

Walks and Social Events

Nov, Dec 2023 Jan 2024



Welcome to our winter programme of walks.

Many thanks to our walk leaders for another programme of varied walks. As we look forward, we have our AGM and Christmas lunch events, and another year comes to an end.

Talking of endings, this will be my last time editing our programme for publication. After 20 plus years supporting Severnside I have decided it's time to stand down and let others step up and help run our group. I have always been a keen walker and I joined Severnside following a navigation course organised by Geoff Mullett. From then I have led walks, looked after our accounts, maintained our website and our social media presence on Facebook.

We are looking for volunteers to take on drafting our 3 monthly programme of walks and events and Facebook Administrator for our social media page. Please consider helping to run our group. Hope to catch up on some of our walks.

All the best for the future.

Ken Mill

Friday Ambles

Our last Friday Amble for this year will be on Friday 24 Nov. Many thanks to Jean Aellen and her team of Walk Leaders for arranging a varied programme of walks and venues for welcomed refreshments.

And to our members many thanks for supporting our Walk Leaders by participating on our walks. Your company is very much appreciated.

Additional Walk Leaders are always welcome. If you can offer to lead a walk, please contact Jean Aellen or Chris Bracey.

Christmas Lunch Sunday 10th December

Our Christmas lunch will be held at The Millers Arms, Mathern, Chepstow NP16 6JD. Cost will be £26 for a 3-course lunch.

Please see separate flyer for details.

Many thanks to Gill King for arranging this event.

Severnside AGM

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 26 November 23 at Tytherington Village Hall. Itchington Rd, Tytherington, GL12 8Q

There will be a short walk in the Tytherington area starting at 10 am from The Village Hall.

Prior to the meeting a buffet lunch will be provided.

Willing volunteers are always welcome to join the Committee and help run Severnside Ramblers. For more information about committee roles please have a look on our website or contact Christine Pankhurst.

Please take the opportunity to hear from your current Committee Members as they report on the years activities and plans for the year ahead.

Ramblers Skills - What is Navigation Beginners guide to navigation - new videos

Ramblers have produced a series of easy-to-follow instructional videos, designed to help everyone feel comfortable finding their way in the outdoors. Whether you're enjoying a jaunt around your local greenspace or heading to the hills, join mountain leaders Lucy Wallace and Sam Knight to learn the basics of great navigation.

The videos can be viewed on YouTube via:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbWYStr97Is2tSYGeZ0XLBpxsRkiyHKaV

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 wal	ks will be e	expected t	o join the	Ramblers.	
Date / Walk Grade	Area	Depart time / place	Walk Length /Time	Мар	Distance / Suggested Donation	Leader or Contact
	Walkers, please book a place on walks where	•	a limit o	n numbe	r of walkers	_
If planning	on going direct to the start of a walk please con					
5 Nov Sun	Severnside Now - A flat walk exploring the reopened	09:30	6-7	E154	16 miles	Heather
L	paths and new routes along the banks of the Severn	AW	miles		£1.60	01454 632134
	(part of the Flood Mitigation Scheme), extraordinary					
	developments (sublime and ridiculous) and tranquil					
	countryside. Walk starts at Severn Beach Station.					
10 Nov Fri	Friday Amble - Yate An autumn urban walk including	09:30	4.5	E167	16 miles	Jean A
L	a park, a common & part of Frome Valley walkway.	Aldi	miles		£1.60	01454 419274
	Mainly flat, one short gentle climb.		2 hrs			07729957850
	Please note there is limited parking so please car					day of walk only
	share if possible.					
	Please contact walk leader if going direct to start of walk.					
12 Nov Sun	Hurricane havoc over Bath - The focus for this	09:30	7.5	E155		Chris B
M M	ramble is the former WW2 airfield, RAF Charmy	AW	miles	L133		01594 845423
741	Down that once occupied this flat windswept hilltop		mines			078676 23408
	overlooking Bath. The atmospheric hollow shell of					0,00,020100
	former operational buildings are all that remain of					
	this one time vital airfield. Our outward start is a					
	modest climb to the airfield in order to get there in					
	time to observe the national 2 minute silence at 11am.					
	It is then a circular walk dropping down into St.					
	Catherines valley, which my descriptive route text					
	describes as some of the finest walking in the area.					
	Expect some moderate undulations and lovely views.					
	A couple of moderately steepish hills as we return					
	across the airfield for our final approach.					
	Packed lunch, walking poles useful. 1 stile					
19 Nov Sun	Parkend - Going for gold - From the start a gentle	09:30	8.5	OL14	46 miles	Chris B
М	climb up through RSPB reserve Nagsheadhill walking	AW	miles		£4.60	01594 845423
	through the forest as around and above us the tree					078676 23408
	canopies are turning from green to gold. A short					Meet leader at
	stroll along an old quarry Dramway leads to an early					start of walk -
	coffee stop at Cannop ponds, we then we continue a meandering route through the forest to Mallards					Whitemead is in the village of
	Pike for our lakeside lunch stop before returning					Parkend in the
	back to Parkend with an optional cafe finish. No					Forest of Dean,
	Stiles, predominantly walking along good surfaced					Gloucestershire.
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	lunch please. Leader going direct to start point.					
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NEW	start from the Blaise Estate car park on Kings	AW or	miles	£1.00	07967 89970
	Weston Road and head towards Henbury. We follow	10.00			
	the Bristol Triangular City Walk through Combe	at			
	Dingle and track the River Trym to Sea Mills	start			
	Harbour. From here we follow the Community Forest	of walk			
	Path to Kings Weston Estate visiting Penpole				
	Point. We continue along the Community Forest Path				
	back into Blaise. This walk follows wild life corridors.				
	Some of the tracks may be muddy.				

Key: AW - Aztec West Blue Zone, Aldi - Aldi car park, CP - Car park charge

Meeting points: Weekend walks meet at the Aztec West Management Centre, Blue Zone, Park Avenue, Aztec West, B532 4TD. Friday Ambles continue to meet at the Aldi car park, Brook Way Bradley Stoke, B532 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 an 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 walks for Feb, Mar and Apr by 10 Jan.

Either via our website at <u>www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk</u> or phone Sue on 07808 116725 To submit a **Friday Amble** please contact Jean on 01454 419274 or <u>jeanaellen@talktalk.net</u>

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

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