

FRAG: Guided walk around Stonea Camp, March, Cambridgeshire and then a visit to March Museum

Date: Saturday 9th September **Organiser:** David Crawford-White

Numbers: Limited to 20 **Start time:** 10am

Brief background: Stonea Camp is a scheduled site of national importance and has a fascinating history linked to both the Iceni tribe and the Romans. Possibly linked to Queen Boudicca the site itself stands on a gravel island just two metres above sea level. The guided walk around part of the site will look at the archaeology, the surrounding landscape, the camps demise and the rise and fall of the impressive Roman Stonea Grange built adjacent to the site.

Location: The site is few miles east of March, Cambs. The site car park is found at the end of a long metalled trackway which is signposted 'Stonea Camp' off the B1093 (Wimblington to Manea road). It is part of Cambridgeshire's County Farms Estate and is open to the public throughout the year. Please be aware that there are no toilets on the site.

Cost: Its free to FRAG members unless they wish to visit the museum for which a 'donation' of £2 is charged. Booking a place is open to FRAG members from NOW (1st June) until Friday 1st September on a first come basis. Payment will need to accompany any completed booking form. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed as the site is used to graze sheep all year.

If you book a place and then decide not to come for any reason you must email DCW by Monday 4th September. Refunds cannot be paid after this date. If you cannot come on the day please let DCW know by phone. Contact details will be given closer to the day.

Times: The walk will start at 10am at the site car park and will last approximately 1.5 hours. Those attending are free to bring a packed lunch or go into March and have a meal at one of the many hostels in the town. The tour of the museum will start at 1pm and will last approximately one hour. It's a fascinating small museum with some finds from the Excavations at Stonea Grange. After the tour attendees can visit the town centre before returning home. Visit the March & District Museum website for details of the museums history at www.marchmuseum.co.uk/

If you do not wish to visit the museum please make this clear on the booking form. Thank you.

What to wear: Suitable footwear and bring waterproofs. It is an open site and can be wet and very windy! The site is an exposed large open field with a range of 'humps and bumps plus a viewing platform. As attendees are not covered by FRAG's insurance they are advised to take out their own personal accident insurance if they so wish.

Time	Activity
Leave home	From Peterborough Station via A47/A141 – 26 miles – takes 46 minutes. No transport to the site can be provided but if you need transport please say on your booking form and we will try to arrange.
9.45am	Arrive at the Stonea Camp car park
9.55am	Group assembles and has a basic H&S induction.
10.00am	Tour starts
11.30am	Tour ends
11.30am – 12.50pm	Lunch break in March
12.50pm	Meet outside the Museum
1pm – 2pm	Tour of the Museum
2pm	Return to Peterborough

The organisers reserve the right to postpone or stop the event at any point. The walk will not take place if there are less than 10 participants.

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FRAG: Guided walk along Devils, Near Burwell, Cambridgeshire and then a visit to Burwell Museum and Windmill

Date: Sunday 15th October

Organiser: David Crawford-White

Numbers: Limited to 20

Start time: 10am

Brief background: Devils Dyke is a scheduled site of national importance and has a fascinating history linked to the Saxons. It is an impressive bank and ditch which is 7.25 miles long (11kms) and is wider and higher than Offa's Dyke. The guided walk along the earthworks will look at the archaeology, the surrounding landscape and the development of the area in past times.

Location: The earthworks is cut by the B1102 (Swaffham Prior to Burwell Road). We will meet at a small carpark on the right going towards Burwell, where the B1102 cuts through earthworks. After the first part of the walk we will then return to our cars and drive to Reach village. We will then return to the Dyke before retracing our steps back to Reach. There is a locally run hostel in Reach. Please be aware that there are no toilets on the site.

The whole of Devil's Dyke is part of Cambridgeshire's County Farms Estate and is open to the public throughout the year.

Cost: It's free to FRAG members unless they wish to visit the museum for which an 'entrance fee' of £4 is charged.

If you book a place and then decide not to come for any reason you must email DCW by Monday 9th October. Refunds cannot be paid after this date. If you cannot come on the day please let DCW know by phone. Contact details will be given closer to the day.

Times: The walk will start at 10am and will be in two parts each lasting approximately 1 hour. Those attending are free to bring a packed lunch or go into Burwell and have a meal at one of the hostels in the town or stay at Reach. The visit to the museum will start at 2pm and people will be free to wander. It's a fascinating museum and includes a windmill and a wide range of collections and outbuildings. Visit the Burwell Museum website for details of the museums history and displays at www.burwellmuseum.org.uk/ If you do not wish to visit the museum please make this clear on the booking form. Thank you.

What to wear: Suitable footwear and bring waterproofs. It is an open linear earthwork that can be wet and very slippery when wet! As attendees are not covered by FRAG's insurance they are advised to take out their own personal accident insurance if they so wish.

Time	Activity
Leave home	From Peterborough Station via A14/A141 – 49 miles – takes 67 minutes From Peterborough Station via A142 – 42 miles – takes 73 minutes No transport to the site can be provided but if you need transport please say on your booking form and we will try to arrange.
9.45am	Arrive at the Devils Dyke carpark
9.55am	Group assembles and has a basic H&S induction.
10.00am	Part 1 of the tour starts and will last about 1 hour. Return to cars
11.30am	Part 2 of the tour start and will last approx. 1.25 hours.
12.45am - 2pm	Lunch break in Reach or Burwell
2pm	Meet outside the Museum in Burwell
2pm - 3.30pm	Visit the Museum -
3.30pm	Return to Peterborough

The organisers reserve the right to postpone or stop the event at any point. The walk will not take place if there are less than 10 participants.

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Booking Form

Use this booking form if you wish to attend the guided walks to Stonea Camp and/or Devils Dyke

Please print, complete, scan then email this page to enquiries@peterborougharchaeology.org

Name: FRAG membership no.

Address:

..... Post Code:

Email address:,

Contact telephone number:

Please print details carefully. Confirmation of your place and contact details about the Guided Walks will be sent out by email well before each guided walk.

If you are not yet a FRAG member please request a membership application form. There is a discounted rate of £10 to cover these visits and the remaining 2017 talks and activities (£15 for two people at one address).

If either Guided Walk does not take place then we will return any prepaid museum fees. If you decide for any reason not to come on a guided walk and have paid for the Museum Section then please be aware of the refund policy.

Please **TICK** below all that apply. Thank you.

Stonea Camp

..... I wish to attend the Guided Walk around Stonea Camp on Saturday 9th September

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Please be aware that March Museum is run by volunteers and does not charge for entry. A donation of £2 per person would seem appropriate. We would prefer to have payment in advance so that we can give them a cheque on the day. Thank you.

Devil's Dyke

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Please note that there is an entry charge of £4 to the museum. As a group we will need to book and pay for our visit in advance by 1st October so please help by pre-paying this sum. Thank you.

I understand that the guided walks will not take place if there are insufficient numbers.

Payment can be made at the FRAG meeting on 6th September. If this will not be possible please let us know when you return the form so we can make alternative arrangements.

Signed: Dated: