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Itinerary Ideas for 2018 – No 3 Steam and Spires

Start your Group Visit from Epping Underground Station (Central Line, Zone 6).

- 10.25 Take the Vintage Bus from Epping Station whilst enjoying the views of Epping Forest on your journey to North Weald Station and then watch your carriages being coupled to the Steam Locomotive
- 11.00 As the Steam Locomotive departs sit back and enjoy the countryside views on your way to Ongar passing through the now closed Blake Hall station.
- 11.15 Watch the locomotive being uncoupled, and run round for its return journey. This is a good photo opportunity to take some souvenir photos and meet your driver and take morning coffee/tea in the station buffet in preparation for your walk or visit our station Gift Shop for your railway souvenirs.

You then have four choices of walks and return train rides as follows...

Short walk No.1 to Greensted Church - the oldest timber church in the world built 1060 AD. Open to visitors every day. Allow 1½ hrs distance ¾ mile

- 13.35 (Following short walk above) Catch the train from Ongar to return to North Weald behind our steam locomotive
- 13.50 Visit our original 1888 Signal Box which allows 3 platform working, visit our Anglia buffet for afternoon tea/coffee or shop
- 13.55 or 14.25 Return to Epping Station by Vintage Bus reflecting on a wonderful day.

Or...

Longer circular walk - Ongar Walk No.1a "Greensted Church and Beyond" Enjoy excellent views of the Essex countryside which criss-crosses the railway line. Walk returns to Ongar Station. Allow 2hrs distance 3 ½ miles

Ongar Walk No.2 High Ongar and Highlights of Norman times. Visit the central mound, banks and ditches of the late 11th century Norman motte and bailey castle. Walk returns to Ongar Station -- Allow 1½ hrs distance 3 miles.

Ongar Walk No.3 Exploring beyond the High Street. Explore this circular route taking you round the edges of the town, passing the site of the castle and through a small Nature Reserve and on a footpath back to Ongar Station -- Allow 1hr distance 2miles

- 14.35 Return to Ongar station where our Gift Shop is ideal to pick up souvenirs of the local area and the railway before taking your diesel hauled train to North Weald, with an extended return trip towards Epping Forest (you cannot alight); the train returns to North Weald station.

14.50 Visit our original 1888 Signal Box which allows 3 platform working and our Anglia buffet for afternoon tea/coffee and shop for railway souvenirs

15.00 Return to Epping Station by our Vintage Bus reflecting on a wonderful day.

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 Vintage Buses and Trains that are possible during our standard timetable days. Please check times on your specific day of travel as times may vary during some special events.

All walks taken from “Walks Around Epping, North Weald & Ongar” Published by the Epping Ongar Railway. Available on request or from our booking offices.

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