

The Cotswold Olimpick Games & Shire Rambles

1 – 4 June



Four days of beautiful easy walking in good company with delightful lunch time stops as the countryside bursts into colour. Some paths may be muddy in places so bring suitable footwear.

FRIDAY 1 JUNE Departing Oxted we travel to Chipping Campden where we shall have time to find something to eat in one of the pubs and tea rooms. After lunch we shall walk to Dover's Hill, overlooking the Vale of Evesham. This beautiful plateau commands extensive views over the plains of the Avon and the Severn to the foothills of the Welsh mountains. It provides an ideal setting for the annual Cotswold 'Olimpick' Games (not Olympic Games) taking place today in the natural amphitheatre at the summit of Dover's Hill, which will echo with the shouts and cheers of competitors and spectators. Circular walk of 5 miles or 2 miles if you wish to spend more time watching the 'games'. Later we make our way to our Warwick hotel.

SATURDAY 2 JUNE From our base in Warwick we make our way to the picturesque old market town of Alcester at the junction of the River Alne and River Arrow. Here we stroll along the medieval High Street and down the delightful Malt Mill Lane. We continue our walk through attractive Oversley Wood to Wixford and our lunch stop. After lunch we take fields and lanes passing beautiful thatched cottages back to Alcester. Total distance 7 miles.

SUNDAY 3 JUNE Our circular walk today takes us through some pleasant Worcestershire countryside and along a delightful section of the Millennium Way. The walk of about 7½ miles, is mostly flat, across open countryside, through farmland and woods. There will be a pub lunch stop at about half distance.



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MONDAY 4 JUNE Today we walk part of the Thames Path, starting from the ruins of Godstow Abbey, the morning walk takes us into the heart of Oxford where we shall have time to find lunch before continuing our walk past open fields to the south of the city to Sandford lock, a few miles downstream of Oxford. The lock has the greatest fall of water on the Thames with its weir, known as the Sandford Lasher, being pretty impressive. Total distance 6 miles. We re-join the coach and make our way home, arriving early evening.



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