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**A local group of the Ramblers' Association
promoting rambling, protecting rights of way,
and campaigning for access to open
countryside.**

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South Somerset Ramblers

April – July 2024 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.

Summer Supper

A note for your diary.

The Summer Supper will take place on
Thursday 8th August
at The Royal Oak, Hardington.

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COVID 19

There are no Covid restrictions currently in the UK.
However, if you have any Covid symptoms, we request that
you do not attend a group walk.

Last Minute Changes to Walks

Occasionally walks may be cancelled or re-arranged.
It is advisable to check the South Somerset Ramblers'
website before you go:
www.southsomersetramblers.org.uk

Please note - walk starting times vary

Thu 4 Apr 10:00 C 6 miles. Royal Oak PH, Walton, nr Street. BA16 9QG
(GR ST465364) Moors and droves around Sharpham Park.
Les S 07540 154034

Thu 4 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Winsham, The Bull. TA20 4HU (GR ST375064)
To Ford Bridge and the Chalkway. Some hills.
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 7 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet below Hardy's Monument at
Smitten Corner layby on the Martinstown road. (GR SY615877)
(w3w collapsed.artist.renamed) Via the monument, Hell Stone Dolmen,
Portesham Farm, Waddon Chapel, Corton Hill, Friar Waddon Hill, Uplyme,
Corton Down and Bronkham Hill. Hilly.
Maria L 01935 873456 or 07913 546011

Thu 11 Apr 10:00 C 6.5 miles. Meet at Nash Road, Yeovil (parallel with the A30) (GR ST535144) To Nash, North Coker, Isles Lane and Tellis Cross.
425' ascent.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 11 Apr 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Keinton Mandeville, Quarry Inn. TA11 6DZ (GR ST548310) Please park at side of pub. To West Lydford and Barton St David.
Phil B 07432 300677

Sun 14 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Okeford Hill CP & Picnic Site, one mile SE of Okeford Fitzpaine. DT11 0EF (GR ST812093) Via Turnworth, Winterbourne Stickland, The Folly and the Wessex Ridgeway. Gentle hills.
Mike P 01963 363077

Thu 18 Apr 10:00 D 5 miles. Over Stratton, The Royal Oak. TA13 5LQ (GR ST435154) On the levels. Flat over fields and tracks.
Sue A 07508 849778

Sun 21 Apr 10:00 C 7.5 miles plus B 3.5 miles. Meet Maiden Newton, Walkers' CP, Chilfrome Lane. DT2 0AX (GR SY593979) Figure of eight walk. First part via Cruxton and Southover with a picnic lunch at Lower Frome Vauchurch. (7.5 miles Grade C). Undulating. Return to car park for start of second part via Fore Hill. (3.5 miles Grade B). Hilly.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered assistance dogs only.

Thu 25 Apr 10:00 D 4 miles. Evercreech Junction, The Natterjack Inn. BA4 6NA (GR ST840365) To Cuttern Mill, Evercreech and returning along River Alum.
Phil B 07432 300677

Sun 28 Apr 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Tintinhull VH CP, Vicarage St. BA22 8PY (GR ST500196) Towards Stoke sub Hamdon, Norton sub Hamdon, Montacute and Cole Cross. Undulating.
Jean V 01935 826089

Thu 2 May 10:15 C 5.6 miles. Churchinford VH CP. TA3 7QY (GR ST213128) Through Churchstanton and the old airfield. Lunch available at The York Inn.
Philip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 5 May 10:00 B 12 miles. Picnic. Meet Winscombe Hill CP west off A38, one mile N of Axbridge. BS25 1DH (GR ST422560) Via Compton Bishop, Crook Peak, West Mendip Way, Yadley Lane, Strawberry Line, Mapleton Lane, Wintrath, Winterhead Hill, Winscombe Drove and King's Wood. Hilly.
Ian W 07478 672185

Thu 9 May 10:00 C 7 miles. Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas. DT9 4RU (GR ST626206) Limited parking, patrons only please. Steep climb to Poyntington ridge and village, and return via Sherborne Golf Club. Some hills.
Les S 07540 154034.

Thu 9 May 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Wadeford, Haymaker Inn. TA20 3AP (GR ST312015) To Pudleigh and Nimmer. Mills and more mills.
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 12 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Corscombe Church CP. DT2 0NU (GR ST523049) Via Bracket's Coppice Nature Reserve, West Chelborough and Urless Farm. Undulating.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 16 May 10:00 C 5.5 miles. Hambridge, Lamb & Lion PH. TA10 0AT (GR ST394216) Isle Brewers. On the Levels. River Isle, Burton Mead Drove and Crabtree Lane. Some road walking.
Sue A 07508 849778

Thu 16 May 10:30 D 4.5 miles. Meet at Long Sutton VH CP. TA10 9NT (GR ST469256) Towards Knole Hill, Knole, past Highbrooks disused quarry and back to Long Sutton. (Food available at either The Lime Kiln PH or The Devonshire Arms)
Ed & Sue 07871 185102

Sun 19 May 10:00 A 13.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Stratton (near Dorchester) by the church. DT2 9RU (GR SY651938) Via Hog Hill, Crete Hill, Higher City Farm, Sydling St Nicolas, Huish Barn and Magiston Farm. 1800' ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 23 May 10:00 D 5 miles. Mere. (GR ST812327) Park at junction of Manor Road and North Road (left turn into narrow road by George PH/Clock Tower, 20 minutes from Sparkford roundabout). White Sheet Hill, Beech Clump and Mere Castle.
Phil E 01935 429302 07502492239

Sun 26 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Crewkerne at layby in Ashlands opposite Wadham School. TA18 7NT (GR ST449102) Via Merriott and Hinton St George. Undulating.
Robert J 01935 423383

Thu 30 May 10:00 C 6 miles. Limington, The Lamb & Lark PH. BA22 8EG (GR ST542219) Around Yeovilton and Ashington through lanes and droves. Les S 07540 154034
Sun 2 Jun 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP (charges apply). DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Meerhay, Beaminster Down, Cheddington, Winyard's Gap, Corscombe, Beaminster Bottom and Lake House Farm. Hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Thu 6 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Chard Reservoir (car park 2 miles east of Chard on A30). TA20 1HU (GR ST338093) To Knowle St Giles and Widgery. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 9 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Charmouth, Barrs Lane by recreation ground. DT6 6PS (GR SY365938) Via Conegar Hill, Prime Coppices, Whitchurch Canonicorum and Char Valley. Hilly at beginning then mostly flat. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 13 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet at Arnewood Gardens, Yeovil. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Towards North Coker. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u>
Sun 16 Jun 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Hemyock, Fore Street CP or nearby street parking. EX15 3RF (GR ST137133) To Culm Bridge, Balham Water, Higher Mackham Farm and Dunkeswell Abbey. Some steep ascents. Fine views. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 20 Jun 10:00 C 5 miles. Shepton Beauchamp, Duke of York PH. TA19 0LW (GR ST402172) On the Levels via Barrington Court. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 23 Jun 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Lambert's Castle NT CP. (GR SY365987) Towards Wooton Fitzpaine, Monkton Wyld and returning via Hawkchurch. Undulating with one long ascent up to B3165. Jean V 01935 826089
Mon 24 Jun Details of walks for the August – November programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8).

Thu 27 Jun 10:00 C 5 miles. Chard, Crowshute CP. (Long stay car park currently £1.90 per day.) TA20 2DH (GR ST321084) To Cotley Copse and return.
Bill T 07850 402404

Sat 29 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet at Baltonsborough VH CP on Ham Street near pub. BA4 8PX (GR ST544349) Tracing the River Brue from Baltonsborough Flights. Food available at The Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville.
Phil B 07432 300677

Sun 30 Jun 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Castle Cary, St Catherine's Close CP. BA7 7HP (GR ST641326) Via Wyke Champflower, Pitcombe and Shepton Montague. Undulating.
Martin R 07809 893747

Thu 4 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Ilminster, Muchelney House CP, Canal Way. (GR ST358145) To Shudrick Valley and Longponds.
Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 7 Jul 10:00 C 7 miles plus B 3.5 miles. Meet Langport, Cocklemoor Long Stay CP. TA10 9PG (GR ST419266) Figure of eight walk. First part via Drayton with picnic lunch at Muchelney (7 miles Grade C). Flat. Return to car park for start of second part via Combe and Wearne (3.5 miles Grade B). One steep ascent.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered assistance dogs only

Thu 11 Jul 10:00 D 4.5 miles. North Curry, Bird in Hand PH. TA3 6LT (GR ST252319) To River Tone via Lower Knapp. On the Levels.
Sue A 07508 849778

Sun 14 July 10.00 A 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Stratton (near Dorchester) by the church DT2 9RU (GR SY651938) Via Hog Hill, Crete Hill, Higher City Farm, Sydling St Nicolas, Huish Barn and Magiston Farm. 1800' ascent. Hilly.
Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 18 Jul 10:00 C 6 miles. West Camel, The Walnut Tree. BA22 7QW (GR ST578248) Hopefully exploring some of the new walks provided by the A303 scheme. Food may be available at The Walnut Tree (to be confirmed nearer the date).
Les S 07540 154034

Sun 21 Jul 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Broadwindsor School layby, below church on the Drimpton road. DT8 3QL (GR ST437027) Via Lewesdon Hill, Great Beach Coppice, Laverstock Farm and Stoke Abbott. Hilly.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 25 Jul 10:30 D 5 miles. Dowlish Wake, New Inn. TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) Through Chillington and Cudworth.
Philip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 28 Jul 10:00 B 13 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburys Estate CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Bilshay Farm, Pymore, Bradpole, Shipton Gorge, Burton Bradstock, West Bay, Lower Eype and Higher Eype. One steep hill and a few more gentle hills.
Ian W 07478 672185

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

A risk assessment form must be completed for each walk and retained for 3 years Forms will be circulated to leaders by the Programme Organisers.

Accidents

If there is an accident requiring help, the leader should stay with the casualty until help arrives (unless a competent carer 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 August – November 2024 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 24 June 2024.