



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.

AUG – NOV 2010 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

Annual General Meeting will be held at East Coker Village Hall at 2.00 pm on Saturday Nov 6. Meet with other group members in reviewing the past year and planning for the future.

Christmas Lunch, 2010. This will be held at 1.00 pm at The Quicksilver Mail, Hendford Hill, Yeovil on Thursday Dec 16. Cost £12.50. Menu will be known by Oct 1. Bookings may be made with Sheila Fewkes between Oct 1 and Nov 21. Tel 01935 850227. Cheques (made payable to S M Fewkes) may be posted to her at The Gables, Rimpton Yeovil BA22 8AQ.

Coach Trip. Sunday Sept 26. South Somerset ramblers are welcome to join a linear ramble along a 7.5 mile section of the South-West Coast path from Axmouth to Lyme Regis organised by the North Dorset Group. The coach leaves Babylon Hill Retail Park CP, Yeovil at 08.15. Return coach leaves Lyme Regis at 16.00. Cost £8 per person.. Full details from Jim Fewkes or from Graham Stevens, tel 01935 817531, email mail@verandahbooks.co.uk.

Group Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thurs Oct 7.

Half-day weekend walks will be held on Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2 and Nov 6.

Legs Explore. Family Group Walks. The Family Group provides programmes specially chosen to be of appeal to families with young children. All members of the family are welcome, including grandparents and older people who enjoy shorter walks at the children's pace. Phone 01823 333369 for details

Programme Distribution. The distribution for the C group will be on Nov 4 and for the D group on Nov 11.

Walks leaders. Please give the Programme Secretaries final details of your walks on the next programme by Oct 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 Aug 1. Start 10.30. Dead Woman's Ditch. GR ST162382. 12 miles. B. Very hilly. Holford, Hodder's Combe, Smith's Combe. Picnic. Tony 01935 477273.

Thurs Aug 5. Start 10.00. Meet outside Glastonbury Town Hall in Magdalene Street. GR 499388. 6 miles. C. A circular tour of Glastonbury to see Gog & Magog with an optional trip up the Tor. There are plenty of eating places. Morrisons have a café with convenient parking. Phil 01458 850834.

Thurs Aug 5. Start 10.30. Crowshute Car Park, Chard. GR 320083. 4 miles .D. Derek L. 01935 426842.

Sat Aug 7. Start 10.00. Kettlebridge CP, Cerne Abbas. GR664015. 6 miles. C. Linda 01935 872616.

Sun Aug 8. Start 10.30. Mudford Road Recreation Ground, Yeovil. GR 553174. 7 miles. C. Level. Fields and farms going north. Picnic. Ann D. 01935 816371

Thurs Aug 12. Start 11.00. Tyneham, Dorset – between Lulworth and Kimmeridge. GR 882803. 8 miles. C. Over MOD ranges and along the coast. Picnic and/or ice creams at Kimmeridge. Roger & Eileen 01460 241608.

Thurs Aug 12. Start 10.15. Ashill Village Hall Car Park. GR 321174. 4.5 miles. D. Circular walk towards Windmill Hill. No dogs, please. Colin & Noreen 01460 63610.

Sun Aug 15. Start 10.30. Pen Mill Station CP. GR 570163. 9 miles. C. Sutton Bingham, East Coker, Barwick. Picnic. Richard C 01935 473951.

Thurs Aug 19. Start 10.00. The Kings Arms, Merriott. GR 444128. 5 miles. C. To West Chinnock & Haselbury Mill. Phil 01458 850834.

Thurs Aug 19. Start 10.30. The Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas. GR 625 206. 4 miles. D. Towards Corton Denham, Weathergrove Farm, Rimpton. Two hills to be taken gently. Alec & Mo 01460 77165.

Sun Aug 22. Start 10.30. Broadwindsor in front of school. GR ST457027. 12 miles. B. Via Burstock, Pilsdon Pen, Netherbury, Parnham and Common Water Lane. Picnic. Carl 01460 30163.

Thurs Aug 26. Start 10.30. Car park and viewpoint on northern slopes of Bulbarrow Hill. 9 miles. C. Towards Winterborne Houghton, Milton Abbas. Picnic. John & Maureen 01935 425037.

Thurs Aug 26. Start 10.30. Dinnington Docks Inn. GR 404132. 4 miles. D. Towards Seavington St Mary, Allowenshay. Gentle hills to be taken at steady pace. Alec & Mo 0146077165.

Sun Aug 29. Mendip Festival. August Bank Holiday weekend. Saturday 28, Sunday 29, Monday 30 August. Each day there are 3 walks (various distances) starting at 10.00 am and 1 shorter walk starting at 1.00 pm. All walks start from the village hall, Nunney near Frome, Somerset. For details see www.mendipramblers.co.uk or telephone Paula on 01458 850751.

Thurs Sept 2. Start 10.00. Sturminster Newton Station Road Car Park (charge payable), just south of B3091. GR 788142. 5.5 miles. C. Via Newton Mill, Piddles Wood, Fiddleford Mill & the Stour Valley. Peter & Maggie T. 01935 826821.

Thurs Sept 2. Start 10.15. Millbrook Gardens CP (near Fire Station), Castle Cary. GR 639322. 4.7 miles. D. A walk over undulating countryside, passing Hadspen. Dick & Jasmine 01963 440968

Sat Sept 4. Start 10.00. Seatown CP. GR 420917. There is a £4 parking charge with a refund on meals at Anchor Inn. 5 miles. C. Via Langdon Hill, Morecombe Farm, Golden Cap. Richard C 01935 473951.

Sun Sept 5. Start 10.30. Sydling centre of village. GR 638998. 13 miles. B. Wessex Ridgeway, Large Bar Barn, Oakham Close, Cerne, Nether Cerne, Forston, Jackman's Cross, Crete Bottom. Picnic. Gerry 01935 881317.

Thurs Sept 9. Start 10.00. The New Inn, Eype DT6 6AP. GR 450918. 5.5 miles. C. Eype Down & Thorncombe Beacon. Back on coast path & beach (shingles) via West Bay. Ann & Ritch 01935 473754.

Thurs Sept 9. Start 10.15 Sherborne Terrace Playing Fields CP. GR 642157. 4.8 miles. D. Towards Longburton.. Jim & Sheila 01935 850227.

Sun Sept 12. Start 10.30. Ilminster West Street CP. GR 358147. 15 miles. A. Kingstone, Cudworth, Chaffcombe. Picnic. Brian 01460 72892.

Wed Sept 15. Wessex Wanderer Railway Walk. Train leaves Yeovil Pen Mill at 9.38, arrives at Freshford at 10.55 am. 6 miles. D/C. Alongside river and canal to Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge. Return from Trowbridge at 17.28. Note there will be a break at Bradford on Avon for pub or picnic lunch and ramblers can if they wish leave the walk and return from Bradford on Avon station. Norman B 01935 479129.

Thurs Sept 16. Start 10.00. Hardy's Monument CP GR SY 613876. 6.5 miles. C. Towards Hampton Stone Circle, Kingston Stone Circle, Little Bredy. John O 01935 414745,

Thurs Sept 16. Start 10.30. Free CP at South Cadbury. GR 632254. 4.8 miles. D. Towards Weston Bampfylde, Sutton Montis & Corton Denham. No extreme hills. Easy short cuts available. More parking by church. Jenny S 01963 440497.

Sun Sept 19. Start 10.30. Park where unmade chalk track to White Horse Hill leaves the road from Broadmayne to Came Wood. GR SY702852. Called Chalk Rd. 10.5 miles. B. Poxwell, West Knighton, Whitcombe. Picnic. Paul & Sarah 01935 412327.

Thurs Sept 23. Start 10.00. Ilminster. Stonemasons Inn by the roundabout at the west end of Canal Way. There is pub parking for patrons and nearby roadside parking for others. 6.5 miles. C. Via Herne Hill, Pretwood Hill, White Lackington, Beacon hill. Tom 01460 242729.

Thurs Sept 23. Start 10.15. Culverhays Long Stay CP, Sherborne. GR 642164. 5 miles. D. Via Sherborne Castle Deer Park. David K 01935 420545.

Sun Sept 26. Start 10.30. Evershot Village Green. GR 576047. 10 miles. C. Via Melbury Osmond, Melbury Bubb, Batcombe Hill, Frome St Quinton, Chantmarle. Picnic. Peter B 01935 862229.

Sun Sept 26. Coach trip organised by the North Dorset Group. For details see the notice section or contact Jim Fewkes..

Thurs Sept 30. Start 10.00. Millbrook Gardens CP, Castle Cary. GR 639322. 6.25 miles. C. Via Lodge Hill, Priddle's Hill, Hadspen and Cole Farm, using Leland Trail, Macmillan Way and Monarch's Way. Hilly with spectacular views all round. Roger & Janet 01963 34965.

Thurs Sept 30. Start 10.30. Mudford, Car Park opposite Village Hall. 4miles. D. Towards Trent, Hummer. Jim & Sheila 01935 850227.

Sat Oct 2. Start 10.30. East Chinnock Village Hall. If you are using The Portman Arms pub later you may park there. Pub tel is 01935 862227. There is also street parking in Weston Street. 5.5 miles. C. to Odcombe & The Chinooks. No dogs, please. Marian & Derek 01460 73695.

Sat Oct 2. Rail walk. Start 10.00 Bruton Station. GR 688348. To Castle Cary via Shepton Montague. 9 miles. C. Picnic. Return trains from Castle Cary in both directions at 16.10. Carl 01460 30163.

Sun Oct 3. Start 10.30. Ashlands Road, opposite Wadham School, Crewkerne. GR 449103. 13 miles. B. Via Misterton, South Perrott, Winyards Gap, North Perrott and Haselbury. Picnic. Jean 01935 826089.

Thurs Oct 7. 7.30 pm COMMITTEE MEETING at 18 Sandhurst Road, Yeovil.

Thurs Oct 7. Would **walk leaders** for the Dec-Mar programme please let the programme secretaries have **final details** by today.

Thurs Oct 7. Start 10.00. Beaminster, Yarn Barton CP. GR 482012. 6 miles. C. Via Gerrard's Hill and Stoke Abbott. Martin & Jean 01460 76366.

Thurs Oct 7. Start 10.30. The Half Moon, Horsington. GR 702237. 4.7 miles. D. Pam F 01747 826394.

Sun Oct 10. Start 10.30. Yarn Barton CP, Beaminster GR 481014. 8 miles. C. Picnic Derek. 01935 426842.

Thurs Oct 14. Start 10.30. Hillfield Hill car park near Batcombe (Dorset). GR 637039. 5 miles. C. Walking towards Up Cerne. Derek L. 01935 426842.

Thurs Oct 14. Start 10.15. Winyards Gap Inn, Chedington. GR 492061. 4.5 miles. D. The hills will be taken slowly. Valerie 01935 862721.

Sun Oct 17. Start 10.30. Hinton St George, meet at Poulet Arms. GR 421126. 13 miles. B. Via Chillington, Cudworth, Chaffcombe, Cricket Malherbie, Dowlish Wake, Allowenshay, Dinnington. Picnic. Peter B. 01935 862229.

Thurs Oct 21. Start 10.00. Stourhead NT car park. NT non-members 50p please. OS142. GR ST780340. 6.5 miles. C. Autumn day walk on fairly flat terrain with short spell through woodland and open fields via Dead Woman's Corner. Mervyn 01747 840896.

Thurs Oct 21. Start 10.30 am. Stags Head Inn, Yarlinton. 4.5 miles. D.Towards Castle Cary. Good pub for food. Alan & Paula 01749 860508.

Sun Oct 24. Start 10.30. Montacute Borough. GR ST 498169. 12 miles. B. Little Norton, East Chinnock, West Coker. Picnic. Tony 01935 477273.

Thurs Oct 28. Start 10.30. Meet at Hinton St George, near Lord Poulett Arms. Roadside parking. 5.3 miles. C. OS 193. GR ST 422127. No dogs please. June & Brian 01460 77057..

Thurs Oct 28. Start 10.30. The Lime Kiln, Knole, Long Sutton. On the A372. GR 481257. 4 miles. D. Lanes, droves and field paths including Knole Hill. (Option to divert!). Surprisingly good views from top. Roger & Eileen 01460 241608.

Sun Oct 31. Start 10.00. Westhay Moor Nature Reserve Free CP. GR 455437. 11 miles. B. Meare, Lower Gosney, Theale. Picnic. Liz 01458 850401.

Thurs Nov 4. C GROUP PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION WALK. Start 10.00 from The Royal Oak, Walton. GR ST 465364. 6.0 miles. C. Flat with one hill and some stiles. Across the Moors to Wearyall Hill and The Glastonbury Thorn with views of The Tor. Brian 01935 423548.

Thurs Nov 4. Start 10.30. Salisbury Street CP, Mere. GR 815325. 4.5 miles. D. Circular walk to Charnage using local paths & lanes. Barbara 01747 826266.

Sat Nov 6. Walk and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. East Coker Village Hall. GR 537126. **11.00 am.** Local walk. 4 miles. D. Derek 01935 426842. **2.00 pm** Annual General Meeting. Motions and other items should be sent to the secretary by 17 October. Meet with other members in reviewing the past year and planning for the future.

Sun Nov 7. Start 10.30. Win Green, Dorset. GR 924205. 11 miles. B. Ox Drove, Tollard Royal, Ashmore, Ashgrove Bottom, Ashcome Bottom. Picnic. Gerry 01935 881317.

Thurs Nov 11. Start 10.00. The Bell Inn, Winsham. GR 375063. 6 miles. C. No dogs, please. Marian & Derek 01460 73695.

Thurs Nov 11. D GROUP PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION WALK. Start 10.15. Long Sutton village Hall CP. GR 469256. 5miles. D. A level walk to Ablake Clyse, returning by riverside path. Note that there may be no access to toilets. Jim & Sheila 01935 850227.n

Sun Nov 14. Start 10.30. Yeovil Petters Way CP. GR 555157. 14 miles. A. Yetminster, Melbury Osmond, East Coker. Picnic. Brian 01460 72892.

Thurs Nov 18. Start 10.00. Mandeville Arms, Hardington Mandeville. GR 513117. Park in lower section of CP. 6 miles. C. Pendomer, Halstock Mil, Locke Farm, Abbots Hill Farm, Kitt Hill, Common Lane. Gerry 01935 881317.

Thurs Nov 18. Start 10.00. Rose and Crown, East Lambrook. 5 miles. D. Via Compton Durville, South Petherton. Peter B 01935 424208.

Sun Nov 21. Start 10.00. Somerton Shoppers CP. GR 489286. 10 miles. C. Compton Dundon, Marshalls Elm, Great Breach Wood, Copley Wood, Hurcott. Picnic. Ken 01935 881317.

Thurs Nov 25. Start 10.00. White House Lay-by on RHS of A30 between Windwhistle and Chard. Whatley is signposted on LHS opposite. It is a long lay-by behind hedges. 6 miles. C. Towards Chillington. No dogs, please. Marian & Derek 01460 73695.

Thurs Nov 25. Start 10.30. The Griffins Head, Nether Compton. GR 597175. 4.5 miles. D. There is pub parking for patrons, nearby roadside parking for others. David K 01935 420545.

Sun Nov 28. Start 10.30. Sherborne. Park in Blackberry Lane off the Bristol Road about 100 metres from the Mermaid Inn. 10 miles. C. Sandford Orcas, Stafford's Green, Poyntington Hill, Osborne. Picnic. Jim 01935 850227.

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.

Mobile Phone Numbers. A list of members of the mobile phone scheme is available from the Group Secretary.

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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