

South Cotswold Ramblers Our Walks - November 2016



Wed 2 Nov short day 6.2m Ninety years ago

Golf course, Pope's wood, Mann's Court, Painswick Stream, Painswick. Terrain 3 Quite hilly, muddy after rain. Bring a snack, pubs and cafes in Painswick after walk. Leaders - Jill and Sue 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start Painswick Walkers CP, off B4073. (GL6 6RR) L162/E179 SO867104 Maps http://tinyurl.com/h8gok4z

Sat 5 Nov morning 6m No fireworks please, a sparklers only walk Painswick Beacon, Spoonbed Farm, Holcombe Farm, Edge Farm, Cotswold Way back to Painswick. Pub Lunch possible, please pre-order. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Leader - Denys 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Painswick, Falcon Inn CP opp. church. (GL6 6UN) L162/E179 S0866097 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zxrshls

Mon 7 Nov morning 4m Cambridge leisurely walk Walk by river and canal and across Splatt Bridge. Terrain 0 Level. Lunch available at the George. Leader - Linda 07941 486843 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Cambridge, George Inn on the A38. There is a large car park. (GL2 7AL) L162/OL14 SO749038 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zj7x9g6

Wed 9 Nov morning 5.5m Does this walk have a peal?
Reservoir, Great Witcombe, Cotswold Way, Roman Villa.
Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch at end if required.
Leader - Enid 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317 Meet
09:50 for 10:00 start from Twelve Bells (Beefeater), Little
Witcombe. L150/E179 S0904156 http://tinyurl.com/jxqwnlz

Sat 12 Nov morning 4.1m A short leisurely walk to prepare all for the delights of the AGM Starting at Rodborough Tabernacle then via Rodborough Manor around Common and on to Kingscourt before return to start. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring sandwiches to eat in the Tabernacle prior to the start of the AGM. Leaders - Ros and Ron 01285 239054 on day 07917 808234 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Rodborough Tabernacle CP - from Stroud, just after cattle grid turn R off road leading up towards Fort signed United Reformed Church then downhill for 500 yards. (GL5 3UJ) L162/E168 S0845040 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gvwnpyb

Wed 16 Nov short day 7.1m Gold for lunch, with Greens on the Syde Loop south through Brimpsfield, Caudle Green, Winstone Hill and Wood, Syde and Brimpsfield Park. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. A couple of short but sharp ascents. Bring a snack. Pub lunch possible, please pre-order. Leader - Dave I 01453 872760 on day 07770 632652 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Nettleton, Golden Heart, on A417 1m SE of Birdlip. Park at top end of CP. (GL4 8LA) E179/L163 S0943137 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hxgjdax

Sat 19 Nov morning 6m Farmland, woods and a royal view From Nailsworth a quiet lane walk, then across farmland to Avening and back through Hazel wood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Could be muddy in places. Lunch possible afterwards.

Leader - Colin B (Amberley) 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Nailsworth Garden Centre. (GL6 0BS) L162/E168 ST854995

Maps http://tinyurl.com/hmntjq3

Mon 21 Nov morning 3.5m Over the fields and not far away leisurely walk A gentle stroll across fields and past farms down to Kingswood, through the churchyard, along by the stream, and back across more fields and some woods to Wotton. Pub lunch possible. Leader - Colin B (Kingswood) 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Wotton-u-Edge, Royal Oak, Haw Street. (GL12 7AG) Park at top end of CP only if eating or drinking there, otherwise park in The Chipping CP. L162/E167 ST755933

Maps http://tinyurl.com/z5n6upx

Wed 23 Nov morning 5.5m Horsley - Figure of 8
Downend, Shortwood, Nailsworth, Ruskin Mill, Horsley Wood,
Nupend. Mix of footpaths and quiet lanes. Terrain 2 Hilly and
level mix. Excellent food & ales in pub afterwards. Leaders Steve and Rosemary 01453 860130 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
from Horsley, The Hog. Park in Car Park if using pub or
considerately nearby. Village Hall, further down lane has more
parking. (GL6 OPR) L162/E168 ST838980
Maps http://tinyurl.com/jxtdvzt

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Sat 26 Nov day 12m Trust me, it's a good walk
Doverow Hill, Haresfield Beacon, Haresfield, Standish Church,
Nastend. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Picnic lunch. Leader Graham W 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592 Meet 09:50 for
10:00 start from King's Stanley SDC CP opposite the pub.
(GL10 3JD) L162/E168 SO811034
Maps http://tinyurl.com/jtgb8ea

Wed 30 Nov short day 7m Our own WACky way
Walk Around Cirencester and surrounding countryside showing
the variety of the area - Roman Amphitheatre, Forum and
Basilica, NHS Forest, Abbey Grounds, St. Michael's Park, old
Ciren town and industrial estate. Terrain 1 Not much climbing.
Bring a snack. Leaders - Sally and Ros 01453 872729 / 01285
239054 on day 07818 425088 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from
Dobbies Garden Centre on A419 just outside Cirencester in
direction of Swindon. Park on the far side of CP nearest to
A419. (GL7 6EU) L163/E169 SP043002
Maps http://tinyurl.com/hth966n

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 their responsibility to identify hazards and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for accidents.

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Our Walks - December 2016



Sat 3 Dec morning 5.5m Gentle rolling Cotswold hills St Paul's Epistle, Shill Hill, Thorndale and Foxcote, through gentle rolling hills, woodland and an attractive hamlet. Fine views - subject to the weather. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch available at The Kilkenny Inn - if required. Leaders - James and Linda 01452 611614 on day 07709 834218 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start Kilkenny Viewpoint CP off A436. (GL54 4LT) L163/OL45 SP004186 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hgnfrzn

Mon 5 Dec morning 3.5m Leisurely walk in Woodchester Park Boathouse Walk taking in the mansion, terraced gardens and parkland and the top two lakes, returning through woodland. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Good paths. Tea / coffee in Woodchester House towards end of walk. Lunch in Nympsfield at end if required. Leader - Jacqui 01666 826139 Meet 10:20 for 10:30 start at Woodchester Park NT car park. Turn off B4066 road for Nympsfield. Follow signs to Woodchester Park (£2 or free for NT members). (GL10 3UP) L162/E168 SO797011 Maps http://tinyurl.com/z3lmtsz

Wed 7 Dec morning 5m Familiarity breeds familiarity Whiteway, Bidfield Farm, Sheepscombe, Ebworth Estate. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre-order lunch at pub before the walk. Leader - Denys 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Foston's Ash CP. (GL6 7ES) L163/E179 S0914114 Maps http://tinyurl.com/jxnukjs

Sat 10 Dec short day 6m Christmas Market walk
Through Hempsted village, passing Lady's Well to reach
Gloucester Christmas Market in the docks, staying these for
about an hour. Returning via the Gloucester Sharpness canal.
Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a snack. Leader - John G
01452 728760 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Gloucester, Rea
Bridge CP. Follow B4008 towards Gloucester past Tesco
Quedgeley roundabout and take 2nd L at traffic lights along
Merlin Drive. At 2nd roundabout turn R along Elmore Lane
West and CP is on L before canal bridge. (GL2 4NS) L162/E179
S0805150 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gsahp56

Wed 14 Dec morning 5m Not Hare, Salmon, Swallow or Cattle but some bits!! Severn Way, Overton, Wick Court, Severn Way, Arlingham. Terrain 1 Not much climbing, not even Barrow Hill, so less than 63 meters ascent. Food & drink available in the Red Lion at finish. Leader - Ray W 01453 547213 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Arlingham, Red Lion. Limited space so only park there if using the pub. Otherwise park considerately nearby. (GL2 7JT) L162/OL14 SO708109 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zc3e3be

Sat 17 Dec short day 7.5m Coaley Village to Peak
Coaley to Leonard Stanley via Frocester then Gipsy Lane to
Coaley Peak . Return through Coaley Wood and across fields to
Coaley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. Fox and
Hounds pub at the end of the walk. Leaders - Peter and Sue
01453 860797 on day 07854 634090 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
from Coaley Church, please park considerately in village. (GL11
5ED) L162/E167 S0771017 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gvk5t42

Mon 19 Dec morning 4m O'er fields and vale .. to Througham A varied walk, going west from Miserden via Honeycombe Farm to Througham - and then south back a different equally beautiful route. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. There are some climbs, but these will be taken slowly as this is a 'leisurely start the week walk'. Pub meal possible after walk at the Carpenter's Arms, Miserden. Leader - Sheila L 01453 757295 on day 07972 904325 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Miserden next to the school. (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 Extra parking near the Carpenter's Arms if eating there afterwards. S0933089 Maps http://tinyurl.com/jplybs2

Wed 21 Dec short day 7m Whitcliff Deer Park but no reindeer Ham, Berkeley Estate, Little Avon River, Stone, Deer Park. Terrain 1 Not much climbing, just one short steep climb. Bring a snack. Pub lunch possible. Leader - Olivia 01453 751716 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Ham near Berkeley, Salutation Inn. Park in lane if not using the pub. (GL13 9QJ) L162/E167 ST680984 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zwa6dee

Sat 24 Dec morning 5m A Breath of Fresh Air before the Fray A walk on the common. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. The Bear will probably be open for drinks on our return. Leaders - Sally and Keith 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Amberley War Memorial (this is up on the Common not by the Amberley Inn). Park considerately on the common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 SO851016 Maps http://tinyurl.com/jdxxx38

Wed 28 Dec morning 6m A Sojourn in the Cotswolds Circular via Edge and Pitchcombe. Terrain 3 Quite hilly, some climbs mainly on good tracks. Leaders - Richard and Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood NT CP (donation £2 non-members) (Cripplegate) ½ mile before Haresfield Beacon. (GL6 6PP) L162/E179 S0831086 Maps http://tinyurl.com/h2agwcz

Sat 31 Dec morning 5.8m The end is nigh (of the year) From Egypt Mill a short way along cycle track, Windsoredge, up to Wallow Green, Sallywood and back through Waghill and Shortwood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix/ Food available at Egypt Mill bistro, we usually pre-order. Leader - Ann A 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Nailsworth, Egypt Mill CP, park over far side. (GL6 0AJ) L162/E168 ST850998 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gsswcda





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Our Walks - January 2017



Mon 2 Jan morning 4m Half a Wednesday walk
A sensible leisurely winter walk on good paths. Along canal
towpath to Ryeford and back along cycle track to Rodborough
Hill then back to car park along towpath. Terrain 0 Level.
Leader - Ann A 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet
10.20 for 10:30 start from Cainscross Car Park opposite Tricorn
House top end. (GL5 4JJ) L162/E168 SO834051
Maps http://tinyurl.com/hzbugrk

Wed 4 Jan morning 5m Hills and mills
A route linking Tresham, Wortley and Alderley along some of the Cotswold Way. Mostly tracks and farmland. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Could be muddy in places. Leader - Colin B (Amberley) 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Tresham, long grass verge. On L if coming from A46, or on R if coming from Wotton-u-Edge. (GL12 7RW) L162/E167 ST793912 Maps http://tinyurl.com/grwulrz

Sat 7 Jan morning 6m Miserden Winter Sunshine Walk Meet early for coffee. Miserden to Edgeworth via Sudgrove. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. A few short sharp climbs. May be muddy. Pub lunch available afterwards. Leaders - Richard and Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 09:40 for 10:00 start from Miserden, Carpenters Arms. Pub CP if room and if eating otherwise plenty of road parking. L163/E179 SO937088 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hfyk3tm

Wed 11 Jan short day 6.5m What no strawberries !!!! Oakridge, Strawberry Banks, Siccaridge Wood, Waterlane, Oakridge. Bring a snack. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Pub lunch possible. Leaders - Brian and Ann 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Oakridge, Butchers Arms. (Only park in pub CP if you are going in for a drink or meal afterwards, otherwise road nearby). (GL6 7NZ) L162/E168 S0915037 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gvx7hc8

Sat 14 Jan Area AGM see Newsletter
This year it is our Group's turn to be hosts to Ramblers'
members from all over Gloucestershire, so please support us.

Mon 16 Jan morning 4m If only the monument could talk - a leisurely walk We will follow Long Coombe to Kilcott and back via Upper Kilcott and Small Coombe. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Lunch and drinks available in The Beaufort at the end. Leader - Anne E 01453 842551 on day 07773 292363 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Hawkesbury Upton Beaufort Arms, (park at rear of car park if using pub). If not park at village hall CP (donation). L162/E167 (GL9 1AU) ST777869 Maps http://tinyurl.com/h9tbz8f

Wed 18 Jan morning 5.1m Around Slad with Little Jim Down Hill, Daw's Lane, Swift's Hill, Steanbridge. Terrain 3 Quite hilly with 1,200 feet of ascent. Leaders - Mike and Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Bulls Cross layby B4070 above Slad. (GL7 6QT) L162/E179 S0877087 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gwvpqre

Sat 21 Jan day 8m Exploring the Berkeley Vale
The route of the walk will be dependent on the ground conditions. Terrain: L level or little climbing. Bring refreshments and food for a coffee and lunch break. Leader - Ray C 01453 811545 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SF. Car parking is in my garden at the rear of the house. L162/E167 SO685020 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hl8xg67

Wed 25 Jan day 9m Painswick Valley
Ruscombe, Pitchcombe Woods, Edge, Cotswold Way to
Painswick, return to Stroud across fields (or by bus). Picnic
lunch. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Leader - John G 01452 728760
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stroud Leisure Centre Car
Park top end. (GL5 4AH) L162/E179SO843057
Maps http://tinyurl.com/zl4pez7

Sat 28 Jan morning 5.6m From Green to Orange but no Red to stop Us Chavenage Green to Shiptons Grave Lane return via Brandhouse Farm and Avening Park. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Could be muddy in the Bottoms. Leader - Ray W 01453 547213 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Chavenage Green. (GL8 8XS) L162/E168 ST865956

Maps http://tinyurl.com/jxw2g6w

Mon 30 Jan morning 3.9m From Slimbridge to Cambridge and back leisurely walk A flat walk across meadows and country lanes. Terrain 0 Level. Lunch available afterwards at The Tudor Arms. Leader - Margaret 01453 828036 on day 07930 396204 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Slimbridge, Tudor Arms Inn, Shepherds Patch. Only use pub car park if using pub after walk. Otherwise park considerately in road. (GL2 7BP) L162/OL14 SO727041 Maps http://tinyurl.com/gtnelzz

WRAP UP WARM, AND COME WALKING!



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Wed 1 Feb morning 5m Round Route from Ram Circular walk via Woodchester, Selsley church and common and Inchbrook. About 600 foot of climb with a mixture of lanes, common and farmland. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Food available after at the Ram Inn. Leaders - Brian and Sheelagh 01453 872220 on day 07749 931449 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from South Woodchester, Ram Inn lower car park. park tightly. (GL5 5NZ) L162/E168 SO839021 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zd99x9h

Sat 4 Feb morning 6m Standish and Severn views Standish Woods and Park, Arlebrook (through one of our kissing gates), Haresfield Beacon. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Leader - Olivia 01453 751716 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood NT CP (£2 non-members) (Cripplegate) ½ mile before Haresfield Beacon. (GL6 6PP) or in lane alongside. L162/E179 SO831086 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hd2knlb

Mon 6 Feb morning 3.5m Hungover in France leisurely walk Nashend, The Pike, France Lynch. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pub lunch possible. Leaders - Brian and Ann 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from France Lynch, Kings Head if eating or drinking. Lane down to pub very narrow, you may prefer to park at top of lane. (GL6 8LT) L163/E179 SO903036 Maps http://tinyurl.com/ja6yxxn

Wed 8 Feb morning 6m All weather winter walk
A walk on good paths (famous last words). Along canal
towpath to St Cyrs church, back through two fields then on to
cycle track to Rodborough Hill, back to car park along towpath.
Terrain 0 Level. Leader - Ann A 01453 839089 on day 07931
114439 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cainscross Car Park
opposite Tricorn House top end. (GL5 4JJ) L162/E168
S0834051 Maps http://tinyurl.com/zllyupn

Sat 11 Feb NO WALK - ANNUAL LUNCH - see newsletter

Wed 15 Feb short day 7.5m Winter views of Cam and Dursley Mainly woodland and field paths via The Quarry, Lower Cam, Upthorpe, Upper Cam and Dursley. Bring a packed lunch. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Several stiles. Sections of the woodland paths including a short steep descent may be slippery. Leaders - Karen and Tony 01453 545824 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stinchcombe Hill public CP (not Golf Club CP). (GL11 6AQ) L162/E167 ST743983

Maps http://tinyurl.com/hnpm3f2

Sat 18 Feb short day 6.7m Off to Belas but not for a Knap Wardens Way past Sudeley Castle eventually picking up the Cotswold Way climbing to Belas Knap. Downhill return to Winchcombe again picking up the Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a snack for coffee time to keep you going until 1:30 ish. Leader - Andrew 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Winchcombe, Back Lane Car Park (off B4632 Gloucester Street). (GL54 5PZ) OL45/L150 SP023284 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hc4umg6

Mon 20 Feb morning 4m Avening leisurely walk
Via Steps Lane and the Golf Course. Terrain 2 Hilly and level
mix. Leader - John G 01452 728760 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start.

Park near church at Avening. (GL8 8NF) L162/E168 ST880980 Maps http://tinyurl.com/jtnjcdo

Wed 22 Feb morning 6m Tea among the tea caddies Stroud, Callowell, Pitchcombe, Painswick Stream, Hammonds Farm, Stroud. Terrain 3 Quite hilly, will be muddy after rain. Bring a snack for coffee break. Leaders - Jill and Sue 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stroud Leisure Centre Car Park top end. (GL5 4AH) L162/E179 S0843057 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hjqyem8

Sat 25 Feb morning 6m Randwick - The other way round Farmhill, Stroudwater Canal, Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Possible pub meal at end. Leaders - Steve and Rosemary 01453 860130 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Randwick, outside the Vine Tree. Park in adjacent Car Park or use pub Car Park if visiting afterwards. (GL6 6JB) L162/E179 S0829068 Maps http://tinyurl.com/hfqnpdk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RING the leader if you are in any doubt, especially if you haven't walked recently. Perhaps try a shorter walk ot two first. **PACE** Most of our walks are of **Moderate** pace, averaging 2 mph with stops. Monday walks are labelled **Leisurely** and are about 1.5 mph; a 10:30 start on a 4 mile walk means finishing between 12:45 and 1pm approximately.

NON MEMBERS - You are very welcome to walk with the Group a few times. Just turn up on the day. Ring the leader first if you have any questions. We hope you will then wish to join, either on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk or with a leaflet, quoting South Cotswold if you wish to be in our particular Group. Once a member you can walk with any Ramblers' group in Britain at any time.

OVERSEAS VISITORS are very welcome on any of our walks.

ALL MESSAGES on our website will show any walk changes or additional information (plus other news). Please check, especially if travelling a distance. www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk
DOGS - Sorry, registered assistance dogs only.

PLEASE do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.

HOW HILLY IS THE WALK?

Terrain 0 Level.

Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix.
Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Terrain 4 Very hilly.

WHAT TO BRING Bananas are popular as a snack, and bring plenty of water. On day walks you are advised to bring food, even if planning a pub lunch, in case the pub is closed. Wear strong footwear. Bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing and a simple first aid kit. Remove muddy boots in pubs/churches.

IMPORTANT - KEEPING TOGETHER ON A WALK Most parties will have a back marker appointed for the walk. Please inform this person if you need to drop behind for a comfort stop, and tell them when you catch up again. All members of larger parties are asked to help by keeping a look out behind them. If the people behind you are in danger of losing touch, perhaps in a wood, please pause and tell the people in front of you to wait a minute as well. One way is to give a long blast on your whistle if someone has lost touch. Thank you.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS Leaders may decide to cancel or shorten the walk, taking into account everyone's health and safety. Please contact them if in any doubt before travelling or see TICKERTAPE or CURRENT MESSAGES at www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

OUR WALKS ARE ONLINE here http://tinyurl.com/SCRWalks with a choice of mappng so that you can figure out where you have walked if you are so inclined!