



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.

APRIL - JULY 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.

SUMMER SUPPER 21 JULY

Place The Cross Keys Inn at East Lydford. (A37 traffic lights)
TA11 7HA (GR ST567309)

Meal Summer Buffet - cold meats, variety of salads with new potatoes, choice of desserts, and coffee or tea. Vegetarian option available.

Cost £16.00 a head.

Booking Contact the pub direct and pay by card in advance by 7July. Ring the pub on **01963 240473** who will keep a list of those paying. Cancellations, direct with pub, must be made by Sunday 17July.

Also Please email me to say you have booked.

Walk of 4.5 miles will start at 4:30pm. Food will be served at 7.30pm.

Non-walkers welcome as are non-diners.

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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/Strenuous 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 may 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.

April- July 2022 Walks

Please note walk starting times vary.

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.

Sun 3 Apr 10:30 A 11 miles Hilly. Picnic. Meet at Yarn Barton CP Beaminsten. (charges apply) DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via South Perrott and Winyards Gap. Registered assistance dogs only.
Derek L 01935 426842.

Thu 7 Apr 10:00 C 5.5 miles Winsham, The Bell Inn. TA20 4HU (GR ST375064) To Wayford Woods (hopefully some bluebells) and Axe Valley. No hills. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 10 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles Some hills. Picnic. Meet at Bulbarrow Hill CP. (GR ST783058) To Ranisbury Camp, Malcombe Park Farm, Ansty and Hilton. Mike P 01963 363077
Thu 14 Apr 10:00 C 5 miles Mells. Meet at Mells Recreation Ground CP. BA11 3PZ (GR ST724493) Circumnavigation of Whatley Quarry. Part of East Mendip Way. Some step climbing which could be slippery when wet. Food available at The Talbot Inn. Maurice E 07867 006100
Thu 14 Apr 10:30 D 4.7 miles Donyatt, The George Inn. TA19 0RW (GR ST338140) To Rose Farm, Winterhay and Herne Hill. Stuart & Rosemary T 01460 259964 stuartbt43@gmail.com
Sun 17 Apr 10:00 B 12 miles Some hills in morning, more gentle in afternoon. Picnic. Meet at Puddletown Church. DT2 8SL (GR SY759944) Via Dewlish, Tolpuddle and Southover Heath. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 21 Apr 10:30 C 5.1 miles Dowlish Wake, The New Inn. TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) No hills. Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060
Thu 21 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles Montacute. TA15 6XP (GR ST498171) Meet in square but park the House overspill CP. To Ham Hill monument. Lovely views. Ann & Mel P 01935 431851
Sun 24 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Part of the Bruton Festival. Meet at Station Road CP, Bruton. BA10 0EH (GR ST686348) Bruton to Alfred's Tower and back. Les S 07768 556735
Thu 28 Apr 10:00 C 5.3 miles Hilly. Staple Fitzpaine, The Greyhound Inn. TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) To Staple Park Wood, Staple Hill, Mount Fancy Farm and Bow Green. Bill T 07850 402404 bill.tregillus@btinternet.com

Thu 28 Apr 10:00 D 4.9 miles Fivehead, park near church. TA3 6PQ (GR ST352229) To Isle Abbots and the Levels. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 1 May 10:00 B 11 miles Mainly flat. Picnic. Meet by Trent Church. (GR ST590185) Via Mudford, West Mudord, Chilton Cantelo, Marston Magna and Adber. Jean V 01935 826089
Thu 5 May 10:00 D 4.5 miles Tatworth, The Old Poppe Inn. TA20 2NZ (GR ST325050) To Burrridge and Forton. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 8 May 10:30 B 10.7 miles Very flat. Picnic. Meet at CP in Combwich, on riverside by harbour. TA5 2QZ (GR ST260423) {W3W - erupt.throat.motel } Via Stockland Bristol, Steart Point, Steart Marshes and Parrett Estuary. Alan G 07811 619889
Thu 12 May 10:00 C 5.5 miles Hambridge, The Lamb & Lion PH. TA10 0AT (GR ST394216) To Isle Brewers. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 15 May 10:00 B 12 miles Undulating and probably wet and muddy. Picnic. Meet at Castle Neroche. (GR ST272156) Via Bickenhall, Nethercley and East Deane Way. Peter M 01935 429477
Thu 19 May 10:00 C 5.5 miles Ilminster. Meet at Canal Way children's playground. (GR ST360143) To Hearne Hill, Moolham Lane, Dowlish Wake and Kingstone. Tom T 01460 242729
Thu 19 May 10:30 D 4.5 miles Ham Hill, The Prince of Wales PH. TA14 6RW (GR ST479168) Monarchs Way, Montacute, Witcombe and War Memorial. Stuart & Rosemary T 01460 2593354 stuartbt43@gmail.com
Sun 22 May 10:00 B 11 miles Undulating with two steep ascents. Picnic. Meet at Kettle Bridge CP, Cerne Abbas. DT2 7GY (GR ST663014) Via Eastfield Hill, Crete Bottom and Forston. <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u> Derek L 01935 426842

Thu 26 May 10:30 D 4.8 miles Chardstock VH. EX13 7BJ (GR ST310045) Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060
Thu 26 May 10:30 D 4.3 miles South Cadbury, The Camelot Inn. BA22 7EX (GR ST632256) To Weston Bampfylde and Sutton Montis. Ed & Sue W 07871 185102
Sun 29 May 10:00 B 12 miles Undulating with some steeper sections. Picnic. Meet at Croscombe VH. (or on road outside if hall is in use). (GR ST589445) Loop north of Shepton Mallet to Oakhill and back. Jean V 01935 826089
Thu 2 Jun 10:00 C 5 miles West Coker Church. (GR ST516136) Figure of 8. 2 miles flat and 3 miles hilly. To Nature Reserve. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 5 Jun 10:00 B 12 miles Hilly and strenuous in parts. Picnic. Meet at Peak Hill walkers' CP Sidmouth. (GR SY109872) Via Peak Hill, Mutter's Moor, Colaton Raleigh, Otterton, Otter Estuary, Ladram Bay and Peak Hill. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Thu 9 Jun 10:00 D 4.7 miles Wadeford, The Haymaker Inn. TA20 3AP (GR ST312105) To Combe St. Nicholas, Pudleigh & Chardleigh Green. Bill T 07850 402404 bill.tregillus@btinternet.com
Sun 12 Jun 10:00 B 12 miles 1 steep climb. Picnic. Meet in Bradpole by church. Roadside parking. DT6 3EU (GR SY480942) Via Melplash and Mapperton. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thu 16 Jun 10:00 D 4 miles Yeovil. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards Burton. <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u> Derek L 01935 426842
Thu 16 Jun 10:30 C 5.3 miles The Windwhistle Inn. (On A30 east of Chard) TA20 4DQ (GR ST381096) Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060

Sun 19 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles Mix of flat and undulating with one steep ascent. Picnic. Meet at Butleigh Woods, Combe Hill Wood CP. BA6 8TP (GR ST503329) Via Compton Dundon, Somerton Door and Littleton. Martin R 07809 893747
Mon 20 Jun Details of walks for the next programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser. (see page 9)
Thu 23 Jun 10:00 C 5.5 miles Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) To Nine Springs, the Follies and Barwick. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Thu 23 Jun 10:30 D 4.5 miles Broadway. Meet at Broadway Church. (GR ST329158) To Windmill Hill and Ashill. Linda & David F 01460 929350
Sun 26 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles Undulating. Picnic. Meet at Nash Road and start from Post Box on corner. (GR ST536141) Via West Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Pendomer and East Coker. Sue B 07807 224110
Thu 30 Jun 10.00 D 4.4 miles Wheathill Golf Course. TA11 7HG (GR ST583308) Park behind the Club House. Non-diners welcome as are non-walkers. Hot bar meals. To Lovington and East Lydford. Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 30 Jun 10:00 C 5.1 miles Curry Mallet, The Bell Inn. Meet at Village Hall opposite. TA3 6SY (GR ST329219) To Beercrocombe. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 3 Jul 10:00 B 12 miles Mostly flat with one steep ascent/descent late morning. Picnic. Meet Fiddleford Manor CP. DT10 2BX (GR ST802135) Via Shillingstone, Hambledon Hill, Child Okeford and Manston. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 7 Jul 10:30 C 5.6 miles Win Green NT CP. (off the Ludwell to Tollard Royal road close to junction with A3081 Shaftesbury to Tollard Royal.) (GR ST923206) To Berwick St John via Ox Drove and Ferne. John D 01935 425037

Thu 7 Jul 10:00 D 4.4 miles Hinton St Mary, The White Horse Inn. DT10 1NA (GR ST787142) Circular walk. Richard C 01935 473951
Thu 7 Jul Last day for booking meal at the Summer Supper. (see page 1)
Sun 10 Jul 10:00 B 12.5 miles Hilly. Picnic. Meet in Martinstown. (GR SY646890) Via Eweleaze Farm, South Dorset Ridgeway, Hardy Monument, Loscombe Plantation and Winterbourne Abbas. Jim T 01935 321786.
Thu 14 Jul 10:00 C 5.5 miles Stoke St Gregory. Park near church and meet near café in square. TA3 6EJ (GR ST348271) Walk on the Levels. One steep slope. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 14 Jul 10:30 D 4 miles Ilminster, The Stone Masons Inn. TA19 9DJ (GR ST347151) Easy walk and no stiles. To Donyatt & Sea. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 17 Jul 10:00 B 13.5 miles Hilly, several steep ascents. Picnic. Meet at Symondsbury CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445936) Via Symondsbury, Broadoak Road, Monarch's Way, Bilshay Lane, Pymore, Hole House Farm, Lee Lane, Hyde, Burbitt Lane, Bennett's Hill Farm, East Cliff, West Bay, Eype Mouth, Lower Eype and Higher Eype. Ian W 07478 672185
Thu 21 Jul 4:30 D 4.5 miles East Lydford, The Cross Keys Inn (A37 traffic lights). TA11 7HA (GR ST567309) Phil B 01458 850834 philbradshaw22@gmail.com Followed by the Summer Supper at 7:30pm. Please see details on page 1.
Sun 24 Jul 10:00 B 11miles Undulating with some steeper ground. Picnic. Meet at Hive Beach NT CP. (GR SY492889) Via Coast path, Bennetts Hill Farm. Shipton Gorge, St. Lukes Farm, Chilcombe and Puncknowle, Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 28 Jul 10:30 D 4.2 miles Keinton Mandeville, The Quarry Inn. (please park at side of pub) (GR ST548310) To West Lydford and new river bridge. Phil B 01458 850834 philbradshaw22@gmail.com

Thu 28 Jul 10:00 C 6.2 miles Sherborne. Meet at Terrace Playing Fields CP. (GR ST642158) Sherborne Park to Folke and return via Allweston and Haydon. Some minor road walking. Good views of Sherborne Castles.
John D 01935 425037

Sun 31 Jul 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Station Road CP, Bruton. BA10 0EG (GR ST684348) Via Wyke Champflower, Lamyatt, Evercreech, Milton Clevedon and Creech Hill.
Julie S 07790 853257

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 (preferably by 'phone) 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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Details of walks for the August – November 2022 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by 20 June 2022

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