



## **SOUTH SOMERSET GROUP**

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A local group of the Ramblers' Association  
Registered Charity No.1093577 promoting  
rambling, protecting rights of way,  
campaigning for access to open country and  
defending the beauty of the countryside.

## **DECEMBER 2021 - MARCH 2022 WALKS**

### **COVID-19 NOTICE TO WALKERS**

Although many restrictions may have been relaxed, it is important that walkers are aware of the Government's latest guidance which may vary during the course of this programme.

There is no longer the requirement to book with the leader in advance unless numbers are restricted on the walk.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you **MUST NOT** attend the group walk.

### **Last Minute Changes to Walks**

Occasionally walks may be cancelled or re-arranged. It is therefore advisable to check on the South Somerset Ramblers' Website before you go.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The South Somerset Ramblers' Christmas Lunch will be at 1.00pm at The Muddled Man, West Chinnock. (See walk entry for 9 December for details.)

## South Somerset Ramblers

Our walks are open to everyone. If you would like to know more about the Ramblers' Association or about this programme, please ask any Committee Member. New walk leaders are always needed. If you would like to lead a walk please contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8).

### **Walking Pace**

We walk together and the leader sets a suitable pace for the party. Please do not force a faster pace. The walk categories are:

**A = Fast B = Brisk C = 5-7 miles Medium pace**

**D = generally 4-5 miles at a Moderate pace**

### **Clothing**

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended - we cannot stop the rain or always dodge the mud!

### **Dogs**

Dogs are welcome on most walks although the leader may specify "Registered assistance dogs only" in the programme. Dogs must be under total control and the leader can insist that they be kept on leads.

### **Pub Car Parking**

Some walks start from pubs. If parking there, it is common courtesy to patronise the pub for food or drink. Otherwise please park on nearby roads or public car parks.

**Where a pub is given as the starting point but is subsequently found to be closed, the advice is to park nearby but still meet at the pub.**

## **December 2021- March 2022 Walks**

**Please note walk starting times vary.**

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| <p><b>Thu 2 Dec 10:00 C</b> 5.6 miles Churchinford, The York Inn. TA3 7RF<br/>(GR ST214126) To Otterford Lakes and Fyfett. Park in Village Hall CP.<br/>Bill T 07850 402 404 or bill.tregillus@btinternet.com</p> |
| <p><b>Thu 2 Dec 10:15 D</b> 4.5 miles Tatworth. Old Poppe Inn. TA20 2NZ<br/>(GR ST325056) To Chard Junction and around.<br/>Marion P 01460 57093</p>                                                              |

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| <p><b>Sun 5 Dec 9:30 B</b> 12.5 miles. Picnic. Meet in Barrington by the Church. TA19 0NQ (GR ST389181) Via Selvinge Farm, Ilford Bridge Farm, Broadfield Farm, Isle of Abbots, Isle of Brewers, Oak Tree Cottage and Lake Farm.<br/>Ian W 07478 672 185</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Thu 9 Dec 10:00 D</b> 4 miles Pre-Christmas Lunch walk. The Muddled Man, West Chinnock. (GR ST468135)<br/>Peter M 01935 429477<br/><b>Followed by the Christmas Lunch at 1.00pm</b><br/>Ruth G 01935 474671 (Must be booked with Ruth before 1 December)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Sun 12 Dec 10:00 B</b> 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Maiden Newton Walkers CP. (GR SY593979) Towards Notton Hill Barn. Registered assistance dogs only.<br/>Derek L 01935 426842</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Thu 16 Dec 10:00 D</b> 4.9 miles Wheathill Golf Course. TA11 7HG (GR ST583308) One-course Christmas Carvery + Coffee. £13.95. Meal at 1:00pm. To attend you must pay the GC a £5.00 deposit by card BEFORE December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ring the Club House on 01963 240667 (option 3) who will set up a tab and you will pay the balance on the day. If not able to walk you can still attend the meal and after 1<sup>st</sup> Dec no- shows will lose deposit . Non-diners also welcome. Limit on numbers will be 24. ALSO, please email me to say you have booked.<br/>Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300 677 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com</p> |
| <p><b>Sun 19 Dec 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Ascent 855 ft. Picnic. Meet at Clapton VH. TA18 8PS (GR ST415065) Via Clapton, Wayford, Liberty Trail to Winsham, Laymore, Drimpton and Seaborough.<br/>Jim T 01935 321786</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Thu 23 Dec</b> No South Somerset Ramblers' Walks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Sun 26 Dec</b> No South Somerset Ramblers' Walks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Thu 30 Dec</b> No South Somerset Ramblers' Walks</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Sun 2 Jan 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Hilly. Picnic. Meet at Bishop's Limekiln CP, Bishop's Rd, Abbotsbury. Space limited. (GR SY587858) Via Macmillan Way, Bredy Valley and around.<br/>Mike P 01963 363077</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p><b>Thu 6 Jan 10:00 C</b> 5.5 miles Drayton nr Langport. Drayton Crown Inn. TA10 0JY (GR ST405247) To Curry Rivel and Pynsent Monument. On the levels. Sue A 01458 252130</p>                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Thu 6 Jan 10:00 D</b> 4 miles Yeovil. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards East Coker. Registered assistance dogs only, Derek L 01935 426842</p>                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Sun 9 Jan 10:00 B</b> 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Cadbury Castle CP (GR ST632253) Via Monarch's Way to Sandford Orcas, Poyntington and Charlton Horethorne. Susan B 07807 224 110</p>                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Thu 13 Jan 10:00 C</b> 5.5 miles Wreath north-side layby 2 miles east of Chard on A30. TA20 4AG (GR ST354086) To Avishayes and Windwhistle GC. Not a repeat of previous walk. Marion P 01460 57093</p>                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Thu 13 Jan 10:30 D</b> 4.5 miles Donyatt. The George Inn. TA19 0RW (GR ST338140) To Haynes Farm, Chilworthy Lane, Peasmarsh, Old Railway Line and Park Farm. Level walk. Stuart &amp; Rosemary T 01460 259964 or 07443 953 354 or <a href="mailto:stuartbt43@gmail.com">stuartbt43@gmail.com</a></p> |
| <p><b>Sun 16 Jan 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Picnic. Meet Milborne Port, East St CP. DT9 5DR (GR ST679187) Via Purse Caundle, Goathill, Haydon, Osborne and Milborne Wick. Peter B 01935 389348</p>                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Thu 20 Jan 10:00 C</b> 5.2 miles Trull. The Winchester Arms. TA3 7LG (GR ST217221) To Corfe via East Deane Way and return via Fosgrove Farm. Park opposite church in main village CP. Bill T 07850 402 404 or <a href="mailto:bill.tregillus@btinternet.com">bill.tregillus@btinternet.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Sun 23 Jan 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Martins Lane (off A361 Charlton Road), Shepton Mallett. (GR ST631433) Via Harridge Wood, Stoke St Michael. Peter M 01935 429477</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Thu 27 Jan 10:30 C</b> 5.2 miles Hawkchurch. The Old Inn. EX13 5XD (GR ST3430040) To Furse Hill Farm. Philip &amp; Michelle B-T 01460 62060</p>                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <p><b>Sun 30 Jan 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Kingsbury Community Hall CP. TA12 6BG (GR ST434214) Via Burrow Hill, Barrington, Shepton Beauchamp and East Lambrook.<br/>Julie S 01935 823347</p>                                            |
| <p><b>Thu 3 Feb 10:00 C</b> 5.5 miles Hambridge. Lamb &amp; Lion PH. TA10 0AT (GR ST394216) On the Levels.<br/>Sue A 01458 252130</p>                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Sun 6 Feb 10:00 B</b> 10 miles Some steep ascent and descent. Picnic. Meet at Bridport Football Club CP (off Skilling Hill Rd). DT6 5LA (GR SY464921) Via Watton, West Bay, Burton Bradstock and Bothenhampton.<br/>Jean V 01935 826089</p>   |
| <p><b>Thu 10 Feb 10:00 C</b> 5.2 miles Horton. The Five Dials Inn. TA19 9QH (GR ST322148) To Ashill and Broadway. Road parking unless dining please.<br/>Bill T 07850 402 404 or bill.tregillus@btinternet.com</p>                                  |
| <p><b>Sun 13 Feb 10:00 B</b> 10.5 miles Picnic. Meet Stratton (nr Dorchester) by the church DT2 9RU (GR SY651938) Via Bradford Peverell, Lower Skippet Farm, Muckleford, Charminster Down and Jackman's Cross.<br/>Peter B 01935 389348</p>         |
| <p><b>Sun 13 Feb 10:30 C</b> 5 miles Keinton Mandeville VH. TA11 6ES (GR ST546306) Located above the school in Christles Lane and signposted from Queen Street.<br/>Phil B 01458 850834<br/><b>Followed by the Somerset Area AGM at 2.00pm.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Mon 14 Feb Details of walks for the next programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser. (see Page 8)</b></p>                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Thu 17 Feb 10:00 C</b> 5 miles Sandford Orcas. The Mitre Inn (parking for patrons only please) DT9 4RU (GR ST626206) To Corton Denham returning via Corton Ridge.<br/>Les S 07540 154 034</p>                                                 |
| <p><b>Sun 20 Feb 10:00 B</b> 11 miles Picnic. Meet Whitelackington VH. TA19 9EF (GR ST380155) Via Ashwell, Donyatt and Dowlish Wake.<br/>Maureen L 01458 741880</p>                                                                                 |

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| <p><b>Thu 24 Feb 10:00 C</b> 5.4 miles Evercreech. The Bell Inn. (GR ST650387) Pub has limited parking but more space by the church. To Milton Clevedon and Spargrove. Return via Stoney Stratton.<br/>Phil B 01458 850834 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com</p>                                                  |
| <p><b>Thu 24 Feb 10:00 D</b> 4.8 miles Drayton nr Langport. Drayton Crown Inn. (GR ST403243) To Langport and Pumping Station.<br/>Richard C 01935 473951</p>                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Sun 27 Feb 10:30 B</b> 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Old A37 road near Clay Pigeon. (GR ST605030) Via Sydling St Nicholas, Ball's Hill and East Hill. One steep slope. Registered assistance dogs only.<br/>Derek L 01935 426842</p>                                                                       |
| <p><b>Thu 3 Mar 10:15 C</b> 6 miles Stoke Abbott. The New Inn. DT8 3JW (GR ST454008). Circular walk, some hills,<br/>Philip &amp; Michele B-T 01460 62060</p>                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Sun 6 Mar 10:00 A</b> 12.5 miles Coastal walk. Picnic. Meet at Langdon Hill NT CP. (GR SY412930) (charge for non-members). Via Langdon Hill, Chideock, Eype Down, Lower Eype, West Bay, Thorncombe Beacon, Seatown, Golden Cap, Upcot and Filcombe Farm.<br/>John D 01297 678217 or 07796 960 482</p> |
| <p><b>Thu 10 Mar 10:00 C</b> 6 miles Long Sutton VH. TA10 9NT (GR ST469256) To Knole. Fields and tracks.<br/>Sue A 01458 252130</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Sun 13 Mar 10:00 B</b> 12.5 miles Ascent 1220 feet. Picnic. Crewkerne. Meet in Ashlands Road, near Wadham school. (GR ST449103) Via Clapton, Seaborough, Mosterton, Henley, and Misterton.<br/>Jim T 01935 321786</p>                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Thu 17 Mar 10:00 C</b> 6 miles West Camel. The Walnut Tree. BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) To Marston Magna and Queen Camel. Flat walk.<br/>Les S 07540 154 034</p>                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Sun 20 Mar 10:00 B</b> 11.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Wellington Monument CP. TA21 9PB (GR ST143167) Via Culm Pyne, Barton, Millmoor, Blackdown Gate, Sampford Common and Crossways Farm.<br/>Ian W 07478 672 185</p>                                                                                     |

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| <p><b>Thu 24 Mar 10:00 C</b> 5.6 miles Tintinhull. The Crown &amp; Victoria PH. BA22 8PZ (GR ST500197) To Cole Cross through Montacute grounds and edge of Chilthorne Domer.<br/>Sue A 01458 252130</p>                |
| <p><b>Thu 24 Mar 10:30 D</b> 4.5 miles Long Sutton. Meet at the village hall CP. TA10 9NT (GR ST469256) Towards Knole. Mostly flat with a couple of hills.<br/>Richard &amp; Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07722 095 175</p> |
| <p><b>Sun 27 Mar 10:00 B</b> 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Lightgate Lane CP South Petherton. TA13 5AU (GR ST437169) Via Compton Durville, Shepton Beauchamp, Barrington and the Lambrooks.<br/>Jean V 01935 826089</p>     |
| <p><b>Thu 31 Mar 10:00 C</b> 5.8 miles Dinnington Docks PH. TA17 8SK (GR ST404131) To Allowenshay via Ludney to Chillington. Return via Diana Pond.<br/>Phil B 01458 850834</p>                                        |
| <p><b>Thu 31 Mar 10:00 D</b> 4.9 miles Chilthorne Domer. (GR ST524186) Park in Main St. To Lufton, Houndstone and Thorne. Fields and roads.<br/>Phil E 01935 429302</p>                                                |

## WALK LEADERS' GUIDELINES

### Parking

As walks can attract up to 20 cars, walk leaders should ensure that parking is available, especially in small villages.

### Risk Assessment

**A risk assessment form must be completed for each walk and retained for 3 years.** (Forms will be circulated to leaders by the programme organisers.)

### Accidents

If there is an accident requiring help, the leader should stay with the casualty until help arrives (unless a competent carer is appointed). If the leader stays behind, the backmarker or a volunteer leader should continue with the group. The leader must notify the Secretary or Chairman of any accident apart from trivial ones. Every effort should be made to ensure a first-aid kit is available.

### Backmarkers

Leaders should always appoint a backmarker and count those walking. Walk leaders and designated backmarkers should exchange mobile phone numbers so that contact can be maintained in cases of emergency. Leaders and backmarkers without phones should appoint substitutes.

## **Gates**

Gates should be left as found..

## **Footpath Maintenance Problems**

Problems should be reported to the Somerset County Council Rights of Way Officer on 0845 3459155 or through the SCC website. The appropriate Footpath Secretary should also be notified.

## **Data Protection**

Walk leaders submitting walk details should accept that the information they provide will be made publicly available in the programme. If any walk leader is unable to lead their walk they should either find a replacement or contact the appropriate Programme Organiser as soon as possible. Please ensure you speak to someone - do not rely on leaving a message.

## **Indemnity**

To ensure third party liability cover leaders must be registered as a Volunteer Walk Leader by emailing: [volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com)

# **COMMITTEE**

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**Details of walks for the April 2022 – July 2022 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by 14 February 2022**

**Footpath Working Party Organiser:** Vacant

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