

Oxfordshire Area Picnic

Sunday 29 June 2025 @ 1230

Chilton Village Hall, SU489859, OX11 0SR

Join one of the walks offered today and meet up at the Oxfordshire Annual Picnic. This year it is hosted by Vale of White Horse Group. Bring your own picnic.

10:00 SU489859 OX11 0SR Leisurely 4.5 miles Circular

Harwell campus history walk. Start place: Chilton, village hall car park. A circular walk around the Harwell campus to see the military and scientific history and a recently created marked route. Leader Bob Evans 01865 326631

10:30 SU525855 OX11 9HF Leisurely 6 miles Circular

A leisurely lowland walk from Blewbury. Start place: Blewbury, the recreation ground car park, Boham's Road off the A417. A 3.5 morning walk via Upton to the picnic at Chilton. After the picnic a 2.5 mile walk back to the start point on lanes and tracks with good views. Leader PM 01235 868216 / 07975 670553

10:00 SU484859 OX11 0PQ Moderate 7 miles Circular

A circular walk on the Ridgeway and Icknield Way. Start place: Chilton, in front of Chilton County Primary School, Downside. A 6 mile morning walk, up along hill to the Ridgeway, with great views across the Oxfordshire plain, then down to walk past AERE Harwell and its decommissioned nuclear reactors PLUTO and DIDO. Then to the picnic along the Icknield Way. After the picnic a short 1 mile walk back to the start point. Leader PR 07418 078044

09:45 SU489859 OX11 0SR Moderate 7 miles Circular

Ridgeway and Downs circular. Start place: Chilton, village hall car park. To the Ridgeway passing upper Farm, along the Ridgeway to Gore Hill, with excellent views then return to Chilton via Alden Farm. Leader AG 07766 880792

10:15 SU479840 - Moderate 8.5 miles Circular

Ridgeway and Downs circular. Start place: Bury Down car park. A 5.5 mile morning walk along a short stretch of the Ridgeway, then down to West Ilsley, then to Gore Hill via Hodcott Down and to the picnic at Chilton. After the picnic a 3 mile walk to the start point via the Ridgeway past Upper Farm then along the Ridgeway to Bury Down. Leader PL 07521 333430

09:30 SU525855 OX11 9HF Moderate 10 miles Circular

Ridgeway and Downs circular. Start place: Blewbury, the recreation ground car park, Boham's Road off the A417. A 7.5 mile morning walk up to the Ridgeway via Churn Hill, along the Ridgeway to Gore Hill and to the picnic via Alden Farm. After the picnic a 2.5 mile walk back to the start point. Leader SY 07855 496161