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

Registered Charity No.1093577

October- December 2025 Walks

Our walks are open to everyone. If you would like to know more about the Ramblers' Association or about this programme, contact 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

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.

Changes to Walks Programme

Occasionally walks may be cancelled or re-arranged. It is advisable to check the South Somerset Ramblers' website before you go.

Also, where there are gaps in the programme, please check the website to see if they have been filled.

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Walk Leaders Required!

To maintain a full programme of walks, we are in urgent need of new walk leaders. If you would like to lead a walk, please contact one of the Programme Organisers for further information. (see page 8)

Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 1st November at 2:00pm
Tintinhull Village Hall**

Ramblers' Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 11th December
Cricket St Thomas Golf Club**

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Please note - starting times vary

Thur 2 Oct 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Sutton Bingham CP. (GR ST547113)
Via East Coker and Burton.
Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239

Sun 5 Oct 10:00 B 7+3.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP
by 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 Assistance dogs only.

Thur 9 Oct 10:00 D 5 miles. The Crown, Drayton. TA10 0JY (GR ST405247)
Going through Curry Rivel.
Phillip B-T 07874 198660

Sun 12 Oct 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP
(charges apply). DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Gerrard's Hill, Stoke Abbot,
Netherbury (lunch), Melpash, Mapperton Farm, Coombe Down and
Parnham Park. Some hills.
John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162

Thur 16 Oct 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Stonemasons Arms, Ilminster. TA19 9DJ
(GR ST347151) A local walk following the River Isle via Rose Mill and Donyatt via
the new footbridge!
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 19 Oct 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Lyme Regis, Charmouth Rd CP
(charges apply). DT7 3DR (GR SY344927) Via Dragon's Hill, Hole Common,
Penn, Stubb's Farm, Wootton Fitzpaine, Catherston, Leweston and Charmouth.
Undulating.
Sue A 07508 849778

Thur 23 Oct 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Thorncombe Church CP. TA20 2SH
(GR ST376034) Start from café/shop. Through Blackdown Village.
Phillip B-T 07874 198660

Sun 26 Oct 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet South Cadbury CP. BA22 7HA (GR ST632253) If CP full, road park near church. Via Monarch's Way to Sandford Orcas and Charlton Horethorne. 1047ft ascent. Undulating. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 30 Oct 10:00 C 5miles. 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 07850 402404
Sat 1 Nov 2:00pm Annual General Meeting, Tintinhull Village Hall.
Sun 2 Nov 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Sydling St Nicholas by Village Hall. DT2 9NX (GR SY632994) Via Up Sydling, Wether Hill, Minterne Parva, Little Minterne Hill, Minterne Magna, Up Cerne, Seldon Hill and Higher City Farm. 1586ft ascent. Hilly. Peter B 01935 389348
Thur 6 Nov 10:00 D 5 miles. New Inn, West Coker. (GR ST517135) Park in Church CP or nearby. Flattish walk to Holywell and North Coker. Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 9 Nov 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet on Ham Hill, in CP <u>opposite</u> the Lime Kiln CP (new visitor centre). TA14 6RW (GR ST480164) Towards Odcombe, East and Middle Chinnock, Chiselborough and Norton sub Hamdon. Mainly undulating with some short steeper sections. Jean V 01935 826089 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 13 Nov 10:00 D 5 miles. Dowlish Wake, New Inn. (GR ST375124) Through Cudworth and Chillington. Phillip B-T 07874 198660
Sun 16 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Ford Down Lane, Bookham, Watcombe Plain and Ripp's Lane. 1430ft ascent. Hilly. Jim T 01935 321786
Thur 20 Nov 10:00 D 5 miles. Cross Keys Inn, Lydford on Fosse. TA11 7HA (GR ST567309) Via Lydford and East Lydford. Peter C 07841 119218

Sun 23 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Newton, Walkers' CP, Chilfrome Lane. DT2 0AX (GR SY593979) Via Compton Valance. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 27 Nov 10:00 D 5 miles. Thorncombe Church CP. TA20 2SH (GR ST376034) Start from café/shop. Through the grounds of Forde Abbey. Phillip B-T 07874 198660
Sun 30 Nov 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Trent, by the church. DT9 4SL (GR ST590186) Via Nether Compton, Coombe Lane, Ambrose Hill, Higher Sandford, Stafford's Green, Rimpton and Adber. 1281ft ascent. Undulating. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Mon 1 Dec Details of walks for the January-March 2026 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today please.
Thur 4 Dec 10:00 D 5 miles. Yeovil Recreation Ground CP. (GR ST553175) A walk around Yeovil. All on hard surfaces. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Sun 7 Dec 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Stourhead NT CP (charge for non-members). BA12 6QD (GR ST778339) Meet by visitor centre. Towards West End Wood, back through King's Wood Warren, Castle Wood, White Cross and Bonham. Mainly undulating with some short steeper sections. A lot of forest tracks. Jean V 01935 826089 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 11 Dec 10:30 D 4 miles. Cricket St Thomas Golf Club. TA20 4DG (GR ST372094) Pre-lunch walk through the Cricket St Thomas estate. Marian P 01460 57093 Followed at 1:00pm. by the Christmas Lunch. Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07415 897510
Sun 14 Dec 10:00 A 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Bridport Bus Station CP (charges apply) or nearby streets. DT6 3TP (GR SY463929) Through Bridport to West Bay, Eype Mouth, Thorncombe Beacon, Seatown, Eype Wood, Down House Farm and Higher Eype. Hilly. Views. Sue A 07508 849778

Thur 18 Dec 10:00 D 5 miles. Castlebrook Inn, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PR (GR ST490327) Walk around the village and up to the Hood Monument.
Peter C 07841 119218

Sun 21 Dec 10:00 B 10.5 miles Picnic. Meet Charlton Horethorne by village shop, road parking adjacent. DT9 4NL (GR ST665232) Via South Cheriton, North Cheriton, Holton, Maperton, Blackford and Compton Pauncefoot. 956ft ascent. Undulating.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thur 25 Dec No walks today.

Sun 28 Dec 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Hardy's Monument, layby at Smitten Corner below monument on Martinstown Rd. (GR SY615877) Via Little Bredy, Lower Kingston Russell Farm, South Dorset Ridgeway and Portesham Hill. 1315ft ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786

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 former walks' assessments 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 person 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

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