

2027 Bluebell Camping Week at Battlesbridge. Five nights - Arrive Monday 19 & Depart Saturday 23 April

Route	Coffee	Lunch	Afternoon Tea	Return to BB	Total miles
1	Bretts or Cammas	Spencers Farm Shop	Claire's Cabin at Toms		
	27.7 miles 58 mins	29.5 miles 56 mins	19 miles 36 mins	17.8 miles 33 mins	94
2	Bradwell Marina	Colemans Fisheries	Hanningfield Reservoir		
	24.5 miles 48 mins	27.9 miles 55 mins	31.2 miles 69 mins	8.7 miles 18 mins	92.3
3	The Peartree Pantry	White Hart at Boxford	Abberton Reservoir		
	16.5 miles 33 mins	28.8 miles 58 mins	22.3 miles 47 mins	30.2 miles 56 mins	97.8
4	Owls Tea Rooms	The Chequers G/Hanger	Parlour Cafe Creaksea		
	23 miles 53 mins	23 miles 53 mins	17.6 miles 40 mins	14.2 miles 30 mins	77.8
5	Ongar Sports Club	Ashfields Country Kitch	Battlesbridge Antiques		
	22.3 miles 43 mins	25.9 miles 51 mins	27.0 miles 53 mins		75.2
6	Braxted Bakery	The Glasshouse Peldon	BB M/cycle Museum		
	19.3 miles 38 mins	18.5 miles 38 mins	25.5 miles 46 mins		63.3

I have visited The Hawk Pub at Battlesbridge to ask about a group meal and they said yes no problem. The kitchen is open until 9.30pm every evening and for a large group they would probably seat us in a separate room. The meal can be two or three courses but probably not a roast as they only normally do that on a Sunday.

Traditionally at the Bluebell we have arranged a fish and chip supper for the on site campers. I think this is problematic at Battlebridge as there are no local chippies.

With this in mind my suggestion is to use Route No 6 for the Friday run with a fish and chip lunch at the Glasshouse at Peldon. After lunch we go straight back to Battlesbridge for a visit to the Motorcycle Museum. I have spoken to Karen Gelsthorpe who is a regular helper at the museum and she could arrange a visit for us with tea and biscuits included in the admission fee to the museum. Pam has said instead of the biscuits or in addition we will supply Lemon Drizzle cake. This cake was tested and eaten by Karen and Mark at the MOP show and received a five star rating from both of them.

Route No 5.

The route to coffee at Ongar Sports Club the route goes past the entrance to the Kelvedon Nuclear Bunker. The route sheet will show this as an option to visit the Nuclear Bunker instead of Ongar Sports Club. The chance to visit the Nuclear Bunker may be of interest to some of the campers who often follow a route sheet. The current cost to visit the Nuclear Bunker is £15.00 per adult. There is also a canteen there for tea, coffee and food.

The riders following the run leader will continue on to Ongar Sports Club for coffee as I doubt if any local riders would want to visit the Nuclear Bunker. The lunch stops for both routes would be at Ashfields Country Kitchen although they would probably arrive there at different times.

