

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Broxbourne Circular	Walk No.	350
Area	Hertfordshire	Type	Circular
Date	Tuesday, 1 March 2022		
Distance	11 miles (17.7km)		
Timing	4.5 hours walking time + travel + lunch. Allow 6+ hours		
Meeting up & travel	<p>REVISED PLANS: Meet outside of Highbury & Islington station by 9.25. There, then, we will discover if the tube strike is on or not and to what extent. If some Victoria trains are running we'll stick to 'Plan A' and go to Tottenham Hale station and then catch a train to Broxbourne (direction Cambridge North). Return trains back frequently from Broxbourne to Tottenham Hale, Stratford or Liverpool Street Station.</p> <p>If we are proceeding with 'Plan A' as above then on Tuesday at Tottenham Hale we can buy a day return to Broxbourne. With Senior Railcard & Freedom Pass buy a day return Enfield Lock-Broxbourne at £4.35.</p>		
Route	<p>We will be walking West of Broxbourne through the Broxbourne Woods National Nature Reserve (NNR). We will pass an ancient moat (more for landscape gardening than a defensive moat) in Hoddesdon Park Wood, walk through some ancient Hornbeam Coppice Woods and follow the sculpture trail in Broxbourne Wood (it wouldn't be a Rainey walk without some art thrown in) before lunch. Return via more woods but mostly on different trails. See draft walk on map below. At the walk leader's discretion we may take other paths as well but it won't be longer.</p>		
Lunch	<p>At the Woodman & Olive in Wormley West End. Please sign on by latest Monday 28 February 12pm/noon to secure a place in the pub.</p>		
Dropping out	<p>Taxi from the lunch pub.</p>		
Suitability	<p>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. It could be muddy in places so bring sticks (if you use them) and wear sturdy boots with a good profile.</p>		
Facilities	<p>There are loos on the train and in the lunch pub (the ones at the station are out-of-order according to the website); and there is plenty of greenery around.</p>		
Walk source	<p>My own with the help of NNR maps.</p>		
Map	<p>OS Explorer 194 or Landranger 166</p>		
Leader & contact details	<p>Walk Leader: Pia Rainey Mobile 07775 782860 Text or leave message Email: piarainey@icloud.com</p>		
Interesting Facts	<p>Hoddesdon Wood is documented as being a deer park in 1227. In medieval times tenant farmers leased parts of the woods.</p>		

