



Walks and Social Events

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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>

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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	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.						
5 Nov Sun L	Severnside Now - A flat walk exploring the reopened paths and new routes along the banks of the Severn (part of the Flood Mitigation Scheme), extraordinary developments (sublime and ridiculous) and tranquil countryside. Walk starts at Severn Beach Station.	09:30 AW	6-7 miles	E154	16 miles £1.60	Heather 01454 632134
10 Nov Fri L	Friday Amble - Yate An autumn urban walk including a park, a common & part of Frome Valley walkway. Mainly flat, one short gentle climb. Please note there is limited parking so please car share if possible. Please contact walk leader if going direct to start of walk.	09:30 Aldi	4.5 miles 2 hrs	E167	16 miles £1.60	Jean A 01454 419274 07729957850 day of walk only
12 Nov Sun M	Hurricane havoc over Bath - The focus for this ramble is the former WW2 airfield, RAF Charmy Down that once occupied this flat windswept hilltop overlooking Bath. The atmospheric hollow shell of 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	09:30 AW	7.5 miles	E155		Chris B 01594 845423 078676 23408
19 Nov Sun M	Parkend - Going for gold - From the start a gentle climb up through RSPB reserve Nagsheadhill walking through the forest as around and above us the tree canopies are turning from green to gold. A short stroll along an old quarry Dramway leads to an early coffee stop at Cannop ponds, we then we continue a meandering route through the forest to Mallards Pike for our lakeside lunch stop before returning back to Parkend with an optional cafe finish. No Stiles, predominantly walking along good surfaced track and path with moderate undulations. Packed lunch please. Leader going direct to start point.	09:30 AW	8.5 miles	OL14	46 miles £4.60	Chris B 01594 845423 078676 23408 Meet leader at start of walk - Whitemead is in the village of Parkend in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. GL15 4LA

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24 Nov Fri L	Friday Amble - The Downs & Sneyd Park Nature Reserve - We will cover part of Durdham and Clifton Downs with fine views of the Suspension Bridge and Avon Gorge before dropping down to enjoy the wildlife of Sneyd Park Nature Reserve. Mainly good paths and tracks. Some hills but no stiles. Optional refreshments available afterwards at cafe by the Water Tower.	09:30 Aldi	5 miles 2.5 hrs	E155	16 miles £1.60	Christine P 0117 9291963
26 Nov Sun L	Tytherington - Pre AGM Walk CANCELLED	10:00 Village Hall	4 miles			Jean A 01454 419274 (0772 9957850 day of walk only)
26 Nov Sun	Severnside AGM Scout Hut, Little Stoke					
3 Dec Sun M NEW	Wye Valley & Bilbins Bridge Loop - A circular walk through fields and woodlands of the Wye Valley, taking in many views including Caldwell Rocks, Symonds Yat and Bilbins Bridge.	09:00 AW	8.7 miles	OL14	52 miles £5.20	Dan 07976 123283
10 Dec Sun L	Pre-Xmas Meal Walk - Mathern and St Pierre Fairly flat walk on paths, tracks and country roads exploring the other side of the River Severn, SW of Chepstow. Meet at The Millers Arms Mathern, NP16 6JD	11:00 Millers Arms	4 miles	OL14		Heather 01454 632134
10 Dec Sun	Xmas Meal - The Millers Arms, Mathern at 14:00	Gill King 01454 601180				
17 Dec Sun M NEW	Cranham - In the bleak midwinter - This small village in the Cotswolds, surrounded by some of the finest of the Cotswold Beechwoods. A seasonal theme for this walk that follows in part the Cotswold Way in a circular route via lanes, track and field paths that takes in the village of Cranham with its links to composer Gustav Holst. Expect moderate undulations as we explore the countryside that is said to have inspired Holst (himself a keen walker) when he set to music a poem by Christina Rossetti, now a popular Christmas Carol. Please check with Chris due to possible road closures if going direct to start of walk.	09:00 AW	6.5 miles	E179	64 miles £6.40	Chris B 01594 845423 078676 23408 Meet leader at start of walk - Fiddlers Elbow car park, GL4 4ET A46 Painswick Road
24 Dec Sun	Christmas Eve					
31 Dec Sun	New Year's Eve					
7 Jan Sun M NEW	Kendleshire - circular walk on the northeast edge of Bristol starting from Lyde Green park and ride. The route follows the Dramway north before crossing Kendleshire Golf Course and returns via Frome Valley Walkway and Leap Valley. Meet leader at Lyde Green P&R Willowherb Rd, BS16 7NL	09:30 AW or 10:00 At start of walk	8 miles	E155	15 miles £1.50	Les D 07870 608594
14 Jan Sun NEW	All around the Beacon - undulating walk with lots of woodland and some wonderful views. The route includes some of the lower slopes of Haresfield Hill as well as the Beacon itself. As much of it is on the Cotswold Way it should be passable although there will almost certainly be some mud. Some stiles, but not too many. Meet leader at NT Shortwood Car Park GL6 6PP	09:00 AW or 09:45 at start of walk	9 miles approx	E179	50 miles £5.00	Sue L 07808 116725
21 Jan Sun M NEW	Badminton and Luckington - Relatively flat tracks, lanes and fields. May be muddy. A few stiles. Return via the Badminton Estate.	09:30 AW or 10:00	6.5 miles	E168	35 miles £3.50	Kathy S 07890 113179

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		At start of walk				
28 Jan Sun NEW	A Bristol ramble with a strong country feel - We start from the Blaise Estate car park on Kings Weston Road and head towards Henbury. We follow the Bristol Triangular City Walk through Combe Dingle and track the River Trym to Sea Mills Harbour. From here we follow the Community Forest 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.	09.30 AW or 10.00 at start of walk	7.5 miles		10 miles £1.00	Claire 07967 899706

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

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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 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 www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk or phone Sue on 07808 116725

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

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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