

Please read these ESSENTIAL COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS.

RULES (Laws) FOR ALL WALKS (From October 4th 2020 until further notice).

1. Walks are limited to 18 persons. Members must book a place by calling or texting a message to the Walk Leader by 6 pm the day (Saturday) before. Ensure that the Leader has your up to date contact details (to support NHS contact tracing).
2. Do not walk if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms - incl. loss of taste or smell. After the walk, if you develop any symptoms within the next 7 days, contact the walk leader or any committee member. All participants must then, by law, self-isolate for 14 days from the date of the walk.
3. Walks will be conducted in sub-groups of 6 persons. Groups will follow the same route, but will be well separated and remain so, throughout the day. Each sub-group constitutes a strict social bubble for the duration. It is against the law for members of any sub-group to mingle with members of any other sub-group.
4. Walkers must maintain social distancing throughout. Ideally, everyone should keep 2m apart (except members of the same household). 2m is 6 feet 7 inches i.e. more than you can reach with a walking stick. Exceptionally, the law allows people to stand 1m plus apart if they are side by side (not facing) but only when wearing face masks or guards. When passing others, always stand well back and give way.
5. Bring your own food and drink, face mask, hand wipes and alcohol-based hand sanitiser. Do not share food and drink. Avoid touching gates and stiles etc. Only use your own walking pole / stick. Bring a basic first-aid kit and a mobile 'phone if you have one. Tell someone if you are having any problems, or feel unwell, or need to stop. Do not become separated from your sub-group.
6. All lunches will be picnic-lunches (except morning only walks). Members wanting to visit pubs or cafés must make their own private bookings beforehand. These walkers should ensure that they are all in the same sub-group(s) of 6.
7. If possible, travel to / from the walk start point individually by private car. If you have to share a car, passengers must wear face masks / guards during their journey(s) and sit in the rear seats (if available). Avoid taxis or public transport if possible.

DORSET RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

October 2020 to February 2021

Date/time	Meeting Place	Walk Details	Lunch Stop	Leaders
Sunday 4 th October. 10.15am.	RSPB. C.P. Arne. 3m E of Wareham. BH20 5BJ. G.R: SY 971 876. £5. (Mems. free).	Fig.of 8. Easy. Heath, woodland and nature reserve. 5m a.m. and 1.5m p.m. Bring binoculars. No stiles.	Picnic (or possible van for snacks)	Rosie 07880 575084
Sun. 11 th Oct.10.15 Morning only.	Culverhayes C.P. (near Sainsbury's), Ludbourne Road, Sherborne. DT9 3NJ.	Approx. 5m through Sherborne Park / deer park to Osborne. Fields and woodland. A few stiles.	(Optional) picnic or pub, local café after walk.	Anne 07847 066168.
Sunday 18 th October. 10.15am.	Lay-by top of Okeford. Fitz to Woolland Hill Rd. DT11 0HQ. G.R. ST 783 059.	DETAILS TO FOLLOW PROVISIONALLY: Woolland (Bulbarrow) Hill area.	Bring picnic.	Jo. 07779 471273.
Sun. 25 th Oct. 10.15am. AM only. BST ends.	Nat.Trust C.P. on A351 at N end of village BH20 5DR. £4 (Mems. free) SY 959 825.	Circ. 6 m ridge walk W. from Corfe Castle. Heaths, woods & coast. Some hills and a few stiles.	Picnic - or pre-book Bankes Arms 01929 188 288	Chris & Ray 07768 477270.
Sun. 1 st Nov 10.15am. am. Walk, optional pm stroll.	Newland Garden, Sherborne. DT9 3AG. On-street pkg. nearby or public C.P.s 250m to West.	Quiet roads and tracks, via Sherborne Golf course. 4.5m or possible longer route via Osborne, 5.6 miles.	Picnic in Newland Garden opp. Jenny N's house	Jenny N 07896 464742
Sunday 8 th Nov. 10.15am. Remembrance Day.		SORRY - NO WALK TODAY		
Sunday 15 th Nov. 10.15am. Morning only.	Park in lay-by or on main street close to Martyrs Museum at W end of Tolpuddle village. DT2 7EH.	Approx. 5+m circular. Woodland, heath and fields near Tolpuddle. Some gentle ups & downs. No stiles.	Optional after walk picnic, or book Martyrs Inn 01305 848249.	Angie / Rita 07552 620009. or 07914 433125.

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Sun. 22 nd November. 10.15am.	(top of) Okeford Hill C.P. 1m S of Okeford Fitzpaine, 1m N of Turnworth DT11 0EF G.R. ST 813 094	7m circ. Ridgeway & Ibberton Hill above Blandford Forest. Some mod. ups & downs. No stiles.	Picnic en-route.	Babs 07857 302101
Sunday 29 th November. 10.15am.	Maiden Castle C.P. (free) Maiden Castle Road, (1.5m SW of) Dorchester. DT2 9PP. G.R: SY 669 889.	6m circ. Ridgeway to Martinstown and return. Fairly easy. Some mod. Hills. Long views.	Picnic en-route.	Liz. 07941 060958
Sunday 6 th December. 10.15am.	Stourhead, nr. Mere, South Wiltshire.	DETAILS TO FOLLOW PROVISIONALLY: 6 miles - circular. Stourhead area.	Picnic en-route	Jenny P
Sunday 13 th Dec. 10.am. Morning only+AGM	Dorset Golf Club C.P. Hyde Road, Nr. Bere Regis. BH20 7NT. (3 miles S of village). G.R: SY 859 090.	NB. 10am start. Slightly longer morning walk (6+m). Easy. Wooded lowland heath and nature reserve. Some stiles.	The Dorset Golf Club Xmas Lunch, or bring picnic. AGM + quiz in afternoon.	Angie / Rita 07552 620009. or 07914 433125.
Sun. 20 th December. 10.15am.		SORRY - NO WALK TODAY		
Sunday 27 th December. 10.15am.	N.T. C.P. (free) above Ringstead Bay. 1.5m E of Osmington Mills. DT2 8NQ. G.R. SY 759 824.	Approx. 8m circular Coastal. Some mod. climbs. Sea views. The odd 'shabby-chic' coastal stile. Exposed in bad weather.	Picnic en-route	Sue & Dave 07867 310176. or 07856 559925
Sunday 3 rd January. 10.15am.	Lay-by / C.P. Rushton Hall, Tarrant Rushton <u>village</u> . 3m East of Blandford. DT11 8SD G.R: ST 937 058.	Approx. 7m circular T Rawston, Monkton and Rushton. Two mod. ascents and a few stiles. Downland.	Picnic en-route.	David & Jocelyne 07989 870074.
Sunday 10 th January. 10.15am.	Car park (free) at Fiddleford Mill. 1m East of Sturminster Newton. DT10 2BX. G.R: ST 802 135	DETAILS TO FOLLOW PROVISIONALLY: Fiddleford area.	Picnic (or pre-book Fiddleford Inn 01258 472886).	Jo. 07779 471273.
Sunday 17 th January. 10.15am.	Newtown Sports Club C.P. Witchampton. BH21 5AU. (5 miles North of Wimborne) G.R: ST 994 073.	Circ. walk. 7.5 miles. Fairly easy. Cranborne Chase. Woods & Downland & Moor Crichel. Bridleways, and lanes. 3 stiles.	Picnic en-route.	Babs 07857 302101

Sun. 24 th January. 10.15am.	Wool Village Hall (D'Urberville Centre) C.P. Colliers Lane, Wool. BH20 6DL. G.Ref: SY 843 876	6.5 to 8m circular. Maggots Hill, Coombe Keynes, Lulworth Est. Highwood. Undulating. Fine views, woodland and a lake.	Picnic en-route	David & Margaret 07710 975682
Sun. 31 st January. 10.15am. Long am only walk	C.P. at Hardy's Cott. Visitor Centre, Higher Bockhampton, Nr. Dorchester. DT2 8QH. G.R: SY 724 922.	7.5m circ. Puddletown Forest. Fairly easy. Ups & downs. Suggest bring "elevenses" snack. Late lunch (2pm). Some stiles.	Picnic (or Greenwood Tree Café - if open - by car park).	Sue & Dave 07867 310176. or 07856 559925.

WALK LEADERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE FOR THE NEXT PERIOD - FEB./ MAY (2021).

If you can lead a walk on any of the following dates please contact the Walks Secretary. Walks take place on Sundays, except where stated otherwise.

February: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. March: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

April: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th. May: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

WEATHER If the weather is particularly bad, please contact the Leader (tel. no(s) on the Programme) to see if the walk is going ahead - or not.

LUNCHES Pub and café lunches are sometimes available, or bring a picnic. Members are asked not to consume their own food on pub or café premises, or to park cars there if meals are not being purchased.

POSTCODES Codes quoted are as close as possible. They will get you to property addresses (e.g. a public house). They are less reliable for meeting points in rural areas, but they will get you to the vicinity. However, grid refs. given are accurate and can be relied upon. Thus, try always to carry a 1:25,000 O.S. Map of the area concerned.

RECCES If anyone would like to lead a walk but would like some help, or company, please contact a committee member. It is best not to walk alone, always try to take a companion. Take a mobile 'phone and tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

VISITORS Visitors are very welcome to walk with us, before deciding whether to join the group.

DOGS Respectfully, dogs are NOT allowed on our walks under any circumstances. (However obedient and well-controlled they can cause serious problems with livestock and on highways).

NB. WALKS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Take care and stay alert, especially when walking anywhere near livestock and on highways. Leave gates as you find them (unless animals are clearly at risk).

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