



EXMOOR WALKING HOLIDAYS APRIL 2017

Future Dates

Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2017

We will meet for our next Walking Group Weekend commencing on Friday, 2nd June.

Some members are arriving on the evening of Thursday, 1st June for an all day walk on Friday 2nd June. There will also be a Sunset Walk on Sunday, 4th June. Extra nights are available at £75 DBB per person per night. Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Normal booking at the Yarn Market Hotel for the Walking Group Weekend is required. Please contact the hotel staff on either 01643 821425 or enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk

Hi Everyone

Well Spring is here at last!!!!!!

The trees are 'greening up' and the spring bulbs have been a picture. We are all hoping for good weather to enable us to get out and enjoy lots of excellent walks.

We have recently spent some lovely days at Easter walking both the West Somerset Coast Path-Stolford to Minehead (now part of the England Coast Path) and the 1st part of the South West Coast Path-Minehead to Combe Martin. The weather was very kind to us, windy but dry and not a drop of rain to be seen during the day. I hope all the guests had a good time and enjoyed the lovely scenery and weather. A big thank you to Mel and Jo for assisting and to Antony for the transport and interesting journeys to and fro.

Past Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 10th to Sunday, 12^h February 2017

What a fabulous weekend. Very cold and windy with snow but dry during the day. We wrapped up warm and enjoyed three lovely walks.

Friday, 10th February

We met up for a 5 mile walk from the hotel, through the Deer Park and the castle grounds to Gallox Bridge. We then climbed and followed the Bat's Castle Circuit for a while before turning off on the Bratton path. We then climbed up to arrive at Bat's Castle and on to Withycmbe Gate. After our sightings of deer on the last Walking Group Weekend we were keen to see them again but they were nowhere to be seen.

Disappointed, we walked down Park Lane to Carhampton Gate and down through the fields – admiring the old English cattle - back to Gallox Bridge. We had good views of Dunster Castle and ended our walk with tea and teacakes



He looked friendly but the horns were large!

Saturday, 11 February

We headed off in the same direction as Friday to join Park Lane and on to Long Combe. We followed woodland paths and tracks to the highest part of our walk – in the snow – and on to the remains of the old settlement of Clicket. The path back took us over Croydon Hill and to Timberscombe. We walked back over the field and woodland paths to Withycombe Gate, Park Lane and Carhampton Gate and our walk home. This was a long walk of 14 miles. Very cold and with snow but a most enjoyable day.

We previously walked the Black Hill Circuit on an earlier Walking Group Weekend where we saw lots of carved animals. We were surprised to see this carved rabbit in the snow



We really did have snow!!!!



Lovely snowdrops



Lunch in the woods



The view from the top before dropping down to Clicket



This is one of several animal sculptures to be found in the woods at Clicket

Sunday, 12 February.

We headed down the High Street and out through the Dunster Castle Gardens to Gallox Bridge. We headed uphill to Bat's Castle then on to Withycombe Gate. We headed off left this time and dropped down to Withycombe Church for coffee. We crossed the A39 in the direction of Blue Anchor along Watery Lane. This path was named well as it was very, very, muddy and even had a stream running through it. We came out at Cleeve then walked to Blue Anchor where we found shelter from the wind by the railway sidings. Onward to the West Somerset Path and the newly tarmaced path to Dunster Beach, Dunster Marshes, Dunster and a well deserved cream tea before going home. 11 miles



The bridge in Dunster Castle gardens



Onward and upward!



Just how does this tree stay upright?



Daffodils in Withycombe churchyard



Withycombe daffodils



Lunch out of the wind!

Best Wishes

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