



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.

DEC 2019 - MAR 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 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 start of the walk. Every effort should be made to ensure a first-aid kit is available on all walks.

Walks are graded according to the following classification:

A = Fast B = Brisk Medium = 5-7 miles Short = 4-5 miles approx

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

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

NOTICES

Christmas Lunch will be at 1.00pm at the Muddled Man. See Medium walk entry for 12 Dec for details.

Area Holiday 2020 Details on page six

Committee members needed. Interested parties contact a committee member.

Group Committee Meeting: will be held on Thu 13 Feb 2020.

Programme Distribution. Short walk distribution is on Mar 14 and Medium walk distribution is on Mar 7.

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

Walks leaders. Details of walks on the Apr 2020 – July 2020 programme need to reach the appropriate organiser by Feb 1st.

Walk category	Organiser
Thurs Medium Walks	June Curtis
Thurs Short Walks	Phil Bradshaw
Sunday Walks	Jean Verkroost

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

Sun 1 Dec. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Charlton Horethorne village centre DT9 4NL. GR ST665232. Via North Cheriton, Holton, Maperton, Compton Pauncefoot, Sigwells. Peter B. 01935 389348.
Thu 5 Dec 10.00 C 5.5 miles Bayford Wincanton Unicorn Inn BA9 9NL GR ST727291 Charlton Musgrove and Wincanton, Seniors Meal Roger and Janet 01963 34963
Thu 5 Dec 10.00 D 4.7 miles Compton Dundon, Castlebrook Inn TA11 6PR GR ST490327 To Littleton and Etsome Farm. Phil B. 01458 850834
Sun 8 Dec. 10:00. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Meet at Tibbs Hollow CP near Frampton. GR SY619944. Towards Compton Valance. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842.
Thu 12 Dec 10.00 4.5 miles West Chinnock The Muddled Man GR ST468135 Short walk to build up appetites. Daphne 01935 881802 followed by CHRISTMAS LUNCH at 1pm Lunch must be booked with Ruth Goodland by 1st December 01935 474671
Sun 15 Dec. 10:00. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Walk from Castle Neroche CP. GR ST273156. Via Broadway and Ashill. Assistance dogs only. Carl E. 01460 30163.
Thu 19 Dec 10.00 D 4.2 miles Wheathill Golf Course TA11 7HG GR ST583308 Christmas one-course carvery meal with coffee, crackers and usual trimmings £12.50 park behind the club house. Non-diners welcome. Towards Lovington. Phil B. 01458 850834
Sun 22 Dec. No South Somerset Walk
Thu 26 Dec No South Somerset Walk
Sun 29 Dec. No South Somerset Walk
Thu 2 Jan No South Somerset Walk

Sun 5 Jan. 10:30. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Park and meet in Bowleaze, Cove Road, near Look Out Café. GR SY701820. A walk to banish the new year blues, Preston, inland South West coast path, Osmington Mills. Possible tea and cake at the end. Mike P. 01963 363077.
Thu 9 Jan 10.00 C 5.2 miles Butleigh Rose and Portcullis BA6 8TQ GR ST520332 to Hood Monument Lovely views. Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 9 Jan 10.30 D 4.6 miles Shepton Beauchamp, Duke of York TA19 0LW GR ST402172. Easy walk around Shepton and Barrington. Stuart and Rosemary 01460 259964/07443953354
Sun 12 Jan. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at Cadbury Castle CP. GR ST632254. Towards Charlton Horethorne, Poyntington and Corton Ridge. Sue B. 07807 224110
Thu 16 Jan 10.00 C 5.5 miles South Cadbury Castle CP GR ST632253 (or on road) The Beacon, Corton Denham and Corton Ridge Phil R 01935 587555
Thu 16 Jan 10,30 D 4/5 miles Wareham Forest CP GR SY906894 A walk in Wareham forest on gravel tracks. Travel is one hour from Yeovil. Can give a lift to three people from Yeovil. Phil E. 01935 429302
Sun 19 Jan. 10:00. B. 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Minterne Magna CP. DT2 7AT. GR ST659043. Via Buckland Newton, Cerne Abbas, Ball's Hill. Peter B. 01935 389348.
Thu 23 Jan 10.00 C 6 miles Castle Cary White Hart Park by Fire Station GR ST639321 and walk round to pub to Cole and Wyke Champflower, some hills Phil B 01458 850834
Thu 23 Jan 10.30 D 4 miles Misterton VH CP (Unity Lane) TA18 8NA GR ST457082 Liberty trail towards Seaborough and Mosterton. Richard and Wendy 01935 862340
Sun 26 Jan. 10:00. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Meet at Trent church. GR ST590186. Via Over Compton, Sherborne. Peter M 01935 429477

Thu 30 Jan 10.00 C 5 miles Hooke, park nr church GR SY535001 follow River Hooke to its source and back via Burnt Bottom June and Brian 01460 77057
Thu 30 Jan 10.00 D 5.2 miles Street, The Street Inn (next to Wessex Hotel) BA16 0DR GR ST484363 Park behind pub or in college CP. To Glastonbury Tor (optional) and return via Wearyall Hill. Sue A 01458 252130
Sun 2 Feb. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Walk from Otterford Lakes CP. GR ST225141. Via Churchstanton, Biscoombe Hill and Churchingford. Registered Assistance dogs only. Carl E. 01460 30163.
Thu 6 Feb 10.00 C 5.5 miles South Perrott Coach and Horses PH GR ST471067 via Pipplepen Farm and North Perrott David and Linda 01460 929350
Thu 6 Feb 10.00 D 4.5 miles Limington, Lamb and Lark PH BA22 8EG GR ST542219. Through lanes and droves. Return via Monarch's Way. Les 01935 850810
Sun 9 Feb. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Osmington Drove, Broadmayne. GR SY729863. Towards Poxwell, Owermoigne, Warmwell. Jean V. 01935 826089.
Thu 13 Feb 10.00 C 6 miles Radstock, Church St/The Street CP BA3 3QG GR ST689547 (CP free for 5 hours but must display ticket) Midsomer Norton and Welton mostly disused railway lines no steep hills Maurice 01373 473014
Thu 13 Feb 10.15 D 4 miles Tatworth, Olde Poppe Inn GR ST326057 Easy circular walk. Non-pub parking at nearby church. Marion and Derek 01460 57093
Sun 16 Feb. 10:00. B. 14 miles. Picnic. Blackdown Hills Staple Hill CP. TA20 3RA GR ST247160.. Via Staple Common, Bickenhall Plain, Netherclay, Piddle Wood, Staple Park Wood. Ian W. 07478 672185.
Thu 20 Feb 10.00 C 6 miles Castle Cary Brook House Inn BA7 7PF GR ST634341 Sutton, Ditcheat, Alhampton Roger and Janet 01963 34965
Thu 20 Feb 10.00 D 4.8 miles Walton nr Street, Royal Oak PH BA16 9QG. GR ST465364, Gentle climb to Walton Hill and Ivythorn Lane. Return via Bramble Hill. Les 01935 850810

Sun 23 Feb.10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at layby below the Hardy Monument. GR SY615877. Parking is very limited so car sharing advisable. A circular walk past the monument. Maureen L. 01458 741880.
Thu 27 Feb 10.00 C 5+miles Drayton nr Langport Crown Inn TA10 0JY GR ST405247 to Mulcheney and Midelney Sue A 01458 252130
Thu 27 Feb 10.00 D 4.5 miles Ilminster Canal Way CP GR ST359143. To the Beacon, onto Dillington Park and back via Herne Hill. David and Linda 01460 929350
Sun1 Mar. 10:00. B. 11 miles. Picnic. Meet at Hilfield Hill CP near Batcombe Dorset. GR ST636039. Via Sydling St Nicholas. Registered assistance dogs only. Derek L. 01935 426842.
Thu 5 Mar 10.00 C 6 miles Ilminster Stonemasons TA19 9DJ GR ST350149 to Pretwood Hill, Long Ponds, Knott Oak and Beacon Hill undulating Marian and Derek 01460 57093 PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION
Thu 5 Mar 10.30 D 4.8 miles NT site, Lytes Cary Manor Farm TA11 7HU GR ST533266. Between Charton Mackrell and A303 Podimore roundabout. To Kingsdon and the Charltons. Café food available after walk. Phil B 01458 850834
Sun 8 Mar. 10:00. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Meet at Yarn Barton CP, Beaminster. GR ST481014. Towards Melplash, Netherbury, Stoke Abbot. Jean V. 01935 826089.
Thu 12 Mar 10.00 C 5.5 miles Ansty The Fox DT2 7PN GR ST765031 Ice Drove, Hilton Hill and one steep hill Jenny and Eddie 0776 9974496
Thu 12 Mar 10.00 D 5 miles East Coker, Helyar Arms BA22 9JR GR ST541123 To Pendomer. Some hills and could be wet in places. Alan and Nina 0797769 PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION
Sun 15 Mar. 10.00. B. 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet at Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil. GR ST545145. Via Yeovil, East Coker, Pendomer, Hardington Mandeville, Yeovil. Jim T. 01935 321786
Thu 19 Mar 10.00 C 6 miles Yarcombe VH EX14 9AD GR ST246083 to Chaffhay, Blackhayes, Underdown and Beacon Hill. Hilly Marian and Derek 01460 57093

Thu 19 Mar 10.00 D 4.5 miles Norton sub Hamdon, Lord Nelson PH GR ST472158, To Bagnell Farm and Little Norton. Not flat but good views. 2-course special lunch. Peter and Maggie 01935 826821.
Sat 21 Mar 9.30 C/B 7.3 miles or 5.5 miles if wet Alhampton Inn BA4 6PY GR ST627348 No hills No pre walk booking, meals available after walk. Park on roadside if not eating. To Bolters Bridge, Hornblotten, Alford and Sutton Phil B 01458 850832 NOTE early start and on a Saturday
Sun 22 Mar. 10:00. B. 10 miles. Picnic. Meet at Abbotsbury Swannery CP. GR SY577846. Via Langton Herring. Tony W. 07749 931443
Thu 26 Mar 10.00 C 5 miles Corfe Village nr Taunton park by VH or Mill Lane opposite GR ST232197 Pickeridge, Adcombe Hill, Pitminster Steve 01823 664227
Thu 26 Mar 10.30 D 5 miles Higher Bockhampton, nr Dorchester Hardy's Cottage DT2 8QJ GR SY725921 Meet in main CP. Charge is £1 for 2 hours or £3 all day. To Thorncombe Wood. John D 01935 425037

SOMERSET AREA WEEKEND 2020 (Friday 2nd to Monday 5th October)

The weekend has been reserved at Christian Guild hotels. 2020 – Friday 2nd to Monday 5th October: The Derbyshire Dales is our destination for 2020 and the village of Cromford near Matlock. The Willersley Castle Hotel, a late 18th century country mansion, is a magnificent building, which stands in 60 acres of grounds, overlooking the river Derwent. This hotel also has a 15 metre indoor swimming pool. It also has a boules court.

We shall be mailing out 2020 forms to those who have joined us for previous weekends. Anyone wishing to join for the first time, please email Peggy pm.fortunati@outlook.com or phone Rod or Peggy on 01278 783270.

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. New walks leaders are always needed, so if you are able to lead a walk please contact the appropriate programme secretary.

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

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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.