

UERSA WALKING GROUP
April – June 2019

Dates:

Wed, 3 April Mon, 15 April Wed, 1 May
Mon, 13 May Wed, 22 May Tues, 11 June Wed, 26 June

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the seven walks below for the period April – June and also to all those who led walks in the previous three month period.

The fact that additional walkers have offered to lead reflects the strength and enthusiasm of the group and it certainly makes the task of completing the programme much easier.

Sadly Alan Leadbetter, one of the original Walking Group members, died recently. He was a regular walker and occasional leader until health issues intervened. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- **10.30, Wednesday, 3rd April** **Circular walk from River Teign** **5 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Location: South of River Teign

Start: Steps Bridge Car Park. OS 110: SX 803 884

Distance: 5 miles Bring a packed lunch.

Circular walk to Bridford & back

Christine

- **10.30, Monday, 15th April** **Otterton Circular walk** **7 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Otterton circular walk. 7 miles. Packed lunch with option of tea/coffee and cakes at Otterton Mill at the end of the walk.

Meet on The Green in Otterton. Park along the main road or up by the church. Parking may be difficult so allow time to find a space.

We take the road to Stantyway Farm, coastal path to Ladram Bay, steepish climb up High Peak, inland to Peak Hill car park, on to Mutters Moor, long descent to Colaton Raleigh, gentle walk back along the river to Otterton. Boots and poles recommended.

We do know the best route now and won't take the group through a stream!

- **10.15, Wednesday, 1st May** **Avon Valley, South Hams** **8 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at the toilet block (by the entrance) to the car park at Bantham Sands (TQ7 3AN, map OL20 SX 6636 4367) at 10:15 am.

According to Google, it takes about an hour to get from Exeter to Bantham ... add 50% to be safe!

There is a parking charge for the car park (£6 in 2018). We will take the ferry (fee £3 per person in 2018) across the river (it only runs between 10am and 11am and again in the afternoon).

Walk the Avon Valley in the South Hams, about 8 miles. There are a few moderate climbs and stretches may be muddy.

Follow the waymarked path on the west side of the valley to Aveton Gifford, cross the river by the bridge and return on the east side of the valley.

Anyone with spare energy may enjoy the circular walk from Bantham along the coast to Thurlestone church and back over the ridge (another 2.5 miles) in the afternoon.

In view of the distance, and the need to pay for parking at Bantham, share cars if at all possible.

David S

- **10.30 Monday, 13th May** **Circular walk from Stockland** **8 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at Stockland Village Hall, (OS116: 245046); there is a carpark in the village. This is a circular walk through farmland crossing the Yarty River a couple of times, Beckford Bridge, Heathstock, Ford Farm, then returning to the start through lanes and across fields. Just one so-so uphill section!

Sara

- **10.30 Wednesday, 22 May** **Circular walk from Manaton Church** **6 miles**

A walk from Manaton Church car park (SX749813) via Hayne Down, Bowerman's Nose, Hound Tor, Medieval Village, Leighon and back to Manaton. This would be about 6 miles

Judy

- **10.30 Tuesday, 11th June** **Quantocks Walk** **8/9 miles**

PACKED LUNCH (& TEA?!) REQUIRED

A walk in the Quantocks. Meet Lydeard Hill carpark (OS140: 180338).

Postcode for satnav TA4 3DY. **See below for travel hints.**

Packed lunch required (and possibly packed tea? as it will be nearer 5 hours than 4)

8-9 miles with some climbs (one long), on paths, minor roads and tracks.

From the car park at Lydeard Hill we climb Middle Hill and follow forest tracks in The Slades, then through Quantock Combe and Rams Combe to the Quantock ridge at Crowcombe. Return via Great Hill and Triscombe to Wills Nick (the highest point in the Quantocks).

Travel Hints

Shortest/quickest approach is via Kingston St Mary, then follow the minor road north to Buncombe Wood - sharp left there and go to Park End and an awkward single track road to the car park.

For Kingston

(1) Up M5 to Junction 26, follow road from there into Taunton, but turn left at roundabout after the crematorium, follow A3065, right onto A358 and left onto Manor Road/Corkscrew Lane to join Kingston Road.

or (2) up to J25, A358 towards Taunton, which then turns right at traffic lights, left at roundabout and meets Kingston Road.

Alternatively, navigating might be easier to go A358 to Bishops Lydeard, through the village to Cothelstone and up to Park End that way

Flora and David S

- **10.30 Wednesday, 26th June** **Parke, Bovey Tracey** **6 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at 10.30 in the car park at Parke, NT estate just on the edge of Bovey Tracey in the direction of Haytor. Approximately 6 miles very pleasant walk around the estate, through woods, and over the river Bovey. Not too strenuous but trekking poles might be useful. Bring a picnic lunch, there is also a café near the car park. There might be a charge for parking, but not for NT members if you bring your membership card.

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