

THE SOMERSET WALKING CLUB

PROGRAMME: JANUARY TO APRIL 2018

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Distances given are approximate. Leaders have discretion to vary routes according to conditions on the day. Picnic lunches should be carried on full day walks and water on all walks.

Times shown as CS are those of meeting at **CASTLE STREET** car park in Taunton for car sharing. They are shown for Sundays only; on other days parking charges apply and members should make alternative car sharing arrangements beforehand. The cost of car sharing is based on **25p** per mile between all occupants of the car. Parking fees at the start of a walk should also be shared.

DOGS ON WALKS: Please note that dogs may not be brought on walks unless the owner/member has contacted the walk leader and obtained permission PRIOR to the walk.

OFFERS OF WALKS for the next programme are always needed: Please send details to the Programme Secretary by 12th March 2018, either by e-mail (cherrybird@gmail.com) or posting the attached slip.

Monday 1 Jan 1000	TRAIN FOR A WALK. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at WSR Station CP, Bishops Lydeard (GR.164290) for the 1020 train to Stogumber Station (£7.20 concession) and walk back. 9 ½ miles, gentle undulations and muddy.
Sunday 7 Jan 1000	WIVELISCOMBE, LANGLEY MARSH AND MAUNDOWN. Leader Hester (01823 401476). Meet at Croft Way CP, Wiveliscombe (GR.081278). 5 ¼ miles, hilly, some road walking. CS 0925.
Sunday 14 Jan 1000	AROUND KING'S CLIFF, ENMORE AND GOATHURST. Leader Syd Jones (01278 722741). Meet in layby at entry to King's Cliff, North Petherton (GR.271321). 9 ½ miles, a few ups and downs and bound to be mud here and there (but only the very best!) CS 0925.
Sunday 21 Jan 1030	A TAUNTON URBAN AND RIVERSIDE WALK. Taking in both the River Tone and the Taunton/Bridgwater Canal. Leader Sheree (01823 322481). Meet at Castle Street CP, Taunton (GR.226245). 5 miles, leisurely paced.
Sunday 28 Jan 1000	AROUND RADDINGTON, WATERROW AND CHIPSTABLE. Leader Hester (01823 401476). Meet on wide grass verge on the road to Heydon Hill (GR.037277). 9 miles, hilly, some lane walking. CS 0915.
Sunday 4 Feb 1000	WOODLAND WALK VIA WEBBER'S POST CLOUTSHAM AND STOKE PERO. Leader Woody (01643 841668). Meet at Horner NT CP (GR.897455) fee for non-NT members. 6 miles, some steep hills with good views. CS 0850.
Sunday 11 Feb 1000	LUPPITT AND DUMPDON: Around deep-cut valleys, commons and pastures of the Blackdown hills. Leader Nicola Ghent (01823 660254). Meet at St Mary's Church CP in Luppitt (GR.169068). 9 miles, hilly. CS 0915.
Sunday 18 Feb 1000	BEACON HILL TO HALSWAY AND BACK THROUGH BICKNOLLER. Leader Anna Morris (01278 651080). Meet at Beacon Hill CP, turn off A39 at Windmill pub. (GR.117410). 5 miles. CS 0915.

Sunday 25 Feb 1030	DULVERTON: UP THE CHIMNEY OVER THE MOOR AND ALONG THE BARLE RIVER. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet in Dulverton, Exmoor House CP (GR.913279) fee. 10 miles, moorland, fields and woodland; hilly and boggy in places. CS 0930.
Sunday 4 Mar 1030	A WALK UP TO DOLEBURY WARREN. Leader Sheree (01823 322481). Meet in Shipham village (GR.444575). 5 miles, mostly tracks and lanes, leisurely paced. Bring picnic lunch. CS 0930.
Sunday 11 Mar 1030	WALK WITH A COUNTESS TO WHERE THE WATERS MEET. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet at Barna Barrow NT CP (GR.754496), just before Countisbury. 10 miles, coast and woodland, good views, hilly. CS 0915.
Sunday 18 Mar 1400	STOGUMBER AND BICKNOLLER. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet in lay-by on SW side of A358 on Bicknoller straight. (GR 106393). 5 ¼ miles, undulating. CS 1320.
Sunday 25 Mar 1000	British Summertime begins. Clocks go forward one hour CULMSTOCK BEACON AND HACKPEN HILL. Leader Michael Benison (01823 274827). Meet at Wellington Monument CP (GR.143167). 10 miles, moderate with some hills. CS 0930.
Sunday 1 Apr (Easter) 1030	ALONG THE DOONE VALLEY. Leader Woody (01643 841668). Meet at Lorna Doone Farm CP (GR.792477) fee. 9 miles over open moor and along the enclosed valley of Badgworthy Water, including site of medieval village. Hilly and muddy in places. CS 0910.
Monday 2 Apr (Easter) 1400	BURLESCOMBE TO WESTLEIGH VIA THE CANAL AND CANONSLEIGH, SITE OF AUGUSTINIAN ABBEY. Leader Brenda Prentice (01823 254887). Meet in Burlescombe, canal-side parking (GR.069171) – access through the village, turning sharp left after canal bridge. 5 ½ to 6 miles.
Sunday 8 Apr 1000	SOMERTON TO PITNEY. Leader Fiona Thomas (01458 272168). Meet at Sille le Guillamme Way, Somerton CP Sports Entrance, off the B3153 from Langport (GR.477285). 8 miles easy walking on tracks, woodland and quiet roads. Bring picnic lunch. CS0910.
Fri 13-Mon 16 Apr	CLUB WEEKEND IN CORNWALL
Sunday 22 Apr 1400	STAPLEGROVE TO NORTON FITZWARREN. Leader Evan Lewis (01278 451388). Meet at Staplegrove Church CP (GR.213265). 5 miles easy/ moderate. CS 1345.
Sunday 29 Apr 1030	IN SEARCH OF BEAVERS: Mutters Moor, River Otter, Otterton, South West Coast Path. Leader Allen Holway (01823 681522). Meet at Peak Hill, Sidmouth (GR.110872). 9 miles, moderate with good views. CS 0920.

The Somerset Walking Club Constitution Item 16: Neither the Club nor any individual member thereof shall be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained by a member or guest arising from participation in Club activities.

A copy of the Club Advice on Walking Safely is available on the website or from the Secretary.