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

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South Somerset Ramblers

December 2024 – March 2025 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.

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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:**

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Please note - walk starting times vary

Sun 1 Dec 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Stourhead NT CP (charge for non-members). BA12 6QD (GR ST778339) Meet by Visitor Centre. Towards Kilmington, Coombe Barn Farm, White Sheet Hill and Mere. Undulating.
Jean V 01935 826089 Registered Assistance Dogs only

Thu 5 Dec 10:00 D 5 miles. Yeovil Recreation Ground CP, Mudford Road. (GR ST553175) To Johnson Park, Abbey Manor Park, Asda and Sidney Gardens. All on hard paths. Toilets at start and finish and at Asda.
Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502492239

Sun 8 Dec 9:30 B 10.75 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Minterne Parva Farm, Up Cerne, Seldon Hill, Wessex Ridgeway and Godmanstone. 1250ft ascent.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 12 Dec 10:30 D 4.5 miles. Local footpaths. The Royal Oak, Hardington. BA22 9NG (GR ST519122) Followed at 1:00 pm. by the Christmas Lunch. Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07415 897510
Sun 15 Dec 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP next to Firehouse PH off Church St. TA10 0HE (GR ST391252) Via Holden's Way, Currymead Lane, Burton Mead Drove, Swell Drove, Stillbrook Lane, Cathanger Lane, Smith's Farm, Underhill Farm, Ledgenham Farm and Burton Pynsent Monument. One hill ascent. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>.
Thu 19 Dec 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Tatworth (parking at the Poppe Inn for pub users). (GR ST325058) Nothing pretty to see - sausage works, ruins, mills, solar farm, abandoned station and more! Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 22 Dec 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Mere, Salisbury St CP. BA12 6HB (GR ST814324) Via Zeals, Stourhead and White Sheet Hill. Some hills. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 26 Dec – No walks today.
Sun 29 Dec 10:00 A 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP (charges apply). DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Stoke Abbott, Lewesdon Hill, Broadwindsor, Buckham Down Hill. Returning to Beaminster via Chantry Lane. Fine views and some steep ascents. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 2 Jan 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Cricket St Thomas, Windwhistle Golf Club CP. (GR ST375095) Permitted routes on the estate. Some hills. Lunch available at the Golf Club. (No need to book). Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 5 Jan 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Barrington Court NT CP. TA19 0NQ (then follow brown tourist signs) (GR ST396181) Via Hillside Farm, Mountfields, Hollow Road, Peak Lane Track, Hurcott Lane, Gaston Corner, Stocklinch, Copse Lane and Lake Farm. Some hills. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>

Thu 9 Jan 10:00 D 4.6 miles. Lydford on Fosse, Crosskeys Pub. TA11 7HA (GR ST567309) To West Lydford and Tootle Bridge. Return via cider orchards.
Phil B 07432 300677

Sun 12 Jan 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Wooland Hill layby. DT11 0HQ (GR ST783059) Via Wooland, Ibberton, Field Grove and South Down. Hilly.
Mike P 01963 363077

Thu 16 Jan 10:00 D 4 miles. Meet at Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards Burton. No hills. No stiles.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Sun 19 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Stratton (near Dorchester) by the church. DT2 9RU (GR SY651938) Via Muckleford, Bradford Peverell, Charminster and Jackman's Cross. Moderately hilly.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 23 Jan 10:00 D 4.8 miles. East Lambrook, Rose & Crown PH. TA13 5HF (GR ST431190) Stembridge, Lower Burrow and Burrow Hill. Return via Cider Farm.
Bill T 07850 402404

Sun 26 Jan 10:00 B 7 miles + 3.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP next to Firehouse PH off Church St. TA10 0HE (GR ST391252) Figure of eight walk. First part via Higher Swell with picnic lunch at Curry Rivel Church - 7 miles. Return to car park for start of second part via Drayton - 3.5 miles. Flat.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Thu 30 Jan – No walks today.

Sun 2 Feb 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Castle CP. (GR SY668889) At end of Maiden Castle Rd, accessed from opposite Cemetery on Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. Postcode is inaccurate. Via Higher Ashton Farm, Ridgeway, Upwey, Corton Farm and Martinstown. 1270ft ascent.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 6 Feb 10:00 C 5 miles. South Cadbury CP. (GR ST633254) Whitcombe Farm, Beacon Hill, Corton Denham, Corton Ridge. Some steep climbs. Phil E 019345 429302 or 07502 492239
Sun 9 Feb 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Tibbs Hollow (small) CP, signposted above Southover near Frampton. DT2 9NQ (GR SY619944) Via Muckelford, Frome Valley Trail, Bradford Peverell, Charminster Down and Jackman's Cross. Hilly. Good views. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 13 Feb 10:00 D 5 miles. Martock Recreation Ground. (GR ST461188) Level Walk. Hinton Bow and Bower Hinton. Lunch available at the White Hart. Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 16 Feb 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Hardy's Monument, layby at Smitten Corner below monument on Martinstown Rd. (GR SY615877) Via Ridge Path and Hell Bottom. Some hills. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thu 20 Feb 10:00 D 4.3 miles. Boonesborough Village Hall. BA6 8PX (GR ST544349) (The village has a QE2 Platinum Jubilee Heritage trail visiting 23 historical sites.) Food available at Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville. TA11 6DZ Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 23 Feb 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Langport Cocklemoor Long Stay CP. TA10 9PG (GR ST419266) Via High Ham. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only.</u>
Mon 24 Feb Details of walks for the April - June 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8)
Thu 27 Feb 10:00 D 4.9 miles. Curry Mallet, The Bell Inn. Meet at Village Hall opposite. TA3 6SY (GR ST329219) To Beercrocombe. Bill T 07850 402404
Sun 2 Mar 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Thorncombe Thorn layby. TA20 4PH (GR ST372030) Via Thorncombe, Gashay Farm, Lambert's Castle, Hawkchurch (lunch) and Tuckmill Farm. Hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162

Thu 6 Mar 10:00 D 5 miles. West Coker, New Inn (parking at the church).
(GR ST516136) Figure of eight walk – 2 miles flat and 3 miles hilly.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 9 Mar 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Ham Hill, Lime Kiln CP. TA14 6RW
(GR ST479165) (If CP is closed meet at CP on the opposite side of the road)
Via Montacute, East Chinnock, Middle Chinnock and Bagnell Farm.
Some hills. 1265ft ascent.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 13 Mar - No walks today.

Sun 16 Mar 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Huish Episcopi, CP opposite
St Mary's Church. TA10 9QR (GR ST427266) Exact distance and route will
depend on ground conditions at the time, but hope to go via Drayton, Curry Rivel
and Wick. Mostly flat.
Jean V 01935 826089 Registered Assistance Dogs only

Thu 20 Mar – No walks today.

Sun 23 Mar 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Hindon, bottom of High St.
by playground. SP3 6ED (GR ST912327) Via Fonthill Estate, Fonthill Bishop and
Fonthill Gifford. Undulating.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 27 Mar - No walks today

Sun 30 Mar 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet A37 on the old Dorchester road at
Prowle's Cross by Hamish's Farm Shop/Café, near Ryme Intrinseca. BA22 9RF
(GR ST567109) *w3w: system,builder,knowledge*. Via Frankham Farm, Stoford,
Yeovil Junction, Clifton Maybank, Mogers Leaze, Yetminster and
Ryme Intrinseca. Undulating.
Ken F 07546 499287

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

There is no need for a risk assessment, but assessments for former walks should be kept for three years.

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

South Somerset Ramblers'

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Please note that the next programme will cover three months rather than the usual four.

Details of walks for the April – June 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 24 February 2025.