



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 2017 - JUL 2017 WALKS

Walk leaders and designated back-markers should exchange mobile phone numbers so that contact may be maintained in cases of emergency. Those leaders and back-markers without phones should appoint substitutes. Numbers should be exchanged before the walk commences.

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 Medium = 5-7 miles Short = 4-5 miles approx

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

NOTICES

Group Committee Meeting:.. will be held on Thursday 15 June 2017.

Programme Distribution. will be on July 13th.

SUMMER SUPPER: Long Sutton Golf Club on Thursday 13th July 2017 7pm.

Cost £13. Menu details available by 1st May. Advance booking is necessary and should be made with Ruth Goodland before 1st July; Cheques made payable to her can be posted to 25 Rivers Road Yeovil BA21 5RJ. See 13th 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 2017 – Nov 2017 programme need to reach the appropriate organiser by June 1st

Walk category

Thurs & Sat Medium Walks

Thurs Short Walks

Sunday Walks

Co-ordinator

June Curtis

Phil Bradshaw

Jean Verkroost

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We still have vacancies for Chairman, committee member and area representatives, Please speak to a committee member if you are willing to take on these roles.

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

Sun 2 Apr 10:30 B 10 miles Picnic. Meet at Bruton free CP off Station Road. GR ST683347. Via Macmillan Way to Alfred's Tower. Return via South Brewham. Dave C. 01935 592536.
Thu 6 Apr 10.00 6 miles Long Sutton Golf Club TA10 9JU GR471242 Mainly flat via River Yeo, steady climb back through Knole. Les 01935 850810
Thu 6 Apr 10.30 4.5 miles Milborne Port - East St free CP GR 677185. Good food at Tippling Philosopher or at the award winning fish and chip shop. Both are 2 mins from CP. Suzie C. 01963 251841
Sat 8 Apr 10.00 5.5 miles Whitelackington Village Hall GR380156 to Stocklinch and Barrington return via Dillington Park Marion and Derek 01460 571093
Sun 9 Apr 10:30 B 11.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Ibberton Hill CP. GR ST791071. Via Milton Abbas. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842.
Thu 13 April 10.00 6 miles Crowshute CP Chard GR321084 via Cuttiford's Door, Hornbury and Wadeford Martin and Jean 01823 619887
Thu 13 Apr 10.30 4.6 miles Mosterton – Admiral Hood GR 457054. Please park at rear of CP. Richard and Wendy 01935 862340
Sun 16 Apr 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Bishops Caundle Hall CP - £1 donation. GR ST130694. Via Alweston, Longburton, Boys Hill and Holwell. Possible tea and cake at Golf Club afterwards. Mike P. 01963 363077.
Thu 20 Apr 10.00 5.3 miles Lamb and Lark, Limington GR541220 Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 20 Apr 10.15 4.5 miles Merriott – Kings Head, Church St. GR 444128 Extra parking in Church St. Towards Wigborough, Over Stratton and Lopen. Peter Bryans 01460 78182
Sun 23 Apr 10:30 B11 miles Picnic. Meet at Blackbury Camp CP. GR SY188924. Via Branscombe and the coast. Peter Bradfprd 01935 862229.

Thu 27 April 10.00 5 miles Half Moon PH Horsington BA8 0EF GR701238 Three Towers Walk Stowell, Templecombe Meal Deal agreed. Roger and Janet 01963 34965
Thu 27 Apr 10.00 4.5 miles Compton Dundon - Castlebrook Inn. GR 490327 Plenty of parking at rear of pub. A steady climb to the Hood monument. Pleasant views. Brian J. 01935 420224
Sun 30 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Shatcome Lane Eggardon Hill. GR SY550948. Via Eggardon Hill, Powerstock, South Porton, Powerstock Common. Tony W. 07749931443.
Thu 4 May 10.00 6 miles Duke of Cumberland Pub, Elford Hill Holcombe BA3 5HQ OS EX142 GR ST669487 Along Mells Stream, Mendip Hills. Mervyn 01747 840896
Thu 4 May 10.15 4.5 miles South Cadbury NT CP GR 631253 To Weston Bampfylde and Sutton Montis. Ann D. 01935 816731
Sat 6 May 10.00 5 miles Free CP Castle Street, Mere BA12 6JA GR810323 White Sheet Hill John O 01935 414745
Sun 7 May 10:30 B 13 miles Picnic. Meet at Merriott Church. GR ST442128. Via Haselbury Plucknett, East Chinnock and Drayton. Registered Assistance dogs only. Carl E. 01460 30163.
Thu 11 May 10.00 5.5 miles Crewkerne Parish Church GR439098 Hewish and Woolminstone. Registered Assistance dogs only please. Allow time for parking David and Christine 01460 271496
Thu 11 May 10.15 4.8 miles Cricket St Thomas – Windwhistle Inn TA20 4DQ GR 381096. Knights House Farm, Higher Weare Farm, Chillington. Stuart and Rosemary 01460 259964.
Sun 14 May 10:00 A 14.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Stourhead NT CP. (charge if not a member). GR ST779340. Towards Witham Friary and back. Jean V. 01935 826089.

Thu 18 May 10.00 5.5 miles West Buckland Village Hall CP £1 contribution per car GR175205 TA2 19NA Cutsey and Ruggin, good views of the Vale, easy walking. Stephen H. 01823 664227
Thu 18 May 10.15 4 miles Pitney – Half-way House GR 453278. To Upton and Long Sutton. Peter Budworth 01935 424208
Sun 21 May 10:00 A 14 miles Picnic. Meet at Tibbs Hollow. GR SY619944. Nearest postcode DT2 9NQ. Via Muckleford, Winterbourne Abbas, Compton Valance and Notton. Ian W. 07478 672185.
Thu 25 May 10.00 6.5 miles Cranmore Railway Station GR668430 BA4 4QP Higher Alham, Doultling and Chelynych Geoff 01275 475002
Thu 25 May 10.30 4.2 miles Charlton Adam, Fox and Hounds GR 541289. Westward to Green Down Nature Reserve. Jean and Martin 01823 619887
Sun 28 May 10:00 B 11.5 miles Picnic. Meet at Tolbury Mill CP off Higher Backway, Bruton. GR ST682349. Some hills. Via Batcombe Bottom and Lamyatt Beacon. Registered assistance dogs only. Peter M. 01935 429477.
Details of walks for Aug-Nov programme should reach the relevant organisers by June 1st
Thu 1 June 10.00 6 miles The Bell Inn Winsham, GR375063 North to Cricket St. Thomas foothills and the Chalkway. Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Thu 1 June 10.30 4.5 miles Sandford Orcas – The Mitre Inn GR 626206. Pub offers a seniors meal for £9.50 - To Rimpton. Ed and Sue W. 01935 851818
Sat 3 June 10.00 5 miles Higher Bockhampton SY725921 Park at Thorncombe Wood below Hardys Cottage John O 01935 414745
Sun 4 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Abbotsbury Swannery CP. GR SY577846 via Rodden, Friar Waldon Hill, Portesham. Tony W 07749931443.

Thu 8 Jun 10.00 5.7 miles Hunters Moon PH Middlemarsh DT9 5QN GR075668 via Hermitage Splendid views and rough terrain, muddy in places. Peter and Maggie 01935 826821
Thu 8 Jun 10.30 4 miles Somerton GR 487285 Meet outside Overt Locke hardware store in West St. Free parking in town but check time limits. Town walk with good views. Hilary W 01458 270284
Sun 11 Jun 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic Meet at Cocklemoor long stay CP Langport. GR ST419266. Towards High Ham. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842.
Thu 15 Jun 10.00 5-6 miles Iwerne Courtney GR860127 off A350 meet Village Green between Shaftesbury and Blandford. Round and over Hod Hill. Don 01935 477088
Thu 15 Jun 10.00 4.2 miles South Cadbury NT CP GR 632253 To Sutton Montis and W Bampfylde. 3 local pubs. Christine F 01935 411446
Sun 18 Jun 10:30 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet in Evershot (triangle at bottom of East Hill). GR ST575046. Via Melbury Osmond, Halstock and West Chelborough. Registered Assistance dogs only. Carl E. 01460 30163.
Wed 21 Jun Linear Walk 10.00 9 miles Meet at Penn Mill Station GR569163 Train from Penn Mill Station to Upwey walk to Weymouth, Sutton Points and Osmington. Richard C 01935 473951
Thu 22 Jun 9.30am 7.2 miles Manor House Inn Ditchet GR625365 to Evercreech Park Farm, Pylle & Wraxall Phil 01458 850834 EARLY Start time
Thu 22 Jun 10.00 5 miles Cannards Grave, Shepton Mallet Highwayman PH. GR 626418 To West and East Compton. Geoff 01275 475002
Sun 25 Jun 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Mangerton Mill, parking on grass at end of CP. GR SY490957. Via West Milton, South Poorton, Eggardon Hill, Loders. Peter Bradford 01935 862229.
Thu 29 Jun 10.00 5.5 miles George Inn Donyatt, GR338141 South to Knowle St Giles and the Stop Line Way. Visit the Sea Marion and Derek 01935 57093

Thu 29 Jun 10.00 5 miles Leigh Common, Hunters Lodge Inn, OS129 GR743299 Monarchs Way and Pen Selwood Mervyn 01747 840896
Sat 1 Jul 10.00 6.2 miles 11 Manor View, Crewkerne GR440085 parking for 8-10 cars. Around Crewkerne via Broadshard and Easthams David and Linda 01460 929350
Sun 2 Jul 10:30 B 11.5 miles Picnic. Castle Cary, Catherines Close CP. GR ST641325. Via Yarlinton and Bratton Seymour. Martin R. 01458 259333.
Thu 6 Jul 10,30 4.5 miles Buckland St Mary - Eagle Tavern GR 282132. Park on RH side of pub near phone masts. To Bishopswood. Roger and Eileen 01460 241608
Thu 6 Jul NO LEADER - NO LONGER WALK
Sun 9 Jul 10:00 B 13 miles Picnic. Meet at Halstock village hall. GR ST536083. Circular walk through Halstock, Melbury Osmond, Evershot and West Chelborough. Gently undulating farmland with plenty of stiles. Rosemarie B. 01935 863152.
Thu 13 Jul SUMMER SUPPER and PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION 4.00pm 5.8 miles Long Sutton Golf Club GR471242 Windyridge Farm and return via Knowle Phil 01458 850834. See front page for details of supper.
Sun 16 Jul 10:30 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet in layby on south side of Cheselbourne. GR SY764994. Via Thorncombe Farm, Dorset Gap, Bingham's Melcombe. Sue P. 01460 249297.
Thu 20 Jul 10.00 6 miles Kettlebridge CP GR663015 via Cerne Abbas, Nether Cerne Only one uphill, good views. Peter Bryans 01460 78182
Thu 20 Jul 10.30 4.5 miles Long Burton Nr Sherborne Rose and Crown PH GR 648128 To Lewiston and Folke. Tony and Janet 01935 428607
Sun 23 Jul 10:30 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet at Symondsburys Kitchen Court Yard. GR SY445936. Via Colmers Hill, North Chideock, Ryall, Golden Cap, Seatown. Sue Fox 01935 476540.

Thu 27 Jul 10.00 6.3 miles Street Inn, Street GR487370 BA16 0DR (Somerton Road meets the High St. by the Wessex Hotel. Park at rear of Pub or in College Large CP) to Millfield School and Marshalls Elms. Phil 01458 850834

Thu 27 Jul 10.00 4.8 miles West Coker church CP. GR 516136. To Hardington ridge. Just one 'steepish' hill. Marion and Derek 01460 57093

Sun 30 Jul 10:30 B 12 miles Picnic. Meet at Burton Bradstock NT CP (charge if not a member). GR SY491888. Via Shipton Gorge, Chilcombe and Puncknowle. Jean V. 01935 826089.

Walk Leaders required for Wessex Wanderer Rail Walks programme.

Can you lead a walk from one of the stations on the Westbury to Weymouth line?

Programme runs from May to October

Details were required by end of 2016 to enable programme to be printed but presume leaders will be required for future years.

Walk co-ordinator Joy Harrison 0117 933 4998

Further information from Norman Browne 01935 479129 or Walks Programme May to October available at <http://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Mendip Ramblers Walking Festival 2017 26-28 August

Each day three walks starting at 10.00, one shorter walk at 1.30.

All walks start from the Sports Pavilion, Back Town, Butleigh, BA6 8SW GR ST524338 OS 141. Tea and cake after for a donation. Any queries phone Martyn 01761 471891 or martyn@mendipramblers.co.uk

More details at www.mendipramblers.co.uk

Quantock Walking Festival 10-11 June 3 guided walks each day from St Mary's Church Centre, Nether Stowey. Details from 01278 773730 or

<http://www.sedgemoorramblers.co.uk>

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

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. The Group Secretary has printed notes if further help is needed. .

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.

Our walks frequently attract large numbers. **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.

Gates should be left as we find them.

OFFICERS

Chairman: VACANT

Secretary: Ian Rendall, 3a Tintern, Abbey Manor Park, Yeovil BA21 3SJ. 01935 421235

Treasurer: Stuart Thomson, Allenbury Cottage, Barrington, Ilminster TA19 0JE 01460 259964

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Programme Organisers:

Thurs & Sat medium walks June Curtis June.curtis912@btinternet.com. 01460 77057

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Representative on Area Committee. VACANT

Committee members are: Phil Bradshaw, Roger Cripps, 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.