



EXMOOR WALKING HOLIDAYS December 2017

Future Dates

Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 2nd - Sunday, 4th February

As previously I will be at the hotel by 12.00 noon on Friday should anyone wish to join me for a walk/lunch. Please let reception staff know when you arrive if you would like to join me and they will let me know.

February is a busy month for the Yarn Market Hotel and so you are advised to book early.

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

South West Coast Path Walking Break

Tuesday, 3rd April – Sunday, 8th April 2018

Join us to walk the first section of the South West Coast Path from Minehead to Combe Martin over 4 days (35 miles). This lovely section of the coast path leads us from Minehead over North Hill with lovely views to Wales and on to Porlock Weir. On day two we enter lovely old woodland to walk to Countisbury via Culbone Church. The next day is from Countisbury to Hunter's Inn passing through Lynmouth, Valley of the Rocks and Woody Bay. The last day has spectacular coastal scenery walking from Hunter's Inn to Combe Martin.

Four days walking, five nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Packed lunches, all local transport and a leader are all included.

For further information and to book this fabulous break contact the Yarn Market Hotel staff on either 01643 821425 or enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk Early booking is advised.

Past Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 17th – Sunday, 19th November

Although officially the walking group meets on Fridays some of us took an extra day and arrived on Thursday, 16th November ready for a walk on Friday morning. This was to be a weekend where the walking group and the choral group joined for walking. Some members of the walking group arrived early on Friday morning ready to set out on our walk.

Friday, 17th November

We woke to a beautiful day with blue skies and wonderful views. Antony took us to Bossington Car Park for our walk through the woods to Selworthy for coffee. We carried on up Selworthy Combe to Selworthy Beacon. We walked along the South West Coast Path to Hurlstone Point and down the woodland path around Bossington Hill to Allerford for a pick up from Antony. 6.75 miles



Not a cloud in the sky



Apples on the tree in Bossington Car Park



The view to Porlock



The Periwinkle Cottage Tea Room, Selworthy



Selworthy



Coffee break in the sun, Selworthy



Selworthy Beacon



A lovely spot with a view for lunch



From Hurlstone Point looking down on to Porlock Weir



We had lovely views



Allerford Pack Horse Bridge

Saturday, 18th November

We had transport to Porlock and walked back to Dunster through glorious woodland scenery. The weather was not as good as the previous day but the autumn colours were very good. Members of the choral group met with us at Wootton Courtenay Church and walked back to Dunster with us. 9.6 miles for the whole walk.



Looking cross to Hurlstone Point



The packhorse bridge at Horner



The woodland path leading towards Luccombe



Luccombe Church



Making our way to Wootton Courtenay



Wootton Courtenay Church

Sunday, 19 November 2017

We walked from the hotel up over Grabbist Hill and along the ridge. We dropped down through woodland on a steep path we had used previously. Unfortunately the Forestry Commission were in the process of clearing some areas and so the walk was very muddy in places. We made our way down and over the River Avill to cross the main road (A396) and re-enter the woods near Nutcombe Bottom. We walked up on to Bat's Castle but did not see ponies or deer. We made our way past Carhampton Gate and down Park Lane to Carhampton. We walked through the Carhampton Recreational Grounds, with a stop for lunch, then over the railway line at Blue Anchor where we turned left along the coast path back to Dunster. Our walking group weekend ended with a cream tea before people made their way home. 8.75 miles



We met these horses on Grabbist Hill



The steep climb down through the woods



It got muddier and more difficult to stay upright!



Lovely colours in Park Lane



Looking towards Blue Anchor



A stop for lunch at Carhampton



Blue Anchor

We had a fabulous weekend. The weather was kind to us while we were walking and the colours were spectacular. November is a good time to visit the area if wishing to make the most of the autumn colours.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy 2018. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kathy