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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.*

AUG - NOV 2021 WALKS

COVID-19 NOTICE TO WALKERS

Although many restrictions 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.

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 10).

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.

Annual General Meeting

6 November 2021 2:00pm East Coker Village Hall

Meet with other members to review the past year and to plan for the future.

Motions and other items should be sent to the Secretary by 16 October 2021.

Christmas Lunch

This will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday 9 December at The Muddled Man, West Chinnock. The menu and cost will be known by 1 October.

Bookings can be made between 9 October and 30 November by contacting Ruth Goodland on 01935 474671 or emailmywalkprog@gmail.com

Cheques (made payable to R. Goodland), may be posted to: 25 Rivers Road, Yeovil, BA21 5RJ or handed to her on a walk.

Future Walks Programmes

Please note that future walks programmes will no longer be printed and they will only be available from the South Somerset Ramblers' Website.

August- November 2021 Walks

Please note walk starting times vary.

Sun 1 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet Symondsburry CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445936) Via Park Copse, Henwood Hill, Venn Farm, Butt Farm, Morcombe Farm, Ridge Barn, S/W Coast Path, Golden Cap, Seatown, Thorncombe Beacon, Lower Eype & Miles Cross.
Ian W 07478 672185.

Thu 5 Aug 10:00 C 5 miles Ilminster. Meet at Canal Way at Orchard Vale CP. (GR ST360145) To the Beacon high point, Whitelackington, Long Ponds and back via Shudrick Valley.
Marion & Derek P 01460 57093

Thu 5 Aug 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 8 Aug 10:00 B 12.5 miles Picnic. Meet on Ashlands Road, Crewkerne, opposite Wadham School. (GR ST449102) To Rushy Wood Farm, Middle Chinnock, Balham Hill, Wigborough and Merriott.
Jean V 01935 826089

Thur 12 Aug 10:00 D 4.5 miles Nash, cul de sac adjacent to Yeovil Court Hotel off West Coker Road. (GR ST535144) Via Yeovil, Burton, Monarch's Way, Patchlake Cottages and Placket Lane.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 12 Aug 10:30 D 4.9 miles Cricket St Thomas, Windwhistle PH on A30. TA20 4DQ (GR ST381096) Circular walk.
Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060

Sun 15 Aug 10:00 B 12.5 miles Picnic. Meet St Mary's Church Langport CP. (GR ST427265) ([What3Words: blessing.city.fidgeted](#)) Via Pibsbury, Long Sutton Woods, Knole Hill and return by River Yeo.
Alan G 07811 619889 aldgray@aol.com

Thu 19 Aug 10:30 D 4.5 miles Montacute House NT overflow CP (GR ST498171) To Ladies' Walk and Ham Hill surrounds. Some steady climbs. Richard & Wendy Y 01935 862340 Max 16
Thu 19 Aug 10:30 D 4.5 miles Shepton Beauchamp, Duke of York. TA19 0LW (GR ST402172) To Stocklinch, Ottersey and Barrington. Stuart & Rosemary T 01460 259964 or 07443953354
Sun 22 Aug 10:00 B 9.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Shapwick Church. Park in lane beside church wall. TA7 9NE (GR ST417382) Via Moorlinch, Stawell, Chilton Polden and Catcott. Martin R 01458 259333 or 07809 893747
Thu 26 Aug 10:00 C 5.5 miles Sutton Bingham Reservoir CP. (GR ST546113) To Nash and return via East Coker. Toilets available. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239 nickyphileveleigh@talktalk.net Max 20
Thu 26 Aug 10:00 D 5 miles. Curry Mallet, The Bell Inn. Park at VH opposite. TA3 6SY (GR ST329219) Walk on the Levels. Sue A 01458 253130.
Sun 29 Aug Mendip Walking Festival. No South Somerset Group walks today.
Thu 2 Sept 10:00 C 5 miles Chard. Meet at A30, 2 miles east of Chard at Wreath lay-by. (GR ST348087) To Cricket St Thomas and return via Avishayes. Marion & Derek 01460 57093
Thu 2 Sept 10:00 D 4.6 miles Evercreech, The Bell Inn. (GR ST650387) Pub has limited parking but more space by the church. To sewage works, Cutterne Mill Farm and River Alham. Phil B 01458 850834 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 5 Sept 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet by Thorncombe Farm, east of Piddletrenthide in CP at the road end of track/bridleway to Chapel and Lyscombe Farm. (GR ST732004) Via Doles Hill Plantation, Cheselbourne and Higher Melcombe. Mike P 01963 363077

Thu 9 Sept 10:00 C 5.2 miles Horton. The 5 Dials Inn. TA19 9QH (GR ST322148) Via Ding Drove and Broadway Pound. Bill T 07850 402404
Thu 9 Sept 10:00 D 4 miles Yeovil. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. (GR ST545145) To East Coker. <u>Registered Assistance dogs only</u>. Derek L 01935 426842
Sun 12 Sept 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet by Chetnole Church. DT9 6NU (GR ST602082) 6 churches walk via Yetminster, Beer Hackett, Thornford, Lillington and Leigh. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 16 Sept 10:00 C 6 miles Yeovil Recreation Centre, Chilton Grove. BA21 4AW (GR ST554174) To Yeovil Marsh and Ashington. Eddie P 07769 974496
Thu 16 Sept 10:00 C 5.5 miles Evershot. (GR ST576048) Meet at the Common (triangular green at eastern entrance to village) roadside parking. Through deer park to Melbury House and Melbury Osmond. One prolonged climb, some parts muddy when wet. John D 01935 425037 or johnhday4@gmail.com
Sun 19 Sept 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Curry Rivel CP behind Sandpits. (GR ST392252) Via Fivehead, Isle Abbots and Swell. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thu 23 Sept 10:30 C 5 miles Hawkchurch, The Old Inn. EX13 5XD (GR ST343004) To Furse Hill Farm. Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060
Thu 23 Sept 10:00 C 5.5 miles Evershot . Meet by triangular green at bottom of village. DT2 OJY (GR ST576047) Via Melbury Park and Melbury Osmond. Nicola W 01935 389348
Sun 26 Sept 9:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. (GR ST545145) Via East Coker and Stoford. Peter M 01935 429477 Note earlier start time.

Thu 30 Sept 10:00 C 5 miles Mendip Golf Club. BA3 4UT (GR ST621472) To Windsor Hill Farm, Burnt House Farm and Maesbury Iron Age Fort. Food can be booked at the Club House. Take A37 north out of Shepton Mallet. At top of hill before the Bath turn off, turn left at crossroads. Then 200yds to transmitter mast turn right to GC. At entrance turn left and park at top of CP. Some hills. Phil B 01458 850834 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 3 Oct 10:00 B 13.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Blackdown Village Hall CP. (GR ST397026) Via Pilsdon Hill, Lewesdon Hill, Bettiscombe Manor, Grighay Farm, Synderford and Blackdown Hill. John D 01297 678217 07719 528162
Thu 7 Oct 10:00 C 5.5 miles Ilminster. Meet at Stonemasons PH. TA19 9DJ (GR ST345152) To Donyatt, following River Isle to Eamer Mill, return via Dillington Park avoiding Beacon. Marion & Derek P 01460 57093
Thu 7 Oct 10:00 D 4.5 miles Shillingstone, Old Ox Inn. DT11 0SF (GR ST827109) Circular walk. Richard C 01935 473951
Sat 9 Oct Bookings taken for the Ramblers' Christmas Lunch. (see Page 2)
Sun 10 Oct 10:00 B 13 miles Picnic. Meet at Maiden Newton Walkers' CP. (GR SY593979) Via Evershot. <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u> Derek L 01935 426842
Thu 14 Oct 10:30 D 4.8 miles Wambrook, The Cotley Inn. TA20 3EN (GR ST296076) Views over Chardstock and Hawkchurch. Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060
Thu 14 Oct 10:00 D 4.8 miles Lydford-on-Fosse, The Cross Keys Inn. TA11 7HA (GR ST567309) To Babcary and Foddingtons and return on the Macmillan Way West. Les S 07540 154034 or les57stevens@outlook.com
Sun 17 Oct 10:00 B 14 miles Picnic. Park/meet Sherborne far end of Richmond Road accessed off Horsecastles from Horsecastles Lane. DT9 3HN (GR ST633164) A further 6 churches walk via Longburton, Lillington, Thornford, Bradford Abbas and Over Compton. Peter B 01935 389348

Mon 18 Oct Details of walks for the next programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser. (see Page 10)			
Thu 21 Oct 10:00 C	6.2 miles	Castle Cary, White Hart PH. (GR ST641322) Park by Fire Station and walk to pub. To Lodge Hill, joining the Macmillan Way to Galhampton and return via Cock Hill.	Phil B 01458 850834 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Thu 21 Oct 10:00 D	4 miles	Hinton St Mary, White Horse Inn. DT10 1NA (GR ST787142) Circular walk.	Richard C 01935 473951
Sun 24 Oct 10:00 B	12 miles	Picnic. Meet at Keinton Mandeville VH CP, far end of Chistles Lane. (GR ST545305) Via Barton St David, West Lydford & Lovington.	Jean V 01935 826089
Thu 28 Oct 10:00 C	5.6 miles	Hatch Beauchamp, The Hatch Inn (meal specials) TA3 6SG (GR ST302205) Via Hatch Court, Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe.	Bill T 07850 402404
Thu 28 Oct 10:00 C	5 miles	Evershot. Meet at grassy triangle at village entrance from A37. DT2 0JW (GR ST576049) Thomas Hardy-inspired walk around Melbury Park. Food available at the Acorn Inn.	Alan & Nina F 07977 698748
Sun 31 Oct 10:00 B	11 miles (1350' ascent)	Picnic. Meet at Cerne Abbas CP Kettle Bridge Lane. DT2 7GY (GR ST663015) Via Higher City Farm, Large Bar Hill, Godmanstone and Nether Cerne.	Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 4 Nov 10:00 C	6 miles	West Camel, The Walnut Tree. BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) To Sparkford Copse and Weston Bampfylde on Leland Trail via Queen Camel.	Les S 07540 154034 or les57stevens@outlook.com
Thu 4 Nov 10:00 C	5.5 miles	Drayton, near Langport. Crown Inn TA10 0JY (GR ST405247) To Curry Rivel and Pynsent monument. On levels. Fields/lanes.	Sue A 01458 252130

Sat 6 Nov 11:00 C 5 miles East Coker Village Hall (GR ST537128) <u>Registered assistance dogs only</u> Derek L 01935 426842 Followed by: 2:00 South Somerset Ramblers' Group AGM.
Sun 7 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Norton CP, Ham Hill. (GR ST481163) Via Norton sub Hamdon, Chiselborough, the Chinnocks and Montacute. Sue B 07807 224110
Thu 11 Nov 10:30 C 5 miles Chardstock Community Hall. EX13 7BJ (GR ST310045) Around Somerset/Devon border to Beacon Hill and back. Several pubs nearby. Philip & Michelle B-T 01460 62060
Thu 11 Nov 10:00 D 4.8 miles Bruton. Park in station approach road. BA10 0EH (GR ST685348) To Wyke Champflower and cheese factory. Phil B 01458 850834 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 14 Nov 10:00 B 13.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Yeovil Rec CP. BA21 4AW (GR ST552172) Via Primrose Lane, Mudford, Hummer Bridge, Thorny Lane, Marston Magna, Chilton Cantelo, Draycott Farm, Hook Drove & Marsh Hill Farm. Ian W 07478 672185
Thu 18 Nov 10:00 C 5.5 miles South Petherton Recreation Ground. TA13 5AU (GR ST437169) To East Lambrook, Mid Lambrook, Compton Durville and Ben's Cross. Tom T 01460 242729
Thu 18 Nov 10:00 D 4 miles Hornblotten Green. BA4 6SF (GR ST589335) (<u>What3Words: encodes.targeted.aware</u>) Meet at post box. Road-side parking, road joins Lovington and A37 (To Alford. Bolter's Bridge and Hornblotten Church. Food at Lydford Crosskeys or Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville. Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432300677 or philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Sun 21 Nov 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at old A37 road north of Clay Pigeon. (GR ST604031) Via Up Sydling. Hilly. <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u> Derek L 01935 426842

Thu 25 Nov 10:00 C 6.5 miles Chilthorn Domer. Park in main road near school. (GR ST524186) To Montacute and Cole Cross. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239 nickyphileveleigh@talktalk.net	Max 20
Thu 25 Nov 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 28 Nov No walk today.	
Tue 30 Nov Last day for booking the Ramblers' Christmas Lunch!	

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

A risk assessment must be completed for each walk. 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 a message.

Indemnity

The Ramblers' Association provides third party liability insurance for walk leaders on group walks

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

COMMITTEE

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Details of walks for the December 2021 – March 2022 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 18 October 2021

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