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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.

Registered Charity No.1093577

DECEMBER 2022 – MARCH 2023 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.

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

Christmas Lunch

The South Somerset Ramblers' Christmas Lunch will take place at The Muddled Man, West Chinnock on Thursday 8 December at 1:00pm.

Bookings must be made by 1 December

Please contact Wendy Yates 01935 862340 or email weyates44@gmail.com

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 welcome. If you would like to lead a walk please contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 9).

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, the advice is to park nearby but still meet at the pub.

December 2022 - March 2023 Walks

Please note walk starting times vary

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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Thu 1 Dec 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Ilminster. Canal Way nr Muchelney House. (GR ST360145) To Dillington Park, Long Ponds and return via Shuddrick Valley. Marion P 01460 57093
Thu 1 Dec 10:30 D 4.5 miles. Limington. Lamb and Lark PH. BA22 8EG (GR ST542219) Through lanes and droves returning along Monarch's Way. Les S 07540 154034
Sun 4 Dec 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Stourhead NT CP (charges apply for non-members) BA12 6QD (GR ST778339) Meet by visitor centre. Towards Alfred's Tower, King's Wood Warren, West End Wood, Kilmington and Six Wells Bottom. Steady ascent to Alfred's Tower then undulating. Should see Xmas lights on the main drive and in the kitchen garden. Jean V 01935 826089
Thu 8 Dec 10:00 D 4 miles. West Chinnock. The Muddled Man. (GR ST468135) Local walk before Christmas Lunch. Marion P 01460 57093 Followed by the Christmas Lunch at 1:00pm Wendy Y 01935 862340
Sun 11 Dec 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Mudford Village Hall CP. BA21 5TF (GR ST573197) Via Hummer Bridge, Thorny Lane, Marston Magna, Chilton Cantelo, Ashington and West Farm. Mostly flat. Ian W 07478 672185
Thu 15 Dec 10:00 C 5 miles. Keinton Mandeville. The Quarry Inn. Please park at side of pub. (GR ST548310) To Barton St. David, Kingweston and the Charltons. Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 18 Dec 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil Rec CP. BA21 4AW (GR ST553173) Via Draycott Farm, Limington, Ilchester, Sock Dennis Farm, Chilthorne Domer and Yeovil Marsh. Mostly flat with one ascent at the end. Ian W 07478 672185
Thu 22 Dec 10:00 C 5 miles. Curry Mallet. Meet at Village Hall CP. TA3 6SY (GR ST329219) To Beercrowcombe. Sue A 07508 849778

Thu 22 Dec 10:30 C 5 miles. Staple Fitzpaine. Greyhound PH. TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) Philip B-T 01460 62060
Sun 25 Dec No walk today.
Thu 29 Dec No walk today.
Sun 1 Jan 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at Win Green NT free CP. SP7 0EP (GR ST923204) Via Tollard Royal, Larmer Tree, Rushmore Park and Chase Woods. One steep descent at the beginning then mainly flat. Gentle climb at the end. Mike P 01963 363077
Thu 5 Jan 10:30 C 5.1 miles. Dowlish Wake. The New Inn. TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) To Cricket Malherbie and Chaffcombe. No hills. Philip B-T 01460 62060
Thu 5 Jan 10:00 C 5 miles. Chard Reservoir CP. Signposted from A30 east of Chard. (GR ST337095) To Knowle St.Giles and Widgery. One hill. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 8 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Mere, Salisbury St CP. BA12 6HB (GR ST814324) Via Zeals, Stourhead and White Sheet Hill. Undulating with one steeper ascent. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 12 Jan 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Yeovil. Meet at Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards North Coker. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>
Thu 12 Jan 10:00 C 5 miles. Fivehead. Park near church. TA3 6PQ (GR ST352229) To Isle Brewers and the Levels. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 15 Jan 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburry Estate CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Ryall, Morecombelake, St.Gabriel's Church, Golden Cap, Seatown and Miles Cross. Undulating with a couple of steady uphill. Ascent: 1865 feet. Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 19 Jan 10:00 D 4.7 miles. Yeovil. Mudford CP. (GR ST553173) To Stone Lane, Keepers House and Hook Drove. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Sun 22 Jan 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster. Yarn Barton CP. (charges apply) DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Broadwindsor, Lewesdon Hill and Stoke Abbott. Hilly. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only</u>
Thu 26 Jan 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Trull. The Winchester Arms PH. TA3 7LG (GR ST217221) To Vivary Park via Cotlake Hill, Sherford Bridge and return via Sherford. Bill T 07850 402404 or bill.tregillus@btinternet.com
Sun 29 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Castle Cary, Milbrook Gardens CP. BA7 7EE (GR ST638321) To Lodge Hill and Leland Trail to North Cadbury. Back via North Barrow and Cary Moor. One hill at beginning and one at the end. Otherwise fairly level. Julie S 07790 853257
Thu 2 Feb 10:00 C 5 miles. East Chinnock. (GR ST497131) Meet at Orchard Lea (near playing field). Park in nearby roads. To Middle Chinnock and along Chinnock Brook. Return via Eastville Lane. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 5 Feb 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Ilchester, Limington Road CP. BA22 8LX (GR ST522225) Via Ash, Long Load and Long Sutton. Mostly flat. Sue B 07807 224110.
Thu 9 Feb 10:00 C 6 miles. West Camel. Walnut Tree PH. BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) To Bridgehampton, Chilton Cantello and Marston Magna. Flat with some lane walking. Les S 07540 154034
Sun 12 Feb 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Woolland Hill layby CP. DT11 0HQ (GR ST783059) Via Winterborne Houghton and Milton Abbas. Undulating with some steady ascent. Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 16 Feb 10:00 C 6 miles. Long Sutton. Meet at Village Hall CP. TA10 9NT (GR ST469256) To Knole using fields and tracks. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 19 Feb 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Lower Kingcombe, Kingcombe Centre Upper CP. DT2 0EQ (GR SY554990) Via Mapperton. Undulating with some hill ascent. Maureen L 01458 741880
Mon 20 Feb Details of walks for the next programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 9)
Thu 23 Feb 10:00 C 5.3 miles. Dinnington Docks PH. TA17 8SK (GR ST404131) To Lopen and Seavington St. Michael. Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 26 Feb 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards Pendomer and Hardington. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered assistance dogs only</u>
Thu 2 Mar 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Ilminster. Stone Masons Arms PH. TA19 9DJ (GR ST347151) To Herne Hill and River Isle. Return via Winterhay. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 5 Mar 10:00 B 12.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Newton, Walkers CP, Chilfrome Lane. DT2 0AX (GR SY593978) Via Chilfrome, Higher Chalmington, Up Sydling, Ball's Hill and Sydling St. Nicholas. Fairly hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Thu 9 Mar 10:00 C 5.1 miles. Staple Fitzpaine. The Greyhound Inn. TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) To Frost Street, Thurlbear Wood, Netherclay and Staple Lawns. Bill T 07850 402404 or bill.tregillus@btinternet.com
Sun 12 Mar 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at layby below Hardy's Monument. (GR SY615877) Via Little Bredy, Kingston Russell House, Stone Circle, Ashley Chase Dairy, South Dorset Ridgeway and Portesham Hill. Undulating route. Ascent: 1530 feet. Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 16 Mar 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Curry Rivel. Meet Village Hall CP next to Firehouse. TA10 0HE (GR ST390242) To Langport via Wick. On the Levels.
Sue A 07508 849778

Thu 16 Mar 10:00 C 5 miles. Hazelbury Plucknett. The White Horse Inn. TA18 7RJ (GR ST472110) Towards North Perrott Fruit Farm, the Cricket Club, Perrott Hill School and back along the river.
Katherine P 07794 455809

Sun 19 Mar 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Somerton, Paddock House Long Stay CP at far end of Brunel Shopping Precinct CP. Free on Sundays. TA11 6LW (GR ST489286) Towards Dundon, Kingweston and Charlton Mackrell. May be muddy. One steep climb up from B3151 to Great Breach Wood, otherwise undulating. Several sections of tarmac mainly on quiet roads.
Jean V 01935 826089

Thu 23 Mar 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Chelynch (a mile north of Doultling from A361, east of Shepton Mallet) The Poacher's Pocket PH. BA4 4PY (GR ST649440) To Bolters Lane and Beacon Farm. Return along the old Fosse Way and Insdons Hill along Mendip Way.
Phil B 07432 300677

Thu 23 Mar 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Beaminster. Yarn Barton CP (charges apply) DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Netherbury, Slape Manor and Knowle Farm. Undulating.
Nicola W 01935 389348

Sun 26 Mar 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Minterne Magna CP. DT2 7AT (GR ST659043) Via Buckland Newton, Duntish, Glanvilles Wooton, Middlemarsh, Hermitage and Dogbury Gate. Undulating with some hill ascent.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 30 Mar 10:30 B 4 miles. Curry Rivel. Meet in village CP next to Firehouse. TA10 0HE (GR ST390242) Towards Burton Pynsent Monument with views over West Sedgemoor.
Ed and Sue 07871 185102 or 01935 857818

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 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 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 April – July 2023 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 20 February 2023

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