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A local group of the Ramblers' Association promoting rambling, protecting rights of way, campaigning for access to open country and defending the beauty of the countryside.
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South Somerset Ramblers' **April - July 2023 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 = 5-7 miles Medium pace

D = 4-5 miles Moderate pace

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 is subsequently found to be closed, please park nearby but still meet at the pub.

COVID-19

It is important that walkers are aware of the Government's latest guidance which may vary during the course of this programme.

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

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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:

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Please note walk starting times vary

Sun 2 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Sherborne, Culverhayes CP (charges apply) DT9 3NJ (GR ST641164) Via Folke, Alweston and Osborne. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered assistance dogs only

Thu 6 Apr 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Hambridge, Lamb and Lion PH. TA10 0AT (GR ST394216) Isle Brewers, on the Levels, River Isle, Burton Mead Drove and Crabtree Lane. Some road walking.
Sue A 07590 884 9778

Sun 9 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Littlebredy at White Hill Barn above village. DT2 9HF (GR SY596891) Park on grass triangle or wide verge but not in farm entrance. Via Martin's Down, Litton Cheney and Lower Kingston Russell Farm. Mostly flat with one hill at the end.
Mike P 01963 363077

Thu 13 Apr 10:30 C 6 miles. Hawkchurch, Old Inn. EX13 5XD (GR ST343004) Towards Holditch. Philip B-T 01460 62060
Sun 16 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Semley (3 miles N of Shaftesbury) by church. SP7 9AV (GR ST892269) Via Barkers Hill, Wardour Castle, The Donheads, Wincombe Park and Gutch Common. Undulating. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 20 Apr 10:00 C 6.3 miles. Chetnole (GR ST602082) Park by church wall. To Withyhook Farm, Scotley Farm, Keepers Cottage and Leigh. Low hills. Phil E 0750 249 2239
Thu 20 Apr 10:30 D 4.5 miles. Tatworth Church (GR ST326058) To Burr ridge Common (hopefully bluebells). Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 23 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet at Trent by the church. DT9 4SL (GR ST590186) Via Sandford Orcas, Sherborne Golf Course and Nether Compton. Undulating. Robert J 01935 423383
Thu 27 Apr 10:00 C 5.25 miles. South Petherton, meet at Recreation Field CP. (GR ST438172) Around South Petherton. Tom T 01460 242729
Sun 30 Apr 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Thorncombe Thorn. TA20 4PH (GR ST372030) Via Blackdown, Drimpton, Wayford and Winsham. Mix of flat and undulating. Martin R 01458 259333 or 0780 989 3747
Thu 4 May 10:00 C 5 miles. Horton, The Five Dials Inn. TA19 9QH (GR ST322148) Road parking unless dining please. To Ding Drove, Windmill Hill and return via Broadway. Bill T 0785 040 2404
Sun 7 May 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Ilminster at entrance of CP for Meadows/Summervale Surgery, off Canal Way. TA19 9FE (GR ST354144). Towards Donyatt, Clayhanger, Hornsbury, Chaffcombe and Dowlsh Ford. Mainly undulating with one climb in the morning. Jean V 01935 826089

Thu 11 May 10:00 C 6.5 miles. Yeovil. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards East Coker. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered assistance dogs only</u>
Thu 11 May 10:00 D 4.5 miles Evercreech Junction, The Natterjack Pub BA4 6NA (GR ST840365) (on A371,north of Castle Cary station) To Cuttern Mill and Lamyatt, returning along the route of the old S & D railway. Phil B 0743 230 0677
Sun 14 May 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Wellington Monument CP. TA21 9PB (GR ST143167) Via Culm Pyne Barton, Millmoor, Blackdown Gate, Sampford Common and Crossways Farm. A few hills. Ian W 0747 867 2185
Thu 18 May 10:00 D 4 miles. Norton sub Hamdon, Lord Nelson Inn. TA14 6SP (GR ST472158) Funcombe and (with landowners permission) Gawlers Hill. Two hills. Katherine P 0779 445 5809
Sun 21 May 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Ilchester, Limington Road Free CP BA22 8LX (GR ST523225) Via Long Sutton. Flat. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered assistance dogs only</u>
Thu 25 May 10:00 C 5 miles. Shepton Beauchamp, Duke of York PH. TA19 0LW (GR ST402172) On the Levels via Barrington Court. Sue A 07590 884 9778
Thu 25 May 10:00 D 5 miles. West Coker Church (GR ST517135) Figure of eight walk. 2 miles flat and 3 miles hilly. Visiting the nature reserve. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 28 May 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet at A37 Clay Pigeon layby, Warden Hill. DT2 9PW (GR ST607028) Via Up Sydling, Moors Cross, Wessex Ridgeway, Gore Hill and Batcombe. A couple of ascents. Overall ascent 1065 feet. Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 1 Jun 10:30 C 6 miles. Dowlish Wake, New Inn. TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) Towards Ilminster. Phillip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 4 Jun 10:00 B 13 miles. Picnic. Meet Chard, Crowshute long stay CP. TA20 2EZ (GR ST321083) Via Narfords, Wambrook, Southay Cross, Howley, Whitestaunton, Combe St Nicholas and Wadeford. Fairly hilly, some road walking. John D 01297 678217 or 0771 952 8162

Thu 8 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Chard Reservoir CP. TA20 1HU (GR ST338093) Signposted off the A30 east of Chard. To Knowle St Giles and Widgery. Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 11 Jun 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Abbotsbury Castle layby on minor road signed N from B3157 at top of hill 1 mile W of village. (GR SY557864). Via St Luke's Chapel, Stone Circle, Bridehead, Valley of Stones, The Grey Mare and Her Colts (barrow) and South Dorset Ridgeway. Some hills, overall ascent 1325 feet. Maria L 01935 873456 or 0791 354 6011

Thu 15 Jun 10:00 D 4.6 miles. Compton Dundon, Castlebrook Inn. TA11 6PR (GR ST490327) Park behind the pub (a bit narrow). To Lollover Hill and Hayes Farm. Phil B 0743 230 0677

Sun 18 Jun 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Hemyock, Fore Street CP. EX15 3RF (GR ST137133) or nearby street parking. To Culm Bridge, Balham Water, Higher Mackham Farm and Dunkeswell Abbey. Some steep ascents. Fine views. Sue A 07590 884 9778

Thu 22 Jun 10:00 C 6 miles. Langport long stay CP, but meet at The Black Swan PH. TA10 9ZD (GR ST423266) To Drayton via Middeney Pumping Station. On the River Parrett and on the Levels. Sue A 07590 884 9778

Sun 25 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Merriott Church on Church Street. Park nearby. TA16 5PS (GR ST443128) Towards Broadshard, Roundham, Hinton St George, Seavington St Michael and Lopen. Mostly undulating with one slightly steeper section near start. Jean V 01935 826089

Mon 26 Jun Details of walks for the August-November programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8)

Thu 29 Jun 10:30 C 6 miles. Chardstock Village Hall. EX13 7BJ (GR ST376124) Towards Axminster. Philip B-T 01460 62060
Sun 2 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Briantspuddle, at Culpeppers Dish CP. DT2 7HZ (GR SY814925) Via Moreton, Pallington Heath, Affpuddle and Turners Puddle. Flat with a few undulations. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 6 Jul 10:00 D 5 miles. Winsham, The Bell. TA20 4HU (GR ST375064) To Ford Bridge and the Chalkway. Some hills. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 9 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Langport, St Mary's Church CP. TA10 9QR (GR ST427266) Towards Long Sutton, Knole, and Long Sutton woods. Mostly flat. Stella T 0796 947 2883
Thu 13 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Keinton Mandeville, The Quarry Inn. TA11 6DZ (GR ST548310) Park at side of the pub. To Barton St David and West Lydford. Phil B 0743 230 0677
Sun 16 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Evershot Green at bottom of village. DT2 0JY (GR ST576047) Via East Chelborough, Halstock, Closworth and Melbury Osmond. A couple of ascents. Overall ascent 1120 feet. Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 20 Jul 10:00 D 4.8 miles. Wadeford, The Haymaker Inn, TA20 3AP (GR ST312015) Parking in lower car park please. To Clayhanger Cross, Hornsbury Mill, Cuttiford's Door and return via Foxton Hill. Bill T 0785 040 2404
Sun 23 Jul 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Street YHA CP, Ivythorn Hill. BA16 0TZ (GR ST480345) Via Collard Hill, Admiral Hood Monument, South Moor and Walton. Views of Glastonbury Tor. Mostly level with a couple of short ascents. Julie S 0779 085 3257
Thu 27Jul 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Ilminster, Stonemasons PH. TA19 9DJ (GR ST347151) Dillington House and The Beacon. Sue A 07590 884 9778

Sun 30 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles. Meet Symondsburry Estate CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Park Copse, Henwood Hill, Venn Farm, Butt Farm, Morcombe Farm, Ridge Barn, Coast Path to Golden Cap, Seatown, Thorncombe Beacon, Lower Eype and Miles Cross. One steep hill and a few more gentle hills. Ian W 0747 867 2185

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 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 345 9155 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 and on the South Somerset Ramblers' website.

Unable to Lead Walk

If a walk leader is unable to lead their walk they should either find a replacement or contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (preferably by telephone) 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 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 26 June 2023.

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