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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

January - March 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 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, if there are gaps in the programme, please check the website to see if they have been filled.

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URGENT 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, we can provide the necessary training. Please contact one of the Programme Organisers for further information.
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Please note - starting times vary

Thur 1 Jan 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet at Muchelney House, Canal Way, Ilminster. TA19 0EF (GR ST358145) A level walk through the Dillington Estate. Mainly solid ground.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 4 Jan 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

Thur 8 Jan 10:00 C 5.3 miles. Crowshute CP, Chard. TA20 2DH (GR ST321083)
Going through Wambrook with excellent views of the Somerset countryside.
Philip B-T 07874 198660

Sun 11 Jan 10:00 B 11.4 miles. Picnic. Meet Sherborne, far end Richmond Rd. accessed from Horsecastles off Horsecastles Lane. DT9 3HN (GR ST633164)
Via Osborne, Poyntington Hill, Stafford's Green and Sandford Orcas.
1071ft ascent. Some hills.
Peter B 01935 389348

Thur 15 Jan 10:00 D 5 miles. Muddled Man, West Chinnock. TA18 7PT (GR ST468135) Visiting all the Chinnocks.
Marian P 01460 57093

Sun 18 Jan 10:30 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP (charges apply). DT8 3EQ (GR ST481014) Via Netherbury and Loscombe. Undulating.
Derek L 01935 426842 Assistance dogs only.

Thur 22 Jan 10:00 D 5 miles. Chuchinford Village Hall. TA3 7QY (GR ST214127)
Going around the Devon countryside.
Philip B-T 07874 198660

Sun 25 Jan 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Charlton Mackrell village CP, Bonfire Lane, between school and church. TA11 7BN (GR ST529283) Via Kingsdon, Lytes Cary and Charlton Adam. 598ft ascent. Mainly Flat. Ian W 07478 672185 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 29 Jan 10:00 C 5.1 miles. Staple Fitzpaine, The Greyhound Inn PH. TA3 5SP (GR ST264183) To Ben's Copse and return via Frost Street. Bill T 07850 402404
Sun 1 Feb 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Crewkerne, layby in Ashlands opposite Wadham School. TA18 7NT (GR ST449102) Via Clapton, Seaborough, Henley and Misterton. 1130ft ascent. Undulating. Jim T 01935 321786 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 5 Feb 10:00 C 5 Miles. New Inn PH, Dowlish Wake. TA19 0NZ (GR ST 375124) To Cudworth and Chillington. Phil B-T 07874 198660
Sun 8 Feb 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, towards Ivythorn Manor Farm, Dundon, Compton Dundon, Combe Hollow Lane, Admiral Hood Monument and Collard Hill. Undulating. Sue A 07508 849778
Thur 12 Feb 10:00 D 4.5 miles. Meet at Seavington Village Hall. TA19 7QH (GR ST406147) A walk to Dinnington. Marian P 01460 57093
Sun 15 Feb 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Alfred's Tower free CP on Tower Rd. N of Stourhead. BA10 0LB (GR ST749353) Via Convent Bottom, Stourhead and Castle Wood. Undulating. Maureen L 01458 741880
Thur 19 Feb 10:00 D 5 miles. Chilthorne Domer, Main Street. (GR ST524187) Via Thorne Coffin & Lufton. Roads and across fields. Low hills. Phil E 01935 429302 or 07502492239
Sun 22 Feb 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Wether Hill, Wessex Ridgeway and Godmanstone. Undulating. Derek L 01935 426842 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>

Thur 26 Feb 10:00 D 5 Miles. Castlebrook Inn PH, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PR (GR ST490327) Walk around the village and up to Hood Monument. Peter C 07841 119218
Sun 1 Mar 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet Cerne Abbas, Kettle Bridge CP. DT2 7GY (GR ST664015) Via Nether Cerne, Sydling St Nicholas (lunch) and Wessex Ridgeway. Some hills. John D 01297 678217 or 07719 528162
Mon 2 Mar Details of walks for the April - June 2026 programme should reach the appropriate Programme Organiser by today please.
Thur 5 Mar 10:00 D 5 miles. Hawkchurch Village Hall. EX13 5XD (GR ST343004) A walk through Holditch. Philip B-T 07874 198660
Sun 8 Mar 10:00 B 11.5 miles. Picnic. Meet Abbotsbury Village CP Rodden Row, adjacent to Swan Inn (charges apply). DT3 4JL (GR SY579852) Via St Catherine's Chapel, E Bexington Farm, Dorset Ridgeway, Portesham, E and W Elworth. 1390ft ascent. A number of moderate ascents plus one steep climb from the coast to the Dorset Ridgeway. Jim T 01935 321786 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 12 Mar 10:00 B 4.7 miles East Lambrook, Rose & Crown PH. TA13 5HF (GR ST431190) To Compton Durville via Mid Lambrook and return along the Lambrook Brook. Level walk. Bill T 07850402404
Sun 15 Mar 10:00 B 11 miles. Picnic. Meet South Petherton, Lightgate Lane Rec CP. TA13 5AU (GR ST437169) Via Compton Durville, Lopen, Hinton St George and Merriott. 750ft ascent. Undulating. Steepest section is path up to Hinton St George. Jean V 01935 826089 <u>Assistance dogs only.</u>
Thur 19 Mar 10:00 C 5.3 miles. Yarn Barton CP, Beaminster. DT8 3AS (GR ST481014) Through Stoke Abbott and over Gerards Hill. Philip B-T 07874 198660
Sun 22 Mar 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Henley near Buckland Newton. Park in layby on W side B3143. DT2 7BL (GR ST695045) The Lyscombe Horseshoe walk via West Hill, Plush, Lyscombe Chapel (lunch), Ball Hill and Bookham. 1550ft ascent. Several hills. Peter B 01935 389348

Thur 26 Mar No scheduled walks, but please see our website for any changes.

Sun 29 Mar 10:00 B 10 miles. Picnic. Meet Symondsburry Estate Free CP.
DT6 6HG (GR SY445937) Via Monarch's Way, Bilshay Farm, Pymore,
Bothenhampton, West Bay, Eype and Higher Eype. 1548ft ascent. Undulating.
Ian W 07478 672185 Assistance dogs only.

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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