



EPPING ONGAR RAILWAY

Itinerary Ideas – Number 2 *Walks and Whistles*

A number of suggested walks; the railway is surrounded by beautiful rolling countryside and forest, including historic high streets full of independent shops for unique shopping opportunities.

Start your Visit from Ongar Station...

10.45 Arrive at Ongar Station for morning coffee/tea take a look around the station see if you can find the old station weighbridge or the “mile marker” sign” have look in the signal box with original levers dating from 1888.

11.35 Catch the steam hauled locomotive for a trip to North Weald passing through the beautiful Essex countryside.

11.50 Visit the Anglia Buffet for morning coffee/tea in preparation for your walk

Short walk No.1a is an introduction to the countryside around North Weald Station via Marconi Bridge and gives wonderful views of the surrounding area. This is an ancient landscape known as Ongar Great Park, the site of the earliest recorded **Saxon Deer Park**. It is still possible to see deer roaming the area today. In more recent times it was a **Radio Transmitting Station established by the Marconi Company in 1920** and closed in the late 1980s after which the pylons and most buildings were demolished.

Short walk, allow 1 hr; distance 3 miles. Longer walk 2½ hrs distance 5 miles

After Short walk1a – Take Lunch in the picnic area or Anglia buffet. Walk across the level crossing to visit our original 1888 Signal Box which allows 3 platform working.

13.55 Take a trip on a Vintage Bus from North Weald Station passing through Epping High Street to Epping Station and return to North Weald, this is a very pleasant trip passing North Weald Airfield Museum enjoying the views of parts of Epping Forest.

15.00 Return to Ongar Station behind the steam locomotive reflecting on a wonderful day at the Epping Ongar Railway and finish shopping for your last souvenir’s in our well stocked Gift Shop

Alternatively, you can take **North Weald Walk No. 2** --- Sampling the Essex Way, to explore the RADAR past. Short walk; allow 1 hr; distance 2½ miles. For the optional longer walk allow 2½ hrs; distance 5½ miles;

or **North Weald Walk No. 3** --- War and Peace in North Weald

Short walk; allow 1hr; distance 1 mile

14.30 After the longer walk - Walk across the level crossing to visit our original 1888 Signal Box which allows 3 platform working, watch the coupling of your steam locomotive. This is a good photo opportunity to take some souvenir photos of your visit. Don't forget to look around our well stocked shop for souvenirs.

15.00 Return to Ongar Station reflecting on a wonderful day at the Epping & Ongar Railway, watch the locomotive being uncoupled and run round for the trip back to and finish shopping for your last souvenirs in the Gift Shop.

We run many buses and trains back and forth all day long on operational days, giving many different combinations. These are just a few ideas of the many travel combinations combining a visit, walk and travel on our heritage buses and trains that are possible.

All walks taken from "*Walks Around Epping, North Weald & Ongar*" published by Epping Ongar Railway, available on request, or from our booking offices on the day of your visit.

Please check times on your specific day of travel as they may vary during some special events.

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