

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Welwyn to Welwyn	Walk No.	398
Area	Hertfordshire	Type	Linear
Date	Monday 30 th January 2023		
Distance	9.2 miles		
Timing	4 hours walking time + travel + refreshment stops. Allow at least 7 hours		
Meeting up & travel	<p>Walk starts from Welwyn North station on Thameslink line. Meet at Finsbury Park to catch the train to Welwyn North departing at 10.01(final destination Stevenage) Board near rear of train Arrives Welwyn North at 10.30</p> <p>Return will be from Welwyn Garden City on Great Northern Moorgate line to H&I, or Thameslink to Finsbury Park and Kings Cross Buy a return to Welwyn North £5.85 with Freedom Pass and Senior Rail Card</p>		
Route	<p>An easy walk initially heading north east, through some attractive Hertfordshire countryside via Locksley Wood, Harmer Green, Datchworth, Bulls Green and Burnham Green, to make a circular loop of around 7 miles which will pass close to Welwyn North station and a possible dropout. The route then continues for a further 2+ miles heading south and west: passing under the historic 40-arched Digswell viaduct, crossing the river Mimram, through Digswell Park and Sherrardspark Wood to end at Welwyn Garden City station</p>		
Lunch/coffee	This will be an early lunch at The Horns, Bulls Green, as the alternative pub is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.		
Dropping out	Easy drop out in the afternoon after 7 miles walking at Welwyn North		
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.</p> <p>2 very short (few metres) steep inclines of smooth chalk path may be slippery if wet.</p>		

	Short stretch of road walking with no pavement
Facilities	Limited toilet facilities at Welwyn North. Use loos on Thameslink train.
Walk source	www.hertfordshirewalker.uk Circular Walk No 89. Plus leaders extension to Welwyn Garden City
Maps	OS Explorer 182
Leader & contact details	<u>Walk Leader:</u> Rowena Mobile 07741 311531 Text or leave message