



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.*

JAN - MAR 2021 WALKS

COVID-19 NOTICE TO WALKERS

To keep walkers safe we are following the Government's advice and the Ramblers' Association guidelines. There are a few changes that walkers will require to note:

1. You will need to book in advance with the walk leader because numbers will be limited. **Just turning up on the day will not be possible.**
2. Please phone or email in the week leading to the walk date. The leader will keep a list of your contact details for 21 days.
3. Leaders will decide on the maximum number of people to be on their walks. (30 unless stated)
4. Bookings will be on a strict first-come-first-served basis.
5. The leader will have completed a Risk Assessment and will warn you of any obvious hazards before the walk.
6. Social distancing should be observed at the start and finish, and throughout the walk. Please bring a sanitiser and face covering.
7. **If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you MUST NOT attend the group walk. If you develop symptoms after the walk, you should apply for a COVID-19 test and support NHS contact tracing if requested. If NHS contact tracers ask for details of everyone on the walk, please put them in touch with the Ramblers Association on 020 3961 3180.**

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 a committee member. New walk leaders are always needed, so if you are able to lead a walk please contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (see Page 8).

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 more 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. It is common courtesy to use the pub for food or drinks if parking there, otherwise please park on nearby roads or public car parks.

Copies of the Walks Programme

To receive by email the Walks Programme and the Somerset Rambler please contact Ruth Goodland at emailmywalkprog@gmail.com

A copy of this programme is available on our website at:

www.southsomersetramblers.org.uk

or it can be obtained on request to the Publicity Officer (see Page 8)

Please note walk starting times vary

January-March 2021 Walks

Sun 3 Jan 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet by Thorncombe Farm, east of Piddletrenthide in CP at road end of track/bridleway to Chapel and Lyscombe Farm (GR ST732004) via Doles Hill Plantation, Cheselbourne and Higher Melcombe.

Mike P 01963 363077 **Max 10**

Thu 7 Jan 10:00 D 4.6 miles Keinton Mandeville, The Quarry Inn (please park at side of pub not in front) (GR ST548310) to Barton St David and Flights Hole.

Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com

Sun 10 Jan 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Nash Lane off West Coker Road, top end near Yeovil Court Hotel (GR ST537141) via Hardington Moor, Pendomer, East Coker and Burton. Sue B 07807 224110 Max 12
Thu 14 Jan 10:00 C 5.6 miles Keinton Mandeville, The Quarry Inn (please park at side of pub not at front of pub) (GR ST548310) to W.Lydford and Barton St David. Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Thu 14 Jan 10:30 D 4.9 miles Chilthorne Domer (park near school in Main Street) (GR ST524186) to Lufton, Houndstone and Thome Coffin. Easy walk. Phil E 01935 429302 nickyphileveleigh@talktalk.net
Sun 17 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Park/meet Sherborne, far end of Richmond Road accessed off Horsecastles from Horsecastles Lane DT9 3HN (GR ST633164) via Lenthay, Lillington, Folke and Haydon. Peter B 01935 389348 Max 15
Thu 21 Jan 10:00 C 5.6 miles Butleigh, Rose & Portcullis PH (parking available) BA6 8TQ (GR ST519332) to Great Breach Wood on Mendip Ring via Wickhams Cross. Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Thu 21 Jan 10:30 D 4.5 miles East Coker Village Hall CP (GR ST538128) to Sutton Bingham. Lovely Views. Wendy and Richard Y 01935 862340 or text Max 16
Sun 24 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet in Norton sub Hamdon by village hall (GR ST470162) via Tintinhull, Ham Hill and Montacute. Peter M 01935 429477 Max 8
Thu 28 Jan 10:00 D 4.9 miles Walton (nr Street) The Royal Oak PH (GR ST465364) level walk to Sharpham Park. Mostly fields. (If open, the pub will require numbers beforehand) Sue A 01458 252130 or 07508 849778 sappleby1@btinternet.com

Sun 31 Jan 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Yeovil Recreation Ground CP BA21 4AW (GR ST553172) via Yeovil Marsh, Ilchester, South Sock Farm and Chilthorne Domer. Ian W 07478 672185 Max 12
Thu 4 Feb 10:30 D 4 miles West Camel, The Walnut Tree BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) to Bridgehampton and Speckington via the Leland Trail. Les S 01935 850810 or 07540 154034 les57stevens@outlook.com
Sun 7 Feb 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet by Trent Church (GR ST590185) via Muddford, Chilton Cantelo, Marston Magna and Adber. Jean V 01935 826089 Max 10
Thu 11 Feb 10:15 D 4 miles Ilminster, Stonemasons Arms CP (GR ST347151) to Donyatt. Level walk. Marian and Derek P 01460 57093
Sun 14 Feb 9:30 A 13.5 miles 1650 ft ascent. Picnic. Meet at Maiden Castle CP (GR SY668889) Maiden Castle, Higher Ashton Farm, Friar Waddon Hill, Corton Hill, Hardy Monument, Bronkham Hill, Martinstown, and Maiden Castle. Jim T 01935 321786 Max 12
Thu 18 Feb 10:00 D 4.8miles Yeovil, Red House Inn (on A37 Dorchester Road) (GR ST555140) to Barwick Follies and Ninesprings. Ann and Mel P 01935 431851
Sun 21 Feb 10:00 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Hilfield Hill CP (GR ST636040) via Batcombe. Maureen L 01458 741880 Max 12
Thu 25 Feb 10:00 C 4.9 miles Fivehead, start at St Martins Church (GR ST353229) level walk to Isle Abbas. Food may be available at The Bell, Curry Mallet if booked. Sue A 01458 252130 or 07508 849778 sappleby1@btinternet.com
Thu 25 Feb 10:30 D 4 miles Hornblotten Green. Meet at Post Box! (Road joins Lovington and A37) (GR ST589335) (3words absorb.knowledge.mush) to Alford, Bolters Bridge and Hornblotten Church. Pubs available at Keinton Mandeville and Lydford Cross Keys. Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com

Sun 28 Feb 10:30 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil (GR ST545145) via Pendermer. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L 01935 426842 Max 12
Thu 4 Mar 10:00 C 5miles Ilminster, Stonemasons Arms CP. (GR ST347151) to River Isle and old railway. Marian & Derek P 01460 57093
Thu 4 Mar 10:00 D 4.9 miles Sherborne Terrace Playing Fields (GR ST642156) to Sherborne Park via Osborne. Richard C 01935 473951
Sun 7 Mar 10:00 B 12.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Trent by the Church DT9 4SL (GR ST592186) via Trent, Nether Compton, Coombe Lane, Stafford Green, Corton Denham, Rimpton and Adber. Ian W 07478 672185 Max 12
Thu 11 Mar 10:00 C 5 miles Compton Dundon, Castlebrook Inn. Park behind pub or in Hayes Lane opposite crossroads if pub is not available. (GR ST490327) to Lollover Hill and Hayes Farm. Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com
Thu 11 Mar 10:00 D 4.5miles Evershot (Meet at grassy triangle at village approach from A37) DT2 0JW (GR ST576047) Hardy-inspired walk around Melbury Park. Food available at The Acorn PH or Sheaf of Arrows. Nina and Alan F 07977 698748 Programme Distribution
Sun 14 Mar 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet Evershot Green. DT2 0JY (GR ST576047) via West Chelborough, Corscombe and Chelborough Hill. Peter B 01935 389348 Max 15
Thu 18 Mar 10:00 C 5miles Chard Reservoir CP TA20 4DG (GR ST340102) Marian & Derek P 01460 57093 Programme Distribution
Thu 18 Mar 10:00 D 4.8 miles Start at Dowlish Wake Church (GR ST376129) to Chillington, Cudworth and Cricket Malherbie. The 4 churches walk. Philip BT 01460 62060

Sun 21 Mar 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet in Charlton Mackrell, at CP off Bonfire Lane next to the primary school and opposite St Mary's Church. (GR ST529283) towards Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Lytes Cary and Kingsdon.

Sue B 07807 224110 **Max 12**

Thu 25 Mar 10:00 C 6 miles Stembridge, Rusty Axe PH TA12 6BL (GR ST425205) via East Lambrook.

Les S 01935 850810 or 07540 154034 les57stevens@outlook.com

Sat 27 Mar 9:30 B 7.2 miles Alhampton Inn (park behind pub or side road) (GR ST627348) Food may be available after walk – no pre-booking. To Hornblotton, Alford, Sutton and Bolters Bridge. **Note earlier starting time.**

Phil B 01458 850834 or 07432 300677 philbradshaw22@gmail.com

Sun 28 Mar 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Lambert's Castle NT CP (GR SY366988) Lambert's Castle, Gashay Farm, Synderford, Blackdown Hill, Pilsdon Pen (Lunch), Marshwood Manor, Baber's Farm, Nash Farm, Peter's Gore and Lambert's Hill.

John D 01297 678217 or 07796 960482 **Max 10**

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

If there is an accident requiring help, the leader should stay with the casualty until help arrives (unless a competent carer can be appointed). If the leader stays behind, the backmarker or a volunteer leader should continue with the party. 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 on all walks.

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 we find them.

Footpath Maintenance Problems

Contact Somerset County Council Rights of Way 0845 3459155 or use the SCC website. Faults should also be reported to the appropriate Footpath Secretary. The Secretary has printed notes if further help is needed.

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 in case of a claim made against them by a third party.

Covid-19 Additional Requirements

There are a few extra items that walk leaders will now have to deal with to comply with the Ramblers' Association rules and be covered by their insurance:

- To ensure legal cover leaders **must** be registered as a Volunteer Walk Leader. This can be done by emailing volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com
- You **must** carry out a Risk Assessment for each walk and keep for a year. This can be covered when doing a recce.
- You should decide the limit on numbers for your walk. The RA advise 30 maximum but some leaders are making the limit 16 or less.
- People who want to join your walk will be asked to make contact by phone or email in the week leading to the walk date. There should be no turning up on the day unannounced.
- You will need to keep a list of those walking, along with phone numbers and retain it for 21 days and then destroy it.
- If any walker subsequently tells you they have developed Covid-19 symptoms you may need to provide the information to NHS Tack and Trace. You should also let RA HQ know through their website: volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com
- It is important that you emphasise at the start of each walk the government guidelines relating to group rambling.

Officers and Committee

Chairman: Vacant

Secretary: Ian Rendall, IanLRendall@outlook.com 01935 421235

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Details of walks for the April - July 2021 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by 1 February.

Programmes will be distributed on 18 March for C walks and 11 March for D walks

Footpath Working Party Organiser: Vacant

Footpath Secretaries:

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It is with much sadness we have to report the passing of two valued committee members – John Oliver and Carl Earl; both members of many years standing.

John led many walks over the years and also arranged several Group holidays both at home and abroad.

Carl led walks for the weekend group; an expert in Rights of Way law, he acted for all the Somerset groups as the Area Footpath Officer.

Both will be greatly missed.