

**THE SOMERSET WALKING CLUB**  
(Formerly West Somerset Rambling Club)  
Formed in 1965

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**Subscriptions for 2010 - £5.00 (single) or £8.00 (couple/family)**

## PROGRAMME

Distances given are approximate. Leaders have discretion to vary routes according to conditions on the day. Picnic lunches should be carried on all full day 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 car sharing arrangements beforehand. The cost of car sharing is worked out at **20p** per mile between all the occupants of the car. Where parking fees are known to apply at a CP at the start of a walk, this is stated; this cost should also be shared.

**Please note** that on some walks members may be asked not to bring dogs; on other walks where it is not so specified, dogs may be brought but must be kept on leads at all times in order to meet the terms of the Club's insurance.

The Club has two weekends away each year – one in the spring and one in the autumn.

Easter Day Sunday 4 April 1000	VARIED WALK BETWEEN THE BRENDON AND QUANTOCK HILLS. Leader: Jan Rance (01984 632648). Meet at Hartrow Gate Cross near Elworthy (GR.092348). 10 miles, moderate. CS 0925.
Friday - Monday 9 – 12 April	CLUB WEEKEND AT GREAT MALVERN.
Sunday 18 April 1000	SOUTH OF CASTLE NEROCHE, COMBE ST NICHOLAS, WHITE STAUNTON AND BISHOPSWOOD. LEADER: Michael Benison (01823 274827). Meet at Castle Neroche car park (GR.273156). 12 miles, moderate. CS 0930.
Sunday 25 April 1200	EAST QUANTOXHEAD. Leader: Rosalind Fox (01823 664141). Meet at East Quantoxhead car park (GR.137436). 5 ½ miles, undulating. Take picnic lunch. CS 1115.
Sunday 2 May 1030	TAKE A TRIP TO DORSET including part of a disused railway line finishing at Eggardon Hill Fort. Leaders: Brian Barton, Shirley Moysey and Bob Purser (01823 480803, 480023, 01460 57570). Meet at Shatcombe Lane picnic area (GR.550948). 9 ½ miles, hilly. Bring a picnic. CS 0940.
Sunday 9 May 0930	HACKPEN HILL, CULM DAVY, CLAYHIDON, RIDGEWOOD HILL. Leader: Jean Ayling (01823 337462). Meet Millhayes, Hemyock car park (GR.138139). 16-17 miles. CS 0855.
Sunday 9 May 1400	CREECH ST MICHAEL AND THORN HILL. Leader: Miriam Norton (01823 331916). Meet at canal side car park Creech St Michael (GR.277255). 5 miles, level with gentle climb. Could be muddy. CS 1320.
Sunday 16 May 1030	FOURTH LEG OF THE COLERIDGE WAY – Wheddon Cross to Porlock. Leader: Colin Draper (01984 639387). Meet at Wheddon Cross car park (GR.924388). 9 ½ miles, some hills. CS 0940.
Thursday 20 May 1900	QUANTOCK WALK. Leader: Michael Benison (01823 274827). Meet at Lydeard Hill car park (GR.181338). 5 miles, moderate.

Sunday 23 May 1100	GRAND WESTERN CANAL, BEAM BRIDGE, HOLYWELL LAKE, RAMSEY LANE, HARPFORD FARM. Leader: A Mystery (01823 664141). Meet Beam Bridge lay-by ½ mile east of Beam Bridge (GR.115193). 6 ½ miles. A pleasant walk, bring picnic. CS 1030.
Sunday 30 May 1000	MAESBURY CASTLE, THE OLD FOSSE ROMAN ROAD, BEACON WOOD DOWN TO A SAXON SETTLEMENT WITH A VIADUCT. Leader: Fiona Thomas (01458 272168). Meet at Shepton Mallet car park next to Haskins pay and display (GR.618435). 10 ½ miles, initial huffs and puffs then easy peasy. CS 0900.
Thursday 3 June <b>1800</b>	THROUGH THE HEART OF OAKE. Leader: Adrian Dyke (01823 461440). Meet at Hillfarrance Church (GR.167246). 4 miles, easy (shorter walk available), followed by supper in the Church. (Supper pre-booked with Leader).
Sunday 6 June 1400	KINGSTON ST MARY, NAILSBOURNE AND YARFORD. Leaders: Shirley and Richard Welch (01823 277234). Meet at Kingston St Mary Church car park (GR.223296). 5 ½ miles, moderate. CS 1340.
Sunday 13 June 1000	THE NORTHERN SLOPES OF THE BRENDONS. Leader: Jan Rance (01984 632648). Meet at Nettlecombe Court (GR.057378). About 10 miles, some hills. CS 0915.
Sunday 20 June 1100	A WALK AT CATCOTT THEN TEA AND SYMPATHY. Leader: Syd Jones (01278 722741). Meet at Catcott school car park (GR.393394). 8 + miles, mostly easy. Afterwards everyone welcome at our Chairman's residence. CS 1010.
Sunday 27 June 1015	THROUGH PARNHAM HOUSE PARK to see the deer herd, on to the highest point in Dorset and walk on Wessex Ridgeway. Leaders: Robert Purser, Shirley Moysey and Brian Barton (01460 57570, 01823 480023/480803). Meet Beaminster town centre car park, free on Sunday (GR.479014). 9 miles, moderate. CS 0905.
Sunday 4 July 1030	AROUND HORNER. Leader: Caroline Edwards (01278 741582). Meet at Horner car park (GR.897455) – <b>fee</b> if no NT card. 7 miles, some hills, gentle pace. Bring a picnic. CS 0920.
Thursday 8 July 1900	AROUND CULMSTOCK, GOING UP TO THE BEACON. Leader: Nicola Ghent (01823 660254). Meet Culmstock - Fore Street (by All Saints Church). GR 103135). About 4-5 miles. Optional drinks back at the pub afterwards.
Sunday 11 July 1000	MEMBURY CASTLE AND THE YARTY VALLEY. Leader: Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at Chardstock village hall (GR.313043). 12 ½ miles, hilly. CS 0910.
Sunday 18 July 12 noon	HADDON HILL AND WIMBLEBALL LAKE. Leader: Mary Thomas (01823 667731). Meet Haddon Hill cp (GR.969285). 6 ½ miles. Views should be good, the climbs gradual and we walk through two sleepy hamlets. Bring a picnic. CS 1100.
Sunday 25 July 1000	A TOUR AROUND AN ISLAND ON THE LEVELS OF SOMERSET. Leaders: Brian Barton, Shirley Moysey and Bob Purser (01823 480803, 480023, 01460 57570). Meet at Wedmore village cp (GR.437481). 10 miles, easy. Bring a picnic. CS 0900.
Sunday 1 August 1200	DULVERTON, HINAM CROSS AND THE BARLE VALLEY. Leader: Rosalind Fox (01823 664141). Meet Exmoor House car park <b>fee</b> (GR.913279). 6 ½ miles, some hills, easy pace. Bring a picnic. CS 1100.
Sunday 8 August 1000	NORTHERN QUANTOCKS AND COAST. Leader: Michael Benison (01823 274827). Meet at Staple Plain car park (GR.117411). 10 ½ miles, moderate. CS 0915.
Thursday 12 August 1900	GLORIOUS TWELFTH WALK. Leader: Miriam Norton (01823 331916). Meet at Castle Neroche car park (GR.273157). 4 miles, some hills. Could be muddy.

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.