



South Cotswold Ramblers

Walks Programme - Nov 2009 to Feb 2010

NON MEMBERS You are welcome to walk with the Group on up to three occasions. After this you will need to join. Contact Membership Secretary, Mike Garner, 01453 873625 or join online at www.ramblers.org.uk quoting GR03.

RING the leader for details of the walk if in any doubt about taking part, especially if you haven't walked much recently. **Please** take note of the **Terrain** rating. **L** - Level or little climbing **M** - Moderate amount of climbing, but with plenty of easy walking too **M/H** - Moderate to Hilly with quite a lot of hills **H** - Hilly ups and downs for most of the time.

IMPORTANT - CHECK our MESSAGE BOARD at www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk/messageboard or ring leader for news of any late changes.

- Sun 1 Nov afternoon** Group AGM 1:30 for 2:00 at Rodborough Community Centre (tea & cakes) - see invitation.
- Wed 4 Nov morning** 6.5m L Frampton-on-Severn John G 01453 834141
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Green L162/EOL14 SO 749080 Whitminster, Saul, Gloucester-Sharpness Canal. Pub lunch at end.
- Sat 7 Nov day** 11m M Around the Wysis Way No 11 Mike & Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087
Meet 09:20 for 09:30 start from Kemble Station CP (charge, was £2.90 in September). L163/E168 ST 985974 Hullasley, Tarlton, Sapperton to rejoin Wysis Way for final leg via Hailey Wood, Tunnel House, Thames Head and Thames Path. 8 mile morning section so bring a bite. Celebratory (109 miles) pub lunch.
- Wed 11 Nov morning** 5m L Slimbridge area Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Gossington Bridge Lay By on A38 L162/EOL14 SO 737019 Slimbridge, Shepherds Patch.
- Sat 14 Nov morning** 5.5m L Severn loop Olivia 01453 751716 on day 07531 420851
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 park by river near St. Peter's church Framilode. L162/EOL14 SO 750104 Mainly level walking via Saul, Framilode church, Barrow Hill, Priding. Pub lunch at end.
- Wed 18 Nov morning** 6m M Roaming round Wraxall Enid 01225 891346
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Fern Farm The Shoe. On A420, 2 miles east of Marshfield. Park in yard. L173/E156 ST 812742 North Wraxall, Lucknam Park, Slaughterford, Ford, The Shoe. Drinks available at end, please bring a picnic.

Thanks to Jacky and Chris for managing to produce such a varied walks programme!

Walks Leaders - we really do appreciate what you do to give everyone such pleasurable experiences twice a week!

Mike is keen to encourage some more regular walkers to lead their first walk next year - lots of advice and backup is available.

Please would leaders / potential leaders for the next period March to June 2010

contact **Kathy 01453 860004** with weekend dates and **Mike 01453 873625** with midweek dates. Every little helps!

We shall need all dates reserved by 30 November and full details need to be in no later than 31 December.

- Sat 21 Nov morning** 5m L/M An Autumnal Walk John C 01453 845574
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from The Royal Oak Inn, Leighterton. L162/E168 ST 823912 Past Castle Farm into Westonbirt for some autumn colours and then back along the Monarch's Way. Less than 300 ft of ascent. Pub food available at the end.
- Wed 25 Nov morning** 5.5m M Exploring the Mysteries of the Toadsmoor Valley Richard & Diana 01453 762373
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from lay by at the Pavillion restaurant Brimscombe. L162/E168 SO 876022 A gentle wander by the busy streams and secretive woods of the Toadsmoor Valley where ghosts may still be seen.
- Sat 28 Nov day** 11m M/H Severn to Thames Canal Walk No 4 Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Frampton Mansell Village Hall. L163/E168 SO 922024 Route Canal to Daneway, Return:- Sapperton, Tunnel House Inn, Hailey Wood. Pub Lunch.
- Sat 28 Nov 19:30** Social Event Stroud Symphony Orchestra Concert see newsletter - contact Mike 01453 873625.
- Wed 2 Dec morning** 5m L The Hare Walk Ray 01453 547213
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from the Red Lion, Arlingham. L162/EOL14 SO 708109 Lunch at end if required.
- Sat 5 Dec morning** Gloucestershire Area Ramblers' AGM at Coleford - see Area News
- Sun 6 Dec short day** 8.5m M Great Views Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start Coaley Peak CP. L162/E168 SO 794013 Selsley, Inchbrook, Woodchester Park. Short picnic stop.
- Wed 9 Dec morning** 6m M/H Miserden Revisited - again! Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:40 for coffee supplied by landlord and 10:00 start from Carpenters Arms, Miserden. L163/E179 SO 936088 Gentle workout down to Edgeworth and back. Pub lunch at end - order at 9:40 while having coffee before walk.
- Sat 12 Dec morning** 6m M Commons and Woods Circular Tim 01453 757104
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Reservoir Car Park, Minchinhampton Common. L162/E168 SO 855013 Amberley, Manor Woods, Little London and Rodborough Fort.
- Wed 16 Dec morning** 5.5m L Signs of Christmas around Tetbury Mike & Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shipton Moyne outside the Cat & Custard Pot (park sensibly in the village). L162/E168 ST 890895 Estcourt estate, Tetbury. Pub lunch possible at end. Terrain L level.
- Sat 19 Dec 12:30** Social Event Christmas Lunch - please book up EARLY, no later than 8 November - see newsletter.
- Sun 27 Dec day** 10m M Ozleworth Departure Joe 01453 890197
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Rosehill School Car Park, Alderley. L162/E167 ST 768909 Wortley, Newark Park, Ozleworth Park, West Wood, Ozleworth Bottom. Bring a packed lunch.
- Thu 31 Dec day out** 7m H Sweat First, Steam Later Patrick & Angela 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951
Meet 10:00 for 10:15 start from Toddington Station. M5 Jn 9, A438 to Toddington. B4077 at Toddington roundabout, turn R and park in station yard. L150/E190 SP 050324 Walk Didbrook, Stumps Cross, Hayles Fruit Farm (home made soup £3.60 - you must place your order before start of the walk), Winchcombe. About £4 train fare needed for ride back to Toddington (due back at 15:53).

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Fri 1 Jan 2010 figure of 8 10m L Ramblers Resolution Figure of 8 Joe 01453 890197 on day 07502 080751
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Car Park at Splatt Bridge, Frampton on Severn. **L162/EOL14 SO 743067** am Sharpness Canal, Cambridge, Nebrow Hill, Frampton Lakes & lunch (**1 pm at SO 754079**) pm River Frome, Saul Junction. Bring a packed lunch.

Wed 6 Jan morning 6m L Pike Lock stroll Mike & Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start. At Little Chef roundabout on A419 turn L towards Eastington and immediately L into Pike Lock CP. **L162/E168 SO 784061** Ocean Bridge, Frocester, Mill End.

Sat 9 Jan short day 8.5m M East from Stroud Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Car park on Rodborough Common - from Stroud first Car Park on the right after passing entrance to Rodborough Fort. **L162/E168 SO 851040** Road from Rodborough, Butterow, Swells Hill to Brimscombe. Then canal Toadsmoor and Lypiatt. Bring a sandwich and a banana.

Wed 13 Jan morning 6m L/M Richard & Di's easy walk! Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Lay by at top of Cowcombe hill opposite Aston Down. **L162/E168 SO 910019** Through Hyde Woods, Hyde, Crackstone, Aston Down.

Sat 16 Jan morning 6m M Painswick Circular John G 01453 834141
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Falcon Inn CP opposite Painswick church. **L162/E179 SO 866097** Holcombe Farm, Edgemoor, Cotswold Way. Pub lunch if required.

Wed 20 Jan morning 6.5m M Chavenage Green John G 01453 834141
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Nailsworth Garden Centre. **L162/E168 ST 854995** Harley Wood, Ledgemore Bottom, Chavenage Green, back across fields. Lunch at end if required.

Sat 23 Jan day 10m M Hill and Ham Winter Warmer Joe 01453 890197 on day 07502 080751
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Hill village. **L162/E167 ST 645950** Frampton Lane, River Severn, Ham, Whitcliff Deer Park, Wood End Lane. Bring a packed lunch.

Wed 27 Jan morning 5m L The Skylark Walk Ray 01453 547213
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Red Lion, Arlingham. **L162/EOL14 SO 708109** Lunch at end if required.

Sat 30 Jan short day 7m M/H Nailsworth Horsley Kingscote Valley Chris 01452 424762 NEW LEADER
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Nailsworth Garden Centre near road. **L162/E168 ST 854995** From Nailsworth, stopping briefly at Ruskin Mill, continuing to Horsley and then through a wooded Kingscote Valley, returning to Nailsworth. Picnic lunch.

Wed 3 Feb morning 6m M Arlington and Bibury Jacqui 01666 826139 on day 07778 948615
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from bridge in Arlington near Swan Hotel. Park by river or in layby on other side of bridge. **L163/EOL45 SP 115069** Colne Valley, Ablington, Lamborough Banks, Bibury, Arlington Row. Lunch at end if required.

Sat 6 Feb morning 6m M Walk to the springs John G 01453 834141
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Royal Ship Inn CP, Luckington. **L173/ E168 ST 833840** Sopworth, Crowdown Springs (source of river Avon). Pub Lunch available.

Wed 10 Feb day out 7m L Winter Spectacle Ann L 01453 890085 on day 07879 600331
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from WWT car park Slimbridge. Bring your "Bins". **L162/OL14 SO 723048** AM Level walk to Frampton-on-Severn and back. Pub/cafe alongside canal or picnic/cafe at WWT. PM Visit WWT (charge for non-members) Enjoy migrating birds and views of Severn Estuary. If starlings return in 2010 we may get to see starling roost at dusk. At 4pm see wild bird feed from comfort of heated hide.

Sat 13 Feb figure of 8 9.5m M/H Minchinhampton figure of 8 (reversed !) Alex 01453 826907
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from behind Minchinhampton Church, **L162/E168 SO 872009** am Burleigh, Canal, St Mary's, Hyde Common (5 miles), pm Longfords, Box, Minchinhampton Common (4.5 miles), Picnic / refreshments available in Minchinhampton.

Wed 17 Feb morning 6m M Bisley circle Mike & Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Bisley, Windy Ridge lay-by. **L163/E179 SO 903063** Calfway, Througham Field, Fox Wood, Holy Brook, Battlescombe. Pub lunch possible.

Sat 20 Feb day 10m M/H Severn to Thames Canal Walk No 5 Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Tunnel House Inn, Coates. **L163/E168 SO 966005** Route:- Goatsfield Bridge, Thames Head, Ewen, (E169) Park Leaze Barn, Return:- Monarchs Way. Picnic Lunch.

Wed 24 Feb morning 5.5m M/H To Randwick Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from St. Cyr's Church, Stonehouse(not church in town) (park considerably in Church Lane). **L162/E179 SO 799050** Doverow Hill , Randwick, Standish.

Sat 27 Feb morning 6m L Rodmarton Circular Tim 01453 757104
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Rodmarton, (Cherington Road), park on verge. **L162/E168 ST 939979** via MacMillan Way and Monarchs Way.

Adverse Conditions - Leaders may decide to cancel or shorten the walk, taking into account everyone's health and safety. Please contact them if doubt about conditions before travelling. Leaders are welcome to have late news put on the **Message Board** (contact Mike) - All walkers are encouraged to check there too if possible.

What to bring Bananas are popular as a snack, and bring plenty of water, as dehydration can really happen! On day walks you are advised to bring some food supplies, even if you are hoping for a

pub lunch, in case the pub closes down without notice! Wear strong footwear, and decide whether to carry waterproofs and warmer clothing. Several thin layers are a good idea for flexible temperature control. Bring a simple first aid kit. Remove muddy boots in pubs and churches.

Dogs not allowed on our walks. Sorry.

Please don't walk ahead of leader unless asked.

All leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them including rambling. In spite of participants' safety always being the paramount

concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important that each person appreciates they have a responsibility to identify hazards and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for accidents.

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