

Walks and Social Events Programme

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Walks and Social Events February, March, April 2024



From the Chair

Christine Turner - Chair

Welcome to the first Severnside programme of 2024.

First, I'd like to thank you for asking me to Chair the group, my predecessors give me big Boots to fill, and I hope that I can serve you well.

Let's hope that better walking conditions will soon be with us as of late we've been bogged down- quite literally - with deep, soft and sticky mud, and flooded pathways. Consequently recce walks have been limited and this is why the Sunday programme is rather sparse at the moment. Rest assured, we will be working to fill the gaps, so please keep an eye on our webpages for walk updates.

On the subject of pathways you may be aware of the South Glos. Emerging Local Plan, which is looking to make provision for 9000+ new homes and allocating space for green power infrastructure. For us as Ramblers, the proposals will have a potential impact on access land, pathways and green spaces, and thus an impact on our activities, enjoyment of the outdoors and its benefits to physical and mental well-being. A consultation is in progress until mid February 2024, and I would encourage you to inspect the plans and to feed in your views.

Happy Walking,
Chris

Severnside AGM - held on Sunday 26th November 2023 at the Scout Hut, Little Stoke

Chair - Chris Turner
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Sylvia Popham

Our next Coffee Morning is booked for Friday 9th February. It is to be held as usual at Poplars Café & Farm Shop, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. A table is booked for us to the rear of the cafe. As well as good coffee there is always a choice of tempting treats. Contact Jean Williams 0117 976 1445.

7 July - Lynmouth - Date for your diary - our coach trip to Lynmouth, leaving 8.00 am AW and costing £19.50 (£19.80 cheque). As usual two walks will be on offer. You'll need to fill in a form to book - you'll find it on the website or contact Jean Williams 0117 976 1445

Malhamdale Weekend Break North Yorkshire

Gill King has secured a booking for us at HF Malhamdale in North Yorkshire for 4 nights from 28th October 2024. This will be a self guided walking break as once again Janet Milne and Mike Norman (past members of Severnside and now resident in Yorkshire) have very kindly offered to lead the walks for us.

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	Distance / 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.						
2 Feb 2024	Bristol Docks Meet at Neptune Statue in Bristol centre at 10.30 (no Aldi meetup); use bus or park and ride. Leisurely circular walk of the docks, all hard surfaces (no mud!). Will stop at Underfall Yard Café for coffee (or bring a flask and sit close by).	10.30 at start of walk.	4 miles			Bob S 07775 821848
4 Feb 2024						
9 Feb 2024	Coffee Morning to be held as usual at Poplars Cafe & Farm Shop in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. A table is booked for us to the rear of the café.					Jean Williams 0117 976 1445
11 Feb 2024	Blackvein, Mynydd Machen and Sirhowy Valley Starting from Blackvein Road, opposite Waunfawr Park, Crosskeys, we follow the Cambrian Way climbing steadily to the trig point on Mynydd Machen - 1188' / 362m. The views from here are superb in all directions. The walk continues down from the summit following the Cambrian Way above Machen in the Rhymney Valley before climbing back up to the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk. Views along the way show the valley networks below on either side. We descend via a zig zag route to the Sirhowy Valley and follow the old railway line along the river back to the start. This is a lovely walk with some steep ascents and descents. Total elevation is 1700'.	09.00 AW Or 10.00 At start of walk	9.2 miles		60 miles £6.00	Claire 07967 899706
16 Feb 2024	Hidden Yate Varied terrain covering parts of old Yate, a millennium woodland, and a nature reserve. Some gentle ups and downs, could be muddy in places. Limited parking - please car share if possible. Please advise walk leader if you are going straight to the starting point (The Lawns, Church Road, Yate BS BS37 5BG) optional drink / meal at end	09.30 Aldi Or 10.00 at start of walk	4 miles	E167	16 miles £1.60	Jean A 01454419274 Or 07729957850 for use on day of walk only please
18 Feb 2024						
24 Feb 2024	Avon Area Social & AGM Walk - Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham BS31 2FF - Meet at 10:20 at Somerdale Pavilion for 4 mile circular walk. Buffet at 12:30 Area AGM at 13:30					
25 Feb 2024						
1 Mar 2024	Oldbury Outing A gentle walk from Oldbury up to the old power station and back down the Severn Estuary, with an optional loop at the end up to St Arilda's Church	09.30 Aldi Or 10.15	3 - 4 miles	E167	20 miles £2.00	Terri A 07340972456

	for the view	at start of walk				
3 Mar 2024						
8 Mar 2024	Coffee Morning to be held as usual at Poplars Cafe & Farm Shop in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. A table is booked for us to the rear of the cafe.					Jean Williams 0117 976 1445
10 Mar 2024						
15 Mar 2024	Tytherington Scenic walk using lanes, tracks and fields. One hill. 59 steps and some stiles. optional drink / snack at garden centre	09.30 Aldi Or 10.00 at start of walk	4 miles	E167	15 miles £1.50	Jean W 01179761445
17 Mar 2024	Caerwent Details to follow					Joy
24 Mar 2024	No Cider with Rosie From the Walker's car park in Painswick we follow the Cotswold Way to join the Wysis Way to Bulls Cross and on to Slad. We return on lanes and paths to Painswick.	09.00 AW Or 10.00 at start	9 miles	E179	64 miles £6.40	John D 07745118226.
29 Mar 2024	Good Friday TBA	Aldi				Jean A
31 Mar 2024	Easter Sunday					
5 Apr 2024	Coffee Morning to be held as usual at Poplars Cafe & Farm Shop in Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AW from 10.00am. A table is booked for us to the rear of the cafe.					Jean Williams 0117 976 1445
7 Apr 2024						
12 Apr 2024	Frenchay Common	Aldi				Christine P
14 Apr 2024	Wotton circular Historic streets, fields, lanes, tracks including part of the Cotswold Way, a meandering stream and a nature reserve. Several stiles, steep climbs, one steep descent. This is a figure of eight walk: Wotton / Wortley / Wotton / Coombe / Wotton - giving the option to leave the walk on the first return to Wotton. Please contact the walk leader prior to the walk if you know you will be doing the first part of the walk only AND / OR you will be going direct to the start of the walk	09.00 AW or 09.45 at start of walk	8-9 miles	E167	30 miles £3.00	Jean A 01454419274 Or 07729957850 for use on day of walk only please
21 Apr 2024	Offa's Dyke & River Wye Walk along a stretch of Offa's Dyke through woodland and fields, drop down to Redbrook and cross the river on the old railway bridge. To Bigsweir Bridge partly along the railway and part bank of the River Wye, then back to the cars. Lunch at pub or Redbrook village green. Contact leader if going directly to start of the walk.	09.00 AW or 09.45 at start of walk	7.5 miles		40 miles £4.00	Bob S 07775 821848
26 Apr 2024	TBA	Aldi				Colin & Cathy
28 Apr 2024	Little Avon & Damery Starting from the historic town of Wotton Under Edge we cross fields to cross the Ozleworth Brook at Kingswood and do a short detour to see an historic site. Then over fields to where we reach the start of the Little Avon river as we make our way to Charfield. Joining the river again we walk	09.15 AW or 10.00 at start of walk	9miles	E179	26 miles £2.60	Monica D 07913 509566

alongside it until we reach the area of Damery. Leaving the river behind we will go on tracks and fields to make our way back to the Bradley road where care will need to be taken. Then uphill to Ellerncroft and our route back to Wotton.					

Key: **AW** - Aztec West Blue Zone, **Aldi** - Aldi car park, **WWW** - Wessex Wanderers Railway Walks, **BTM** - Bristol Temple Meads, **BPW** - Bristol Parkway, **FAW** - Filton Abbey Wood station

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.

Walk Leaders

Please submit any walks for any future date

Either via our website at www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk or phone Sue 07808 116725

To submit a **Friday Amble** please contact Jean on 01454 419274 or jeanaellen@talktalk.net

NEW LEADERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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