

UERSA Walking Group Autumn Programme 2021

10.30 Monday 11 October

Circa 7 miles

Newton Poppleford then Harpford

Start from recreation ground car park in Back Lane, last turning left out of Newton Poppleford. SY 088 899. A climb through lovely woodland and open land perhaps with sightings of deer, up to Fire Beacon, then on to Tipton St John after lunch by the river, then Metcombe, Venn Ottery and back into Newton Pop. Bring a packed lunch.

Jan

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10.30 Thursday 21 October

Circa 5.5 miles

Shaldon, the Coast Path and Combeinteignhead

Park in Mill Lane or Fourth Avenue, Teignmouth (use the SatNav for the Hospital - TQ14 9BQ). Its a short walk from there down hill to Shaldon Bridge to meet opposite the Toll House at the Teignmouth end of the Bridge at 10.30 am. For those who wish to use public transport, catch the Stagecoach 2 from Exeter, arriving at Shaldon Bridge about 10.20. There are toilets in Shaldon, a 12 min walk from the start point. Bring a packed lunch.

This is a 5.5 mile walk of ups and downs, taking in Shaldon and The Ness before a steep climb up and along the coast path, with spectacular views back along the coast to Teignmouth and along to Torquay. We then drop inland to the pretty village of Combinteignhead before the climb out of the valley and back to Shaldon. This is a walk on grass, rough track and lanes.

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10.30 Monday 8th November

Winsford Circular Walk, Exmoor

Circa 7 miles

Park in Winsford village centre car park (OL9: 906350) The walk goes from the village on a steady incline through woodland to the summit of Winsford Hill, descending fairly steeply along the rim of the spectacular Punchbowl Valley. We then go up over Bye Hill along the edge of the Exe Valley before walking down through woodland back into Winsford. Sadly the tea shop usually closes at the end of October! I led this walk three years ago and feel it is worth another outing. Bring a packed lunch

Sara

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10.30 Tuesday 16 November

Outskirts of Exeter

Circa 8 miles

A moderate circular walk on the outskirts of Exeter starting from Calthorpe road carpark in the Mincinglake valley. 114 941941. From the Stoke Hill roundabout, take Prince Charles road to Morrison's and bear left into Calthorpe road. The carpark is on the left straight after the small bridge. We will walk to Stoke Hill Farm, Huxham, Ratsloe and Poltimore before heading back over the Pinn brook. The walk will be mostly on tracks and quiet roads. There are three hills, two up, one down, which are well spaced out and fairly short.

Mary

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10.30 Monday 22 November**Christow****Circa 7 miles**

A leisurely circular walk from the Teign Community Centre Car park, Christow (SX 838851, nearest SatNav EX6 7WA) up to the Tottiford and Kennick Reservoirs with picnic lunch at Trenchford Reservoir. Toilets at start. Bring a packed lunch.

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10.30 Wednesday 1 December**Newton St Cyres****Circa 6 miles**

Starting from the village hall car park (EX5 5BW) in Newton St Cyres we walk up a permissive bridleway past Bakers Cottage and along Marsh Lane. The climbing is on a good Forestry Commission track through Whitestone Wood. The return is through Whiptail Wood and Northridge Copse eventually joining the Riscombe Hill road down to the start point. Mostly in woodland but depending on conditions under foot at the time there might be a variation on this route to avoid boggy sections which appear after heavy rain.

Tom

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10.30 Monday 13 December**Ivybridge, Hanger Down****Circa 6 miles**

The walk begins under the impressive railway viaduct at the end of Station Road, Ivybridge (PL21 0AJ - SX635570). There is a reasonable amount of parking here but it can't be guaranteed as the first part of the walk is very popular with dog walkers so it would seem sensible to car share where possible. The walk follows the spectacular wooded Erme valley before emerging onto fields towards Hall Farm, then a short stretch of B road to pick up a green lane towards Blachford. Then south via fields and more green lanes before a climb to Hanger Down, Henlake Down, and back to the start. There are several stiles and a couple of short climbs but the going is mostly on tracks/paths. Bring packed lunch.

Sean

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