



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.

APR 2020 - JUL 2020 WALKS

New walk leaders should contact the appropriate programme secretary.

If you would like help in organising your walk, please contact any committee member who will be able to assist.

Walk leaders and designated back-markers should exchange mobile phone numbers so that contact can be maintained in cases of emergency. Leaders and back-markers without phones should appoint substitutes. Numbers should be exchanged before the walk starts. Every effort should be made to ensure a first-aid kit is available on all walks..

Walks are graded according to the following classification of pace:-

A = Fast B = Brisk C = 5-7 miles Medium pace

D = generally 4-5 miles at a more moderate pace

Starting times of walks vary and need to be noted carefully.

Members should ensure they carry their membership cards on all walks.

NOTICES

Group Committee Meeting: will be held on Thursday 4th June 2020.

Programme Distribution. Will be July 9th for both C and D walks.

SUMMER SUPPER: Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil Thursday 9 July 2020 7pm. Cost £11.50 for a two course supper including coffee. Menu details available by 1st May. Advance booking is necessary and should be made with Ruth Goodland 01935 474671 between 4th May and 1st July. Cheques made payable to her can be posted to 25 Rivers Road Yeovil BA21 5RJ. See 9th July for walk details.

Electronic copy. To receive the Walk programme and Somerset Rambler by e-mail contact Ruth at emailmywalkprog@gmail.com.

Walks leaders. Details of walks on the Aug 2020 – Nov 2020 programme need to reach the appropriate organiser by June 1st

Walk categories

Co-ordinators

Thurs C Walks

June Curtis

Thurs D Walks

Phil Bradshaw

Sunday Walks

Jean Verkroost

Find us on line at <http://www.southsomersetramblers.org.uk/>

Sun 29 Mar. 10:30. A. 13 hilly miles. Picnic. Meet at Hawkridge Reservoir CP. GR ST207361. TA4 3DY. Via Toxwell Farm, Stowey, Seven Wells Wood, Quantock Farm, The Slades. Ian W. 07478 672185
Thu 2 Apr 10.00 C 6 miles Stenbridge The Rusty Axe (Seniors Menu) TA12 6BL GR ST425205 via East Lambrook Les 01935 850810 07540154034
Thu 2 Apr 10.30 D 4.5 miles Milborne Port. Meet at East Street CP GR ST679187. CP is left off the A30 in the centre of village when heading east. Only one hill but may be muddy. Food available in nearby F & C shop or at Tippling Philosopher PH Suzie 01963 251841
Sun 5 Apr 10:00 B 13 miles Picnic Maiden Newton walkers CP GR SY593979. Via Evershot. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842
Thu 9 Apr 10.00 C 6 miles Crowshute CP Chard GR ST320084 Wambrook, Scampton and Wadeford Martin and Jean 01823 619887
Thu 9 Apr 10.00 D 4.5 miles Winsham. Bell Inn, Church Street TA20 4HU GR ST375063 To Wayford Woods. Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Sun 12 Apr. 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
Thu 16 Apr 10.00 C 6.2 miles Dinnington Docks PH TA17 85X GR ST404131 Allowenshay and Chillington return via Diana Pond Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 16 Apr 10.30 D 4.5 miles Montacute House overflow CP. TA15 6XB GR ST499171 Easy circular walk encompassing the Witcombe valley. Richard and Wendy 01935 862340
Sun 19 Apr. 10:00. B. 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Kingcombe Centre upper CP, Lower Kingcombe DT2 0EQ. GR SY554990. Via Toller Porcorum, Powerstock, Mount Pleasant. Peter B. 01935 389348
Thu 23 Apr 10.00 C 5.25 miles East Somerset Railway Station BA4 4QP GR ST663430 Dean, Cranmore Tower, East Cranmore and rim of Merehead Quarry extensive views Roger and Janet 01963 34965

Thu 23 Apr 10.30 D 3.8 miles Compton Dundon. Castlebrook Inn. TA11 6PR. GR ST490327 Hope food will be available! To Lollover Hill. and Hayes Farm Phil B 01458 850834
Sun 26 Apr. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Trent Church. GR ST590186. Via Mudford, Chilton Cantelo, Marston Magna. Tony W. 07749 931443
Thu 30 Apr 10.00 C 4.9 miles East Lambrook The Rose and Crown TA13 5HF GR ST432190 to Stembridge and Barrow Hill Orchards and tracks Steve H 01823 664227
Thu 30 Apr 10.15 D 4.5 miles Yenston (on A357 north of Henstridge). GR ST714213. Meet in Whitechurch Lane at sewage works in centre. To Windmill Hill and Henstridge Bowden. Pub lunch available at Virginia Ash in Henstridge. Richard C 01935 473951
Sun 3 May. 10:00. B. 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet by Kingston Deverill church. Park on land opposite church but keep clear of farm machinery. GR ST846370. Past Brixton Deverill, Bidcombe Wood, Horningsham and Bidcombe Down. Jean V. 01935 826089
Thu 7 May 10.00 C 5.4 miles Bishopswood The Candlelight Inn TA20 3RS GR ST259127 Colley Farm Blindmoor and Buckland St Mary Bill T 07850 402404
Thu 7 May 10.30 D 4.7 miles Stembridge. Rusty Axe PH GR ST425204. Via Southay, East and Mid Lambrook. Fairly level. £12.50 two-course VIP special lunch deal. Stuart and Rosemary 01460 259964 or 07443 953354
Sun 10 May. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic, Meet at St Marys Church (Huish Episcopi) CP. Park at rear. GR ST427265. TA10 9QH. Via Drayton, Swell and Wick. Alan. 07811 619889
Thu 14 May 10.00 C 5.5 miles Hardington Moor Royal Oak BA22 9NW GR ST518122 Registered Assistance Dogs only David & Christine 01460 271496
Thu 14 May 10.00 D 4.7 miles. Staple Fitzpaine The Greyhound TA3 5SP GR ST264183 Staple Park Farm, Netherclay and Frost Street. Bill T 07850 402404
Sun 17 May. 10:00. B. 11miles. Picnic. Meet at CP on White Sheet Lane, White Sheet Hill. GR ST797350. Via Mere Down, Kingston Deverill. Peter M. 01935 429477

Wed 20 May RAILWAY WALK 10.14 C 9 miles meet Pen Mill Station GR ST569162 Circular Walk to Sutton Bingham via East Coker to Barrington picnic Richard C 01935 473951
Thu 21 May 10.00 C 4.9 miles Hawkchurch The Old Inn GR ST343004 to Furse Hill Farm Michelle and Philip 01460 62060
Thu 21 May 10.30 D 4.2 miles Keinton Mandeville. The Quarry Inn. GR ST548310. To Barton St David and West Lydford. Please park at side of pub. Phil B 01458 850834
Sun 24 May. 10:30. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Thorncombe Thorn. GR ST371029. Walk via Causeway, Drimpton and Wayford. Registered Assistance dogs only. Carl E. 01460 30163
Thu 28 May 10.00 C 6 miles Winsham Bell Inn GR ST375063 to Clapton and Wayford Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Thu 28 May 10.00 D 4.8 miles Lydford-on-Fosse. The Cross Keys Inn TA11 7HA GR ST567309 To Babcary and Foddingtons, return via Macmillan Way west. Les 07540 154034
Sun 31 May. 10:00. A. 13.5 hilly miles. Picnic. Meet at unmade CP at view point. GR SY904817. Ridge down to SWCP Kimmeridge Bay, Chapmans Pool, Corfe Castle, Knowle Hill and Ridgeway to car Park. (Ascent 2000 feet). Jim T. 01935 321786
Thu 4 Jun 10.00 C 5.5 miles West Pennard Red Lion PH BA6 8NN GR ST546385 on A361 East of Glastonbury to Washing Stones Gulley and Worthy Lane views over Festival Site some hills Phil B 01458 854834
Thu 4 Jun 10.00 D 4.6 miles Chardstock Village Hall in Westcombes. EX13 7BJ. GR ST312041 Around Somerset/Devon border. Food available at Poppe Inn, Tatworth. Philip B-T 01460 62060
Sun 7 Jun 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic. Cocklemoor CP, Langport. GR ST419266. Via High Ham. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842
Thu 11 Jun 10.15 C 5 miles Stourton Caundle Trooper Inn GR ST715148 via Stalbridge Weston Haddon Lodge Richard C 01935 473951

Thu 11 Jun 10.00 D 4.8 miles Yeovil. Red House Inn (on A37 Dorchester Rd) BA22 9RA. GR ST555140. Special meal deal available. To Barwick Follies and Ninesprings. Ann and Mel 01935 431851
Sun 14 Jun. 10:30. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Meet opposite Bruton Parish Church. GR ST684348. Park in road nearby or Higher Backway CP via Batcombe, Spargrove and Lamyatt. Registered Assistance dogs only. Carl E 01460 30163
Thu 18 Jun 10.00 C 5.8 miles Crewkerne Boundary Walk Park end of Lang Rd TA18 8HQ GR ST441085 (off the B3165) Colin H 01460 73154
Thu 18 Jun 10.00 D 4.9 miles Langport Black Swan PH. TA10 9RQ GR ST421269 To Huish Episcopi, Union Drove, Picts Hill and Westover. Sue A 01458 252130.
Sun 21 Jun. 10:00. A. 14 miles. Picnic. Meet in Stratton, nr. Dorchester. by the church DT2 9RU. GR SY651938. Via Sydling St Nicholas, Frome Vauchurch and Frome valley. Peter B. 01935 389348
Thu 25 Jun 10.00 C 6 miles Whatley Layby A30 GR ST356086 Avishay Chaffcombe, Cricket St Thomas Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Thu 25 Jun 10.00 D 4.6 miles Sparkford. Sparkford Inn.OS Exp 129 GR ST603263. To Weston Bampfylde via Queen Camel with gentle climb up Sparkford Hill. Mervyn 01747 840896
Sun 28 Jun. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at Langport Cocklemoor long term CP. GR ST419266. TA10 9PG. Via Upton, Pitney and Low Ham. Martin R. 01458 259333
Thu 2 Jul 10.00 C 5.3 miles Trull The Winchester Arms TA3 7LG GR ST217220 Vivary Park Cotlake Hill and Kibbear Bill T 07850 402404
Thu 2 Jul 10.00 D 5 miles Fivehead. The Crown Inn TA3 6PQ GR ST352228. To Isle Brewers and Isle Abbots Sue A 01458 252130
Sun 5 Jul. 10:00. B. 12 miles. Picnic. Meet at Croscombe VH (or on road outside if hall in use). GR ST589445. Loop north of Shepton Mallet to Oakhill and back. Jean V. 01935 826089

Thu 9 Jul SUMMER SUPPER and PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION 4.00pm Yeovil The Quicksilver Mail BA20 2RG GR ST551490 Ronnie W 01935 425100 followed by a two course supper at 7pm. See front pages for details
Sun 12 Jul. 10:30. B. 12 miles. Picnic. Meet at Lytes Cary Manor NT CP. GR ST534266. Towards Kingsdon, Charlton Mackrell, Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Charlton Adam. Sue B. 07807 224110
Thu 16 Jul 10.00 C 7 miles Wellington Monument CP GR ST143167 via Culmstock Beacon Roger C 01460 53843
Thu 16 Jul 10.00 D 4.5 miles Wheathill Golf Course. TA11 7HG GR ST583308. Park behind the club house. Non-diners welcome. Completion of Christmas walk! Phil B 01458 850834
Sun 19 Jul. 10:00. A 11.5 hilly miles Picnic. Meet at Stone Barrow CP GR SY381933. Stone Barrow, Golden Cap, Thornecombe Beacon, Eype Down, Chideock, Morecombe Fm, Stonebarrow (ascent 2300 ft). Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 23 Jul 10.00 C 5.6 miles Butleigh Rose and Portcullis BA6 8TQ GR ST520332 to Magotty and Pagotty through Great Breach Wood along the Mendip Ring FP return via Wichams Cross Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 23 Jul 10.00 D 4.5 miles Wreath layby. On A30 2 miles east of Chard. GR ST356086. To Cricket St Thomas. Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Sun 26 Jul. 10:30. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at Wedmore CP. GR ST437481. BS28 4EE. Lascot Lane, Crickham Lane, Perrow Lane, Puddleham Corner, Weare, Coombe Lane. Mill Lane, Alston Sutton, Quab Lane, Blackford. Ian W. 07478 672185
Thu 30 Jul 10.00 C 5.5/6 miles Piddletrenthide The Piddle Inn GR SY705997 Plush Hill, Plush and West Hill Phil R 01935 587555
Thu 30 July 10.30 D 4 miles West Camel. Walnut Tree. BA22 7QW GR ST578248. To Bridgehampton, Speckington via Leland way. Les 07540 154034

ADVANCE NOTICE

Mendip Ramblers Walking Festival 2020 29/30/31 August

Each day 3 walks starting at 10.00 from 3 to 11 miles, one shorter walk 3-4 miles at 1.30. All walks start from Shipham VH, New Road, Shipham, Winscombe BS25 1SG. We are again offering our popular two short walks on each day. Tea and cake after for a donation. Any queries phone Kevin 01749 672996 More details at www.mendipramblers.co.uk

WALKS LEADERS GUIDELINES

Parking As our C walks can attract up to 20 cars, walk leaders should ensure that parking is available, especially when parking in small villages.

Accidents. If there is an accident requiring help the leader should stay with the casualty until help arrives, unless he can appoint a carer of whose competence he is sure. 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 other than the trivial.

Backmarkers Leaders should always appoint a backmarker and count those walking.

Footpath Maintenance Problems. Contact Somerset County Council Rights of Way 0845 3459155 or use the SCC website. The easiest access route is to Google “footpath problems in Somerset” and then click on the relevant SCC web site. This page then has a button to report faults. Faults should also be reported to the appropriate Footpath Secretary (see page 8). The Group Secretary has printed notes if further help is needed. .

Gates should be left as we find them.

Handbook. The Group has a copy of the Ramblers' Association's very comprehensive handbook for walks' leaders, which can be borrowed on request from the secretary.

Data Protection Walk leaders submitting walk details 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 coordinator as soon as possible. Please ensure you speak to someone, not just leave a message.

Our walks are open to anyone interested. If you want to know more about the Ramblers' Association, or this programme, please ask any committee member. A copy of this programme is available free on our website or can be obtained on request to the publicity officer. Please send a stamped addressed envelope if it is to be posted.

General note on pub car parking. It is common courtesy to use the pub for food or drinks if parking on their property. If not able to, park on roads or public car parks wherever possible

The Ramblers Association provides third party liability insurance for walk leaders on a Group Walk in the case of a claim being made against them by a third party

OFFICERS

Joint Chairmen: Roger Cripps and David Fawthrop

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Committee members are: Phil Bradshaw, Roger Cripps, Carl Earl, David Fawthrop, Linda Fawthrop, John Oliver, Ian Rendall, Stuart Thompson and Wendy Yates.

NOTES FOR WALKERS

We walk together and the leader sets a suitable pace for the party - please do not force a faster pace. Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended - we cannot stop the rain or always dodge the mud.

Dogs. Dogs are welcome on most walks, though 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.

VACANCIES ON THE SOUTH SOMERSET RAMBLERS COMMITTEE

South Somerset Ramblers Committee need the following:

A Permanent Chairperson and Committee Members

These roles must be occupied for the Group to operate effectively.

Speak to a current committee member for more information.