

## Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

<b>Walk Title</b>	Extended Weekend Walking – Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight		<b>Walk No.</b>	520
<b>Area</b>	Isle of Wight	<b>Type</b>	Various	
<b>Date</b>	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May until Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2025			
<b>Distance</b>	Various walks possible – to be selected when we get there.			
<b>Timing</b>	Over 4 days, 3 nights			
<b>Meeting up &amp; travel</b>	<p><b>PRELIMINARY / NOT UPDATED/ DON'T USE:</b></p> <p>All need to book their own rail tickets – we'll leave from Waterloo but buy ticket from Zone 6 Extension (Surbiton) to/from Lymington Pier. It seems that if you buy in advance from Waterloo station (as an Open Return – the only option if you want it as a Zone 6 Extension) it's £29.95 (with rail card). If you want to do on line you may get a better price (some deals offered on line that are not available from stations) you may get a cheaper ticket (nearer the price I quoted in my earlier email). But this may mean buying not an Open Return but one with fixed times. You can use times stated below – but there is a chance we hit delays &amp; miss the stated times. Your choice, your decision.</p> <p>Meet at Waterloo Station at 9.15 outside the ticket office. We will catch the 9.35 train from Waterloo (one change) gets to Lymington Pier at 11.23. In good time for 12.00 ferry (40 mins crossing time). We have to buy single ferry crossing (I've bought these for this group &amp; will collect monies later - £7.85/person). We have to get our own taxi to transfer us to Freshwater (I'll book these and collect monies later). Should get there about 14.00 - in time for a bit of a stroll about in the afternoon. We may not get into rooms but can drop off our luggage; so dress for a walk/stroll that afternoon.</p> <p>I'll do a group booking for our single Ferry ticket (£7.85 each) &amp; the 6 of us can share two taxis to get us to Freshwater.</p> <p>At the end, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, we do same as group B above, depart at 9.20 to get the 10.05 ferry (taxi &amp; ferry paid for). Our train price - as above.</p>			
<b>Route</b>	Not relevant			
<b>Lunch</b>	Not relevant			
<b>Dropping out</b>	Not relevant			
<b>Suitability</b>	<p>Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. There are no particular difficulties.</p> <p>Terrain: Isle of Wight is generally undulating. Specifics will depend on the routes we chose.</p> <p>Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Take clothing to cover all options.</p>			

<b>Facilities</b>	See link to Freshwater centre for details <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Walk source</b>	N/A
<b>Map &amp; other references</b>	OS Explorer: OL 29 Links: <a href="https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/country-houses/freshwater-bay/">https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/country-houses/freshwater-bay/</a>
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