



# Swindon & Northeast Wiltshire Ramblers

## Group Walks October 2026

### Part of Wiltshire & Swindon Area

| Date                     | Meeting Point and Walk Start Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Walk Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Distance                           | Difficulty       |
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| Saturday 3 October 2026  | 09:30 Marlborough Road/Pipers Roundabout<br>10:30 <b>Northfield Barn</b> NT cp nr <b>Sherborne</b><br>GL54 3DL SP175154 Explorer map OL45<br>What3Words: forgotten.dressings.astounded<br>Leader <b>David Trease</b> (07534 049707)                                                                | <b>Sherborne Watermeadows, Barrington Park, the Barringtons, Windrush Village and Sherborne.</b><br><i>Cotswold hills, tracks, field paths and minor roads, a few stiles.</i><br><i>One 20 minute break.</i><br>31 miles from Swindon.                                                                                                                  | 7 miles                            | Moderate         |
| Tuesday 6 October 2026   | 09:30 Covingham MiniMart carpark<br>10:30 Shepherds Patch free carpark<br>GL2 7BP SO729041 Explorer map OL14<br>What3Words: marinated.stump.adjuster<br>Leaders <b>Terry &amp; Sue Ellis</b> (07595 154416)                                                                                        | <b>Along Sharpness Canal for 2 miles.</b><br><i>Flat farmland alongside River Cam. Woodland, 7 stiles (sorry!)</i><br><i>Short snack break halfway.</i><br><i>Optional pub lunch at end of walk at Tudor Arms (recommended)</i><br><i>Also not far from Slimbridge Wetland- online £17.90, on day £19.20.</i><br>36 miles from Swindon - 1 hour approx. | 5.8 miles<br>Circular<br>2.5 hours | Moderate         |
| Saturday 10 October 2026 | 09:30 Marlborough Road/Pipers Roundabout<br>10:15 Old Ermin Way S of <b>Cotswold Farm</b><br>GL7 7JS SO977092 Explorer map 179<br>What3Words: remind.situation.fumes<br>Leader <b>David Trease</b> (07534 049707)                                                                                  | <b>Scenic Cotswold tracks and minor roads with two nasty deep valleys and distant views of Liddington Castle.</b><br><i>No stiles. One 20 minute break at <b>Woodmancote</b> playground.</i><br>On-road parking on old road south of junction to Cotswold Farm.<br>26 miles from Swindon.                                                               | 5.3 miles                          | Moderate         |
| Tuesday 13 October 2026  | 09:50 Swindon Fleming Way Stop Y for<br>09:55 Bus 49 to <b>Berwick Bassett</b> bus shelter arrives 10:22.<br>SN4 9NN SU100733 Explorer map 157<br>What3Words: lungs.ecologist.dishes<br>Leader <b>Peter Gallagher</b> (01793 316408) (07847 527556)                                                | <b>Linear Walk to Whyr Farm, Nonesuch, Broadtown Hill, Vize Lane and Broad Hinton for return Bus 49.</b><br><i>Arable fields. Gentle gradients. No stiles. Views of Hackpen and Broadtown White Horses.</i><br><i>One 20 minute refreshment stop.</i>                                                                                                   | 6 miles                            | Leisurely        |
| Saturday 17 October 2026 | 10:30 Swindon Fleming Way Stop H for<br>Bus 55 to <b>RWB High Street</b> arrive 10:59<br>SN4 7AY SU067826 Explorer map 169<br>What3Words: restores.alongside.epedemics<br>Leader <b>Bob Housden</b> (07950 503543)                                                                                 | <b>A Wootton Bassett Circular. Three nature reserves, Jubilee Lake and a bit of Canal, no stiles and some nice views in places.</b><br><i>Very undulating, one section in the woods is a bit tricky.</i><br><i>Plenty of pubs and coffee shops at end.</i><br>Optional carparking at Brough Fields carpark w3w///learns.hill.comedians                  | 6 miles<br>£3.10 for 4 hours       | Moderate         |
| Tuesday 20 October 2026  | 10:00 Covingham MiniMart carpark<br>10:30 Church Green <b>Stanford in the Vale</b><br>SN7 8LQ SU343935 Explorer map 170<br>What3Words: used.scorching.kitchen<br>Leader <b>David Trease</b> (07534 049707)                                                                                         | <b>Stanford in the Vale, Baulking and Shellingford.</b><br><i>Mainly flat pasture and arable field paths, some stiles, some mud.</i><br><i>One 20 minute break.</i><br>On-road parking around the green.<br>15 miles from Swindon.                                                                                                                      | 6 miles                            | Leisurely        |
| Saturday 24 October 2026 | 09:30 Marlborough Road/Pipers Roundabout<br>10:00 <b>Barbury Castle</b> carpark<br>SN4 0QH SU156761 Explorer map 169<br>What3Words: submit.wink.piper<br>Leader <b>Peter Gallagher</b> (01793 316408) (07847 527556)                                                                               | <b>Hill Fort, Old Ridgeway, Draycot Foliat, Gypsy Lane &amp; Burderop Down Circular.</b><br><i>Down the hill and back up again, using the route over Burderop Down which remains unrecorded as a PROW.</i><br><i>A few stiles. A bit of road walking at Draycot.</i><br><i>20 minutes refreshment stop.</i>                                             | 6 miles                            | Moderate         |
| Tuesday 27 October 2026  | 09:30 Freshbrook Village Centre Worsley Rd<br>SN5 8LY SU111835 Explorer map 169<br>What3Words: joints.serenade.frightens<br>10:30 <b>Chedworth Roman Villa</b> Free cp<br>GL54 3LJ SP056134 Explorer map OL45<br>What3Words: broom.first.scorecard<br>Leader <b>Marilyn Kassam</b> (0781 502 9939) | <b>An Awesome Autumn Ramble in the Cotswolds. Chedworth Woods, Stowell Park, Stowell Grove &amp; Yanworth.</b><br><i>3 major hills. One break.</i><br>26 miles from Swindon.                                                                                                                                                                            | 6 miles                            | Moderate<br>Hard |
| Saturday 31 October 2026 | 09:40 Swindon Fleming Way Stop L for<br>Bus X5 to <b>Pewsey</b> North Street arrive 10:37<br>Or Bouverie Hall free carpark Goddard Road<br>SN9 5EQ SU163602 Explorer map 157/130<br>What3Words: perform.deliver.slant<br>Leader <b>David Trease</b> (07534 049707)                                 | <b>Pewsey White Horse, Denny Sutton Hipend, Drove Farm and Sharcott.</b><br><i>One hill, several long straight bridleways, some minor roads.</i><br><i>Two 10 minute breaks.</i><br>Hourly bus return to Swindon at xx32.<br>19 miles from Swindon.                                                                                                     | 6 miles                            | Moderate         |

Please bring a drink and a snack for short walks and a packed lunch for all-day walks.

Only assistance dogs are allowed on our walks.

We encourage carsharing to sustain the environment, with passengers offering a voluntary contribution to driver's costs.

We recommend passengers pay a voluntary contribution to the driver at a rate of 15p per mile each way per car. (Bring shoes to change into if boots are muddy)

#### Ramblers Walk Grading:

**Easy:** Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

**Leisurely:** Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths.

Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

**Moderate:** Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country.

For further details please contact the Programme Secretary, David Trease, on 07534 049707, or visit the website [www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk](http://www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk)

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