



New Forest Trip

10th February 2007 (Sat 4th week)



The New Forest in Hampshire is called “forest”, but it’s actually a scenic mixture of rich woodland and open heathland, and it’s called “new” but it’s actually thousands of years old (trees were first cleared in the Bronze Age!) We shall wander through this varied landscape and picturesque villages. The forest is the hunting ground of ancient kings, and we may be lucky to spot a few deer — though hopefully no hunters! On the moor, we will likely encounter wild ponies and birds of prey. The hills and valleys, flora and fauna should all contribute to a fine day’s walk.

Depart: 8.00am from Trinity gates

Return: late evening

Cost: £7.50

Equipment: In Hilary term, the New Forest may be extremely wet and cold so you must come prepared for the possibility of bad weather. You must have a pair of well worn-in walking boots with ankle supports: this is essential to prevent discomfort and injury. You also must have a waterproof jacket and trousers, warm clothing, and changes of clothing. You can borrow waterproof trousers from the club if you don’t own these yourself. You will also need to bring a packed lunch and money as we may stop for an evening meal.

Please also read the club’s “Equipment List” carefully then sign the slip at the bottom to confirm that you are happy with it.

If you would like to come: Please sign up and pay at Free Tea, or make sure that you send your cheque (payable to “OU Walking Club), to Marion Crawford at Oriel College, before the end of 1st week (Saturday 25th January). If you cannot pay by cheque then e-mail Marion to arrange to meet her on Friday to pay by cash.

Membership: Please note that you must be a club member to be allocated a place on the trip.

Refunds: Because of fixed expenses, please be aware that we cannot refund money to people who drop out unless their place is subsequently filled. If you find that you can no longer come on the trip, please contact Marion immediately to give yourself the best chance of a refund.

If the trip is oversubscribed, trip places will be allocated by means of a ballot (with priority being given to drivers who have passed the University minibus course and those not signed up for other minibus day trips). You will be contacted during 2nd week to confirm your place on the trip. In the unlikely event that you are unsuccessful, your payment will be returned promptly, along with details of any trips that still have places.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us, we will be happy to help.

We hope to see you on what will be a fantastic trip!

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