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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 2025 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 although the leader may specify 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.

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, please check 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)

Ramblers' Summer Supper

**Thursday 7th August
Cricket St Thomas Golf Club**

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Please note - starting times vary

Thu 3 Jul No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 6 Jul 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Newton, Walkers free CP, Chilfrome Lane. DT2 0AX (GR SY593979) Via Toller Porcorum and Wynford Eagle. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only.

Thu 10 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. New Inn, West Coker. Parking in Church CP (GR ST516136) or roads nearby. Towards Windmill Hill and beyond. Hilly.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 13 Jul 10:00 B 12.4 miles. Picnic. Meet Abbotsbury Village CP, Rodden Row, adjacent to Swan Inn. (charges apply) DT3 4JL (GR SY579852) Via St Catherine's Chapel, Chesil Beach, Abbotsbury Castle, Portesham and Linton Hill. 1250ft ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 17 Jul No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 20 Jul 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Briantspuddle, Culpeppers Dish free CP. DT2 7HZ (GR SY811925) A Lawrence of Arabia Walk with commentary. Via Moreton and Clouds Hill then to Throop and Briantspuddle. Gently undulating. We picnic by Clouds Hill where you can opt to take the 1pm ½ hour tour of Lawrence's cottage if pre booked on NT website. (Tour spaces are limited so early booking advised. Members free or £11)
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 24 Jul 10:00 D 4.8 miles. Wadeford, The Haymaker Inn. TA20 3AP (GR ST312015) Parking in lower car park. Car share if possible, please. To Clayhanger Cross, Hornsbury Mill, Cuttifford's Door and return via Foxton Hill.
Bill T 07850 402404

Sun 27 Jul 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburry Estate free CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Venn Farm, Hardown Hill, Golden Cap, Thorncombe Beacon, Eype Down, Quarry Cross and Colmer's Hill. Hilly. 2135ft ascent.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only.

Thu 31 Jul No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Last day for summer supper bookings.

Sun 3 Aug 10:00 A 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP (charges apply) DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Stoke Abbott, Lewesdon Hill, Broadwindsor, Buckham Down Hill. Returning to Beaminster via Chantry Lane. Fine views. Some steep ascents.
Sue A 07508 849778

Thu 7 Aug 16:30 D 4.2 miles. Cricket St Thomas Golf Club. TA20 4DG (GR ST372094) Walking through Cricket St Thomas Estate. Some steep hills.
Bill T 07850 402404
Followed by:
19:00 The Summer Supper. Cricket St Thomas Golf Club.
Further details:
Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07415 897510

Sun 10 Aug 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Chard, Crowshute long stay CP. (opposite Sainsbury's) TA20 2EZ (GR ST321083) To Wambrook, down to Sycamore Farm and Whitehouse, back via Chardstock Undulating.
Jean V 01935 826089 Assistance dogs only.

Thu 14 Aug 10:00 D 5 miles. New Inn, Dowlish Wake. TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) To Cricket Malherbie, Cudworth and Chillington.
Phil B-T 01460 62060

Sun 17 Aug 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Higher Bockhampton near Dorchester at Thorncombe Wood CP. DT2 8QH (GR SY725921) Charges apply for all (eg. £7.50 for up to 8 hours payable on departure). Car sharing advised. Via Hardy's birthplace cottage, Duddle Heath, West Knighton, Winterborne Came, Max Gate and Stinsford. Undulating. 895ft ascent.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 21 Aug 10:15 D 5 miles. Duke of York, Shepton Beauchamp. TA19 0LW (GR ST402172) To Barrington and Barrington Court.
Phil B-T 01460 62060

Sat 23, Sun 24 and Mon 25 Aug Mendip Walking Festival
Chapmanslade Village Hall. BA13 4ET (between Frome, Westbury and Warminster) Several walks each day starting at 10:00.
See <https://www.mendipramblers.co.uk> for details.

Sun 24 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Sherborne, Culverhayes CP. (charges apply) DT9 3NJ (GR ST641164) Via Honeycombe Wood, Lillington, Leweston, Longburton, Folke, Alweston, Haydon Hill Wood and Sherborne Park. Undulating with one hill. 980ft ascent.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 28 Aug 10:30 D 4.5 miles. Castle Inn, Castle Street, Axminster. (GR SY297987) Public parking nearby. Fairly flat walk along River Axe.
(Note: 10:30 start for booking lunch)
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 31 Aug 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP next to Firehouse PH. TA10 OHE (GR ST 391252) To Burton Pynsent Monument, Underhill Farm, past Swell Wood, Fivehead and Drayton. On the levels.
Sue A 07508 849778

Mon 1 Sep Details of walks for the October-December 2025 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today.

Thu 4 Sep 10:00 C 5.7 miles. Ruishton, The Ruishton Inn. TA3 5JW (GR ST263250) Walking the waterways between Creech St Michael and Taunton. Level route mostly using wide paths & towpaths.
Bill T 07850 402404

Sun 7 Sep 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Seavington Millennium Hall CP, Water St. TA19 0QH (GR ST407146) Park in overflow section at back of CP. Via Townsend, Allowenshay, The Butts, Dowlish Wake, Clamour Copse, Hinton St George, Manor Farm, Lopen Head, Frogmary Green and Pond Farm. Undulating. 1006ft ascent.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only.

Thu 11 Sep 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Chard Reservoir. TA20 1HU (GR ST338093)
Parking in Oaklands Avenue. A local walk.
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 14 Sep 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens.
BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Via Odcombe. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only.

Thu 18 Sep 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Sheaf of Arrows, Melbury Osmond. DT2 0NF
(GR ST582078) Towards Chetnole, taking in St. Oswald Church.
Peter C. 07841 119218

Sun 21 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles Picnic. Meet Mapperton House CP. DT8 3NR
(GR SY503996) (park at far end of CP away from house) Via Toller Whelme and
Hooke Park. Some hills.
Maureen L 01458 741880

Thu 25 Sep No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 28 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Castle free CP.
(GR SY668889) Accessed via Maiden Castle Rd from opposite cemetery on
Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. Via Martinstown, Friar Waddon Hill and Upwey.
Several hills.
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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