



## EPPING ONGAR RAILWAY

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### Itinerary Ideas – Number 3 *Steam and Spires*

Including a walk to the nearby oldest wooden church in the world, steeped in history from the Tolpuddle Martyrs going right back to Anglo-Saxon tales

**Start your visit from Epping Underground Station (Central Line, Zone 6).**

- 10.25 Take the heritage bus from Epping Station whilst enjoying the views of Epping Forest on your journey to North Weald Station and then watch your carriage 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, 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 hr; 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 our gift shop.

13.55 or 14.25 Return to Epping Station by Vintage Bus reflecting on a wonderful day.

Alternatively you can enjoy one of the following longer walks:

**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 3½ 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

or, **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) and 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 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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