

Description and Details of Walks - February 2027

Wednesday 3rd February - SWANAGE TO SOUTH BARN LIME KILN AND RETURN

Start time: 10:00

Distance: 4 to 5 miles

Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SZ 031 / 788 BH19 1DD / merge.panthers.orchids

Leader: Stephen Williams - 07766 375151

Bus: Walk leader will wait for walkers arriving on the 09:50, No.40 bus from Wareham.

Notes: A variation on my previous hidden footpaths of Swanage walk.

Meet outside Mowlem Theatre at 10:00 for an out and back walk to South Barn Lime Kiln, partially on urban paths and cut throughs many of which are not Rights of Way, though all are regularly used by the public. Exact route will depend on the condition of paths but will certainly include a stretch of Priests Way, Sunshine Walk, and hopefully some paths we haven't done before.

Saturday 6th February - UPTON HEATH CIRCULAR

Start time: 10:00

Distance: 6 miles

Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 986 958 / BH21 3QN / shelf.unwraps.neat

Leader: Sean McLean - 07305 999082

Bus: N/a

Notes: Please bring a snack for the midway break.

Meet and start from the free Springdale road car park Corfe Mullen. A circular walk around Upton Heath. One slight hill and no stiles. Good views of Poole Harbour.

Wednesday 10th February - CORFE CASTLE / PURBECK RIDGE CIRCULAR

Start time: 10:30

Distance: 6 miles

Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 959 824 / BH20 5DR / almost.achieving.pampering

Leader: Jane Hamilton - 07935 074555

Bus: No.40 from Swanage Dep 10:00 Arr 10:23

Notes: Two stiles

Meet at Corfe Castle NT car park. Walk up and along the Purbeck Ridge with far reaching views returning via the lane into East Creech turning right at junction with Furzebrook Road past the East Creech Memorial to climb back up onto the ridge back to the start point.

Saturday 13th February - SNOWDROP WALK AROUND WITCHAMPTON & WITCHAMPTON ESTATE, WITH FIGURE OF EIGHT OPTIONS

Start time: 10:00

Distance: 8.3 miles

Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: ST 989 065 / BH21 5AP / converged.guides.panther

Leader: Mike Cleaver - 07778 505168 & Penny Cleaver - 07870 437967

Bus: N/a

Notes: All day walk, please bring a packed lunch

Meet & start in Witchampton & Crichel Club/village shop car park. A lovely walk through fields & wooded areas full of snowdrops. Walking back to the archway at Crichel, then along the Crichel Lake/stream where there are huge swathes of snowdrops. Back via Witchampton Mill and through the village to our start point. For a shorter 2.8 mile walk with the best of the snowdrops, please meet us at the Crichel archway and park just before it along the lane. Arrive for 1.30pm, TBC after recce. Alternatively people can just do the first section to Crichel Arch around 5.8 miles. Please let the leaders know if you're planning on joining us at Crichel Arch.

Wednesday 17th February - BLOXWORTH, WHITEFIELD & WEST MORDEN - SNOWDROP WALK**Start time:** 10:00**Distance:** 5 miles**Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words:** SY 881 946 / BH20 7EG / servicing.skipped.mailbox**Leader:** Brian Arnold - 07740 980056**Bus:** N/a**Notes:** We hope to offer tea & cake after the walk at the village hall - donations welcome, we will send out an email before the walk to confirm. Toilets will be available before the walk.

Park in Bloxworth Village Hall CP on right before church. Walk via Woodlake, East Bloxworth, to Whitefield. Return via West Morden and Morden Lane. Gentle walk (a/d 350ft) over pasture and woodland. Several stiles. Hope to see lots of Snowdrops.

Donation of £1 per car to Bloxworth village hall to be collected for use of CP.

Saturday 20th February - SWANAGE - ROUND AND ABOUT**Start Time:** 10:15**Distance:** 5 miles**Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words:** SZ 032 788 / BH19 1DD / merge.panthers.orchids**Leader:** Barbara Pietrusiewicz - 07740 777800**Bus:** No.40 08:40 from Poole; No.50 08:55 from Bournemouth**Note:** If travelling by bus from Bournemouth, please let walk leader know.

Meet on Swanage seafront next to the Mowlem. Lovely views as we walk to Peveril Point and across the Downs and Durlston Nature Reserve. Generally good, wide tracks. Steady uphill from Peveril Point until we reach Durlston. Then reasonably flat until we descend via the Priest's Way back to Swanage. No stiles.

Wednesday 24th February - CIRCULAR WALK FROM DEWLISH**Start time:** 10:00**Distance:** 5.8 miles**Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words:** SY 775 982 / DT2 7LU / pins.defected.skillet**Leader:** Lesley Watts - 07359 479879**Bus:** N/a**Notes:** Car share if possible; leader will cover pickup from Northbrook Road lay-by, departing at 09:00, but will not return until after pub lunch

Park in road opposite All Saints Church in Church Street, Dewlish. A walk of ascents and descents, although none too challenging, and a dozen stiles. Mostly on good tracks and field paths with potential for some muddy patches in valley bottoms. Good waterproof boots recommended as some field paths indistinct in ankle-height grass. Walk leader will lunch at The Oak public house in Dewlish after the walk if you would like to join her. Please let her know in advance if you plan to stay as the landlady requires pre-orders for larger groups.

Saturday 27th February - GOATHORN FARM BUS STOP TO CORFE (CASTLE INN)**Start time:** 09:40**Distance:** 6 miles**Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words:** SZ 025 843 / oasis.turned.reactions**Leader:** Ian Swanson - 07906 333799**Bus:** No.50 09:25 from Swanage bus station**Notes:** N/a

Meet at Goathorn Farm Bus stop on Ferry Rd. (there are a few parking spaces). Across Godlingston Heath towards Rempstone and then some quiet road walking to the bottom of 9 Barrow Down. Up and over the downs and then via Corfe commons to the Castle Inn for a drink or lunch. Precise route will depend on underfoot conditions. Bus (40) back to Swanage. People from further away wishing to come by car are advised to park in Swanage (I can suggest places to park for free) Not many stiles and some good views.