

WINDSOR COACH TRIP SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER



The coach trips in recent summers have been very successful; last year's to Bath was fully subscribed. This year we will be visiting Windsor. The cost is only £10 per person.

- The pick up points will be 8.00am Bitterne Sainsburys; 8.15am Southampton Central station Blechynden Terrace; 8.30am Totton Commercial Road opposite St Teresa's Church; 8.45am Hockley Viaduct layby (There is limited space in the layby and people using this pick up point should arrive in good time to secure a parking space). The coach should arrive in Windsor around 10am and leave at 4pm.

Please indicate on your booking form the location where you wish to be picked up.

Three walks are available (walks A&B will include an optional lunch time pub stop) as well as your own site seeing option (please indicate on the booking form which option you would prefer)

- A. A walk of 11 miles led by John C. This group will be dropped off at the Look Out Discovery Centre near Bracknell and will walk into Windsor along the Three Castles Path. The second half of the walk will be through Windsor Great Park.
- B. A walk of 9 miles led by Rob S. This group will set off after arriving in Windsor. This circular walk will follow part of the Thames Path and include Dorney Lakes, returning through Eton.
- C. A walk of 5 miles led by Rod T. This group will be dropped off at Runnymede and will walk into Windsor. There will be time to view the Runnymede memorials. The last part of the walk will be through Windsor Great Park. This group should have time for some sightseeing in Windsor.

There is a Tourist Information Centre in Windsor where visitors can obtain leaflets describing two self-guided walks. The 'Queens Walkway' is 4 miles around Windsor. The 'Eton Walkway' is 2 miles around Eton.

Windsor Castle.

Information for visitors is provided on the castle's website. Key points are:

- Visitors are advised to allow 2-3 hours for a visit. The queue for admission tickets can be avoided by booking in advance, but there may also be a queue for security checks. The castle is busiest during the morning and arrival after midday is recommended.
- On Sundays, there is no 'changing of the guard', and admission to St George's Chapel is only for those attending services. During our visit, there will be services at 10.45am (Mattins) and 12 noon (Sung eucharist).
- The State Apartments should be open; tours are free-flow and not guided. The Private Apartments of King George IV are open to visitors from 'late September'.