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**A local group of the Ramblers' Association
promoting rambling, protecting rights of way,
and campaigning for access to open
countryside.**

Registered Charity No.1093577

South Somerset Ramblers

August-November 2024 Walks

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 welcome. If you would like to lead a walk, please contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8).

Walking Pace

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

A = Fast/Strenuous

B = Brisk

C = Medium pace (5-7 miles)

D = Moderate pace (4-5 miles)

Clothing

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended - we cannot stop the rain nor 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 walk leader can insist that they are 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 it is subsequently found to be closed, please park nearby but still meet at the pub.

Summer Supper

The Summer Supper will take place on
Thursday 8th August
at The Royal Oak, Hardington.

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COVID 19

There are no Covid restrictions currently in the UK.
However, if you have any Covid symptoms, we request that
you do not attend a group walk.

Last Minute Changes to Walks

Occasionally walks may be cancelled or re-arranged.
It is advisable to check the South Somerset Ramblers'
website before you go:
www.southsomersetramblers.org.uk

Please note - walk starting times vary

Thu 1 Aug 10:00 D 5 miles. Martock Recreation Ground. (GR ST462190)
Level waterside walk to Madey Mill and Gawbridge.
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 4 Aug 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Wedmore Village Free CP.
BS28 4EE (GR ST437481) Via Blackford, Burmead, Ashton, Washbrook, Weare,
Brinscombe, Perrow Farm and Lascot. Undulating.
Ian W 07478 672185

Thu 8 Aug 16:30 D 4.8 miles. The Royal Oak, Hardington. BA22 9NG
(GR ST518121) Towards East Coker.
Followed by the **Summer Supper**.
Wendy Y 01935 862340

Sun 11 Aug 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Ilminster, park at entrance of CP for Meadows/Summervale Surgery off Canal Way. TA19 9FE (GR ST354144) A tour of villages east and south of Ilminster. Mostly undulating with some steeper sections. Some sections on tarmac but those are mostly on quiet roads/tracks. Jean V 01935 826089 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>
Thu 15 Aug 10:00 C 6 miles. Cross Keys Inn, Lydford on Fosse. TA11 7HA (GR ST567309) To the Foddingtons and Babcary. Les S 07540 154034
Sun 18 Aug 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Charlton Horethorne by village centre shop, road parking adjacent. DT9 4NL (GR ST665232) Via Monarch's Way to Maltkiln Hill, then walking through Horsington, Templecombe and Stowell. Undulating. Mike P 01963 363077
Thu 22 Aug 10:00 C 5.1 miles. Staple Fitzpaine, The Greyhound Inn PH. TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) To Ben's Copse and return via Frost Street. Bill T 07850 402404
Sat 24, Sun 25, Mon 26 Aug - Mendip Walking Festival at the Charltons Community Centre, Top Rd, Charlton Adam. TA11 7BE (GR ST533289) A choice of 3 walks (long, medium and short) each day at 10:00am and a short one in the afternoon. Details - www.mendipramblers.co.uk
Thu 29 Aug – no walks today.
Sun 1 Sep 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Eggardon Hill at Shatcombe Lane layby parking. (GR SY549948) Via Eggardon Hill, Askerswell, Litton Cheney and West Compton. Hilly. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 5 Sep 10:00 D 5 miles. New Inn, West Coker. Park in Church CP. (GR ST516136) Figure of eight walk, 2 miles flat and 3 miles hilly over the ridge. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 8 Sep 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet A37, Clay Pigeon layby, Warden Hill. DT2 9PW (GR ST607028) Via West Hill, Woolcombe, Redford Farm, Bound Lane Farm and Hendover Coppice. Hilly. Ascent 900ft. Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 12 Sep 10:00 C 6.5 miles. Chilthorne Domer, Main Street. (GR ST524187) To Colecross, Montacute Park and Lufton (passes under A3088 Cartgate Link Road). Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Sun 15 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Wellington Asda CP. Longforth Road off High Street. TA21 8RQ (GR ST139208) Via Langford Budville, Milverton and Nynehead Court. Paths and fields. Undulating. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 19 Sep – no walks today.
Sun 22 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Mapperton House CP. DT8 3NR (GR SY503996) Please park at far end of CP away from house. Via Toller Whelme and Hooke Park. Some hills. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thu 26 Sep 10:00 D 4 miles. Keinton Mandeville, Quarry Inn. TA11 6DZ (GR ST548310) Please park at side of pub. Towards King Weston & Barton St David. Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 29 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Chard, Crowshute long stay CP (free on Sunday) TA20 2EZ (GR ST321083) Via Wambrook, Howley and Wadeford. Undulating. Martin R 07809 893747
Thu 3 Oct 10:00 C 6 miles. Sparkford Inn. BA22 7JH (GR ST263603) To Little Weston, Sutton Montis and Weston Bampfylde. Les S 07540 154034
Thu 3 Oct 10:00 D 4 miles. Meet at Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards Burton. No stiles or hills. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>
Sun 6 Oct 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Somerton, Paddock House Long Stay CP (free on Sunday) at far end of Brunel Shopping Precinct CP. TA11 6LW (GR ST489286) Via Pitney. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>

Thu 10 Oct 10:00 D 5 miles. Muchelney House, Ilminster. (GR ST355146) Walk the Medieval pottery route – an “up and over” walk, likely to be muddy. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 13 Oct 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburry Estate CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Henwood Hill, Denhay Cross, Coppet Hill, Blackmore Farm, Whitchurch Canonicorum (lunch), Ryall, Hardown Hill and Hounsells Cross. Hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Thu 17 Oct - no walks today.
Sun 20 Oct 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Churchinford VH CP, Taunton Rd. TA3 7QY (GR ST214127) Via Otterford Lakes, Trickey Warren Road, Old Airfield, Homes Hill and Stapley. Good views. Some hills. Sue A 07508 849778
Mon 21 Oct Details of walks for the December- March 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8).
Thu 24 Oct 10:00 D 4.7 miles. East Lambrook, Rose & Crown PH. TA13 5HF (GR ST431190) To Compton Durville via Mid Lambrook and return along the Lambrook Brook. Level walk. Bill T 07850 402404
Sun 27 Oct 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Milborne Port, East St. Free CP. DT9 5DR (GR ST679187) Via Crendle, Goathill and Sherborne Park to Sherborne Pageant Gardens for lunch returning via Osborne and Crackmore. Undulating with a few steeper ascents. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 31 Oct - no walks today.
Sun 3 Nov 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Evershot Green at bottom of village. DT2 0JY (GR ST576047) Route is a figure of eight. Northern loop is 4 miles to Melbury Osmond and back. Southern loop is 6.5 miles to Higher Chalmington Farm and back via Frome St Quintin. Ascent 1100ft. Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 7 Nov 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Lamb and Lion Inn, Hambridge. TA10 0AT (GR ST394216) Level walk via Middelney and the Westport Canal via St James. Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 10 Nov 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Trent, by the church. DT9 4SL (GR ST590186) Via Nether Compton, Coombe Lane, Holway, Stafford's Green, Rimpton, White Post and Adber. Undulating.
Ian W 07478 672185

Thu 14 Nov - no walks today.

Sun 17 Nov 10:00 C/B Meet Maiden Castle CP. (GR SY668889) Accessed via Maiden Castle Rd from opposite cemetery on Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. Figure of eight walk. First part via Martinstown, with picnic lunch at Martinstown Church. 7.5miles Grade C undulating. Return to car park for start of second part via Clandon. 3.5 miles Grade B undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered Assistance Dogs only

Thu 21 Nov 10:00 D 4 miles. Evercreech Junction, The Natterjack Inn. BA4 6NA (GR ST840365) Towards Evercreech through Cuttern Mill and return along River Alum.
Phil B 07432 300677

Sun 24 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet West Bexington Beach CP. DT2 9DG (GR SY531864) Via Tulk's Hill, Puncknowle, Bride Valley, Burton Bradstock, Hive Beach and Coast Path along Cogden Beach. Hilly in the morning.
Maria L 01935 873456 or 07913 546011

Thu 28 Nov - no walks today.

Walk Leaders' Guidelines

Parking

As walks can attract up to 20 cars, walk leaders should ensure that parking is available, particularly 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 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 Council Rights of Way Officer on 0845 345 9155 or through the Council's 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 and on the South Somerset Ramblers' website.

Unable to Lead Walk

If a walk leader is unable to lead, they should either find a replacement or contact the Programme Organiser as soon as possible.

Indemnity

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

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