

RAMBLING ROUND REDDITCH

A SERIES OF GUIDED WALKS

NATURE RAMBLES LOCAL HISTORY TOURS & GUIDED WALKS IN & AROUND REDDITCH DURING 1990



Full details of the programme
are shown inside.

BOROUGH of **REDDITCH**

RAMBLES ROUND REDDITCH

The programme of rambles has been organised to introduce people to the pleasure of walking in and around Redditch. Although a large and growing 'new town', Redditch is set in some beautiful Worcestershire countryside, and the town itself has several fine parks, woodlands, attractive lakes and meadowland; open for everyone to use and enjoy.

The rambles offer something for all people interested in the 'great outdoors' — for the experienced and inexperienced walker alike. There are rambles exploring footpaths and bridleways in the open countryside, nature trails around woodlands, marshes and meadowlands, plus guided tours around the historic Abbey Meadows.

A pair of strong shoes or walking boots are all that is needed to take part in any of the rambles. The map in this leaflet shows full details of the meeting places as well as other parks and woodlands in the town. In the case of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the routes taken by the leaders may vary from that described. However, the starting points will always remain the same.

Redditch Borough Council employs six full time wardens who are actively involved in promoting the use of the countryside in and around Redditch. As well as working with local schools, the wardens run outdoor activity weeks, environmental workshops and a group of conservation volunteers. There are several groups and organisations in Redditch who also promote understanding and involvement in the countryside. For full details of these, and other aspects of open spaces in Redditch, please contact:

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RAMBLES ROUND REDDITCH

1990 PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 4th

The 1990 programme starts with a ramble along the footpaths near Astwood Bank and Hunt End.

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the car park in Foregate Street, Astwood Bank. The 4 mile ramble will take about 2 hours, and will be led by John and Agnes Sugg.

MARCH

Sunday, March 4th

Explore the footpaths near Webheath and Banks Green with John and Agnes Sugg.

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the car park in Salters Lane, Batchley, for the 5 mile ramble which will finish at approximately 4.30 p.m.

APRIL

Sunday, April 8th

A spring ramble around Arrow Valley Lake and Ipsley Mill Pond with the Warden, John Lewis. Learn about the history of the area and discover the wide variety of plants and animals that live there.



Meet at the car park in Battens Drive, Winyates, at 2.00 p.m., for the 2½ hour ramble.

Easter Sunday, April 15th

A guided tour around the Abbey Meadows — the site of the best preserved Cistercian Monastic Precinct in Europe. There will be a talk on the earthworks, plus visits to the excavated sites of the Gateway Chapel and Graveyard, the Abbey Church and the Industrial Site. The tour ends at the archaeological exhibition next to Forge Mill Museum and will include examining exhibits and artefacts found in recent excavations.



Meet at 2.00 p.m. at Forge Mill Museum car park in Needle Mill Lane. The 1½ hour tour will be led by Barry Meade, Curator of the Museum.

Easter Monday, April 16th

A guided nature tour around the Abbey Meadows and the northern end of the Arrow Valley Park with Tony Jackson of the Worcestershire Conservation Trust.



Meet at 2.00 p.m. at the Forge Mill Museum car park in Needle Mill Lane for the 2 hour guided tour.

MAY

Worcestershire Wildlife Week May 6th-13th

Sunday, May 6th

Dawn Chorus and early morning ramble with the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust.

Meet at 4.30 a.m. at the car park in Windmill Drive, Morton Stanley Park. Be home for breakfast!

Bank Holiday Monday, May 7th

A guided nature walk through Morton Stanley Park and Walkwood Coppice. Explore the nature trail and discover the wide range of plants and animals that live there with Tony Jackson of the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust.

Meet at the car park in Windmill Drive at 10.00 a.m. for the 3 mile walk which will finish at about 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9th

A walk especially for Parents and Toddlers

A stroll around Arrow Valley Lake with the Council's Leisure Wardens, Peter Gondris and Chris Harris. Discover the wide variety of plants and animals that live in and around the lake.

Meet in the car park in Battens Drive at 10.00 a.m. for the 2 hour ramble.

Thursday, May 10th

A walk especially for Senior Citizens

A gentle ramble through Oakenshaw Wood with the Council's Leisure Wardens, Peter Gondris and Chris Harris. Explore the nature trail and see the special woodland plants and animals that live there.

Meet at Oakenshaw Community Centre, Castleditch Lane at 2.00 p.m. for the 2 hour walk.

Sunday, May 13th

Ipsley Alders Open Day

Guided walks, pond dipping, displays and information from the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust.

Meet at Winyates Green Community Centre, Furze Lane. Guided walks at 10.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m., 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.



Sunday, May 20th

A nature ramble through Pitcheroak and Foxlydiate Woods, looking at the wide range of woodland flowers and wildlife there. The ramble will be led by the Council's Leisure Wardens, Peter Gondris and Chris Harris.

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the Pitcheroak car park, off Red Lane, Batchley, for the 2 hour ramble.

JUNE

Sunday, June 3rd

A 5 mile ramble through Foxlydiate Woods up to Upper Bentley, with excellent views across the North Worcestershire countryside.

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the car park in Salters Lane, Batchley, for the 2½ hour ramble which will be led by John and Agnes Sugg.

Sunday, June 10th

A guided tour around the Abbey Meadows — site of the Cistercian Monastic Precinct. (see April 15th for details)

Meet at the car park at Forge Mill Museum at 2.00 p.m.



Sunday, June 24th **National Family Rambling Day**

Join the Redditch Ramblers Association for a leisurely ramble, starting from Morton Stanley Park across the footpaths and bridleways to Elcocks Brook and Norgrove Court.

Meet at the car park in Windmill Drive, Morton Stanley Park. The 5 mile ramble starts at 10.30 a.m., and will finish at approximately 1.30 p.m. (no dogs please)

JULY

Sunday, July 1st

A ramble along the footpaths and field paths in and around Rowney Green and Dagnell End, just north of Redditch.

Meet at 2.00 p.m. at the car park at the Abbey Stadium, Birmingham Road, for the 5 mile ramble which will finish at about 4.30 p.m. It will be led by John and Agnes Sugg.

Sunday, July 15th

A guided nature tour around the Abbey Meadows and the northern end of the Arrow Valley Park with Tony Jackson of the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust.

Meet at the car park at Forge Mill Museum at 2.00 p.m.



AUGUST

Sunday, August 5th

This ramble, starting from Morton Stanley Park, will pass through Walkwood Coppice and Callow Hill on the way to Cruise Hill before returning back to the park.



Meet at the car park in Green Lane, Morton Stanley Park (by the changing rooms), at 2.00 p.m. for the 5 mile ramble. It will be led by John and Agnes Sugg.

Sunday, August 12th

A guided nature walk around Morton Stanley Park and Walkwood Coppice with Tony Jackson of the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust. (see May 7th for details)

Meet at the car park in Windmill Drive at 10.00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2nd



A guided tour around the Abbey Meadows — site of the Cistercian Monastic Precinct. (see April 15th for details)

Meet at the car park at Forge Mill Museum at 2.00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9th

An autumn ramble around Arrow Valley Park with the Warden, John Lewis. (see April 8th for details)



Meet at the car park in Battens Drive, Wlmyates at 2.00 p.m., for the 2½ hour ramble.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 7th



A ramble starting from Morton Stanley Park, along footpaths and bridleways to Upper Bentley.

Meet at the car park in Green Lane, Morton Stanley Park, at 2.00 p.m. for the 5 mile ramble led by John and Agnes Sugg.

Sunday, October 28th

A nature ramble through Pitcheroak and Foxlydiate Woods. (see May 20th for details)

Meet at 2.00 p.m. in the Pitcheroak car park off Red Lane, Batchley.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 11th

Explore the ancient footpaths and bridleways near Feckenham with the Council's Leisure Wardens, Colin Pitts and Guy Revans.

Meet at the car park in the High Street, Feckenham, at 2.00 p.m. for the 1½ hour ramble.

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LOCATION MAP FOR RAMBLES



Redditch a better place to walk