

THE SOMERSET WALKING CLUB
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WALKS PROGRAMME: MAY TO AUGUST 2026

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.

BOOKING WALKS: We ask that you book with the walk leader by the Saturday evening. This is helpful if changes are needed because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Lifts: In the interests of the environment and cost saving, the club encourages car sharing. Anyone willing to offer a lift or in need of transport to a walk should inform the walk leader when they book the walk. The leader will then put people in touch as appropriate.

DOGS ON WALKS: Dogs are not permitted on club walks.

OFFERS OF WALKS for the next programme are always needed: Please send details to the Programme Secretary by **1st July 2026**, either by e-mail (cherryebird@gmail.com) or posting the attached slip.

Sunday 3 May 1030	QUANTOCKS. Leader Anna Morris (07833 025650). Meet at Quantock Lodge CP, signed swim/gym (GR.190374; PC TA5 1HD). 5 ½ miles, easy, some undulations. Café option to end.
Monday 4 May 1000	APPLE BLOSSOM AND 6 CHURCHES. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at second Prigg Lane CP, off St James Street, South petherton (GR.ST433169; PC TA13 5ED). 10 ½ miles, undulating.
Sunday 10 May 1030	WALK FROM TAUNTON GATEWAY PARK & RIDE. Leaders Joy & Tony (07951 348299). Meet at the Taunton Gateway Park & Ride TA3 5LU. A 6-mile circuit through Henlade, Stoke St Mary and Haydon, following field footpaths, tracks and lanes. Could be muddy if wet.
Sunday 17 May 1030	SIDFORD AND THE COAST. Leaders Brian & Esme (07939 904499, text preferred). Meet at Sidford Church St. long-stay CP – approx. £2.60 (GR.134899, EX10 9RL). 9 miles, some steep ascents and descents.
Sunday 24 May 1030	UPWARDS FROM LUXBOROUGH. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet at Luxborough village hall CP – honesty box (GR.985375; PC TA23 0SH). 8 miles, hilly with woodland and open moor. Moderate pace.
Sunday 31 May 1000	PORLOCK PILGRIM'S TRAIL PART 2, Oare to Stoke Pero, visiting 2 churches. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet at Cloutsham Gate. (GR.886430). 10 miles, linear walk with car shuttle. Hilly in places, moderate pace.
Sunday 7 June 1030	CASTLE HILL, ABBEY, MADFORD, BURROW HILL. Leader Linda Holway (01823 681522). Meet at Hemyock Parish Hall (GR.138133; PC EX15 3QL). 6 miles, undulating, leisurely pace on fields, lanes, woods. Bring a picnic.
Sunday 14 June 1000	PORLOCK PILGRIM'S TRAIL PART 3, Stoke Pero to Porlock, visiting 6 churches. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet in Porlock long stay CP (GR.886468; PC TA24 8NS). 12 miles, linear walk with car shuttle. Hilly, moderate pace.

Sunday 21 June 0430 am Ugh!	SEE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNRISE ON COTHELSTONE HILL, with Morris dancers. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at Cothelstone hill CP (GR.ST200328; PC TA51AU). 7 miles, undulating, one climb. Bring picnic breakfast.
Sunday 28 June 1030	EXPLORE FOOTPATHS AND QUIET LANES ON THE BLACKDOWNS. Leader Sue Hay (07909 970833). Meet at Grays Farm, Grays Lane, Clayhidon. (GR.ST154147). Approx 10 miles, hilly, moderate pace.
Sunday 5 July 1030	RIVER AXE, SISTERHOOD FARM, THE OLD LODGE & WYKES GREEN. Leader Steve Richards (01823 680912, 07854876344). Meet at Axminster West St CP (COOP) (GR.296984; PC EX13 5NX). 7 miles, undulating. Leisurely pace, bring picnic lunch.
Sunday 12 July 1030	BISHOPS LYDEARD CIRCULAR via Ash Priors, Northway, Milverton, Heathfield and Coteford St Luke. Leader Ann Hudson (07725 762566). Meet at the industrial estate by the Brewery - roadside parking (GR.167290; PC TA4 3RU). 10 ½ miles, undulating, along paths and quiet lanes. Moderate pace.
Sunday 19 July 1400	SILVER STREET AND BLACKWATER. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at Castle Neroche nature trail CP (GR.ST274157; PC TA20 3LF) 5 ½ miles, hilly, moderate pace.
Sunday 26 July 1030	CURRY RIVEL TO FIVEHEAD. Leaders Jenny & Pete Snowden (07741 483638). Meet at Curry Rivel CP (GR.ST394254; PC TA20 3LF). 10 miles on footpaths and droves through woods and fields, returning beside The Levels. Fairly level, moderate pace.
Sunday 2 August 1030	OLD PARK, MACKHAM & ABBEY. Leader Steve Richards (01823 680912, 07854876344). Meet at Stentwood Farm Tea Room CP (GR.134099; PC EX14 4RW). 5 miles, undulating, leisurely pace. Refreshments afterwards.
Sunday 9 August 1000	FYNE COURT CIRCULAR via North Petherton, Thurloxton, Claveshay, Broomfield Common. Leader Ann Hudson (07725 762566). Meet at Fyne Court NT CP – fee for non-members (GR.223320; PC TA5 2EQ). 10 miles, hills, paths, tracks and quiet lanes. Moderate pace.
Sunday 16 August 1030	CREECH CANAL CIRCUIT. Leaders Joy & Tony (07951 348299). Meet at the canalside CP in Creech St Michael (GR.275254; PC TA3 5TA). A 5-mile walk along the canal towpath to Charlton then Knapp, West Moor and Ham, returning along the river to Creech St Michael. Fairly level, easy going on footpaths and lanes.
Sunday 23 August 1030	QUANTOCKS. Western heathland plateau and wooded escarpment. Leader Annabel Campbell (contact Cherry on 01984 641052 to book). Meet at Crowcombe church rooms CP (GR.ST140365). 10 ¼ miles. Hilly. Good views, moderate pace.
Sunday 30 August 1400	BURNHAM-ON-SEA CIRCULAR VIA KING CHARLES III COAST PATH AND ALSTONE. Leader Anne Elliott-Day (07913 775283). Meet at the lake Apex Leisure Park, Marine Drive, Burnham-on-Sea - free parking in the park (GR.310482; PC TA8 1NQ). About 5 ½ miles. Easy walking, leisurely pace.

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.*