese Fireplace and Acres Down 3.5 miles Led by Christine**  
Meet at Millyford Bridge Car Park, Emery Down  
A walk on forest tracks through a mixture of woodland and open hilltop.

**Tuesday 27th March - Hampton Ridge and Latchmere Brook - 3.5 miles Led by Ros**  
Meet at Abbots Well Car Park, Frogham (OL22 178129). Hope for good views as we walk along the ridge, then down through the woods and back along the valley.

**Tuesday 10th April - Downton and Barford Park 4 miles Led by Christine**  
Meet outside the Co-Op in The Borough, Downton. Postcode SP5 3LY (You will need to park in the street) Map Explorer 130 ref 175215  
This is a flat riverside walk with the possibility to extend to visit The Moot.

**Thursday 26th April - Canada Common 3.5 miles Led by Ros**  
Meet at The Rockingham Arms, Canada, Postcode SO51 6DE. Map OL22 ref 290180 The pub is signposted from the A36 Salisbury to Southampton Road at West Wellow, turning off the M27 at the Romsey exit. Although it looks far it is only 20 minutes from Ringwood. This walk takes us across the common and along forest tracks. A good pub for coffee or lunch with an interesting gift shop. Last time we did this walk it was cut short due to thick fog, so hope for a clear day this time!

Well behaved dogs welcome, but please be prepared to put your dog on a lead if necessary. Non U3A members welcome but be aware that if you are not a member you will not be covered by our insurance. 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.

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