

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Berkhamsted	Walk No.	294
Area	Hertfordshire, Chilterns	Type	Circular
Date	Thursday 08 October, 2020		
Distance	8.5 miles		
Timing	2-3 hours walking time + travel + refreshment stops. Allow 6-7 hours		
Meeting up & travel	<p>Meet at Euston mainline station to catch 9.54 train to Berkhamsted (final destination likely to be Northampton). Arrives at 10.22.</p> <p>Off peak day return with Freedom Pass and Senior Railcard is £6.60 (Zone 6 Extension, from Harrow & Wealdstone).</p> <p>Return from same station with 4 trains per hour.</p>		
Route	<p>Please note that this was last walked in Nov 2019 and the leader has not been able to check it in advance of this 2020 outing!</p> <p>The walk leaves Berkhamsted, passing the ruins of its 11th century castle, heading northwards to Berkhamsted Common, past the WW1 troop training trenches before heading onto the Ashridge estate. Here we turn onto Princes Riding, the wide straight tree lined avenue leading to the Bridgewater Monument , a Grade II listed, 33m tall, memorial to the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater (“the father of inland navigation”). We stop here for a quick café lunch break, after which the walk continues southwards towards the Grand Union Canal. To this point the walk is largely through glorious woods and on common land. On reaching the canal we follow the towpath for about 2 miles to end up back at Berkhamsted station.</p>		
Lunch/coffee	The lunch stop is at the outdoor café at the Bridgewater Monument.		
Dropping out	It is possible to divert from the walk at lunchtime to walk to Tring station, via Aldbury. It is a longish walk and at own risk. Tring station is beyond Berkhamsted so an additional fare would be payable.		
Suitability	Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Waterproof jacket. Check weather forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain. Wear, or carry, an extra layer.		
Facilities	To save time, please use train loos, there is only one at the station.		
Walk source	www.chilternsaonb.org		

Maps	OS Explorer 181
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