



Southampton

Group Walks for April 1st – June 30st 2024

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*We offer friendly welcoming company on our guided walks which cater for all abilities and range from shorter Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday walks to all-day Sunday ones. See note on **page 5** about walk grades.*

Please check details online prior to walking for more information and any last-minute changes.

Day	Date	Time	Walk	Miles	Start	Leader
Thu	04/04/2024	10:00	Chilworth Circular	6	Hadrian Way Southampton. Park considerably near the bridge over the M27. Map OL22	Mark H.
Fri	05/04/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Twyford circular	4	Park and meet in the lane next to St Mary's Church Twyford. Accessible by public transport alight Searles Hill near Twyford School	Anthea M.
Sat	06/04/2024	13:30	Chilbolton Circular	7	Start at car park at the top of the West Down hill and not the bottom car park. Turn right off A3057 at Bridge coming from Stockbridge into Coley Lane & up track on right after 0.4 miles or from Abbot's Mitre pub in Chilbolton along Coley Lane and then up track on left after 0.5 miles. Map EX 131	Colin B.
Sun	07/04/2024	10:00	Wilton circular	15	Park and meet in the South St. CP Wilton.	Ian H.
Sun	07/04/2024	13:30	King's Somborne Circular	6	King's Somborne recreation ground car park	Andrew W.
Wed	10/04/2024	19:00	Winchester Circular	5	Start near King Alfred's Statue. Free parking in Chesil St car park nearby	Douglas W.
Thu	11/04/2024	10:00	Nomansland Circular	6	Bramshaw Wood Car Park. From Forest Road Nomansland turn opposite the Lamb Inn into Woodside Road. Car park is on the right after 400m and is NOT the parking by The Green. Map OL22.	Mark W.
Fri	12/04/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Braishfield circular	4	Park at the roadside or further up the road in the car park of the Village Hall. Assemble near the War Memorial	Kim G.
Sat	13/04/2024	13:30	Cheriton Circular	7	Start at Cheriton Recreation ground car park. Map OL32 (EX132).	Andrew W.
Sun	14/04/2024	09:45	Bentley Wood circular via Pitton and Winterslow	14.5	Park and meet at Beechwood Copse CP Bentley Wood. Check online for possible change to start point.	Mary H.

Sun	14/04/2024	13:30	Meonstoke Circular	6	Car Park at Meonstoke Community Centre	Colin B.
Wed	17/04/2024	19:00	Hamble Circular	5.5	Park and start in car park at Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground Hamble Lane.	Valerie P.
Thu	18/04/2024	10:00	Castle Hill Circular	6	Castle Hill CP. From Brook take B3078 to Godshill, turn right at the Fighting Cocks Pub, then left in about 1/2 mile, CP is a further mile on. Map OL22.	Bob P.; Julie P.
Fri	19/04/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Lyndhurst from Boltons Bench circular	4	Meet in the top car park next to Lyndhurst Cemetery - one of several car parks see map. 09:00 bus from Southampton to Lymington passes through Lyndhurst in good time to join the walk	John C.
Sat	20/04/2024	13:30	Farley Mount circular - Brisk Pace	6	Start at the Momument Car Park. Map EX131	Gary M.
Sun	21/04/2024	13:30	Compton Circular	6.25	Jubilee Recreation Ground Compton	Gary M.
Sun	21/04/2024	09:45	Whitchurch circular. via Overton	12	Park and meet in the Bell Street CP Whitchurch.	John C.
Wed	24/04/2024	19:00	Braishfield Circular	5	Start near War Memorial. Park on road nearby	Andrew W.
Thu	25/04/2024	10:00	Wickham Circular	5.5	Station Close Car Park Wickham. Entrance on right at start of Station Close off Mill Lane. Map OL3/Ex119	John R.
Fri	26/04/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Bursledon circular	4	Meet / park at Bursledon train station car park usually free of charge	Valerie P.
Sat	27/04/2024	13:30	Hamptworth circular - Brisk Pace	7	Map OL22 Start by the Cuckoo Inn, park nearby where possible.	Douglas W.
Sun	28/04/2024	09:30	East Meon circular via Hambledon	13	Park and meet in the Village Hall CP off Workhouse Lane.	Martin F.
Sun	28/04/2024	13:30	Titchfield Circular	6	Long term car park by Titchfield Community Centre	Valerie P.
Wed	01/05/2024	19:00	Botley Circular	6	Park and start in Mortimer Rd car park. Free parking.	Valerie P.
Thu	02/05/2024	10:00	Deerleap Circular	6	Deerleap Car Park opposite the New Forest Wildlife Park. Map OL22	Peter S.
Fri	03/05/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Upham circular	4	Park in the roadway near duck pond Church Street. Additional parking at the recreation ground off Shoe Lane. Meet adjacent to the duck pond.	Colin B.
Sat	04/05/2024	13:30	Bramdean Common Circular	7	Start on west side of common on off road parking area near top of hill on road from Bramdean to Ropley. Map OL32 (EX132)	Colin B.
Sun	05/05/2024	13:30	Farley Mount Circular	6	Farley Mount car park - note that there are two car parks next to each other.	Gary M.
Sun	05/05/2024	10:00	Preston Candover circular	13.5	Please park and meet in the car park spaces close to the village school.	Gary W.
Wed	08/05/2024	19:00	Colden Common Circular	5	Park and start in Colden Common community centre cp St Vigor Way.	Colin B.
Thu	09/05/2024	10:00	Horsebridge Circular Going West	6.75	Car park opposite John of Gaunt pub Horsebridge. Map Ex 131	Deborah P.

Fri	10/05/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Compton circular	4	Park / assemble at the Jubilee playing fields car park off Shepherds Lane, Compton. Accessible by bus.	Alan F.
Sat	11/05/2024	13:30	Compton circular - Bisk Pace	6	Start the Jubilee Recreation Ground. Shepherd's Lane Compton. Map OL32 (EX132)	Lynne N.
Sun	12/05/2024	10:00	Abbotstone Wood circular	15	Park and meet in the Abbotstone Wood CP off the B3046 between Arlesford and Northington. NB - Postcode is not accurate.	Ian H.
Sun	12/05/2024	13:30	Pilley circular	6	Park on the wide verges on both sides of the road at Pilley Green	Basil F.
Thu	16/05/2024	10:00	Twyford Downs circular	7.25	Park and meet in the spaces adjacent to St Mary's Church Twyford.	Duncan F.
Fri	17/05/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Avington Park circular	4	Car park behind Avington Park golf course club house. The post code / car park is approx 300m NE of the assembly point.	Derek C.
Sat	18/05/2024	13:30	Lockerley circular - Brisk Pace	7	Park considerably & meet around Butts Green; Lockerley Road area. Map EX131	Gary M.
Sun	19/05/2024	09:30	East Meon - Spring into step on the Downs	15	Park and meet in the Village Hall CP off Workhouse Lane, East Meon.	Katherine J.
Sun	19/05/2024	13:30	Dundridge Circular	5	Car park at the Hampshire Bowman pub. Please patronise the pub after the walk	Anthea M.
Wed	22/05/2024	19:00	Easton Circular	5	Meet by Cricketers pub. Park in road nearby.	Kim G.
Thu	23/05/2024	10:00	Lordswood Circular	6	Four Horseshoes overflow car park at end of Nursling Street. Please patronise pub after walk. Map OL22	Mark H.
Fri	24/05/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Chilworth circular	4	Park / start near bridge on Hadrian Way. Bus - use Blue Star service No 1 and or consider car sharing.	Mark H.
Sat	25/05/2024	13:30	Exton circular - Brisk Pace	6	Start from parking area near the A32. Map OL32 (EX132).	Valerie P.
Sun	26/05/2024	09:30	Vernham Dean circular via The Chutes.	13	Park and meet in the Vernham Dean Playing Field CP.	Martin F.
Sun	26/05/2024	13:30	Romsey Circular	6.5	Start at the entrance of the Car Park at Romsey Rapids	Lynne N.
Wed	29/05/2024	19:00	Dundridge Circular	5	Start at Hampshire Bowman pub. Park in field at far end of pub car park.	Anthea M.
Thu	30/05/2024	10:00	Ropley Circular	6.5	Furthest section of car park behind Ropley Parish Hall Vicarage Lane next to the cricket pavilion. Map OL32/Ex132	Tim B.
Fri	31/05/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Rownhams circular	4	Start at The Four Horseshoes PH overflow car park at the end of Nursling Street. If parking, please frequent the PH afterwards. Some sections of pavement walking. Public transport friendly. Bluestar No 4 service Southampton - Romsey route.	Mark H.
Sat	01/06/2024	13:30	Whiteparish Circular	7	Start in car park next to Doctor's surgery. Common Road. Map EX131.	Michael M.

Sun	02/06/2024	09:45	Farnham circular via Tollard Green.	15	Please park considerately in the village and meet outside the Museum Pub.	Gary W.
Sun	02/06/2024	13:30	Sherfield English Circular via Dean Hill	7	Park and start at Mill Lane CP turn left beside Hatchett Inn CP is on right a short distance down lane	Mary H.
Wed	05/06/2024	19:00	Sarisbury Green Circular	6	Park and start in car park at Sarisbury Green recreation ground.	Michael H.
Thu	06/06/2024	10:00	Compton Circular	6	Jubilee Recreation Ground Car Park, Shepherds Lane Compton. Map OL32/Ex132	Jeffrey H.
Fri	07/06/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Hamble Country Park circular	4	Commence from Norman Rodaway car park,Hedge End [off Heath House Lane]	Wendy B.
Sat	08/06/2024	13:30	Hambledon Circular	7	Start at High Street, park nearby. Map OL3 (EX119)	Lindsey S.
Sun	09/06/2024	13:30	Solent Way Circular	5	Car park at Mount Pleasant Playing Fields,adjacent Hamble Junior School School Lane Hamble	Wendy B.
Sun	09/06/2024	10:05	Wareham to Swanage linear via Corfe Castle.	13	See Additional Details online for details for start/meet point for this walk.	John C.
Wed	12/06/2024	19:00	Hamptworth Circular	5	Start by Cuckoo Inn. Park on road or verge nearby.	Colin W
Thu	13/06/2024	10:00	Ivy Wood Circular	5.5	Ivy Wood Car Park on the south side of the B3055 just east of Brockenhurst. Map OL22	Basil F.
Fri	14/06/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Holly Hill circular	4	Park / meet at the entrance to Holly Hill woodland park + nature reserve. Toilets usually available.	Valerie P.
Sat	15/06/2024	13:30	East Meon circular- Brisk Pace	7	Start at public car park on west side of Workshop Lane East Meon. Map OL3/EX119	Jane B.
Sun	16/06/2024	10:00	Middle Woodford circular	12	Park and meet in the Recreation Ground CP in Middle Woodford.	Jenny H.
Sun	16/06/2024	13:30	Cheriton Circular	6	Cheriton Recreation ground car park	Douglas W.
Wed	19/06/2024	19:00	Shedfield Circular	5.5	Start by church. Park on road nearby.	Jane B.
Thu	20/06/2024	10:00	Otter Trail and South Down Circular	6	Oakwood Park Recreation Centre, Oakwood Road, Otterbourne. Blue Star 1 to Oakwood Road stop. Map OL32/Ex132	Richard W.
Fri	21/06/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Easton circular	4	Meet / park on the wide grass verge on the south side of Avington Park Lane just past [going East] of the Easton village sign. OL32/ EX132	Tim B.
Sat	22/06/2024	13:30	West Meon circular - Brisk Pace	6	Start at village hall car park at end of Headon View. Follow sign at north end of West Meon turning west off A32. Map OL3/EX119	Valerie P.
Sun	23/06/2024	10:00	Longslade Bottom circular via Lymington.	15	Park and meet at Longslade Bottom CP.	Martin F.
Sun	23/06/2024	13:30	Southwick Circular	6	Car park behind Golden Lion pub	Valerie P.
Wed	26/06/2024	19:00	Upham Circular	5	Park and start on the road by the pond.	Jane B.

Thu	27/06/2024	10:00	West Meon Circular	6	West Meon Village Hall Car Park at the end of Headon View. Please consider car-sharing. Map OL32/Ex132	Mark H.
Fri	28/06/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Bursledon circular	4	Park / meet at Bursledon railway station car park parking usually free. Accessible by bus / train.	Alan F.
Sat	29/06/2024	13:30	Lockerley circular	7	Park considerately and meet around Butts Green; Lockerley Road area. Map EX131	Andrew W.
Sun	30/06/2024	13:30	Chilworth Circular	5.5	Lay-by on west side of A27	Kim G.
Sun	30/06/2024	09:45	Turf Hill circular (Northern New Forest) via Woodgreen	11	Park and meet at Turf Hill CP on the left one mile past Bramshaw telegraph on the B3080	Rob S.

Grades - All the walk are graded as **Moderate**, except for the Friday morning walks which are **Leisurely**

- **Leisurely** - walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.
- **Moderate** - walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots, and warm waterproof clothing essential.
- Walk gradings are provided as a general guide only. If you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk, please contact the leader in advance.
- Bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned.
- If you are unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first - it is much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.
- All-day Sundays walks will usually have a lunch stop between 30 minutes and an hour. Participants should always bring refreshments - a drink and snacks.



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Footpath matters

To help Groups survey Rights of Way and monitor condition of the 'furniture' (ie gates, stiles, waymarks, signposts, etc) on the county's footpaths, HCC has issued tablets to Ramblers groups and our recently appointed Footpaths Secretary, Mark H-P, has taken possession of the Southampton Group tablet. After joining in a Romsey group survey (they have had their tablet for some time), he has become familiar with its workings and is beginning to survey the RoW in the parishes within our area of responsibility. The tablet facilitates the recording of the footpath furniture and reporting of the condition of the RoW. The surveys will reveal locations where stiles made need replacing, paths cleared of vegetation etc.

In the meantime, we are still hoping to gain experience of stile replacement, with the support of Waltham Group; the plan is to replace a stile in the Durley parish towards the end of April – anyone interested in helping, please contact Duncan asap, including a note of their membership number - dfisher09@gmail.com

Walk Leading

Could you lead a walk? We have a number of volunteers willing to lead a walk but we always need more, so if you would be interested in helping, please let one of the committee members know or email us on sotonramb.walks@hotmail.com. If you want to learn more about walk leading and the support available, the Ramblers periodically runs a free online training event called "Getting Started: An Introduction to Walk Leadership." The next session is scheduled to be given on April 16 at 18:00.

Some new leaders might find it helpful to have an experienced walk leader come on their first recce (practice) walk. Advice on walk planning is also available. If you feel that such mentoring support would be helpful for you, please let us know and we will find somebody to help.

Skittles evening

Kim has booked a Skittles evening at The Ship Inn, 41 Old Redbridge Road, Southampton, SO15 0NN for Friday 3rd May. There are 4 choices of "basket" meals all served with chips and a salad garnish and the cost for the evening is £12 per person. There is also a meal option of fish and chips, for which the cost will be £14 per person. Arrive by **7.15pm** for your choice of supper at **8.00pm**. Come along and see if you can win a prize. Numbers are limited to 40 so bookings will be on a first come basis. To book please complete the form at the end of the newsletter - giving your details plus menu choices. BACS payment preferred – please use your name as reference in the payment. Or send your cheque payable to **Southampton Ramblers Association** and dated 3rd May to Kim Golder, 7 The Vineyards, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9PP. Final date for receipt of bookings will be Friday 26 April. There will be a raffle during the evening (donations welcome – eg bottle of wine, chocolates) with tickets sold at £1 per strip.

Autumn coach trip

Following the successful (despite rain!) outing to Dorchester last year, another coach excursion has been arranged for Sunday 15 September this year. The destination will be the National Trust's estate at Polesden Lacey near Dorking, where walks of varying distances can be enjoyed starting from the estate property on towards the attractive Surrey Hills area. More details and a booking form will be in the next newsletter.

Group 70th anniversary

The 70th anniversary will be celebrated in the summer by a lunch preceded by a walk. The location will be the Flowerpots pub in Cheriton, and the date is Saturday July 6th. The lunch will be in the barn attached to the pub; we will have sole use of the barn without fee, on the expectation that we will be ordering their food. Sole use of the barn will allow for a few (brief!) speeches, and there will be a CELEBRATORY CAKE. The pub management has advised us that there is a maximum number of 42 seated places for those eating but everyone will be welcome for the cake (and speeches). The Spring/Summer menu will appear on the pub website nearer the time; an example of their current menu can be accessed at [Village Inn in Cheriton, Hampshire | The Flower Pots Inn & Brewery](#) select 'daily menu'. Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available – if you don't see something suitable, the Flowerpots team will do their best to accommodate requests.

The pub has a sizeable car park and extra parking is also available nearby at the recreation ground.

The lunch will be preceded by a walk, and possibly followed by a walk. Full details of the timing of the lunch and the start time/start location of the walk(s) will be in the next newsletter.

At this stage it is only necessary to register your intention to attend the lunch. The 42 places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Please indicate your interest below, as soon as possible. Email, post, both acceptable. Any postal responses to Kim Golder, 7 The Vineyards, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9PP. or by email to kimdecgolder@gmail.com

We will circulate the menu nearer the time to those who are registered and will need to put in food orders a week or so prior to the date. Please provide your contact details – preferably email, land line phone or mobile phone [for text messages]. We probably won't have time to send / take orders by post.

Viv Wilson

Sadly, Viv passed away in February after a long illness. Viv joined the group in 2007 and was mainly seen on the all-day Sunday walks, which she enjoyed. Always friendly and cheerful, Viv will be much missed.

Present committee

Committee Role	Name	Contact details
Chairman	Vacant	
Secretary	John Catchlove	john.catchlove@btinternet.com
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Southampton Ramblers – Skittles at The Ship Inn
7.15pm on Friday 3rd May
Booking Form

A Skittles evening will take place at The Ship Inn, 41 Old Redbridge Road, Southampton, SO15 0NN on Friday 3rd May. There is a choice of basket meals and tickets cost £12 per person, or £14 per person if opting for the fish and chips meal. **Arrive by 7.15pm to start bowling at 7.30 - your choice of supper at 8.00pm.** Please put your name in the box alongside your menu choice[s]

Basket Choice	Name(s)
Chicken Goujons with chips and salad garnish £12 pp	
Cumberland Sausage Ring with chips and salad garnish £12 pp	
Scampi with chips and salad garnish £12 pp	
Veggie Burger (V) with chips and salad garnish £12 pp	
Fish and chips £14	
Should you wish to order from the bar menu, please discuss with Kim – exceptions only for reasons of dietary preference / requirement [to keep it simple, please!]	Enter detail of your request here – choices available on their website

Payment option (BACS payment is preferred)

(a) I am paying by BACS £..... to Unity Trust Bank sort code 60-83-01 a/c no. 20198921
 (Include your name in the Ref field BACS payment saves us a £0.30 per cheque handling charge)

(b) I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to "Southampton Ramblers Association" and dated 3 May

Names

Email address

IF NO EMAIL Contact Telephone no. (Landline or mobile.)

Please send the completed form and payment to Kim Golder, 7 The Vineyards, North Baddesley, Southampton SO52 9PP. **Completed cheques and forms need to be received by Kim by Friday 26 April Please do not send cash.** Enquiries to Kim on 07717 852997 or kimdecgolder@gmail.com
 You will not hear from Kim unless you have been unsuccessful, but please provide email address or telephone contact number in case it is necessary to contact you.

Conditions: In the event of cancellation due to insufficient support, cheques will be destroyed / BACS payments refunded.

Raffle prizes welcome – eg bottle of wine, chocolates. Please bring cash if you intend to take part in the raffle.