



Walks and Social Events

August to October 2026



From the Chair

Christine Turner

Hello Severnside!

Our walking is becoming very influenced by the weather, earlier in the year we had lots of wet and windy and now we are enjoying very hot stuff indeed, which is quite a challenge when out for a whole day. Nevertheless, we must remain undeterred and get out and enjoy the beautiful British countryside whilst it's bathed in golden sunshine. Remembering of course to be slathered in sunscreen with a hat and PLENTY of water. For folks attempting longer walks may I also suggest spare socks as keeping your feet clean and dry prevents chafing and blisters.

Thank you to Jean Williams for another seaside day out. The visit to Mumbles for our annual coach excursion was very hot but altogether enjoyable and a great reason to indulge in ice cream at the end of a fabulous day. Thanks Jean.

Our next programme takes us into the latter part of the year, expect cooler weather and beautiful autumnal colours, what better way to enjoy all nature's glory than pulling on a coat and boots and heading for our countryside.

Chris Turner Chairwoman

Severnside Committee Members

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Our Coffee Mornings don't take place in August but will resume in September: 11th September and 9th October are booked as usual at Poplars Café, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. As well as good coffee there is always a choice of tempting treats. Contact Jean Williams 0117 969 4386.

Annual General Meeting Sunday 22 November 2026

Can you help run our group?
Please support our AGM and consider volunteering for one of the committee roles. Willing volunteers always welcome.

Sommer Valley Walking Festival 11-13 September 2026

An opportunity to try a diverse range of walks including Walk and Draw, Nordic Walking, Women's Wild Walk, Forest Bathing, Nature Walk and Ramblers hosted walks of various lengths. And, yes, The Bat Walk is back!!

More information -

<https://www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk/somer-valley-walking-festival.html>

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Notes:

Please ensure you are **well equipped with suitable footwear and waterproof clothing**: contact the leader well before the walk if you have any doubts. We assume that walkers are aware the countryside can be muddy after rain so we do not put this on the programme. You should assume there is no pub or café stop if none is mentioned, so **please bring food and drink**, but **never** consume these on pub or café premises. **All walkers should carry their own first aid kit** and this is especially important for leaders.

All walk leaders must be **members and over the age of 18**. Leaders are required to carry with them a **copy of the Accident Form** (obtainable from the Severnside website or contact the Secretary) and a **mobile phone** for emergencies.

No leader can be responsible for **anyone who proceeds ahead** without directions. Registered assistance dogs are welcome, but other dog owners should confirm with the walk leader whether it is appropriate to bring them - the decision is entirely at the discretion of the leader and will be based on their observations of terrain and farm livestock during pre walks - if permitted, dogs should be kept on leads at all times.

Some members like to take photographs on the walks. These often appear on our website. Please advise the leader should you not wish to appear in a photograph.

Non-members are welcome **but after three walks** will be expected to join the Ramblers.

Date / Walk Grade	Area	Depart time / place	Walk Length /Time	Map	Suggested Donation	Leader or Contact
Walkers, please book a place on walks where there is a limit on number of walkers. If planning on going direct to the start of a walk please confirm details with the Walk Leader prior to the walk.						
Sun 2 Aug M						
Fri 7 Aug L	Friday Amble - Cambridge - Flat walk through woods, fields & along tracks by the River Cam & Gloucester and Sharpness Canal. Passing through a nature reserve on the return route. Start at George Inn, Cambridge GL2 7AL	09.30 Aldi or 10.00 at start	4 miles (2 hrs)	OL14	£3.50	Jean W 07791 875 730/ 01179 761445
Sun 9 Aug M						
Sun 16 Aug L	Another side of Tytherington - Fields, tracks, a solar farm, country lanes, a private fishing lake, & a cemetery. The walk is mostly flat, with several stiles & one short flight of steps. The ground is currently very dry with cracks frequently covered in dried cut grass - walking shoes/boots & pole(s) recommended. Walk starts from Tytherington Village Shop Car Park. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	09:00 AW 09:30 At start of walk	7.5 miles	E167	14 miles £1.40	Jean A 01454 419274 07729 957 850 day of walk only please
Wed 19 Aug M WWRW	Villages (one now under water!) Churches & Thatch from Yeovil Pen Mill Station. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/		9.5 miles			Sonia C 01935 321 607

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Fri 21 Aug L	Friday Amble - Tormarton - Following part of the Cotswold Way on paths and lanes from Tormarton the walk descends through Dodington Park to Coomb's End from where country lanes and a bridle path through woods lead back towards the A46 passing the Turnpike House and Bath Lodge, and then back to Tormarton. Parking on road outside Tormarton Church GL9 1HT. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk. Walk Leader will not be at Aldi. Optional pub stop at end of walk.	09:30 Aldi or 10:00 At start of walk	4.5 miles (2 hrs)	E155	26 miles £2.60	Jean A 01454 419274 07729 957 850 day of walk only please
Sun 23 Aug S	Uley to Nailsworth - a hilly walk ranges between the spectacular Uley hillfort and the Cotswold mill town of Nailsworth. Along the way we encounter both splendid views across the Severn Vale and the secluded gothic grandeur of Woodchester Mansion.	08:30 AW	12.5 miles	E168	40 miles £4	Geoffrey P 07772 584 802
Wed 26 Aug S WWRW	Castle Cary Circular - starting from Castle Cary station a 7.5-mile walk. Steady climb to the Beacon and viewpoint. Superb views over Castle Cary and surrounding area. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/		7.5 miles			Tony R 07561 371 166
Sun 30 Aug M	Tytherington to Tortworth - Country lanes, tracks & fields from Tytherington to & through Tortworth Estate & Arboretum, returning via Cromhall & Heath End. 59 steps to climb near the start of the walk (worth the view on a clear day), otherwise mainly flat with several stiles. Walk starts from Tytherington Village Shop Car Park. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	08:30 AW 09:00 At start of walk	9 miles	E167	14 miles £1.40	Jean A 01454 419 274 07729 957 850 day of walk only please
Fri 4 Sept L	Friday Amble - Thornbury fields and lanes. Starting from Mundy playing fields following footpaths, lanes and across fields around Thornbury. Walk leader will meet walkers at start of walk - Mundy Playing Fields - Kington Lane.	09:30 Aldi 10:00 At start of walk	4 miles (2 hrs)	E167	16 miles £1.60	Helen W 07815 463 259
Fri 4 Sept M WWRW	Beautiful River Avon & River Frome - A circular walk from Bradford on Avon along the River Avon, through Becky Addy Woods passing Iford manor and River Frome. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/		7 miles			Val S 01225 867 454
Sun 6 Sept M	Bradford on Avon - Starting from Bradford on Avon Station Car Park Zone B we walk through Becky Addy Woods to Woodford, Farleigh Hungerford, Iford, Freshford, Avoncliff and back to Bradford. This is a pleasant walk through woodland, fields, quiet lanes and along the River Frome and the Kennet and Avon Canal.	09:00 AW 10:00 at start of walk	8.5 miles		80 miles £8.00 + CP	Claire C 07967 899 706
Fri 11 Sept	Coffee Morning to be held at Poplars Cafe in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. Note: New phone number for Jean W.					Jean W 0117 979 4386

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Sat 12 Sept M WWRW	Thatch Follies and Hidden Tracks – a linear walk from Yeovil Pen Mill Station to Yetminster. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/	7.5 miles				Sonia C 01935 321 607
Sun 13 Sept	Somer Valley Walking Festival See https://www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk/somer-valley-walking-festival.html					
Sun 13 Sept M	Brown's Folly Bathford – Our walk passes the folly as we walk along the ridge path before turning towards Monkton Farleigh for our lunch stop. We then head north, to Kingsdown, before descending to Bathford, then climbing back to the start point.	09:30 AW 10:30 At start of walk	8 miles	E155	30 miles £3.00	Geoff M 07816 543 538
Wed 16 Sept M WWRW	Dam the Bruems – heading from Bruton Station following footpaths towards the Bruton Dam. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/		7.5 miles			Tony R 07561 371 166
Fri 18 Sept L	Friday Amble – Olveston – 2 Another route around Olveston with historic snippets and interesting corners. Start point – Olveston Allotment Layby – Aust Rd Optional pub stop at end of walk. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	09:30 Aldi 10:00 at start of walk	4.5 miles (2 hrs)	E167	9 miles 90p	Heather R 01454 632 134
Sun 20 Sept M						
Sun 27 Sept M	Beacon Batch and Cheddar Gorge – circular scenic walk over the Mendips from Burrington Combe to Beacons Batch. From there, we walk to Cheddar Gorge and climb the path up to the top of the gorge to admire some great views and descend on Jacob's Ladder. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	08:30 AW	11 miles	E141	50 miles £5	Patrick K 07807 130 450
Fri 2 Oct L	Friday Amble – Lincombe Circular – starting from Lincombe Barn, Downend a mix of paths and streets through Frenchay, Stapleton, Snuff Mills and Oldbury Court. A mix of urban, commons, Frome Valley parks, River Frome and mature woodland. No stiles but some steps and some short ascents and descents. Optional café/pub stop at end of walk.	09:30 Aldi	4.75 miles (2.5 hrs)			Lynn C 07890 623 094
Sat 3 Oct WWRW	Views around Weymouth – a circular walk from Weymouth via Chickerell, the coast path and Rodway trail with views of the Fleet and Chesil Beach. See https://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/		10 miles			Alison R 07594 478 934

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Sun 4 Oct M	Biddestone Circular - The walk meanders through quiet lanes, fields and woodland with 1000 feet of climb over the whole route. We touch on By Brook, Monks Wood, Colerne, Thickwood, Slaughterford and back to Biddestone. This is a pleasant, varied walk with good views, 7 stiles and one or two short sharp ups and downs. Please contact leader if going straight to the start.	09:00 AW	8 miles		66 miles £6.60	Claire C 07967 899 706
Fri 9 Oct	Coffee Morning to be held at Poplars Cafe in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. Note: New phone number for Jean W.					Jean W 0117 969 4386
Sun 11 Oct M	Berkeley - a circular walk from Berkeley taking in Whitcliff Deer Park with wonderful views to the Cotswolds and the Severn, and a section of the Severn Way as far as Berkeley Power Station, returning along a footpath by Berkeley Pill after a short stretch of quiet road. Footpaths, lanes, a few stiles. Mainly flat, with only short, moderate climbs. Please contact leader if going straight to the start.	09:30 AW 10:00 At start of walk	10 miles	E167	28 miles £2.80	Chris E 07749 385 481
Dolgellau, North Wales - Severnside Ramblers Walking Weekend from 16th - 19th October 2026						
Fri 16 Oct L	Friday Amble - Tytherington - A mainly flat walk with some stiles & using fields, tracks, country lanes & passing through a solar farm & a cemetery. Walk starts from Tytherington Village Shop Car Park. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	09:30 Aldi Or 10:00 at start of walk	4 miles (2 hrs)	E167	14 miles £1.40	Jean A 01454 419 274 07729 957 850 day of walk only please
Sun 18 Oct						
Sun 25 Oct M	Goldcliff to Redwick Circular - we start from Goldcliff Seawalls and head inland on quiet lanes before turning to walk across fields and reens to Redwick. On the way, we encounter some horses, cows and fallen trees, all of which are negotiable! There are several stiles, some brambles and nettles. At Redwick we visit St Thomas Church and the nearby small outdoor museum. We return to Goldcliff along the sea walls with spectacular views over the Severn Estuary. This is a very flat walk. Please contact Walk Leader if going direct to start of walk.	09:00 AW 09:30 at start of walk.	7.5 miles	E152	42 miles £4.20	Claire C 07967 899 706
Fri 30 Oct	Friday Amble - Westbury on Trym		4 miles (2 hrs)			Elaine C

Key: AW - Aztec West, Management Centre Blue Zone, Aldi - Aldi car park, WWRW - Wessex Wanderers Railway Walks

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BEFORE COMING ON A WALK PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT NOTES ON PAGE 2

Meeting points: Weekend walks meet at the Aztec West Management Centre, Blue Zone, Park Avenue, Aztec West, BS32 4TD. Friday Ambles continue to meet at the Aldi car park, Brook Way Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA. We operate a car-share policy: drivers appreciate a voluntary donation towards petrol costs - suggested amount for this programme is 10p per mile plus a share of any toll or parking charges. A suggested donation for each walk is given in the programme.

Times given are departure times from meeting point.

Friday Ambles: A morning sociable stroll for about 2 hours (4 miles), within easy driving distance. Lifts available from Aldi meeting point. Usually optional pub or café stop at end of walk.

Grading of Walks - Definitions

Leisurely (L): Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include un-surfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate (M): Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some climbs on steep paths, open hillsides or moorland and maybe at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Strenuous (S): Walks for experienced country walkers with above average fitness levels. May include hills, rough countryside and at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

If in doubt about your fitness please contact the Walk Leader in advance.

Coffee Mornings

Come and join us for a social get together over coffee and cake. Coffee mornings arranged for Friday 11 Sept, Friday 9 Oct, Friday 6 Nov and Friday 4 Dec. We meet at Poplars Cafe in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. For more information, please contact Jean W 0117 969 4386. (Note: new phone number for Jean W.)

Walk Leaders: Please submit walks for our walks programme either via our website at www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk or contact Ken kenmill5515@gmail.com for Sunday walks or Jean on 01454 419274 or jeanaellen@talktalk.net for Friday Ambles.

NEW LEADERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Walk leadership online training.

Grow your skills and confidence in leading group walks.

See Ramblers website - <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/walk-leadership-online-training>

Do Ramblers have your up-to-date contact details? If not, update them at membership@ramblers.org.uk or ring 020 7339 8595