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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

April – June 2025 Walks

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

Future Walks Programmes

Please note that future walks programmes will cover three months instead of the usual four.

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, it is worth checking 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)

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Please note - starting times vary

Thu 3 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles. The Bell, Winsham. TA20 4HU (GR ST375064)
To Cricket St Thomas and The Chalkway. Hilly.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 6 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet A37, Clay Pigeon layby, Wardon Hill.
DT2 9PW (GR ST607028) Via Sydling St Nicholas. Hilly.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Thu 10 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Trull, The Winchester Arms PH. TA3 7LG
(GR ST217221) To Vivary Park via Cotlake Hill, Sherford Bridge and return via
Sherford.
Bill T 07850 402404

Sun 13 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet South Petherton, Lightgate Lane
Recreation CP. TA13 5AU (GR ST437169) Via Compton Durville, Lopen, Hinton
St George, Merriott and Over Stratton. Undulating.
Jean V 01935 826089 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Thu 17 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet Evershot triangle. DT2 0JY (GR ST576047)
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Peter C 07841 119218

Sun 20 Apr 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Evershot Green at bottom of village.
DT2 0JY (GR ST576047) N to Melbury Osmond, W to Lewcombe, N to Harvard
Farm, SW to Bull Bridge and Halstock then S back to Evershot. Undulating.
Ascent 1100ft.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 24 Apr No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 27 Apr 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsbury Estate CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) To top of Colmer's Hill, then W to Morecombelake, S to St Gabriel's Church, coast path E to Eype Mouth then N back to Symondsbury. Hilly. Ascent 2200ft. Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 1 May 10:00 C 5 miles. Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil, BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Via Barwick, Yeovil Junction and Nine Springs. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Sun 4 May 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Fiddleford Manor CP. DT10 2BX (GR ST802135) Via Piddles Wood, Plumber Manor, Sturminster Mill, Hinton St. Mary and Manston Copse. One hill at beginning. Total 860ft ascent. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 8 May 10:00 D 4.5 miles. The Poppe Inn, Tatworth. (GR ST327057) Bluebell walk to Burridge Common. Hilly. Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 11 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Via Pendomer. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered Assistance Dogs only.</u>
Thu 15 May No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.
Sun 18 May 10:00 B 13 miles. Picnic. Meet Bridport Bus Station CP. (charges apply) or nearby streets. DT6 3TP (GR SY463929) Through Bridport to West Bay, lower coastal path to Burton Bradstock via golf course, past Hive Restaurant, then on beach towards West Bexington. Return via inland higher coastal path. Good views. Few hills. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 22 May 10:00 C 5.3 miles. East Lambrook, Rose & Crown PH. TA13 5HF (GR ST431190) To Hurst Farm and Bower Hinton. Return via Carey's Mill Bridge. Bill T 07850 402404

Sun 25 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Castle Neroche CP. TA20 3LA (GR ST273157) Via East Deane Way, Bickenhall Farm, Animal Centre, Thurlbear, Netherclay, Lime Ridge Wood, Piddle Wood, Staple Park Wood, Britty Common and Staple Common. Some hills.
Ian W 07478 672185 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Thu 29 May 10:00 C 6 miles. Sherborne Terrace Playing Fields. DT9 5NS (GR ST641157) Via North Wootton and Haydon. Views over Sherborne Castles. Could be muddy. Some road walking.
Linda & David 01460 929350

Sun 1 Jun 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Lower Kingcombe, Kingcombe Centre upper CP. DT2 0EQ (GR SY554990) Via Higher Kingcombe Barn, Hooke, Hooke Park, South Poorton, Powerstock (lunch), Powerstock Common and Toller Porcorum. Fairly hilly.
John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162

Mon 2 Jun Details of walks for the Jul-Sep 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser today.

Thu 5 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Muchelney House, Ilminster. TA19 0DT (GR ST358145) Up Listers Hill, return on a valley walk.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 8 Jun 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Seven Churches Walk. Meet Cricket Malherbie Church. TA19 0PW (GR ST361116) Via Kingstone, Dowlish Wake, Chillington, Cudworth, Chaffcombe and Knowle St. Giles. Fields, paths and tracks. Undulating.
Sue A 07508 849778

Thu 12 Jun No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 15 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Ringstead NT top CP. Near DT2 8NQ (GR SY757825) Via White Nothe and coast path past Bat's Hole and Durdle Door to Lulworth Cove and Fossil Forest. Return via inland ridge path. Hilly with 2306ft ascent.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 19 Jun - No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 22 Jun 10:00 B 13 miles. Picnic. Meet Burton Bradstock, Hive Beach NT CP (charge for non-members). DT6 4RF (GR SY491888) Via coast path to East Bexington, Green Leaze, Puncknowle, Lower Sturthill Farm and Shipton Gorge. Some hills.

Ian W 07478 672185 Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Thu 26 Jun 10:00 C 10:00 C 5 miles. Chardstock VH. EX13 7BJ (GR ST376124) Through the Devon countryside with a view of the sea.
Phil B-T 07874 198660

Sun 29 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Uplyme VH overflow CP at rear of hall (£2 per car donation to VH). DT7 3UY (GR SY324934)
w3w compose.validated.funds. A figure of 8 walk via Lyme Regis and Harcombe with lunch at Uplyme Church. Fairly hilly with one steep descent.
Martin R 07809 893747

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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Details of walks for the July - September 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 2 June 2025.