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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 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.

Dogs on Walks

Please note that walk leaders may specify either:

Dogs on a short lead are welcome

or

Assistance dogs only

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Please note - starting times vary

Thur 2 Apr 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Duke of York PH, Shepton Beauchamp. TA19 0LW (GR ST402172) Via Barrington Court. Moderate walk.
Phill B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 5 Apr 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP next to Firehouse PH off Church St. TA10 0HE (GR ST391252) Via Holden's Way, Currymead Lane, Burton Mead Drove, Swell Drove, Stillbrook Lane, Cathanger Lane, Smith's Farm, Underhill Farm, Ledgenham Farm and Burton Pynsent Monument. Mostly flat. 545ft ascent.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only

Thur 9 Apr 10:00 D 4.9 miles. Quicksilver Mail PH, Hendford Hill, Yeovil. BA20 2RG (GR ST548149) Through Barwick and Ninesprings.
Peter C 07841 119218 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 12 Apr 10:00 B 10.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburys Estate Free CP. DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) NW to Henwood Hill, Denhay Cross, Coppet Hill, S to Venn Farm, Chideock, Pettycrate Lane, Golden Cap. Then Seatown, Quarry Cross and Colmers Hill. Hilly. 1683ft ascent.
Jim T 01935 32178 Assistance dogs only

Thur 16 Apr 10:00 D 5 miles. Muddled Man PH, West Chinnock. TA18 7PT (GR ST468135) Visiting all the Chinnocks.
Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 19 Apr 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Lyme Regis, Charmouth Rd CP (charges apply). DT7 3DR (GR SY344927) Free roadside parking is usually available up the hill in Fairfield Park. Via Dragon's Hill, Hole Common, Penn, Stubb's Farm, Wootton Fitzpaine, Catherston Leweston and Charmouth. Undulating.
Sue A 07508 849778 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Thur 23 Apr No scheduled walks, but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 26 Apr 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Norton sub Hamdon Village Hall CP New Road. TA14 6SF (GR ST470161) Via Wigborough, Merriott, Haselbury Plucknett and Middle Chinnock. Undulating with one hill. 850ft ascent. Jean V 01935 826089 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 30 Apr 10:00 C 5 miles. Winyard's Gap PH, Chedington. DT8 3HY (GR ST491060) Towards Mosterton. Bob W 07967 535117 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 3 May 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Broadwindsor, road parking on Redlands Lane by Craft Centre. DT8 3PX (GR ST440024) Via Leweston Hill, Great Beach Coppice (bluebells), Pilsdon, Bettiscombe, Pilsdon Pen and Burstock. Hilly. 1823ft ascent. Peter B 01935 389348 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Thur 7 May 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Oaklands CP (Chard Reservoir), Chard. TA20 1HU (GR ST338093) Through Knowle St Giles and Chaffcombe. One stile. Phillip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 10 May 10:00 B 11.2 miles. Picnic. Meet Castle Cary, Millbrook Gardens free CP. BA7 7EE (GR ST639322) Via Pitcombe, Bruton, Wyke Champflower and Sutton. Undulating. Richard W 07533 650126 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Thur 14 May 10:00 D 5 miles. Meet at Seavington Village Café, (park in overflow car park). TA19 7QH (GR ST406146) A walk to Dinnington en route to Lopen. Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 17 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Via Odcombe. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 21 May No scheduled walks, but please see our website for any changes.
Sun 24 May 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Barrington Court NT CP. TA19 0NQ (but follow brown tourist signs) (GR ST396181) Via Hillside, Mountfields, Hollow Road, Peak Lane, Hurcott Lane, Gaston Corner, Stocklinch, Copse Lane and Lake Farm. Undulating. 877ft ascent. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>

Thur 28 May No scheduled walks, but please see our website for any changes.
Sun 31 May 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Lambert's Castle NT CP. (GR SY365987) Via Wyld Warren, Hawkchurch, Hewood, Thorncombe (lunch), Gashay Farm and Lambert's Hill. Hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Mon 1 Jun Details of walks for the July - September 2026 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today please.
Thur 4 Jun 10:00 C 5.3 miles. Crowshute CP, Chard. TA20 2DH (GR ST321084) Through Wambrook with excellent views of the Somerset countryside. Phillip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 7 Jun 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. BA20 2LQ (GR ST545145) Via Pendomer. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Assistance dogs only</u>
Thur 11 Jun 10:00 D 5 miles. Meet at Villa Verde, Chilthorne Domer. BA21 3PX (GR ST525185) Level route. Peter C 07841 119218 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 14 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Bradpole by the church. DT6 3EU (GR SY480942) Via Mangerton, West Milton, Mappercombe Manor, Askerswell and Lodors. Undulating. 1079ft ascent. Peter B 01935 389348 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Thur 18 Jun 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet Muchelney House, Canal Way, Ilminster. TA19 0DT (GR ST358145) The medieval pottery route to Donyatt. Marian P 01460 57093 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Sun 21 Jun 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Uplyme VH rear CP (£2 per car donation in letterbox at front of hall). DT7 3UY (GR SY324934) Via Horseman's Hill, Viaduct, Rousdon Estate, Leggett's Lane, Heathfield Farm, Haye Lane, Higher Bruckland Farm and Pencroft Farm. Undulating. Views. Sue A 07508 849778 Dogs on a short lead welcome
Thur 25 Jun 10:00 D 5 miles. Churchinford VH. TA3 7QY (GR ST213128) A walk around the Devon countryside. Phillip B-T 07874 198660 Dogs on a short lead welcome

Sun 28 Jun 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Poundbury, Queen Mother Square, outside Waitrose. DT1 3BW (GR SY671907) Park on street or in Overflow Car Park (signed from Peverill Ave West and Great Cranford Street). Via Muckleford and Hampton. Undulating.
Martin R 07809 893747 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 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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