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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

July - September 2026 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 but they must be on a short lead at all times. However, on some walks, the walk leader may specify "Assistance Dogs only".

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

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Weather Warnings

**Red Warning in force at the time of the walk:
Walk cancelled.**

Amber or Yellow Warning in force at the time of the walk:

Please phone the walk leader to check if the walk is to proceed.

Summer Supper

**Cricket St Thomas Golf Club
Thursday 30 July 2026 at 7:00**

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Please note - starting times vary

Thur 2 Jul 10:00 D 5 miles. Ham Wall Nature Reserve CP, Meare (Parking £5 per day, free with RSPB members card). BA6 9SX (GR ST 448395) A flat walk exploring the reserve and Shapwick Heath, visiting Noah's Hide and the route of the ancient Sweet Track. No stiles. Toilets and coffee shop at the reserve.

Lisa W 07984 388643 Assistance dogs only

Sun 5 Jul 10:00 A 13.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Bridport Bus Station CP (charges apply). DT6 3TP (GR SY463929) or park in nearby streets. Through Bridport to West Bay, Lower Burton Bradstock via golf course and holiday park. Across fields, edge of Graston Copse Holiday Park, Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock. Delightful scenic views. Hilly.

Sue A 07508 849778 Assistance dogs only

Thur 9 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. New Inn, West Coker. (GR ST516136) Up and down to Mandeville.

Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 12 Jul 10:00 A 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsbur Estate Free CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) NW from Symondsbur, Henwood Hill, Denhay Cross, Coppet Hill, S to Venn Farm, Chideock, Petticrate Lane and Golden Cap. Then Seatown, Quarry Cross and Colmers Hill. 1683ft ascent. Hilly.

Jim T 01935 321786 Assistance dogs only

Thur 16 Jul 10:00 C 5.8 miles. Cerne Abbas. Meet in the free car park facing The Giant. (GR ST663015) Through Upcerne and Minterne Parva.

Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 19 Jul 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Huish Episcopi CP opposite St Mary's Church. TA10 9QR (GR ST427266) Via Low Ham, Pitney and Long Sutton. Undulating. 600ft ascent.

Jean V 01935 826089 Assistance dogs only

Thur 23 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Willow Visitor Centre, Stoke St Gregory. TA3 6HY (GR ST338270) Walk along the River Parret to Newbridge, North Curry and return via Moredon to Meare Green. Extensive views, interesting church, and Jungle Book willow characters on the way. Lunch (optional) at Lemon Tree Café.
Bill T 07850 402404 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 26 Jul 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Evershot Green at bottom of village. DT2 0JY (GR ST576047) Via Melbury Osmond, Halstock and Corscombe. Undulating.
Martin R 07809 893747 Assistance dogs only

Thur 30 Jul 16:30 D 4 miles. Walk from Cricket St Thomas Golf Club. TA20 4DG (GR ST372094)
Marian 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Followed at 19:00 by the Summer Supper.
Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07415 897510

Sun 2 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Puddletown by the church. DT2 8SL (GR SY759944) Via Warren hill, Dewlish, Tolpuddle, Southover Heath and Tincleton Hang. Undulating. 1029ft ascent.
Peter B 01935 389348 Assistance dogs only

Thur 6 Aug 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Sydling St Nicholas with parking in the lane leading to the church. (GR ST630994) Towards Frampton. Hopefully, spectacular views when we are walking along the Ridge.
Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on short a lead welcome

Sun 9 Aug 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Wether Hill, Wessex Ridgeway and Godmanstone. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only

Thur 13 Aug 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Poppe Inn, Tatworth. TA20 2NZ (GR ST327057) Up and down walk to Burridge Common.
Marian 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 16 Aug 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 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 20 Aug 10:00 C 5.5 miles. New Inn, Dowlish Wake. (GR ST375124) Towards Chaffcombe going through Knowle St Giles. Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 23 Aug 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Abbotsbury Village CP Rodden Row adjacent to Swan Inn (charges apply). DT3 4JL (GR SY579852) Via St Catherine's Chapel, E Bexington Farm, Dorset Ridgeway, Portesham, E and W Elworh. 1390ft ascent. A number of moderate ascents plus one steep climb from the coast to the Dorset Ridgeway. Jim T 01935 321786 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 27 Aug 10:00 C 5.7 miles. The Crown PH, Fivehead. TA3 6PQ (GR ST352229) Walk to Isle Abbots, Isle Brewers and return via Isle Moor. A flat walk through the Somerset Levels. Bill T 07850 402404 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 30 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Baltonsborough VH CP. BA6 8PX (GR ST544349) Via West Bradley, Havyatt, Norwood Park Farm, Glastonbury Tor and River Brue path. Mostly flat apart from the Tor ascent. 749ft total ascent. Peter B 01935 389348 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 3 Sep 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Ham Hill. (GR ST478168) Park in the wide area on the left of the road to the pub. To Westbury Farm and Montacute. May be muddy in places. Phil E 01935429302 or 07502492239 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 6 Sep 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet layby on A37 near Clay Pigeon, Wardon Hill. DT2 9PW (GR ST607028) Via Sydling St Nicholas. Hilly. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Mon 7 Sep Details of walks for the October - December 2026 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today please.

Thur 10 Sep 10:00 C 5.8 miles. The Squirrel, Laymore. TA20 4NT
Towards Thorncombe and Blackmore with great views of Dorset. A few stiles.
Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on short leads welcome

Sun 13 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Ansty outside The Fox Inn.
Parking at nearby VH and some at farm shop opposite. DT2 7PN
(GR ST766033) Via Melcombe Park Farm, Dorsetshire Gap,
Wessex Ridgeway, Sharnhill Green and Mappowder Court. Undulating.
Richard W 07533 650126 Dogs on short leads welcome

Thur 17 Sep 10:00 C 5.7 miles. Odcombe Village Hall. BA22 8XP
(GR ST509153) A moderate walk through East Chinnock with one hill.
Lunch is available at the Masons Arms.
Bob W 07967 535117 Dogs on short leads welcome

Sun 20 Sep 10:00 B 10.5 miles Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP, next to
Firehouse PH off Church St. TA10 0HE (GR ST391252) Via Fivehead and
Isle Abbots. Mostly flat.
Maureen L 01458 741880 Assistance dogs only

Thur 24 Sep 10:15 C 5.2 miles. Otterton, near Budleigh Salterton.
(GR SY084853) Parking in the street. The walk will go along the coast and
along the River Otter - looking for beavers!
Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on short leads welcome

Sun 27 Sep 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil Rec free CP,
Chilton Grove off Mudford Rd. BA21 4AW (GR ST553173) Via Yeovil Marsh,
Draycott Farm, Limington, Ilchester, Sock Dennis Farm, Monarch's Way,
Hill Farm, Chilthorne Domer and Yeovil Marsh. Mostly flat. 734ft ascent.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only

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 leaders should be mindful of any potential hazards. 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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