



EXMOOR WALKING HOLIDAYS AUGUST 2017

Future Dates

Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 29th September to Sunday, 1st October

We will meet for our next Walking Group Weekend commencing on Friday, 29th September

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.

September 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

Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 17th November to Sunday, 19th November

During this weekend we will meet and walk with guests attending the A Capella weekend.

Some members of these two groups are arriving on the evening of Thursday, 16th November for an all day walk on Friday 17th November. There will also be an evening walk on Sunday, 19th November. Extra nights are available at £75 DBB per person per night for members of the Walking Group. Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

I will be available by 12.00 noon on Thursday, 16th November should anyone wish to participate in a walk and /or lunch. Please let reception staff know when you arrive if you would like to join me and they will let me know.

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 Early booking is advised.

Hi Everyone

Time is flying by and I do hope you have taken the opportunity to participate and explore lots of good walking paths. Some of you will, by now, have been away on holiday. I do hope you have had a good break.

I am looking forward to our next meeting in September but cannot that believe by that date we will be looking forward to a colourful (I hope) Autumn.

Past Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 2nd June – Sunday, 4th June 2017

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This was a brilliant extended weekend when we walked with some members of the Choral Group who were also staying at the Yarn Market Hotel. Instead of our afternoon/lunch walk we walked all day and took two members of the Choral Group with us. We were driven to County Gate in the mini bus and walked back to Porlock Weir along part of the South West Coast Path passing Culbone Church on the way. After ice creams Antony kindly collected us and took us back to the hotel. 6½ miles



Walking down to the woods and the SWCP



Culbone Church



The cottages at Porlock Weir



Tide in at Porlock Weir

Saturday, 3rd June

We walked from Wheddon Cross down into the Snowdrop Valley along part of the Coleridge Way and up to Dunkery Gate for coffee break. We then walked on to Dunkery Beacon (sunny this time) and on to Wootton Courtenay -stopping in the woods for lunch in the shade. We met Antony with two of the Choral Group at Wootton Courtenay Church and walked with them back up to Grabbist Hill when we made our way back to Dunster and a well deserved cream tea. 11½ miles



Coffee break at Dunkery Gate



There were plenty of local sheep to see too



Dunkery Beacon



Cadbury's Cream Eggs (belated from Easter)



Wootton Courtenay in the distance



Lunch in the woods



Now for the Cream Egg!!!!!!



One last climb to Grabbist Hill



Looking down towards Blue Anchor

Sunday, 4th June

We walked direct from the hotel around the Deer Park and on uphill and then down to Nutcombe Bottom Car Pak. We then followed the signed Black Hill Circuit. This is a walk some of us have done before. The weather was very changeable so it was 'coats on, coats off' for most of the day. A heavy storm before lunch saw everyone hastily don their waterproofs so a good sense of humour was required. Our walk took us back to Dunster past Bat's Castle and down to Gallox Bridge and a cream tea for those going home. 9½ miles



Look who we found in the woods



The bear in the woods



Wood carvings-Black Hill Circuit



Rain didn't stop people smiling!!!!



Lunch watching the storm over the Quantocks

Sunday, 4th June-Sunset Walk

A Sunset Walk was planned for Sunday evening so several of us (guests and staff) set off at 7.30 pm from Dunster to walk through the Deer Park again up to Carhampton Gate and then down Park Lane to Carhampton. Our walk then took us through the fields to cross the railway line near Blue Anchor and then along the new path to Dunster Beach and back Dunster. The sunset was spectacular and I think everyone enjoyed this walk. Thank you to Sue for devising this walk for us. 7 miles



The sun shone at the start of our Sunset Walk



We saw deer



...and Exmoor ponies with their foals



Carhampton-the monkey puzzle tree complete with monkeys



This sunset was fabulous!!!!!!

The members of the walking group who participated accumulated a total of 16½ miles over the two walks.