

**UERSA WALKING GROUP  
January – March 2020**

**Dates:**

**Fri, 10 January  
Wed, 19 February**

**Monday, 20 January  
Monday, 2 March**

**Wed, 5 February  
Thurs, 26 March**



***Another action packed programme thanks to our helpful leaders. The first has already happened and 11 braved the heights of Pinhoe on a stunning day. The next walk is MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> January (see below).***

***The photos above give the sense of a very enjoyable annual lunch at the Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton. Flooding on the road to a depth of at least 6 inches meant a re-routing of the pre-lunch walk but we still got back in good time for lunch.***

***35 arrived for lunch with the chance to renew old friendships – a great occasion much enjoyed by all.***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
And  
Happy Walking  
Trevor**

**10 January 2020  
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## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- **10.00, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Start Exeter Arena car park (Indoor Bowls end) at 10.00.

Walk of about 5km (2 hours) in the area north of Pinhoe, observing refugee Andean wildlife. Tracks & quiet roads, not too muddy (at present) apart from a 5 min section (probably longer if you fall down!). Nice gradual descent with excellent views (at least on the day I road tested it....)..

Waterproof boots & pole(s) would be helpful. (Especially if the wildlife gets too friendly).

P.S. 5 km proved to be 5miles but spotting two Andean crowndors in a field was a bonus... (or were they just crows)

- **10.30, Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**Castle Drogo**

**7 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Meet at Castle Drogo car park for 'easy' 7 miles

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- **10.30 Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Buckfastleigh**

**7.5 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

7.5 mile circular walk starting from Buckfastleigh including Buckfast Abbey, Scorrison, Combe, Cross Furzes and return to Buckfastleigh.

There is an X38 bus leaving Exeter bus station at 9.30 that gets to the Dartbridge stop (OL28 :744668) at about 10.18.

Nominal 10.30 start (with a picnic).

Return buses are not very frequent, but there is a 15.42 (app. )from Buckfastleigh station.

Edward

- **10.30 Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Okehampton/Meldon**

**6.5 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

The walk is a short 6.5 miles long with no steep climbs (as far as I can remember!).

It starts from Okehampton Railway Station, which is always handy for those that enjoy a cup of tea and a cake afterwards. It stays open until 4:00pm.

The plan is to walk along the Granite Way to an exit to Meldon Dam. We cross the Dam and walk down to pass under the Meldon Viaduct and follow paths and road to Minehouse Farm. After the farm we walk across Okehampton Golf Course and then follow the road back to Okehampton Station.

Pete

- **10.30 Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**      **Blackdown Hills & Taunton Racecourse**      **7 miles**  
**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Meet 10.30, Thurlbear church (OS 128: ST 2655 2110).

Parking by the side of the road - limited so share cars if possible.

Thence over Stoke Hill to Stoke St Mary, footpaths to Orchard Portman and Taunton Racecourse.      Return via Duddlestone and Netherclay

Some short ascents and descents, mostly quite flat, muddy in places. A few stretches of minor roads.

Flora and David

- **10.00 Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**      **Sidmouth to Budleigh**      **7.5 miles**  
**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Taking the bus from Exeter. Bus no9 leaves Exeter Bus Station at 9.55 am ;

Heavitree 10.00am probably easier for St Leonard's mafia.

Arrives Sidmouth Triangle (Station Road) 10.44am.

We will walk the Coast Path which has the steepest uphill at the start climbing up to Peak Hill, followed by ups and downs the rest of the way! Great views and always a lovely walk.

There are two buses an hour from Budleigh to Exmouth to link up with the no.57 bus or the train back to Exeter. If anyone needs to leave their car in Sidmouth, I can take three in my car to collect.

Sara