

Photo walk around Arlingham and the Horseshoe Bend

Friday 22nd March 2024

Here's the schedule for outing to Arlingham and the Horseshoe Bend part of the River Severn and possibly some surrounding villages like Frampton-on-Severn.

- **Start and length of time for the walk,**

Each of the walks take between 2 to 2 ½ hrs, given that we will want to stop to take pictures I'm giving it 3hrs.

That means setting off at 10:00am from the Red Lion and getting back there for lunch at 1:00pm.

- **Route planned to walk**

There are four walks in the map/guide you should already have seen but I've put in a link to it again below. Of the four walks, I am proposing to take the "Salmon" route, though probably the shortened version staying on Church Road until it joins the Severn Way footpath rather than cutting off across the fields as on the official walk map. It will give time to look at the Church. You can always go back for further pictures after lunch. This route gives views down the River Severn to the Slimbridge wetlands plus views back across the "peninsula". The area the walk covers is one that herons are often to be seen. The final part gives good views to Newnham and nearby villages and the old passage crossing.

We don't all have to stay together so feel free to set off on one of the other routes or just explore the area on your own.

- **Lunch**

I'm not sure how busy the Red Lion will be that Friday so I suggest booking a table at 1:00pm for those that want to have lunch together there. Their meals range from: *Today's soup at £6.95; through Fish and Chips, crushed peas, Tartar sauce at £17.00; Red Lion burger, minced rump of beef, Jonathan Crump's Single Gloucester cheese, bacon, white onion confit, homemade tomato chutney at £16.50; to Roast haunch of venison, venison fritter, cauliflower puree red chicory at £24.00; and much more in between.*

Let me know ASAP if you want to go for lunch so I know the rough numbers to book for.

- **Weather**

A lot depends on the weather but even in poor conditions such as rainy windy days and certainly early morning mists, some great atmospheric landscapes can be got. On a brighter day the various buildings around the village and the Church are attractive. So even risking some bad weather I'll still go unless it is really extreme. Also, as it is relatively accessible, it is as much a chance to "reccy" for potential return visits as much as a chance to get good shots on the day.

I'm actually hoping to get there earlier if early mists look likely as that, as I said, can present some opportunities but I might also drive/walk around Frampton-on-Severn village and also up to Saul and the two Framilodes as well as the local stretch of the Sharpness and Gloucester Canal before heading to Arlingham itself.

- **Links**

Link to menu - <https://www.redlionarlingham.co.uk/media/4tln4a2t/march-menu.pdf?usp=sharing>

Link to walks - <https://www.redlionarlingham.co.uk/walks/>