



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.*

APR - JULY 2021 WALKS

COVID-19 NOTICE TO WALKERS

The Ramblers' Association is working towards starting Rambler organised walks from 12th April. However, it is important that walkers are aware of the Government's latest Covid-19 restrictions which will vary during the course of this programme. In the meantime, there are a few changes that walkers will require to note:

1. You will need to book in advance with the walk leader because numbers will be limited. **Just turning up on the day will not be possible.**
2. Please phone or email in the week leading to the walk date. The leader will keep a list of your contact details for 21 days.
3. Leaders will decide on the maximum number of people to be on their walks. (30 unless stated)
4. Bookings will be on a strict first-come-first-served basis.
5. The leader will have completed a Risk Assessment and will warn you of any obvious hazards before the walk.
6. Social distancing should be observed at the start, finish and throughout the walk. Please bring a sanitiser and face covering.
7. **If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you MUST NOT attend the group walk. If you develop symptoms after the walk, you should apply for a COVID-19 test and support NHS contact tracing if requested. If NHS contact tracers ask for details of everyone on the walk, please put them in touch with the Ramblers' Association on 020 3961 3180.**

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 9).

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.

Please note walk starting times vary.

April - July 2021 Walks

Thu 15 Apr 10:00 D 4.8 miles Dowlish Wake Church (GR ST376129) To Chillington, Cudworth and Cricket Malherbie. The 3 churches walk.
Philip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 18 Apr 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet Kingcombe Centre upper CP Lower Kingcombe DT2 0EQ (GR SY554990) via Toller Porcorum, Powerstock and Mount Pleasant.
Peter B 01935 389348 **Max 15**

Thu 22 April 10:00 C 5.3 miles Trull, The Winchester Arms TA3 7LG (GR ST2172200) To Vivary Park, Cotlake Hill and Kibbear. Bill T 07850 402404
Thu 22 Apr 10:00 D 4.9 miles Sherborne Terrace Playing Fields. (GR ST641157) To Sherborne Park via Osborne. Richard C 01935 473951
Sun 25 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Nash Lane off West Coker Road, top end near Yeovil Court Hotel (GR ST537141) Via Hardington Moor, Pendomer, East Coker and Burton. Sue B 07807 224110 Max 12
Thu 29 Apr 10:00 C 6 miles Nunney. Meet at Quarry CP (free) Castle Hill. BA11 4NL (GR ST735457) along Nunney Brook to Lower Whatley and Castle, back via Nunney Catch and Ridgeway. Bring your own snacks. Maurice E 01373 473014 07867 006100 Maurice.eveleigh@talktalk.net
Thu 29 Apr 10:00 D 4.6 miles Compton Dundon, The Castlebrook Inn. Park behind pub or, if pub is not available, park in Hayes Lane at crossroads opposite. (GR ST490327) To Lollover Hill & Hayes Farm. Phil B 01458 850834 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 2 May 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Martock Shoppers' CP. Please park at far end. (GR ST463194) Towards the Lambrooks and South Petherton. Jean V 01935 826089 Max 10
Thu 6 May 10:30 D 4.5 miles East Coker Village Hall. (GR ST538128) to Pendomer. Lovely views. Wendy & Richard 01935 862340
Sun 9 May 10:00 B 10-12 miles Picnic. Meet Langport long stay CP (GR ST419266) Via River Parrett, Aller, Aller Woods, Breech Woods and Paradise. Alan G 07811 619889 Max 12
Thu 13 May 10:00 C 6 miles Curry Rivel CP TA10 0HE (GR ST390242) To Drayton via Monument. On the Levels. Sue A 01458 252130

Thu 13 May 10:00 D 4.8 miles Chard Reservoir CP TA20 4DG (GR ST340102) Marion & Derek P 01460 57093
Sun 16 May 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet in Norton sub Hamdon, by village hall (GR ST470162) Via Tintinhull, Ham Hill and Montacute. Peter M 01935 429477 Max 8
Thu 20 May 10.00 C 5.4 miles Bishopswood, The Candlelight Inn TA20 3RS (GR ST259127) To Colley Farm, Blindmoor and Buckland St Mary. Bill T 07850 402404
Sun 23 May 10:30 B 9 miles Picnic. Meet at Yarn Barton CP, Beaminster. (GR ST481014) Via Broadwindsor. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L 01935 426842 Max 12
Thu 27 May 10:15 C 5 miles Ilminster Stonemasons Arms CP (GR ST347151) level walk to Donyatt.. Marion & Derek P 01460 57093
Thu 27 May 10:30 D 4.5 miles Walton (nr Street) Royal Oak PH BA16 9QG (GR ST465364) Gentle climb to Walton Hill, Ivythorn Lane and back via Bramble Hill. Les S 01935 850810 07540 154034
Sun 30 May 10:00 B 10.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Ham Hill on road to pub (GR ST478169) Via Ham Hill, Montacute, Five Ashes, East Chinnock, Middle Chinnock and Bagnell Farm. Jim T 01935 321786 Max 12
Thu 3 Jun 10:00 C 5.5 miles Corfe Village (on B3170) Park in Mill Lane outside church, or at VH CP on opposite side of main road. (GR ST232187) to Pickeridge, Adcombe Hill and Pitminster. Steve H 01823 664227
Thu 3 June 10:00 D 4.6 miles Chardstock village hall in Westcombes EX137BJ (GR ST310045) Around Somerset/Devon border. The Poppe Inn may be open. Philip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 6 Jun 10:00 B 14 miles Picnic. Meet at Beaminster Yarn Barton CP (GR ST481013) Via Mapperton, North Poorton, Lower Kingcombe (lunch, if dry) Hooke and Toller Whelme. John D 01297 678217 07796 960482 Max 10
Thu 10 Jun 9:30 C 7 miles Milborne Port. East Street CP (GR ST678187) A bit hilly. Richard C 01935 473951 07836 365820 Note earlier start time.
Thu 10 Jun 10:00 D 4.8 miles Yeovil. Red House Inn (on A37 Dorchester Road) (GR ST555140) (If pub is closed park in East Coker Road but meet at pub) to Barwick Follies and Ninesprings. Ann & Mel P 01935 431851
Sun 13 Jun 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Hilfield Hill CP (GR ST636040) via Batcombe. Maureen L 01458 741880 Max 12
Thu 17 June 10:00 C 5 miles Evershot (Meet at grassy triangle at village from A37) DT2 0JW (GR ST576049) Thomas Hardy-inspired walk around Melbury Park. Food may be available at The Acorn or The Sheaf of Arrows on A37. Nina & Alan F 07977 698748
Thu 17 June 10:00 D 4.7 miles Staple Fitzpaine, The Greyhound TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) Staple Park Farm, Netherclay and Frost Street. Bill T 07850402404.
Sun 20 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Langport Cocklemoor long stay CP TA10 9PG (GR ST419266) Via Upton, Pitney and Low Ham. Martin R 01458 259333 Max 10
Thu 24 June 10.00 C 5.6 miles Butleigh, Rose & Portcullis PH (parking available) BA6 8TQ (GR ST519332) To Great Breach Wood on Mendip Ring via Wickhams Cross. Phil B 01458 850834 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 27 Jun 10:00 A 14 miles Picnic. Meet Stratton (nr Dorchester) by the church DT2 9RU (GR SY651938) Via Sydling St Nicholas, Frome Vauchurch and Frome valley. Peter B 01935 389348 Max 15

Thu 1 July 10:00 B/C 7 miles Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens off Sandhurst Road BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) On-road parking. To Barwick, North Coker, Nash and back to Yeovil. Jim Turner 01935 321786
Thu 1 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles Fivehead. Park near church. TA3 6PQ (GR ST352229) to Isle Abbots on the Levels. Sue A 01458 252130
Sun 4 Jul 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet in Charlton Mackrell at CP off Bonfire Lane next to the primary school and opposite St Mary's Church (GR ST529283) To Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Lytes Cary and Kingsdon. Sue B 07807 224110 Max 12
Thu 8 Jul 10:00 C 5.6 miles Win Green NT site east of Shaftsbury. Win Green CP is accessed from the road running south from Ludwell which joins the A3081 To Tollard Royal at GR ST918202 To Berwick St John to rejoin the Ox Drove. (Food may be available at Compton Abbas Airfield.) John D 01935 425037
Thu 8 July 10:00 D 4.4 miles Wheathill Golf Course TA11 7HG (GR ST583308) Park behind club house or on road to Golf Course if closed Non-diners welcome. To Lovington and East Lydford.Park. Phil B 01458 850834 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 11 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at old A37 road north of Clay Pigeon (GR ST604031) Via Frome St Quintin, Evershot, Melbury Sampford, Melbury Osmond and Melbury Bubb. Jean V 01935 826089 Max 10
Thu 15 July 10:00 C 5.5 miles Keinton Mandeville, Quarry Inn (please park at side of pub not in front) (GR ST548310) To West Lydford and Barton St David. Phil B 01458 850834 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 18 Jul 10:00 A 16 miles Meet Maiden Castle CP (GR SY668889) Via Maiden Castle, Upwey, Corton Hill, Portesham Farm, Portesham Hill, Little Bredy, Loscombe Farm, Hardy Monument and Martinstown. Jim T 01935 321786 Max 12

Thu 22 July 10:00 C 6 miles Langport Long Stay CP TA10 9ZD (GR ST423266) to Drayton via Midelney Pumping Station on River Parrett. All on the Levels.
Sue A 01458 252130

Sun 25 Jul 10:30 B 13 miles Picnic. Meet at Ivythorn CP by Street YH BA16 0TZ (GR ST480345) Via Moor's Wood, Butleigh, Compton Dundon, Ham Lane, Mead Run, Windmill Farm, Veal Lane, Stone Hill and Teazle Wood.
Ian W 07478 672185 **Max 12**

Thu 29 Jul 10:00 C 5.5 miles Horseshoe Lane, Thorncombe (GR ST371030) Park in lay-by nr Thorncombe Sports Club. Towards Blackdown Hill returning via Yew Tree Farm.
David and Linda F 01460 929350

Thu 29 Jul 10:30 D 4 miles West Camel. The Walnut Tree BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) To Bridgehampton and Speckington via Leland Trail.
Les S 01935 850810

WALK LEADERS' GUIDELINES

Parking

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

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 we find them.

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 a message.

Indemnity

The Ramblers' Association provides third party liability insurance for walk leaders on group walks in case of a claim made against them by a third party

Covid-19 Additional Requirements

- To ensure legal cover leaders **must** be registered as a Volunteer Walk Leader. This can be done by emailing volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com
- You **must** carry out a Risk Assessment for each walk and keep for a year. This can be covered when doing a recce.
- You should decide the limit on numbers for your walk. The RA advise 30 maximum but some leaders are limiting numbers to 15 or less.
- People who want to join your walk will be asked to make contact by phone or email in the week leading to the walk date. There should be no turning up on the day unannounced.
- You will need to keep a list of those walking, along with phone numbers and retain it for 21 days and then destroy it.
- If any walker subsequently tells you they have developed Covid-19 symptoms you may need to provide the information to NHS Tack and Trace. You should also let RA HQ know through their website: volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com
- It is important that you emphasise at the start of each walk the government guidelines relating to group rambling

Committee

Message from Roger Cripps, Acting Chairman:

We are delighted to welcome Jim Turner as the new Chair of our group. Jim will officially take over on 1st April.

He usually walks with the Sunday group but will be joining in on Thursday as well – indeed he has already offered to lead a Thursday walk. Also, we welcome 5 new committee members – John and Maureen Day, Maggie Owers, Henshani “Rosie” Arampatta and Lynne Reece.

Message from the New Chairman

My name is James Turner, generally known as Jim. I was born and raised in London and spent the latter part of my working life as a health and safety adviser for a large oil company. I have lived in West Sussex and Norfolk and moved to Yeovil in 2017 to be closer to our son.

I have been a walker since the age of 17, and have taken a walking holiday in the Lake District with the same group of friends for more than 40 years. I have been a member of the Ramblers for 15 years.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the near future.

Officers and Committee

Chairman: Jim Turner jpjimturner@gmail.com

Secretary: Ian Rendall IanLRendall@outlook.com 01935 421235

Treasurer: Stuart Thomson, Allenbury Cottage, Barrington, Ilminster.
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Committee: Henshani Arampatta, Phil Bradshaw, Roger Cripps, John Day, Maureen Day, Maggie Owers, Martin Pakes, Lynne Reece, Ian Rendall, Stuart Thomson and Wendy Yates.

Minutes Secretary: Vacant

Area Committee Representative: Vacant

Programme Co-ordinator: Martin Pakes mjpakes@tiscali.co.uk
01823 619887

Programme Organisers:

C and D walks: Phil Bradshaw philbradshaw22@gmail.com 01458 850834

Weekend All-Day Walks: Jean Verkroost jean_verkroost@yahoo.co.uk
01935 826089

Details of walks for the August – November 2021 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 21 June 2021

Footpath Working Party Organiser: Vacant

Footpath Secretaries:

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