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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

October - December 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. www.southsomersetramblers.org.uk

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.

Christmas Lunch

Cricket St Thomas Golf Club
Thursday 10 December 2026 at 1:00 pm

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Please note - starting times vary

Thur 1 Oct 10:00 D 5miles. Churchinford VH. TA3 7QY (GR ST213128) A walk around the Devon countryside. Philip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 4 Oct 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Keinton Manderville VH CP at end of Chistles Lane, off Queen St. TA11 6ES (GR ST546305) Via Barton St David, West Lydford and Lovington. 400ft ascent. Undulating. Jean V 01935 826089 Assistance dogs only
Thur 8 Oct 10:00 D 5.2 miles. The Farmers Arms PH, Slough Green. TA3 5RS (GR ST272198) To Thurlbear, Stoke Court, West Hatch and Meade's Farm. Undulating. Bill T 07850 402404 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 11 Oct 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Thorncombe, Thorn layby. TA20 4PH (GR ST372030) Via Thorncombe, Blackdown Hill, Pilsdon Pen, Pilsdon, Bettiscombe, Marshalsea, Grighay Farm and Shearing Cross. Very hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162 Assistance dogs only
Thur 15 Oct 10:00 D 4.9 miles. Quicksilver Mail, Hendford Hill, Yeovil. BA20 2RG (GR ST548149) To East Coker. Peter C 07841 119218 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 18 Oct 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Walton Hill free NT layby near BA16 9RD (GR ST466350) (On same road as YHA CP but 1mile further W). Via Walton Hill then towards Ivythorn Manor Farm, Dundon, Compton Dundon, Combe Hollow Lane, Admiral Hood Monument and Collard Hill. Undulating. Sue A 07508 849778 Assistance dogs only
Thur 22 Oct 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Muddled Man, West Chinnock. TA18 7PT (GR ST468135) Visiting all the Chinnocks. Gentle hills. Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 25 Oct 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards Yetminster. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only

Thur 29 Oct 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Meet at The Old Inn, Hawkchurch. EX13 5XD (GR ST343004) Going through Holditch.
Phil B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 1 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Charlton Mackrell village CP, Bonfire Lane, between school and church. TA11 7BN (GR ST529283) Via Training Gallop, Somerton Lane, Charlton House, Charlton Adam, Chessels Lane, Ridgeway Lane, Lytes Cary, Kingsdon, Mill Lane and Macmillan Way. Undulating.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only

Thur 5 Nov 10:00 D 4.5 miles. The Winchester Arms PH, Trull. TA3 7LG (GR ST216221) To Sherford and Vivary Park and return via East Deane Way and Cotlake Hill. One Hill. Excellent views over Taunton Deane.
Bill T 07850 402404 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 8 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Castle Cary, Millbrook Gardens free CP. BA7 7EE (GR ST639322). To North Cadbury via Monarch's Way returning via Galhampton. Lodge Hill ascent at beginning, thereafter, gently undulating. 625ft ascent.
Peter B 01935 389348 Assistance dogs only

Thur 12 Nov 10:00 D 4.7 miles. Meet at top of St John's CP by the church. BA6 9DR (GR ST490391) A hilly walk on The Glastonbury Way including Glastonbury Tor (alternative road route to bypass if preferred) and the ancient Avalon oak trees, Gog and Magog. Optional lunch afterwards.
Lisa W 07984 388643 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 15 Nov 9:45 B 10.6 miles. Picnic. Meet Burton Bradstock, Hive Beach NT CP. (£11 all day charge for non-members) DT6 4RF (GR SY491888) *W3W: outine.unpacked.noticing.* Via Burton Bradstock, Shipton Gorge, Shipton Hill, Chilcombe, Puncknowle and Coast Path. 1383ft ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786 Assistance dogs only

Thur 19 Nov 10:00 D 5 miles. Chilthorne Domer. Park in Main Street. (GR ST524187) Via Thorne Coffin and Lufton. Roads and fields. Low hills.
Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 22 Nov 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Mells opposite The Talbot Inn. BA11 3PN (GR ST728492) Park along roadside. Via Bedlam, Lower Egford Farm, Whatley, Nunney and Finger Farm. Undulating.
Richard W 07533 650126 Dogs on short leads welcome

Thur 26 Nov 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Poppe Inn, Tatworth. TA20 2NZ (GR ST327057) A flat unattractive walk to Chard Junction past a sewage works, a solar farm, a lorry park, derelict mills and more….!
Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 29 Nov 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Bridport Bus Station CP (charges apply) or nearby streets. DT6 3TP (GR SY463929) To West Bay, Eype Mouth, Thorncombe Beacon, Seatown, Eype Wood, Down House Farm and Higher Eype. Hilly. Views.
Sue A 07508 849778 Assistance dogs only

Mon 30 Nov Details of walks for the January-March 2027 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today please.

Thur 3 Dec 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Chardstock VH. EX13 7BJ (GR ST310045)) Going through Burridge.
Phil B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 6 Dec 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Trent, by the church. DT9 4SL (GR ST590186) Via Gore Farm, Adber, White Post House, Rimpton, Sandford Orcus, Higher Sandford, Ambrose Hill, Coombe Lane, Monarch's Way, Oatcroft Lane, Kitton Lane and Nether Compton. Undulating.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only

Thur 10 Dec 10:30 D 4 miles. Cricket St Thomas Golf Club. TA20 4DG (GR ST372094) Pre-lunch walk through the Cricket St Thomas estate.
Bill T 07850 402404 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Followed at 1:00pm by the Christmas Lunch.
Wendy Y 01935 862340 or 07415 897510

Sun 13 Dec 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Seldon Hill, Minterne Magna and Buckland Newton. 1457ft ascent. Hilly.
Peter B 01935 389348 Assistance dogs only

Thur 17 Dec No scheduled walks but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 20 Dec 10:00 B 9.5 miles Picnic. Meet Maiden Newton, Walkers' CP, Chilfrome Lane. DT2 0AX (GR SY593979) Via Compton Valence. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only

Thur 24 Dec No walk today.

Sun 27 Dec 9:45 A 10.2 miles. Picnic. Meet Stonebarrow (nr. Charmouth) NT CP. (£6.60 all day charge for non-members) (GR SY382933)
W3W: reek.could.mouths. Via Morcombelake, Mandeville Stoke Farm, Higher Abbott's Wootton Farm and Catherston Leweston. 1560ft ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786 Assistance dogs only

Thur 31 Dec 10:00 D 5 miles. Orchard Vale CP, Ilminster. TA19 0EU (GR ST360145) To Coldharbour, River Isle and Donyatt.
Return over Herne Hill (steep).
Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

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 via 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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