



Sunday 23rd April

Hot on the heels of several years' successful Walk the Path events, we want to show you that the Blackwater Valley has much more to offer than just our river path, beautiful though that is. So, we are introducing the BIG VALLEY RAMBLE, a longer ramble through some of the Valley's less known neighbouring countryside. We invite you to join us in a 19-km / 12-mile circular walk from Sandhurst across Wildmoor, Caesar's Camp, past Broadmoor and Ambarrow and returning along the Blackwater Valley Path. The walk will lead through a surprising variety of habitats and visit the highly protected, wildlife haven and iron age hill fort at Caesar's Camp, and Broadmoor Hospital (the outside of course!).

Dogs may be brought on the walk but must be kept on leads and dealt with in a responsible manner. This is especially important through Wildmoor and Caesar's Camp because of the protection of rare ground nesting birds.

Costs/Booking The cost is £10 per walker. Accompanied children aged 12 or under are free.

On-Line Booking (recommended):

Before you click on the Booking icon below (will be Live Monday 13th February) you will need:

- Contact name and details for all walkers
- mobile phone numbers for use on the day
- An emergency Contact number for all walkers
- A Credit / Debit card for payment.



As an alternative to the recommended on-line booking method you can download and print a booking form [here](#) and follow the instructions carefully.

Event Details

The walk begins at our Walk the Path start point at Sandhurst. There will be variable start times from 9.15. You will be given your start time once you have booked. This may be a few days after your booking has been confirmed. You will be able to walk at your own pace, although there will be a walk leader, back marker and marshals all wearing high visibility jackets. There will be a free refreshment point and toilet stop at half way and a collection service if you are unable to finish the walk for any reason.

Parking

There is limited parking at Sandhurst but you can help out by arranging for sharing of cars or use public transport where possible.

Route

You will simply have to follow the Big Valley Ramble (BVR) signs. At junctions, if you are uncertain, use the free BVR map we provide together with additional written guidance.

There is no obligation to remain with your starting group and you are welcome to walk on your own or at your own pace. If you get to a point where you are not sure where to go it is best to wait, there will always be someone behind to help; alternatively, if you are lost, ring the emergency contact number we'll give you on the day.

Refreshment Stop & Check Points

There will be a lunchtime stop with hot and cold drinks, snack food and toilet facilities.

Every walker will be allocated a unique walk number at the start and will be required to report in at the Refreshment Stop so we know that everyone is accounted for. If any walker wishes to leave the walk for any reason please advise a walk marshal or, if unavoidable, give your name to another walker and ask them to tell a marshal.

Walking Safely

The route includes a few short sections of road walking and a few road crossings and most will be manned by road marshals. Care must be taken as some roads may be busy. The walk passes through some ecologically sensitive areas where ground nesting birds will be nesting; and some fields where livestock may be grazing.

Please keep to the paths and keep dogs on leads.

Walk marshals and check points will have first aid kits and mobile phones; anyone experiencing difficulties or feeling unwell must tell one of the walk marshals or ring the emergency contact number given on the day. A vehicle will be available to collect anyone unable to complete the walk. Please note, some of the walk is well away from the road so help may not be instant.

What Walkers Need

- Comfortable footwear, suitable for country paths which can be muddy in parts.
- Suitable clothing for the weather - either a waterproof jacket or sun hat and sun screen.
- Bottle of drink and a packed lunch.
- Mobile phone, if you have one. It is always a good safety device although there will be walk marshals with phones if there is a problem.

Donations (2017 – Appeal)

Your entry fee will support the Trust and its work and we thank you for taking part. If you would you like to help fund this year's appeal – Woodland Flowers - beginning to spread native wild flowers in woodlands along the Blackwater Valley. There is an opportunity when booking by clicking on the donations button or you can leave some change at the Refreshment Stop.

Thank you for your support and have a great day!