

## OKEHAMPTON RAMBLING CLUB

### Spring /Summer- 2024

Normally we meet at Okehampton Post Office ready to leave promptly at 9.30am. Unless it's a local walk, we leave by car for the walk and share fuel costs. Please ensure you are at the post office in plenty of time to organise car-sharing. If you are planning to meet the group at the start of the walk instead, you must let the leader know in advance. Essentials: packed lunch, drinks, boots and suitable clothing for wet or dry weather. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their pets under control at all times. If crossing a field containing animals (cows/bulls), the dog owner should hang back to let the group cross, before crossing themselves with the dog on a short lead. Dog owners must contact the Leader to find out if their walk is dog friendly. According to "Access to Land" under the "Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000", dogs must be kept on a fixed lead of maximum 2 metres between March 1st and July 31st. We walk as a group of friends, all of whom are responsible for their own safety. Neither the club nor the walk leader is responsible for any accident that may occur.

Date		Start/Map	Route	Notes	Distance	Car Sharing
April	7th	Hittisleigh. Start at parish hall car park SX 732 950. Donation to park. O.S. map - OL28	Two Moors Way, West Ford Farm, Hittisleigh Mill, Trena, East Church, Hittisleigh Barton. Howard Cross, Woodgreen Farm, then back to Hittisleigh.	A couple of strenuous climbs, a bit of walking on quiet lanes.  Probably be muddy and a couple of stiles, nice views.	6.5 miles	£2.00
April	14th	Fingle Bridge/Butterdon Down OL 28 SX 7431 8993	Charles Wood, Cranbrook, Bowden Farm, Butterdon, Willington Rock & Cottages, Wooston Castle Fort, Back along the Teign.	A gradual 200m rise through woodland. A gentle circuit of Butterdon Down with a short southerly extension to arrive at a quiet lane bounding Willingstone Plantation.	6 miles	£2.40

				Gentle descent from hill fort. Returning along the Riverside. Forestry tracks, soggy fields with stiles and lanes.		
April	21st					
April	28th					
May	5th					
May	12th	Lowery Cross SX547692	Ten Tors walk - Lowery, Sharpitor, Leather, Middleworth, Snappers, Little Down, Down, Sheepstor, Burra/Berra, Claig	Moorland and forest tracks; 3 wooden stiles (1 steep wooden ladder); an "up-and-down walk with several significant ascents. Stunning views, depending on weather. Ice cream van towards the end!	8.5 miles	£4.00
May	19th					
May	26th					

June	2nd	<p>Bellever Forest car park, OL28  SX656771 (£5.00)  Start @ 9:30am</p>	<p>Lydford Lich Way.  Walk the historic "Way of the Dead" from Bellever to Lydford. 12 mile linear walk across Dartmoor, passing Powder Mills, Longaford and Lydford Tors, Water crossings at West Dart weir, Broad Hole, Walkham. Lunch at Baggator then down past Coffin Wood, along the Tavy, crossing at Standon Steps Bridge (NOT Catalloo stepping stones!) to cross Willsworthy and enter Lydford via Higher Beardon Farm, under the viaduct and Silver Street.</p> <p>We finish at the Nicholl's Hall, Lydford for well-earned tea and cakes (donations welcome). The walk can be finished at Baggator, after the 8-</p>	<p>Note this is a linear walk so arrangements need to be made to have a car at the finish at Lydford as well. SX 510847 (£5.30)</p>	<p>4, 8 or 12 miles</p>	<p>£5.00</p>
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			<p>mile moorland crossing (transport from here required) or started here for the last 4-mile easier stretch back to Lydford (again transport required). This is a moderate to strenuous (only the full 12 miles) walk but gives the chance to walk this historic way and choose how far you wish to go. It is a shared walk with Lydford community and Tavistock Ramblers and in the past has attracted around 40 walkers. True Dartmoor vistas with some refreshments at lunch and tea at the end!</p>			
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	9th	<p>Budleigh Salterton Lime Kiln CP, Budleigh Salterton; OS115 - SY073820. £8 charge. Toilets and refreshments nearby.</p> <p>Best route is to follow all signs to Budleigh Salterton. This takes you to the top of the town, from where you just need to drive down the main street and along the seafront to the car park.</p>	June	<p>Moderate walk. River path, field edges, lanes, coast path. Muddy in places, if it has rained heavily. Nature reserve extended by flooding fields. Plenty of birds, signs of beaver activity etc. Opportunities for doing a shorter walk, for those who wish to do so.</p>	8 miles	£7.00
June	16th	Bude	<p>Crooklets beach, Northcott mouth and Sandymouth. It calls at the same points on the way back via a slightly inland track.</p>		6.2 miles	£5.60
June	23rd					

June	30th					
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