

Avon Area Ramblers – Themed Walks

Saturday 17th February 2108

'We Own It'

5 mile/ 8 km - Linear walk

Start: Lawrence Hill Rail Station; Grid Ref: ST 609 734, Exp Map 155

Time: 09:45 - (Walk starts on arrival of the 09:16 train from Avonmouth via St Annes Wood, Arnos Vale.)

Expected finish time: - 13:00 at Temple Meads Rail Station

Walk Leader: Julie Boston, contact details 07791 867 512 or 0117 942 8637

On Saturday 17th February 2108, the Ramblers can celebrate the walking route through St Anne's Woods as a Public Right Of Way owned by Bristol City Council. This medieval route between Keynsham, St Anne's Well and Barton Hill was used by packhorses and pilgrims for centuries. This was abruptly ended when James Sinnott, a solicitor, bought the wood, put locks at one entrance and stopped the ferry boat service.

The Bristol and District Footpath Preservation Society, led by the Bishop of Bath & Wells and a committee, grappled with the problem for 6 years and won.

Wednesday 28th February 2018

'Exploring Architecture'

4 mile - Circular walk

Start: Outside Temple Meads Rail Station, Bristol, Grid Ref: ST 596 725 Exp Maps 155 or 154

Time: 10:30

Expected Finish Time: 12:45 at Weatherspoons on Temple Quay

Walk Leader: Maureen Johnson, contact details: 07960473378

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Severnside Ramblers

Fourteen Locks Canal Centre is a popular family attraction that sits on top of the Cefn flight, an engineering wonder of the industrial revolution that is located in the picturesque area of Newport. As a result of the support of the Heritage Lottery Funding two pairs of locks have been restored.

A family friendly location managed by the Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust ([MBACT](#)), with history talks, activity trails, events and education days

running throughout the year. The canal towpath is part of the national cycle route 47 and the beautiful Sirhowy valley walk.

The walk will be a 9 mile circular route.

Walk Leader – Andy & Chris contact details 01454 416321

Meet at Aztec West for 08:30 and we will car share to the 14 Locks Canal Centre for the start of the walk. Walk will start about 09:30 and we should finish around 14:30. Allowing time for coffee before returning to Bristol.

Sunday 22nd April 2018

11:00: Themed Walk: Bristol South Skyline

6 miles

The Bristol South Skyline walk is a new route which has been developed as part of the Bristol Green Capital 2015 celebrations. It takes you on an exciting journey of discovery across parts of South Bristol using pavements and footpaths to lead you to places which allows you to see Bristol from a less well known perspective. Part of the Avon Area Ramblers 'Themed Walks' programme.

Bring a packed lunch. Pub to finish.

Walk Leader: David S (07745188653)

Meet: 11:00 at Temple Meads Station

Sunday 17th June 2018 – Kingswood Ramblers

Don't miss out on spotting wildflowers.

4 miles Circular walk.

Meet: Warmley Station Car Park : Grid Ref ST670735 for shared lifts or Selsey Common Car Park grid Ref SO 828026. The B4066 via North Woodchester.

Meet Time Warmley 9.00 a.m. Selsey 10.00 a.m.

Expected Finish Time. 2.30 p.m. depending on the abundance of flowers

Walk Leaders. Helen O'Connell 07505 111753

Monica Davis 07913 509566

The walk is being led by two wildflower lovers, who through their interest in them hope to guide you into spotting some too.

We are starting our walk at Selsey Common a habitat rich in rare flora and fauna.

We also take in a couple of disused quarries, which, because of their unsuitability for agriculture their habitat is often protected.

We are not experts, and if others know anything about the flowers that we (hope to) see, then please feel free to pass on your knowledge.