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

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South Somerset Ramblers

August - November 2023 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 = 5-7 miles Medium pace

D = 4-5 miles Moderate pace

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 is subsequently found to be closed, please park nearby but still meet at the pub.

COVID-19

It is important that walkers are aware of the Government's latest guidance which may vary during the course of this programme.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you **MUST NOT** attend the group walk.

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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 3 Aug 16:30 D 5 miles. Long Load, Langport TA10 9JU (GR ST471246)
Summer Supper at Long Sutton Golf Club preceded by a walk from the Golf Club towards Knole.
Wendy & Richard Y 07722 095175

Sun 6 Aug 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Seavington Millennium Hall CP, Water Street. TA19 0QH (GR ST407146) Park in overflow section at back of CP. Via Kingstone, Dowlish Wake, Chillington, Hinton St George and Lopen. A few hills. Ascent 1000 feet.
Ian W 07478 672185

Thu 10 Aug 10:30 C 6 miles. Hawkchurch, Old Inn. EX13 5XD (GR ST343004)
Towards Holditch.
Philip B-T 01460 62060

Sun 13 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Maiden Castle CP. (GR SY668889) Accessed via Maiden Castle Rd from opposite Cemetery on Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. Starting with a circumnavigation of Maiden Castle on the ramparts, then via Martinstown, Corton Down, Corton Hill and Friar Wadham Hill. Some hills. Jean V 01935 826089
Thu 17 Aug 10:00 C 5 miles. Clapton Village Hall. (GR ST416088) To Wayford, Oakhill, Netherbury and Seaborough Court. Hilly. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 20 Aug 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Charlton Horethorne Village Centre DT9 4NL (GR ST665232) Via Stafford's Green, Poyntington, Milborne Wick and Stowell. Undulating with a few steeper inclines. Peter B 01935 389348
Thu 24 Aug 10:00 D 4.7 miles. Mudford Road CP, Yeovil. (GR ST553173) To Stone Lane, Keeper's Cottage and Hook Drove. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239
Sat 26, Sun 27, Mon 28 Aug <u>Mendip Free Walking Festival.</u> Meet at the Scout Hut, The Blue School, Kennion Road, Wells. BA5 2NP (GR ST543462) Choice of several walks each day, mostly starting at 10:00. Details - www.mendipramblers.co.uk
Thu 31 Aug 10:30 C 5.5 miles. Dowlish Wake, New Inn, TA19 0NZ (GR ST375124) Through Cudworth and Chillington. Philip B-T 01460 62060
Sun 3 Sep 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Wincanton Memorial Hall Free CP. BA9 9JF (GR ST715286) Via Buckhorn Weston, Cucklington and Stoke Trister. Some hills. Mike P 01963 363077
Thu 7 Sep 10:00 D 4.5miles. Odcombe, Masons Arms. BA22 8TX (GR ST509158) To East Chinnock and Five Ashes. Hilly. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 10 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Burton Bradstock, Hive Beach NT CP. DT6 4RF (GR ST491888) Via Bennett's Hill Farm, Shipton Hill, Chilcombe and Puncknowle. Hilly. Ascent 1400 feet. Jim T 01935 321786

Thu 14 Sep 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 17 Sep 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Mapperton, park on road by Village Hall. DT8 3NR (GR SY502998) Via Toller Whelme and Hooke Park. Some hills. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thu 21 Sep 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Pilton, The Crown Inn. BA4 4AE (GR ST588410) (Please note that the car park is at rear of pub or park opposite down the hill – it's a one way street.) To Stoodley Bridge, West Compton and Burford. Some hills. Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 24 Sep 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Shapwick, Church Road. TA7 9NE (GR ST417382) Via Walton, Pedwell and Greinton. Undulating, with no major hills. Stella T 07969 472883
Thu 28 Sep 10:00 C 5.2 miles. Burrowbridge, King Alfred Inn. TA7 ORB (GR ST360395) On the levels. Drovers, tracks, fields and stiles. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 1 Oct 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Trinity Hill CP. (GR SY304955). The CP is newly refurbished and enlarged and accessed via Trinity Hill Rd from A35 at Raymond's Hill. (Go past the smaller Nature Reserve CP). Via Shapwick Grange, Uplyme Church (lunch), Dragons Hill, Hole Common, Whitty Down and Yawl. Fairly hilly. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Thu 5 Oct 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Wadeford, Haymaker Inn. TA20 3AP (GR ST312015) To Pudleigh and Nimmer. An area of mills. Hilly. Marion P 01460 57093
Sun 8 Oct 10:00 A 12 miles. Picnic. Meet at layby on A37 near Clay Pigeon, Warden Hill. DT2 9PW (GR ST607028) Via East Hill and Up Sydling. Hilly. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Registered assistance dogs only.</u>
Thu 12 Oct 10:30 D 4.8 miles. Hardington Moor, Royal Oak. BA22 9NW (GR ST518121) Scenic walk towards East Coker and West Coker through lanes and droves. Some hills. Wendy & Richard Y 07722 095175

Sun 15 Oct 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Somerton, Paddock House Long Stay CP at far end of Brunel Shopping Precinct CP. Free at all times. TA11 6LW (GR ST489286) Via Catsgore, Long Sutton and Somerton Hill Farm. Mix of flat and undulating. Several sections of tarmac mostly on quiet lanes. Martin R 01458 259333 or 07809 893747
Mon 16 Oct Details of walks for the next programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser (see page 8).
Thu 19 Oct 10:30 D 4.2 miles. Over Stratton, The Royal Oak. TA13 5LQ (GR ST435152) To Lopen with return along old Fosse Way. Phil B 07432 300677
Sun 22 Oct 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Curry Rivel Village CP next to Firehouse PH. TA10 OHE (GR ST391252) To Burton Pynsent Monument, Underhill Farm, past Swell Wood, Fivehead and Drayton. On the levels. Sue A 07508 849778
Thu 26 Oct 10:00 C 6 miles. Langport CP. TA10 9ZD (GR ST423266) Meet at Black Swan. To Curry Rivel, Wick and Drayton. On the levels. Sue A 07508 849778
Sun 29 Oct 9:30 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Ham Hill, Lime Kiln CP. TA14 6RW (GR ST479165) Via Montacute, Middle Chinnock, Chiselborough and Stoke sub Hamdon. Several hills, Jean V 01935 826089.
Thu 2 Nov 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 5 Nov 10:00 B 12 miles Picnic. Crewkerne. Meet at layby in Ashlands opposite Wadham School. TA18 7NT (GR ST449102) Via Broadshard, Merriott, Lower and Over Stratton, Lopen and Hinton St George. Undulating. Ascent 920 feet. Jim T 01935 321786
Thu 9 Nov 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Ilminster, Muchelney House, Canal Way. TA19 0DT (GR ST360145) To Long Ponds, Shudrick Valley and Dillington Park. Not hilly, but probably muddy. Marion P 01460 57093

Sun 12 Nov 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Mudford Village Hall CP. BA21 5TF (GR ST574198) Via Mudford Sock, Ashington Wood, Draycott, Chilton Cantelo, Marston Magna and Hummer Bridge. A few hills.
Ian W 07478 672185

Thu 16 Nov 10:00 C 6.5 miles. Chilthorne Domer, Main Street. (GR ST524187) To Cole Cross, Montacute Park, Lufton and Thorne Coffin. (Passes under A3088 Cartgate Link road).
Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502 492239

Sun 19 Nov 10:30 A 11 miles Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP. (Charges apply) DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via South Perrott and Winyard's Gap. Hilly.
Derek L 01935 426842 Registered assistance dogs only.

Thu 23 Nov 10:00 C 6 miles. Long Sutton, Lime Kiln Inn. TA10 9JH (GR ST472257) To Knole. On the levels.
Sue A 07508 849778

Sun 26 Nov 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Giant Hill, Wessex Ridgeway towards Alton Pancras, Plush, Piddletrenthide, Kingrove Bottom and Black Hill. Some hills.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thu 30 Nov 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Castle Cary, The White Hart. (Opposite the Horse Pond) BA7 7BQ (GR ST641322) Park by fire station and walk round to pub. To Lodge Hill and Galhampton.
Phil B 07432 300677

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 always 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 County Council Rights of Way Officer on 0845 345 9155 or through the SCC 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 their walk they should either find a replacement or contact the appropriate Programme Organiser (preferably by telephone) 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 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by Monday 16 October 2023.

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