

UERSA WALKING GROUP
January – March 2019

Dates:

Friday, 4 January Thursday, 17 January
Tuesday, 12 February (alternatively Mon 18 Feb if poor weather)
Wednesday, Feb 27 Wednesday, 3 April

The current walking programme has now belatedly arrived but careful readers will note that (in theatrical terms) the group will 'go dark' in March.

We have a group of a dozen who lead our walks but inevitably priorities and commitments change with time. Although they have sustained the group remarkably well it would be useful if other members who might be interested in leading would contact me. This is not a specific request to fill the dark hole but to increase the pool of members who are interested in leading in the future.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- **10.30, Friday, 4th January Exeter Green Circle 5-6 miles**

Exeter Green Circle. Starting from Alphington Church at 10.30 am.

The A bus leaves the High street at 10.05 and arrives at the church at 10.20 am, the service is every 10 mins so if this bus is missed the next one will arrive at 10.30 am. We will not start the walk until this bus has arrived.

We follow the Green Circle through the Barley Valley Nature Reserve and Exwick, finishing in Queen Street. There are extensive views of the city and the Cathedral.

The route could be muddy so boots and sticks are recommended.

Mike & Suzanne

- **10.30, Thursday, 17th January Exeter to Powderham 7 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at the end of the canal basin (near the Jolly Roger tea rooms) at 10.30.

There is a nearby carpark, allow 4 hours minimum. The walk takes us along the canal to the Double Locks hotel and then Turf Lock (good place for a pause for lunch with a very friendly robin, so please remember to bring him a picnic as well!). We then follow the river

downstream to Powderham church (I found at least 2 Maunder's in the graveyard) before moving inland to follow the edge of the estate into Kenton/Powderham. This last stretch is in a sense the icing on the cake - it involves the only hill with fantastic views over the estuary.

In Kenton we can take bus 2 back to Exeter (every half an hour) after possible refreshments in the Powderham restaurant. I can recommend the venison sausages from Powderham's deer herd!!

Edward M

- **Tuesday, 12th February** **Snowdrop Valley, Exmoor** **5/6 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

(In the event of bad weather it will be rescheduled to Monday, 18th February.)

- This will be a walk of 5/6 miles to view the valley en route
- There will also be a short alternative walk solely to view the valley (1 mile each way) followed by lunch in the village

Meet at the car park at Wheddon Cross (OS 9 SS 9237 3877) at 10:30 (parking charge applies)

The aim will be to visit Snowdrop Valley either directly (2 miles) or with a medium length walk to complete the walk soon after 2pm

Those going directly can have lunch at the Rest & Be Thankful pub or the cafe.

Whichever walk is chosen, it is likely to be a muddy walk and parts are steep - good boots and poles advised.

A decision about the length of the main walk will be made on the day - probably 5 miles via Luckwell Bridge, Long Lane and Blagdon Woods

For more information about the valley, Google "Snowdrop Valley 2019"

Two dates are proposed. The walk is expected to be on 12th Feb, but if the weather forecast is poor we will use the second date.

Trevor leading shorter walk, David the longer walk

David & Tina

- **10.30 Wednesday, 27 February** **Belstone** **6/7 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at the car park (OL29 621938) on the edge of Belstone Village.

The walk will go out across the common taking in various tors.

Judy

- **Wednesday, April 3rd** **South of River Teign** **5 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Start: Steps Bridge Car Park . OS Explorer Grid Ref: SX 803 884 Distance: 5 miles

Circular walk to Bridford & back.

Christine