

Basingstoke and Farnham Humanists summer walk: 6 August 2016

Details:

This will be an easy walk totalling about 2 ½ miles and including a circuit of the Roman Walls of Calleva Atrebatum. We will visit the amphitheatre and also the local parish church situated within the Roman town and dating from the 12th century. From here we will continue into Silchester village for lunch at the Calleva Arms.

After lunch we will walk a mile back to the car park at the starting point. Alternatively visitors may like to linger and examine the Reading University excavation which should be in progress.

There will be an option to participate in a shorter walk of about 1¼ miles. A car will be available at the parish church to ferry people back to their vehicles or to the Calleva Arms. Similarly after lunch we will transport people back to their cars if they do not wish to walk.

Starting point and time:

Silchester Roman walls car park at 11 a.m. Contrary to what the website says the car park is free.

Map details:

These are taken from OS Explorer 159. (1) indicates the car park where we will assemble. We will then follow footpaths and the line of the Roman wall to the amphitheatre and the church (2). Those wishing to continue walking will then follow the south walls back to Silchester. The Calleva Arms is indicated at (3).

Footwear:

Trainers are ideal. Open toes are not recommended.

Refreshments:

None available en route. Bring water.

Lunch: A booking has been made for 1.30 p.m at the Calleva Arms. We will be required to order food in advance to assist with catering. A menu will be sent separately.

Website:

Full details are available on:

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/silchester-roman-city-walls-and-amphitheatre/directions>