



South Cotswold Ramblers

Led Walks Programme

November 2011

Don't forget to tell your friends about our new easy paced 4 mile maximum walks on a Monday - **STW Start The Week** walks. We look forward to seeing old and new faces. Why not give it a try?

Wed 2 Nov morning 6m M Look for the Welsh mountains Anne E - 01453 842551
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Wotton-under-Edge, Auction Rooms CP on R just beyond graveyard, Tabernacle Road. L162/E167 ST 75559350 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonAuctionCP> We go through woodland followed by open views across the Severn Valley and the hamlet of Coombe. Lunch possible at end of walk in Wotton.

Sat 5 Nov EITHER morning 5m L/M Minchinhampton No Stiles Walk Jacqui - 01666 826139 on day 07778 948615
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Market House, Minchinhampton. E168/L162 SO 872007 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchMH> Amberley, Rodborough Common, Burleigh. Lunch afterwards if required.

Sat 5 Nov OR short day 8m M Two vales, a hill, and a nose Brian & Sheelagh - 01453 872220
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Minchinhampton Common reservoir CP. <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchResCP> L162/E168 SO 855012. Steady total climb/descent of 800 feet and canal-side stretch. Swell's Hill, Brimscombe, Butterow, Fort, Rooksmoor, Littleworth. Bring packed lunch.

Mon 7 Nov morning 4m L STW Easy Paced Walk Around Berkeley Maurice - 01453 811162 on day 07912 552075
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Mariners Arms CP Berkeley. Use the car park if coming in afterwards. L162/E167 ST 681992 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBerkeleyMarinersArms> A levellish walk past Berkeley church, Fowler's plantation, Little Avon and the Pill. Possibly muddy in places. Pub lunch available after.

Wed 9 Nov long morning 6.5m M/H Another Cotswold Way Bus Ride Steve & Rosemary - 01453 860130
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start. Meet outside Beaufort Arms in Hawkesbury Upton. Use pub car park if visiting afterwards or Parish Hall Car Park opposite (honesty box). L172/E167 ST 777870 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHawkesburyUptonVH> Catch 10:10 bus to Chipping Sodbury, return via Frome Walkway and Cotswold Way. Possible pub lunch at end.

Sat 12 Nov short day 7.5m M Ghost Walks No 2 Bernard - 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Brimscombe Corner CP behind Old Chapel. <http://tinyurl.com/mapBrimsCorner> L162/E168 SO 868024 Come & hear about some local ghosts & strange things. Route:- Nether Lypiatt, Toadsmoor Valley, Bismore (one steep hill near start). Picnic.

Wed 16 Nov morning 5m L Coombe Hill Nature Reserve Graham B - 01452 725405
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Coombe Hill, The Swan pub CP, Tewkesbury Road. <http://tinyurl.com/mapCoombeHill> L163/E179 SO 888272 Through reserve, stopping at a hide, on to Apperley and back. Twitchers bring binoculars. Pub lunch poss.

Sat 19 Nov morning 5.5m M/H Various Viewpoints Mike - 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Rodborough Tabernacle CP- off road leading up towards Fort turn R signed United Reformed Church and go downhill for 500 yds. L162/E168 SO 845040 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodboroughTab> Visiting Selsley village and common, Woodchester and back along Rodborough Common. **Afterwards** bring a picnic. Hot drinks and home made cakes available! Members are then invited to the short Annual General Meeting at 1.45 pm - see how your Group is organised. This will be followed by an illustrated talk on "Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage" by Dr Ray Wilson of the Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology.

Mon 21 Nov morning 2.5m L STW short walk and talk from Saul Junction Patrick - 01452 616886
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Saul Junction CP by Willow Trust. Access from NW side of Sandfield Bridge to pay-and-display car park (£1) beyond public toilets, close to Saul Junction. Postcode GL2 7LA. <http://tinyurl.com/mapSaulJunc> L162/EO14 SO 755092 A walk with information about the canal, its history and restoration. Lunch possible at the Stables Café afterwards.

Wed 23 Nov morning 5.5m L Eastington to Leonard Stanley Bernard - 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Eastington Picnic Area by Canal. At Little Chef roundabout on A419 turn towards Eastington and immediately L into Pike Lock CP. L162/E168. SO 784060 <http://tinyurl.com/mapPikeLock> Beards Mill, Leonard Stanley, Middleyard, Stanley Mill.

Sat 26 Nov morning 6.7m L/M Macaroni Woods ONE NEW LEADER Ros & Ron - 01285 658505
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Eastleach Turville, Victoria Inn. L163/OL45 SP 197053 <http://tinyurl.com/mapEastleachT> Eastleach Martin, Akeman Street roman road, Macaroni Woods close to the site of Bibury racecourse. Meals poss. at Victoria Inn.

Sat 26 Nov 7:30 pm SocialEvent Stroud Symphony Orchestra concert - see newsletter

Wed 30 Nov morning 6m L/M Westonbirt Wander Jacqui - 01666 826139 on day 07778 948615
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Westonbirt, quiet lane behind the Hare & Hounds hotel on A433. L162/E168 ST 861904 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWestonbirtLane> Arboretum, Westonbirt, Monarch's Way, Hookshouse Lane. Lunch afterwards if required.

WALK OFFERS NEEDED FOR MARCH TO JUNE

Thank you leaders for the 45 great walks planned for this programme. Please ring Kathy (01453 860004) Midweek, John G (01453 834141) Weekend and myself (Mike 01453 873625) STW (Start The Week) Short Walks to offer your date or dates no later than 31 December. Then please phone or send the details online if possible (see the Leaders' Page) by 25 January or sooner. Thanks once again for your help. Mike, Walks Programme Coordinator



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- Sat 3 Dec day 8m M Not Christmas Shopping! Karen & Tony - 01453 545824 on day 07721 605409**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cam Peak CP (Peaked Down). L162/E167 ST 767993 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCamPeakCP>
Around Cam Peak, side of Long Down, Uley Bury, Uley, Elcombe, Dursley. Packed lunch. There may be time for a swift pint at the pub in Uley.
- Mon 5 Dec morning 4m L/M STW short walk from Shipton Moyne Mike - 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087**
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Shipton Moyne Cat and Custard pot CP if staying for lunch or in village. L162/E168 ST 890895
<http://tinyurl.com/mapShiptonMoyne> An easy paced walk in this peaceful area. Pub lunch possible at end.
- Wed 7 Dec day 10m M Hangman's Stone NEW LEADER Roy - 01242 245488 on day 07766 413176**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from large lay-by on minor road 1.5 miles east of Pusedown Inn. First turn on right after Pusedown Inn. L163/OL45 SP 087153 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNrPusedownInn> Stowell Park, Fossebridge, Pancake Hill, Chedworth, (pub lunch or picnic) Roman Villa, Yanworth.

Sat 10 Dec CHRISTMAS LUNCH see newsletter and book early

- Wed 14 Dec short day 8m M Chavenage Circular Enid - 01242 863283 on day 07962 561888**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Chavenage Green. L162/E168 ST 865957 <http://tinyurl.com/mapChavenageGreen> Hermits Cave, Monarchs Way, return via Macmillan Way. Picnic.
- Sat 17 Dec morning 5m M Standish Park and Wood Olivia - 01453 751716**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood NT Cripplegate CP near to Haresfield Beacon. L162/E179 SO 831086
<http://tinyurl.com/mapShortwoodNTCP> Haresfield Beacon, Oxlynch, Standish Wood. Optional pub lunch at finish.
- Mon 19 Dec morning 4m M STW Start The Week short walk from Nailsworth John G - 01453 834141**
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Nailsworth Garden Centre. L162/E168 ST 854995 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNailsworthGC> An easy paced walk to Hazel Wood and back to Tubbys. Lunch possible afterwards.
- Sat 24 Dec morning 6m M Christmas Eve in the morning walk Andy & Wendy - 01453 885498**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Minchinhampton, edge of common behind Church. <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchEdgeCommon>
L162/E168 SO 872009 Across common to Box, Amberley, Rodborough Fort, back via Burleigh. Part of Festival of Winter Walks.
- Wed 28 Dec morning 6m M/H A taste of Purgatory Richard & Diana - 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Bisley, Windyridge layby on Birdlip road. <http://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyWindyridge> L163/E179 SO 903064 Mainly woodland tracks following the Wysis Way out of Bisley, Catswood, Purgatory, Ferris Court, Toadsmoor. Bisley Pubs available at end. Part of the Festival of Winter Walks.
- Sat 31 Dec long morning 7m M/H Dursley - up to the monument Michael & Gillian - 01453 542386 on day 07949 812975**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Dursley long stay car park, via Long Street, Dursley. <http://tinyurl.com/mapDursleyLongSt>
L162/E167 ST 759982 Tyndale Monument and Waterley Bottom. Possible pub lunch afterwards. Part of the Festival of Winter Walks.

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WHAT TO BRING Bananas are popular as a snack, and bring plenty of water, to avoid dehydration. On day walks you are advised to bring food supplies, even if planning a pub lunch, in case the pub is closed. Wear strong footwear. Bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing. It is advisable to bring a simple first aid kit. Remove muddy boots in pubs/churches. Sorry, dogs not allowed.

PLEASE don't walk ahead of the leader unless asked.

MESSAGE BOARD will show any changes or additional information about any walk, see www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk/messageboard

NON MEMBERS You are welcome to walk with the Group three times. We hope you will then wish to join, either on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk or with a leaflet, quoting GR03 if you wish to be in our particular Group. Once a Member you can walk with any group in Britain. Newly joined members please email Mike (info@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk) or ring 01453 873625 for new member information.

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 stop too. Thank you.

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.

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 news put on the message board. Just contact Mike.

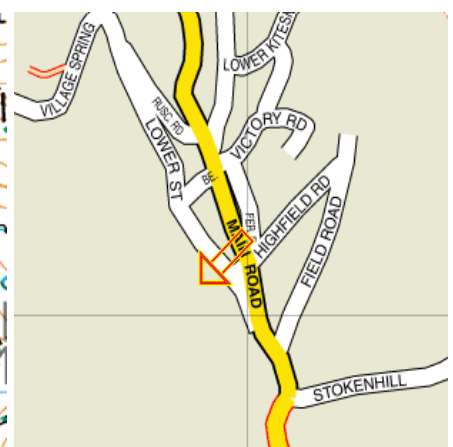
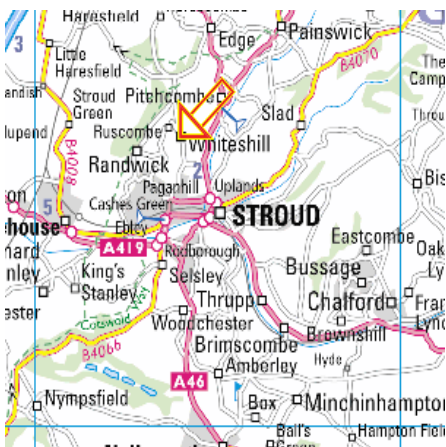
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- Sun 1 Jan figure of 8 10m L Ramblers Resolution "About Turn" Joe - 01453 890197 on day 07502 080751**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Frampton on Severn, small car park on left at far end of Green, at start of turning to Sailing Club. If this is full park considerably by the Green. L162/OL14 SO 747075 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFramptonSmallCP> am Saul Junction, River Frome, Frampton Lakes (picnic lunch), pm Nebrow Hill, Cambridge, Sharpness Canal. Part of the Festival of Winter Walks.
- Thu 5 Jan day 10m L/M Withington Mill Roy - 01242 245488 on day 07766 413176**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Andoversford, park by Old Cattle Market. <http://tinyurl.com/mapAndoversford> L163/OL45 SP 023198 Walk Upper Dowdeswell, Shill Hill, Withington (pub lunch or picnic), Shipton Solers.
- Sat 7 Jan day 8m H Walk around Dursley (WAD) Allen - 01453 545588**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stinchcombe Hill Public CP, not Golf Course CP. <http://tinyurl.com/mapStinchcombeHillCP> L162/E167 ST 743983 Dursley Wood, Long Down, Cam Peak. Bring a picnic.
- Mon 9 Jan morning 4m L/M STW Frocester short walk Mike & Heather - 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087**
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Frocester, George Inn CP, please park nearby if not using. L162/E168 SO 785032 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFrocesterGeorgelnn> easy paced walk via Silver Street and Coaley. Pub lunch possible at end.
- Wed 11 Jan morning 6m L Ham to Stone circular Maurice - 01453 811162 on day 07912 552075**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Ham near Berkeley, Salutation Inn. L162/E167 ST 680984 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHamSalutation> Deer Park, Stone, along the Little Avon. Pub lunch at end.
- Sat 14 Jan day EITHER 9m M A circle of the Stanleys Alex - 01453 826907**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from King's Stanley car park (NOT the Village Hall). <http://tinyurl.com/mapKStanleyCP> L162/E168 SO 811034 A moderate walk in the area. Bring a picnic.
- Sat 14 Jan fig 8 OR 8.5m M Avening figure of 8 John G - 01453 834141**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Avening outside Bell Inn. L162/E168 ST 881980 <http://tinyurl.com/mapAvening> am 6 miles Upper Barton, Chavenage Green, pm 2.5 miles, Steps Lane and Golf Course. Pub lunch possible.
- Wed 18 Jan morning 6m M/H Winter landscape around Whiteshill Denys - 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Whiteshill Playing Field CP next to Village Shop. E179/L162 SO 839070 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWhiteshillCP> Through fields & woods. Part of Cotswold Way. Some short steep climbs. Snacks available at Village Shop.
- Sat 21 Jan day 8.2m L Sherborne Park Estate Andrew - 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Sherborne Park Ewepen Barn NT CP. Take the A40 between Northleach and Burford and turn L (N) towards Sherborne. CP on R after 500 yds. £1 all day parking fee for non NT members. L163/OL45 SP 158143 <http://tinyurl.com/mapSherborneParkEwepenBarn> Sherborne, Sherborne Park Estate, Broadmoor Farm hamlet, Great Rissington, ancient water meadows. Picnic.
- Mon 23 Jan morning 3.75m L/M Start The Week easy paced short walk towards Brimpsfield Bill - 01452 813094**
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Foston's Ash CP on B4070. L163/E179 SO 914114 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFostonsAsh> Climperwell, Blacklains Farm. Pub lunch available afterwards.
- Wed 25 Jan morning 6m M Kilkenny, Foxcote and Shire Hill Enid - 01242 863283 on day 07962 561888**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Kilkenny Viewpoint car park off A436. L163/OL45 SP 004186 <http://tinyurl.com/mapKilkenny> Part of Gloucestershire Way, through Foxcote and Shipton Golf Course return via Shill Hill.
- Sat 28 Jan day 10m H Prinknash NEW LEADER Catherine - 01452 615382**
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Prinknash Abbey CP (off A46). E179/L162 SO 880137 <http://tinyurl.com/mapPrinknash> Over the hills to an Iron Age fort, Olivers, Workman's Wood, Cranham. Picnic.

ONLINE USERS

If you view this walks programme on line, you can click the maps, eg <http://tinyurl.com/mapWhiteshillCP>

Zoom Control - and + will give you 8 different types of map including Road, Landranger, Explorer and Street Maps. Have you tried it out yet?



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Wed 1 Feb morning 6m M Another Miserden Mystery Tour Richard & Diana - 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:40 for 10:00 start from Carpenters Arms Miserden. Park in pub CP or road if full. Meet at pub for coffee and choose lunch if required. L163/E179 SO 937088 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCArms> An undulating walk through the parkland and farmland surrounding Miserden. Pub lunch available.

Sat 4 Feb day EITHER 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 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHillVillage> Anticlockwise - Wood End Lane, Whitcliff Deer Park, Ham, River Severn, Frampton Lane. Bring a packed lunch.

Sat 4 Feb morning OR 6m M/H Waterlane Wandering Richard & Diana - 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Daneway Inn Car Park. L162/E179 SO 939034 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDaneway> Circular walk round Waterlane and Oakridge, Pub lunch at end if required.

Mon 6 Feb morning 4m L A castle castle - Start The Week easy paced short walk Anne E - 01453 842551
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Chavenage Green. L162/E168 ST 865957 <http://tinyurl.com/mapChavenageGreen> A pleasant walk across open fields to Beverston Castle. Macmillan Way.

Wed 8 Feb morning 5.5m M/H A different Hawkesbury Upton Circle Ray - 01453 547213
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Hawkesbury Upton, Beaufort Arms for those using the pub for lunch, otherwise park considerably in village. L162/E167. ST 778869 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHawkesburyUBeaufort> Barley Ridge, Small Coombe, Midger & Lizens Woods, Lower Kilcot. Return via Cotswold or Monarchs Way. Pub lunch available on completion.

Sat 11 Feb short day 7.5m M Snowdrops (or snow!) at Cherington Ponds Sally & Keith - 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Minchinhampton, CP at edge of common behind Church. L162/E168 SO 872009 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchEdgeCommon> Old Common, Peaches Farm, Cherington Ponds, Avening, Steps Lane, Bubblewell. Bring a picnic.

Wed 15 Feb morning 5m M Painswick valley Olivia - 01453 751716
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Painswick Walkers CP, off B4073. L162/E179 SO 866104 <http://tinyurl.com/mapPainswickWCP> Paradise, Olivers, Painswick stream. Pub/caf  in Painswick at the end.

Sat 18 Feb short day 7m L/M Ghost Walks No 3 Bernard - 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cheltenham Park & Ride CP near Racecourse (off A435). L163/E179 SO 954242 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCheltP-R> Come & hear about one of most documented stories in Britain & visit Prestbury most haunted village in England. Route:- Pittville Circus, Prestbury, Southam, Racecourse. Picnic.

Mon 20 Feb morning 4m L/M Start the Week short Uley Snowdrop Walk Kathy - 01453 860004
Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start at far end of South Street, Uley (a cul-de-sac). <http://tinyurl.com/mapUleySouthSt> L162/E167 ST 793983 Towards Dursley and back the other side of the valley. Pub lunch at end if required.

Thu 23 Feb morning 5m M/H Painswick and Slad Valley Bill - 01452 813094
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Bulls Cross layby B4070 above Slad. L162/E179 SO 877087 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross> Through Sheepscombe, Painswick and Slad.

Sat 25 Feb day 11m M Stanton Andrew - 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Free Parking in Stanton in front of Stanton Village Club/Cricket Club. OL45/L150 SP 067343 <http://tinyurl.com/mapStantonCC> Cotswold Way, Snowhill, Broadway Tower, Broadway, Cotswold Way. Bring Picnic.

Wed 29 Feb morning 5.5m M Pinbury Perambulation Brian & Sheelagh - 01453 872220
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Daneway Inn Car Park. L163/E179 SO 939034 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDaneway> Siccaridge, Pinbury, Sapperton. Pub lunch possible at the end.

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