

TEWKESBURY U3A WALKING GROUP

WALKS and STROLLS PROGRAMME No 223 September - October 2026

Please give your phone number when booking on a walk in case of any last minute changes. If necessary, before the walk, phone the leader on the mobile number given in the walk description.

NB 1. Walkers are requested to carry both their U3A membership cards and their ICE (*in case of emergency*) cards with them on all walks and strolls.

NB 2. *Numbers on walks are as always at the walk leader's discretion.* This may well be limited. This may depend upon a number of factors the nature of the walk, e.g. number of stiles and lunch arrangements.

Please book the week before no earlier than the Monday and no later than the Friday if there are lunch arrangements. . If there are no Lunch arrangements there might still be space on the walk if you book after the Friday

Walk 1769 Wednesday 2nd September 5.5 miles Energetic Picnic en route
Meet Tank Quarry WR14 4NA grid SO 769 470

(If car park closed, park in road and meet at Clock Tower)

Time 9.45 to start 10am

Contact Mike and Jenny

Mobile

Directions Take A449 through Malvern, Left towards West Malvern. Go past main car park and Clock Tower. Road up to Tank Quarry picnic place on the left just past the Clock Tower.

Details We make a long circuit of the Northern hills. We start on the East side, climb to the roundel below the Beacon (which we don't climb) then descend and continue on West side to the Gold Mine and return on the East. Bring your own picnic (but the café and toilets at St Anne's Well might be open). No stiles. Steady climb to the roundel and several other ups and downs. Easy walking but Energetic because of the total ascent.

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Monday 7th September **The Walking Group Annual Meeting**

Time 2pm at Tewkesbury Baptist Church

This is a friendly event to learn about the past year and plans for the future. Meet other walking group members. Have tea and cake and see photos of the past years walks. Everyone is welcome even if you have not been able to join us on any walks yet.

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Stroll Tuesday 8 September **Ashleworth Tithe Barn & Quay** 10.30am start
Meet at The Green in Ashleworth Village, GL19 4HT

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Contact Angela

Mobile

Directions Leave Tewkesbury over Mythe Bridge on A438. Fork left on B4211 through Corse Lawn. At main road junction, turn left on A417. In 0.3 miles beyond garage turn left signposted Ashleworth 1¼ miles. Keep right at Woodpeckers sign. At bus shelter & Memorial Hall turn right signposted Hartpur. Pass school signs and park near preaching cross around the green.

Details A there-and-back stroll down Quay Street totalling just over a mile.

Access to the tithe barn is via a concrete ramp. A torch might be useful.

Lunch If wished, meals are available at the Ashleworth Hub next to the village shop

Walk 1770 Thursday 10 Sept 7 miles ENERGETIC Picnic en route
Meet St Wulstan's Nature Reserve Upper Welland WR14 4JA SO 783 414
(3 or 4 per car: smallish parking)

Time 9.30 for 9.45 start

Contact Noel

Mobile

Directions A38 to Holly Green; TL onto A4104 to Upton and Welland; TR to Upper Welland; TR onto Assarts Lane (end of) and small car park (free)

Details: **Climbing the Black Hill from bottom to top:** Nature Reserve, Hanley Rd, Warren Fm, Golf Course, above Holy Well, Black Hill (summit 1009ft), *Mysterious* Staircase Path, Malvern Wells, Nature Reserve. Ascent 900ft plus.

Andrew leading higher level paths.

Lunch Picnic en route

Walk 1771 Wednesday 16 Sept 5 miles Moderate/Energetic Pub lunch
Meet Queen Elizabeth, Main Street, Elmley Castle, WR10 3HS SO 981 411

Time 9.30 to order lunch **9.45** start

Contact Stuart & Gillian

Mobile

Directions Take the Eckington Road from Bredon. Turn Rt. Just before Eckington to Great Comberton, Rt. to Little Comberton. Rt. to Elmley Castle. On entering Elmley Castle keep Rt. along main street towards the church. Park on the left in Main Street.

Details Lower stopes of Bredon Hill to Great Comberton. Moderate ascent up to Even Hill, steeper descent, sticks would be useful. Good views. Undulating to Great Comberton and back. Good tracks and grass paths, one stile.

Walk 1772 Wednesday 23 Sept 2.4 miles very easy Pub Lunch
Meet The Railway Inn, Station Road at Ripple. GL20 6EY

Time 10:30 am start, as this is a short walk.

Contact: Andrea and Bob

Mobile

Directions: North along the A38 from Tewkesbury, then a left turning to Ripple which is just after the large roundabout that leads to the M50 towards Birmingham. Stay on the A38 until you see the sign to Ripple. This road is about a mile long, the pub is at the end on the right, you can park at the rear.

Details: Very easy, a bit more than a stroll. There is one lot of untidy steps down near the beginning, and a short rise towards the end. Otherwise lanes, flat grassland and field margins.

From the pub we will walk over the old railway bridge with glimpses of the old station, now a house. We follow the footpaths down to walk around the lake where we can admire the many wildfowl, then moving up to the Severn pathway. We return along a lane via Uckinghall. We hope to be able to show sights of historical interest on the way.

Lunch 12:30 pm. Order on the day. Over 60s meal deal available. Limited choices and a pudding for £12.95

Walk 1773 Thursday 1 October 5 miles Easy / Moderate Pub Lunch
Meet Bowling Green car park, Bredon, GL20 7QN, SO 928369
Time 9.45 for a 10am start.
Contact Richard P
Mobile
Directions B4080 to Bredon; car park on the left just past the Blenheim Drive turning.
Details We walk past the glasshouses re-development to the south end of Kemerton and then south to Aston on Carrant. We cross over the B4079 towards the railway, where we turn right back to Bredon.
Lunch The Crown Inn, Kemerton details to be confirmed

Note The stroll for October will be on the third Tuesday not the second as usual.

Walk 1774 Wednesday 7 October 3.5 miles Easy pub lunch
Meet Gloucester Old Spot. GL51 9SY
Time 10.15 to order lunch. Start 10.30
Contact Barry
Directions A38 to Coombe Hill. Left at lights towards Cheltenham. Pub is on the left in about 1.5 miles.
Details. A mainly flat walk of about 3.5 miles.

Walk 1775 Wednesday 14 October 4 miles Moderate Lunch Pub
Meet Maisemore village hall, Church Road GL2 8JE
/// screeches.softly.orbit Park in village hall Car Park or at the
White Hart Inn GL2 8HY & walk back to the village hall.
Start 10.00 start.
Contact Lesley the week before, with menu choice from the
White Hart (unless alternative arrangements).
Directions:- Off the A417, on the left towards Gloucester, take Church Road in Maisemore and the village hall is on the left.
Details:- Through gently ascending fields to the views from High Redding hill (approx. 100` high), along the top & then a steep descent to the river. We follow this back to the White Hart, climbing approx. 6 stiles.(which could be avoided by road walking)

Stroll Tuesday 20 October Wickhamford 1.3 miles 10.30am
Meet Near Wickhamford Memorial Hall. WR11 7SA SP 068 419
/// instructs.crunches.chum Roadside parking.
Contact Mike and Jenny
Directions. A46 Evesham bypass. A44 towards Broadway. In about a mile left into Wickhamford, left again into Manor Lane (main street) Drive up through village. The Memorial Hall is on the right.
Details. We visit the church and look at some of the rest of the village. (If not too muddy we may walk on some grass paths) mainly hard surfaces suitable for mobility scooters.
Lunch The Round of Gras in Badsey is a good Pub and serves small meals at a reasonable price. Follow the road through Badsey. (Turn L then R in village) Turn R on B4035. The Round of Gras is just out of the village round a bend on the left (after a road junction)

Walk 1776 Thursday 22 October 4 miles easy Lunch- Croome cafe
Meet Croome Park WR8 9D Please assemble outside Reception
Time 10.00 start.
Contact Sonia
Directions A38 N from Tewkesbury. At the top of the hill in Earls Croome take the right turn to Croome and Kinnersley. Follow the Croome Park signs from the village.
 N.B. Ongoing building work on the site so please follow relevant parking signs.
Details The walk is mainly flat apart from a short gradual climb up and down. We cross a FB with low ends. We walk on field paths and tracks, where there may be some uneven ground and mud.

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Walk 1777 Thursday 29 October 5.25 miles Moderate pub lunch
Meet The Hobnails. GL20 8NQ
Time 9.30 for 9.45 start.
Contact Margaret week before
Mobile
Directions From Tewkesbury on A46 to Teddington Arms, B4077 pub on left, before Alderton park at back of CP.
Details An easy start on footpaths to the quiet village Alstone, followed by a steady climb over fields to Dixon and the coffee stop. The route then takes a downward path to Alderton and the carpark. About 8 stiles, more update on booking
Lunch. A carvery lunch or an alternative choice.

November

Wed 14 6 miles Moderate / Energetic Icomb, Great Rissington

Wed 11 / Thurs 12 Walk needed

Wed 18 / Thur 19 Walk needed

Wed 25 / Thur 26 Walk needed