



SOUTH SOMERSET GROUP

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A local group of the Ramblers' Association. Registered. Charity No.1093577. Promoting rambling, protecting rights of way, campaigning for access to open country and defending the beauty of the countryside.

APR - JUL 2012 WALKS

Our walks are open to anyone interested. If you want to know more about the Ramblers' Association, or this programme, please ask any committee member. New walks leaders are always needed, so if you are able to lead a walk please contact the programme secretary. A copy of this programme is available free on our website or can be obtained on request to the publicity officer (price 3 second class stamps, free to South Somerset Group members). Please send a stamped addressed envelope if it is to be posted. Walks are graded according to the following classification of pace:-
A = fast; B = brisk; C = moderate; D = easy.

Starting times of walks vary and need to be noted carefully.

NOTICES.

Friday evening walks. See Jun 8, Jun 29 & Jul 13.

Group Committee Meeting. See Thurs Jun 7.

Half-day weekend walks. See Apr 7, May 5, Jun 3 and Jul 7.

Programme Distribution. See Jul 5 and Jul 12.

Railway Walks. See May 30 and Jul 21.

Summer Supper. See Jul 19. Please book by Jul 1.

Walks leaders. Would leaders of Sunday all-day walks please give Jean Verkroost final details of their walks on the next programme by Jun 1. Would leaders of other walks please give details to Jim Fewkes by Jun 7.

PROGRAMME OF WALKS

General note on pub car parking. It is common courtesy to use the pub for food or drinks if parking on their property. If not able to, park on roads or public car parks wherever possible.

Sun Apr 1. 10.30. Meet at Wayford near Clapton. Park near church. GR ST404066. 10 miles. C. Picnic. Via Winsham, Blackdown and Drimpton. No dogs. Derek L. 01935 426842.

Thu Apr 5. 10.00. The Volunteer Inn, Seavington St Michael. GR 409152. 6 miles. C. To Lopen & Dinnington. Limited parking at pub – please use side roads. Phil B. 01458 850834.

Thu Apr 5. 10.30. Rose & Portcullis, Butleigh. GR 510173. 4.5 miles. D. To Great Breach Woods, Combe Wood and part of the Polden Way. Roger & Eileen 01460 241608..

- Sat Apr 7.** 10.20. North Perrott Church. GR 475094. 5.5 miles. C. Those wishing to patronise the Manor Arms Inn might like to make arrangements with the pub, tel no 01460 72901.No dogs, please. Marian & Derek 01460 73695.
- Sun Apr 8.** 10.00. Canal Side CP (Follow brown signs off A358 towards Creech St Michael). GR ST275255. 11 miles. B. Picnic. Towards Thornfalcon, North Curry, Knapp. Jean V. 01935 826089
- Thu Apr 12.** 10.00. Maiden Newton, Chilfrome Lane Walker's CP. GR 594976. 6 miles. C. Circular walk via Wynford Eagle & Cruxton. Martin and Jean 01460 76366.
- Thu Apr 12.** 10.30. Stourhead National Trust CP. Non-members £2.00. OS Ex 142 GR ST 779341. 4.25 miles. D. Via Row Farm, Gasper Farm and Top Lane. Dogs on lead, please. Mervyn 01747 840896.
- Sun Apr 15.** 10.30. Minterne Magna (opposite Church). GR ST658043. 12 miles. B. Picnic. Batcombe, Hermitage, Lyons Gate. Tony W. 01935 477273
- Thu Apr 19.** 10.30. Burton Bradstock NT car park. GR 492888. 6 miles. C. Awnings Lane, Eight Acre Copse, Hamilton Hill, Shipton Hill, Shipton Gorge, Milvers Lane. Gerry 01935 881317.
- Thu Apr 19.** 10.30. Royal Oak, Hardington Moor. GR 521123. 4 miles. D. Up through conservation fields, and toward East Coker. Hills will be taken slowly. Sorry, no dogs. Valerie 01935 862721
- Sun Apr 22.** 10.30. Fifehead Magdalen Village Hall. GR ST779216. 9 miles. C. Picnic. Via Stour Provest, West Stour & Buckhorn Weston. Richard C. 01935 473951.
- Thu Apr 26.** 10.00. Hunters Lodge PH, Wincanton. GR 743298. 5.5 miles. C. Pen Selwood, Pen Pits and Bourton Ridge. Hilly with views over three counties. Roger & Janet 01963 34965..
- Thu Apr 26.** 10.30. Prigg Lane CP, South Petherton. GR 434169. If car park is full there is nearby street parking. 4 miles. D. Pat & George B. 01935 824487.
- Sun Apr 29.** 10.30. Broadwindsor School layby. GR ST437027. Combined C and B grade figure-of-eight walk. Morning. 8 miles. C. via Stoke Abbott, Great Beach Coppice. Afternoon. 7 miles. B. via Burstock, Pilsdon Pen. Total for both walks 15 miles. Picnic during first walk. Peter B. 01935 862229.
- Thu May 3.** 10.00. Crewkerne Town Hall. GR 441098. 6 miles. C. Please allow time to find parking. No dogs, please. David and Christine. 01460 271496.
- Thu May 3.** 10.30. Norton Car Park at Ham Hill. Going from Odcombe this is the second car park on the left before the sharp turning to Little Norton. GR 479166. 4 miles. D. David K. 01935 420545.
- Sat May 5.** 10.00. Start from 11 Manor View, Crewkerne TA18 8JT. GR 440085. 5 miles. C. Limited parking 8 -10cars. Eastern outskirts of Crewkerne. Back via Misterton and Henley Manor. Linda & David 01460 929350.
- Sun May 6.** 10.30. Uplyme Village Hall. GR SY324934. 14 miles. B. Picnic. Via Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Fishponds, Rocombe. Pub afterwards. Mike L. 07973 601934.

Thu May 10. 10.00. Tuckers Arms, Dalwood. GR ST 249005. 6 miles. C. Via Beckford Bridge, along River Yarty, return via Danes Hill, Lovely East Devon valleys and hills. Park at pub for patrons, otherwise village car park or roadside. Stephen H. 01823 664227

Thu. May 10. 10.30. The Bell Inn, Winsham. GR 375063. 4.5 miles. D. Via Forde Abbey and Forde Grange Farm. Jim & Sheila 01935 850227.

Sun May 13. 10.30. Gore Hill CP. GR ST636039. 15 miles. A. Picnic. Towards Sunnymead Farm, Lyon's Gate Farm, Cerne Abbas. Brian G. 01460 72892.

Thu May 17. 10.00. King William Inn, Catcott. GR 395390. 5.7 miles. C. Towards Moorlinch. Margaret F 01458 442748.

Thu May 17. 10.30. Start from the Masons Arms, North Perrott. GR 475094. 4.5 miles. D. Towards Haselbury Plucknett. Richard & Wendy 01935 862340.

Sun May 20. 10.30. Pilsdon Pen CP. GR ST414009. 10 miles. C. Picnic. Via Pilsdon, Shave Cross, Prime Coppice, Bettiscombe & Attisham. Carl E. 01460 30163.

Thu May 24. 10.00. Duke of York, Shepton Beauchamp. GR 403173. 6 miles. C. Towards South Petherton and West Lambrook. Only patrons in Pub car park, please.. Roger & Eileen 01460 241608.

Thu May 24. 10.30. Rose & Crown, Huish Episcopi. GR 430268. 4.5 miles. D. Helen & Tony. 01458 252927.

Sun May 27. 10.30. Broadmayne, Osmington Drove. GR SY730863. 12 miles. B. Picnic. Via Osmington, Moigns Down, Warmwell. Mike P. 01963 363077.

Wed May 30. Wessex Wanderer Railway Walk. Train leaves Yeovil Pen Mill at 10.14, arrives at Thornford 10.18. 9 miles. C. To Sherborne, Lillington & Yetminster. Picnic. Return train leaves Yetminster at 15.45. Richard C 01935 473951.

Thu May 31. 10.00. West Coker Church CP. GR 517736. 6 miles. C. To Odcombe. No dogs, please. Marian & Derek. 01460 73695.

Thu May 31. 10.30. Rimpton Village Hall, Back Lane, Rimpton. GR 607218. Please leave clear 5 parking spaces near to the hall entrance. 4 miles. D. Via Marston Magna, Adber, White Post. Ed & Sue 01935 851818.

Fri Jun 1. Would walks leaders of full-day weekend walks for the August –November programme please let Jean Verkroost have full details by today

Sun Jun 3. 2.00 pm. Tintinhull, The Green. GR 499197. 5 miles. C. Keith R. 01935 822381.

Sun Jun 3. 10.15. Upwey Station. GR SY671833. 12 miles. B. Pub snack or picnic. Via Radipole Nature Reserve. Kathy C. 01935 476646.

Thu Jun 7. Would walks leaders of Thursday walks and half-day weekend walks for the August-November programme please let Jim Fewkes have full details by today.

Thu Jun 7. 7.30 pm. Meeting of the Group Committee at 18 Sandhurst Road, Yeovil

Thu Jun 7. 10.00. Dinnington Dock. GR 404131. 6.5 miles. C. To Hinton, Seavington, Allowenshay. Phil 01458 850834.

Thu Jun 7. 10.00. The Royal Wessex PH, Templecombe. GR 709225. 5 miles. D. Via Common Lane & Marsh Barn Farm. May be muddy, if wet. Richard C 01935 473951..

Fri Jun 8. 6.30 pm. The Lime Kiln, Long Sutton. On A372. GR 481257. 3-4 miles. D. Around Knole lanes and paths. **Roger & Eileen.** 01460 241608.

Sun Jun 10. 10.30. Affpuddle Heath (Drive through Affpuddle off the Tolpuddle Rd). GR SY805924. 12 miles. B. Picnic. Via Southover Heath Plantation, Golden Springs Farm, Haddock Dairy, The Glade, Lawrence of Arabia's Cottage, Throop, Turner's Puddle, Briantspuddle. Gerry E. 01935 881317.

Thu Jun 14. 10.00. Win Green Hill car park. GR 923205. 5.5 miles. C. Towards Berwick St John. John & Maureen 01935 425037.

Thu Jun 14. 10.30. Norton Car Park at Ham Hill. Going from Odcombe this is the second car park on the left before the sharp turning to Little Norton. GR 479166. 4 miles. D. David K. 01935 420545.

Sun Jun 17. 10.30. Ilminster, Shudrick Lane CP. GR ST362144. 11 miles. B. Picnic. Via Whitelackington, Stocklinch, Barrington, Dillington. Peter B 01935 862229.

Thu Jun 21. 10.00. Tibbs Hollow CP at Southover, Frampton. GR 619945. From the A356 turn south 250 metres west of Frampton Church. Go over the bridge and up the hill. 2.5 -3 hours walk. Don 01935 477088..

Thu Jun 21. 10.15. White Lion Inn, Bourton. GR 778310. 4.5 miles. D. Through fields and woods, passing Pear Ash Farm and New Lake. There are some hills. Pub CP for patrons only, please. Dick & Jasmine. 01963 440968.

Sun Jun 24. 10.30. Churchstanton Church. GR ST196145. 10 miles. C. Picnic. Via Otterford, Churchinford, Southey Moor, Churchayes & Stapley. Carl E. 01460 30163.

Thu Jun 28. 10.00. West Street CP (charge payable), Ilminster. GR 358147. 6+ miles. C. Two hills. Via Herne Hill, River Isle & Beacon hill.. Peter & Maggie T. 01935 826821..

Thu Jun 28. 10.15. The Bell Inn, Broadway. GR 324155. 4.3 miles. D. Via Ashill, Windmill Hill. Pat C. 01460 67745..

Fri Jun 29. 6.00 pm. Hunters Moon, Middlemarsh. OS Ex 117W. GR ST 669075. 4.5 miles. C. There will be a full evening menu plus a carvery for £.8.95. Dogs on lead, please. Mervyn 01747 840896.

Sun Jul 1. Closing date for booking Summer Supper. See Jul 19.

Sun Jul 1. 10.30. Yeovil, Arnewood Gardens. GR ST544145. 14 miles. B. Picnic. Pendomer, Haselbury Plucknett, Hardington Mandeville. Tony W. 01935 477273.

Thu Jul 5. PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION WALK. 10.00. Beer Head public Car Park, near Beer Head Caravan Park. GR 227888. 6.5 miles. C. Via Beer, Branscombe. John O 01935 414745.

Thu Jul 5. 10.30. The George at Nettlebridge on the A367 between Oakhill and Stratton. OS Ex 142. GR ST 648486. 4.3 miles. D. This walk has no real hills. It passes old mills and wells, the lost village of Fernhill and follows the Mells Stream. No dogs, please. Mervyn 01747 840896..

Sat Jul 7. 10.30. Maiden Castle car park. GR 668888. 6 miles. C. Via Martinstown. No dogs, please.. Derek L. 01935 426842.

Sun Jul 8. 10.30. South Petherton Prigg Lane CP. GR ST433169. 14 miles. A. Picnic. Towards Mid Lambrook, Thorney, Bower Hinton. Brian G. 01460 72892.

Thu Jul 12. 10.00. Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville. GR 547309. 6 miles. C. Circular route around Lydford-on-Fosse. Geoff 01275 475002..

Thu Jul 12. .10.15. PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION WALK. Martock Recreation Ground CP, Stoke Lane, Martock. GR 461189. 4.4 miles. D. Via Bower Hinton, Fosseway Farm Madey Mill Stream. Jim & Sheila 01935 850227.

Fri Jul 13. 6.00 pm. Windwhistle Inn, Windwhistle on A30 between Crewkerne & Chard. 5 miles. C. Meal can be ordered before start of walk. Carl E. 01460 30163.

Sun Jul 15. 10.30. Mutters Moor CP. GR SY109873. 11 miles. B. Picnic. Via River Otter, Ladrum Bay. Peter & Sara. 01963 33717.

Thu Jul 19. Summer Supper at Royal Oak, Hardington Moor. GR 520122. There is only one walk this year. Start 4.00 pm. 6 miles. C. Towards Hardington Marsh and Hardington Mandeville. Led by Marian & Derek 01460 73695. No dogs, please. **At 7 pm** there will be a 2 course hot buffet supper. Details will be available by May 1st. Come for a walk or supper or both. Advance booking for supper is necessary. Bookings and payment should be made to Sheila Fewkes by Jul 1. Cheques should be made payable to S M Fewkes and may be posted to her at The Gables, Rimpton, Yeovil BA22 8AQ

Thu Jul 19. D Group Summer Lunch. 10.30. Prince of Wales, Ham Hill. GR 479169 Figure of eight walk. 2 or 4 miles. Fairly level –superb views. Dogs on leads, please. J'Ann & Gordon 01935 823249.

Sat Jul 21. Rail Walk. 10.00 at Bruton Station (to meet trains from Weymouth & Bristol direction. 9 miles. B Walk to Castle Cary Station via Shepton Montague & Yarlinton. Picnic lunch. Return trains available from Castle Cary. Carl E 01460 30163.

Sun Jul 22. 10.30. Bruton Station CP. GR ST687348. 12 miles. B. Picnic. South Brewham, Alfred's Tower, Redlynch. Note: Lunch stop at Alfred's Tower so opportunity to have great views. £3 or free for NT members. Peter M. 01935 429477.

Thu Jul 26. 10.00. Hillfield Hill CP (near Batcombe, Dorset.) GR 636182. 6.5 miles. C. Via Ridgeway, Upper Sydling & Batcombe Down. Two hills. Peter B 01460 78182.

Thu Jul 26. 10.00. Rose & Crown PH, East Lambrook. GR 432189. 4.5 miles. D. Ted & Jenny. 01460 242253.

Sun Jul 29. 10.30. Lower Kingcombe (Public CP). GR SY553989. 12 miles. B. Picnic. Toller Whelme, Mapperton, North Poorton. Tony W. 01935 477273

NOTES FOR WALKERS

We walk together and the leader sets a suitable pace for the party - please do not force a faster pace. Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended - we cannot stop the rain or always dodge the mud. Hazardous conditions –whenever there is a possibility of snow, ice or significant fog it is likely the walk will be cancelled so please check with the leader before setting out. This also applies if there has been an incident such as an outbreak of Foot & Mouth disease. Note that, in fairness, people using a public house car park should patronise the pub even if only for a drink.

Dogs. Dogs are welcome on most walks, though the leader may specify “no dogs” in the programme. Dogs must be under total control and the leader can insist that they be kept on leads.

Note. All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally happen. It is important, therefore, that when entering into the activity, each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to arise.

WALKS LEADERS GUIDELINES

Our walks frequently attract large numbers. To avoid accidents, mishaps such as lost walkers, inconveniencing farmers or damaging the countryside, leaders' guidelines are put forward. The code is in line with the booklet issued by National Office though simplified, as we do not walk mountains or remote moors.

Accidents. If there is an accident requiring help the leader should stay with the casualty until help arrives, unless he can appoint a carer of whose competence he is sure. If the leader stays behind, the backmarker or a volunteer leader should continue with the party. The leader must notify the secretary or chairman of any accident other than the trivial.

Backmarkers. The leader should always appoint a backmarker and count those walking.

Footpath Maintenance Problems. Contact Somerset County Council Rights of Way 0845 3459155 or use the SCC website. The easiest access route is to Google "footpath problems in Somerset" and then click on the relevant SCC web site. This page then has a button to report faults. This page should be added to your favourites. Jim Fewkes has printed notes if further help is needed. .

Gates should be left as we find them. The most appropriate signalling arrangement should be chosen. E.g. [1] **Arm signalling:** *one arm raised*, shut the gate; *both arms raised*, shut and tie the gate; *both arms flapped*, leave the gate open. [2]. **Ribbon signalling.** When the leader reaches a gate that is to be left open a ribbon is tied to the gate. The ribbon is removed by the backmarker and returned to the leader at the end of the walk. If there is no ribbon then the gate is closed and tied if a tie is present. Also it is recommended that leaders carry some binding twine to replace a short tie that has been cut.

Handbook. The Group has a copy of the Ramblers' Association very comprehensive handbook for walks' leaders, which can be borrowed on request from the programme secretary.

Indisposition. If a leader is unable to lead a walk the programme secretary (or failing that another member of the committee) must be contacted. Please do not simply leave message on an answer-phone.

Insurance. Walks on the group programme are covered by The Ramblers Third Party Insurance Policy provided the leader is a Ramblers member at the time of the walk. Other informal walks are not covered.

Pace. We walk together and the leader sets a suitable pace for the party: please do not let a minority force a faster pace.

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