



Southampton

Group Walks for January 4th – March 31st 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	04/01/2024	10:00	Rockford Common and Blashford Lakes Circular	6	Alice Lisle Inn Rockford Green, Ringwood BH24 3NA. Park at south end of parking area by redbrick wall. Map OL22 Plus Code V6CG+Q39	Mark W.
Fri	05/01/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Mottisfont	4	Park at National Trust Mottisfont CP towards the rear of the car park. Permission sought by leader and agreed by NT Manager	Derek C.
Sat	06/01/2024	13:30	Old Alresford	7	Park considerably on The Green (road) not in village hall car park as that is for village hall users only now.	Colin B.
Sun	07/01/2024	09:15	King's Somborne circ. via Stockbridge	12	Park and meet in the Recreation Ground CP.	John C.
Sun	07/01/2024	13:30	Kilmeston Circular	7	Park on verges at edge of Kilmeston Green	Douglas W.
Thu	11/01/2024	10:00	Matley Circular	6	Start at Matley Car Park off the B3056 between Lyndhurst and Beaulieu Road Station. Map OL22	Bob P.; Julie P.
Fri	12/01/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Bursledon	4	Assemble / park in the car park adjacent to Bursledon railway station. Parking free at the time of publication. Accessible by public transport including bus	Valerie P.
Sat	13/01/2024	13:30	Swanwick circular - Brisk Pace	6	Start in free car park at Sarisbury Green Recreation Ground. Map OL3 (EX119)	Lynne N.
Sun	14/01/2024	09:10	Chandlers Ford bus walk	13	Park and meet in the CP at the end of Glendowen Road. From Knightwood Road turn into Katherine Crescent. Glendowen is a turning off this crescent. Free parking.	Martin F.
Sun	14/01/2024	13:30	Upham Circular	6	Start by the duck pond	Valerie P.
Thu	18/01/2024	10.00	Ashlett Creek circular	5	Park adjacent/near to the Jolly Sailor pub (or in their CP if using after the walk). Meet on the Green by the quay.	Duncan F

Fri	19/01/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Royal Victoria Country Park via Hamble	4	Assemble / park in car park adjacent to Hamble Junior School / Mount Pleasant playing fields Hamble Lane. Accessible by public transport	Wendy B.
Sat	20/01/2024	13:30	Bramdean Common circular	6	Off road parking area north side of common. Map OL32 (EX132)	Lindsey S.
Sun	21/01/2024	13.30	Compton Circular	6	Jubilee Recreation Ground	Wendy B.
Sun	21/01/2024	09:30	Upper Hamble circular	12	Park and meet in Bursledon Station CP. Free on Sundays.	Mark H.
Thu	25/01/2024	10:00	Weston Shore Circular	5	Mayfield Park Car Park Weston Lane Weston. Map OL22	Bob P.; Julie P.
Fri	26/01/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Chilworth circular	4	Assemble /park considerably near the bridge Hadrian Way Chilworth	Mark H.
Sat	27/01/2024	13:30	Itchen Abbas circular	6	Start on road by church. Park where possible in road nearby or, if possible, in the Community Hall car park. Map OL32 (EX132).	Andrew W.
Sun	28/01/2024	09:30	Four Marks circular. via Selbourne	12	Park and meet in the shopper's free CP behind the Petrol Station.	Martin F.
Sun	28/01/2024	13:30	Kilместon circular	6	Park on layby next to the green	Colin B.
Thu	01/02/2024	10:00	Hawkhill Circular	6	Hawkhill Car Park on the north side of the B3055 between Beaulieu and Brockenhurst. Map OL22	Deborah P.
Fri	02/02/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Eastleigh circular	4	Park / assemble in Places Leisure centre, off Passfield Avenue Eastleigh. Parking free at time of publication	Alan F.
Sat	03/02/2024	13:30	Fritham circular	7	Start from the Royal Oak at Fritham.Park nearby. Map OL22.	Douglas W.
Sun	04/02/2024	09:30	Vereley Hill circular via Burley	11	Heading west on the A31 turn off the carriage way at Picket Post signposted to Burley. Follow the road towards Burley. The Vereley Hill CP is approx. 3/4 mile on the right.	Martin F.
Sun	04/02/2024	13:30	Acres Down (New Forest) via Bolderwood	6	Park and start at Acres Down car park	Rob S.
Thu	08/02/2024	10:00	Compton Circular	6	Jubilee Recreation Ground Car Park Shepherds Lane Compton. Map OL32/Ex132	Jeffrey H.
Fri	09/02/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Twyford	4	Park / assemble adjacent St Mary's Church Twyford. Accessible by public transport alight Searles Hill	Anthea M.
Sat	10/02/2024	13:30	Upham circular	6	Start near duck pond park nearby. Map OL3 (EX119)	Lindsey S.
Sun	11/02/2024	09:30	Winter by the coast	15	Park and meet in the Bursledon Station CP. Free on Sunday's.	Katherine J.
Sun	11/02/2024	13:30	Compton Circular. Brisk pace.	5.25	Meet at Compton Playing Fields car park	Gary M.
Thu	15/02/2024	10:00	Romsey Waterways Circular	5.5	Romsey Rapids Leisure Centre main entrance. Map Ex131 Car parking free at Centre for 4 hours. Please bear this in mind when timing your arrival.	John R.

Fri	16/02/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Michelmersh area	4	Park considerably in the small lay-by just north of The Bear and Ragged Staff hostelry off the Stockbridge Road A3057. OL131	Kim G.
Sat	17/02/2024	13:30	Hambledon circular	7	Start at High Street, park nearby. Map OL3 (EX119)	Michael M.
Sun	18/02/2024	09:30	West to East Meon circular	12	Park and meet in the West Meon Village Hall CP at the end of Headon View.	Mark H.
Sun	18/02/2024	13:30	Bramdean Circular	6	Start at west side of common at off road parking area at the top of the hill on road from Bramdean to Ropley	Colin B.
Thu	22/02/2024	10:00	Dundridge Circular	6	The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge. Drive through car parks to field beyond. Kindly patronise the pub after the walk. Map OL3/Ex119	Jeffrey H.
Fri	23/02/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Hamble Royal Victoria Country Park and shoreline	4	Assemble / park at Hamble Beach car park at the end of School Lane at the south-east corner of Hamble Common. Nearest postal code is SO31 4NB [Hamble Point Marina]	Valerie P.
Sat	24/02/2024	13:30	Lockerley circular	7	Park considerably meet around Butts Green & Lockerley Road area. Map EX131	Andrew W.
Sun	25/02/2024	10:00	Micheldever Wood circular	12.5	Park and meet in the Micheldever Wood CP to the left of Northington Lane soon after going under the M3. Map OL185.	Ian H.
Sun	25/02/2024	13:30	Twyford Circular	6	Start Twyford church Berry Lane	Valerie P.
Thu	29/02/2024	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	01/03/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Bursledon	4	Park / assemble in Bursledon railway station car park free at time of publication. Accessible by public transport.	John R.
Sat	02/03/2024	13:30	Mottisfont circular	6	Park & Start in layby on the west side of the A3057. Map EX131.	Michael H.
Sun	03/03/2024	09:30	Cheriton circ. via Ovington.	12	Park and meet in the Recreation Ground CP.	Jenny H
Sun	03/03/2024	13:30	Dundridge Circular	6	Overflow car park at The Hampshire Bowman - please patronise pub after walk	Anthea M.
Thu	07/03/2024	10:00	Beaulieu Road Circular	6	Beaulieu Road Station Car Park on the east side of the B3056 just south of the railway bridge. Map OL22	Richard W.
Fri	08/03/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Hamble area	4	Assemble in car park at Mount Pleasant Playing Fields adjacent Hamble Junior School, School Lane, Hamble. Accessible by public transport. Car park can get busy if full try local roads [allow time for parking]	Wendy B.
Sat	09/03/2024	13:30	Old Winchester Hill - Brisk Pace	7	Start in car park at top of Old Winchester Hill. Map OL3 (EX119)	Jane B.
Sun	10/03/2024	09:45	Braishfield circ. via Eldon and King's Somborne.	13	Park and meet in the Braishfield Village Hall CP.	Rob S.

Sun	10/03/2024	13:30	Solent way Circular	6	Car park next to Hamble Junior School	Wendy B.
Thu	14/03/2024	10:00	Easton Circular	6	Start Wide grass verge on south side of Avington Park Lane just past the EASTON village sign going east. Map OL32/Ex132	Tim B.
Fri	15/03/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Compton	4	Assemble at Jubilee sports grounds off Shepherds Lane Compton. Accessible by public transport	Alan F.
Sat	16/03/2024	13:30	Stockbridge circular	6	Start at layby on west side of A3057, just north of the roundabout by the White Hart Pub. Map 131.	Colin B.
Sun	17/03/2024	10.00	Walderton circ. via Compton.	12	Park and meet in the parking area to the left of Breakneck Lane to Stoughton when turning off the B2146.	Jenny H
Sun	17/03/2024	13:30	Twyford Circular	6	Park in Church Lane next to the church	Anthea M.
Thu	21/03/2024	10:00	Deerleap Circular via Ashurst Wood, Matley Heath & Longdown	6.25	Deerleap Car Park. Map OL22 Plus Code VGM2+G5G	Mark W.
Fri	22/03/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Itchen from Riverside Park	4	Start from Riverside Car Park [free at time of publication] on West side of Manor Farm Road near junction with Woodmill Lane. OL22	Tim B.
Sat	23/03/2024	13:30	Meonstoke	7	Start at the Meonstoke Community Centre car park. Map OL3 (EX118)	Valerie P.
Sun	24/03/2024	10:00	Witchampton circ.	14	Meet in the centre of the village by the junction near the Primary School. Please park considerately around the village lanes. Various locations are suitable. OS Map Explorer 118.	Nigel B.
Sun	24/03/2024	13:30	Mottisfont Circular. Brisk pace.	6	Butts Green, Lockerley	Gary M.
Thu	28/03/2024	10:00	Bursledon Circular	5	Start Free car park adjacent to Bursledon Railway Station. Map OL22	Peter S.
Fri	29/03/2024	10:30	Friday 4 miler Bishops Waltham	4	Meet and start from Station Road, Bishops Waltham, behind the ponds. Nearby building work may affect parking so allow time to source alternatives	Lindsey S.
Sat	30/03/2024	13:30	Compton - Bisk Pace	6	Start the Jubilee Recreation Ground. Shepherd's Lane, Compton. Map OL32 (EX132)	Gary M.
Sun	31/03/2024	09:30	Brockenhurst circ. via Lymington.	12.5	Meet on the South side of Brockenhurst Railway Station. Some free on street parking is available on Sunday's. Otherwise, the Day Charge for the Station CP is £4.30 (correct at time of writing).	John C.
Sun	31/03/2024	13:30	Knightwood Circular	7	Start Pilgrims' Close car park next to The Cleveland Bay pub	Douglas W.

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.

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Interim Newsletter for January 2024

Group AGM

The meeting on 17 November was attended by 34 members. The Annual Report was reviewed, and the current members of the committee were re-elected. They were joined by Mark Hamilton-Peach as Footpath Secretary. The Membership Secretary reported a membership of 391; an increase of 16 during the year. In Hampshire overall, membership of groups had dropped by 58, and all groups are concerned about the number of new RA members who do not opt to join a group.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement, which showed a balance increase of £538. Donations, including the one described below, had increased. The group still intends to spend some of the funds on new gates to replace stiles. The bequest fund had been reduced by providing a small subsidy to social events.

Mary Houston was appointed Webpage Editor, and Mel Thorndyke agreed to continue as Independent Examiner. The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the committee for their work during the year.

The committee does need more support; please talk to a current committee member if you think you can help in anyway.

The meeting was followed by a very good complimentary buffet, enjoyed by all.

Walking Partnership

This is a scheme operated by Ramble Worldwide (formerly Ramblers Worldwide Holidays). When members of a Ramblers group book a holiday with them and nominate a group, the company donates to that group's funds; groups receive the donations twice a year. In the year ended 30th September 2023 Southampton Group has benefitted by £520. In October a further £350 was received covering the April to September 2023 holiday period. Thank you to Ramble Worldwide, and to our members who nominate our group when making their bookings.

Christmas walk/mulled wine/lunch

This took place at Brockenhurst as usual, on Dec 10th. Despite the rain, and the prospect of heavier rain to come, more than 40 members gathered for the mince pies, stollen bites and mulled wine before the morning walk. The lunch and service at the Foresters Arms was again very good and much enjoyed. The sun came out for the afternoon walk. Thanks to Kim for organising the pre-walk drinks/nibbles and the lunch; to JohnR, Colin & Julie and MarkHP for their contributions of mulled wine; and to John C and Tim & Kathy who led the morning and afternoon walks.