



**EXMOOR WALKING HOLIDAYS  
DECEMBER 2016**

**Future Dates**

**Walking Group Weekend**

**Friday, 10th to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

We will meet for our next Walking Group Weekend commencing on Friday, 10th February. If any of you would like to meet up for a short walk/lunch I will be at the hotel by 12.00 noon. On arrival, if you ask a member of staff at the hotel they will ring me and I will meet you at Reception.

Normal booking at the Yarn Market Hotel for the Walking Group Weekend is required. Please contact the hotel staff on either 01643 821425 or [enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk)

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**Easter Walking Breaks 2017**

**Somerset Coast Path**

Arrive Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017; depart Wednesday, 12 April 2017

\*Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April walk Stolford to Lilstock

\*This first day walk is subject to change due to diversions and the works around the Hinkley Point Power Station – an alternative walk will be arranged if necessary

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April walk Lilstock to Watchet

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April walk Watchet to Minehead

This is a led walk over three days, transport to the start and end of each day, packed lunches and your evening meal at the end of each day.

**South West Coast Path - Part 1**  
**Minehead to Combe Martin**

**South West Coast Path**

Arrive Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Depart Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Walk Part 1 of the South West Coast Path Minehead to Combe Martin 35 miles. This is a led walk over four days, transport to the start and end of each day, packed lunches, tea and coffee and your evening meal at the end of each day.

**You may combine both breaks if you wish to make a longer break. Please contact the Yarn Market Hotel 01643 821425 or [enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk) for booking and details**

**What a wonderful way to spend Easter!!!**

Hi Everyone

Well we have celebrated Christmas now and just New Year to go and we will be into 2017. The evenings will begin to draw out and before you know it Spring will be here again. My how time flies!!

### Past Walking Group Weekend

#### **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

What a fabulous weekend. The Autumn colours were spectacular and we saw so many deer and ponies this time and the weather was quite kind to us too. The deer were not at all scared and we stayed looking at them for ages. I have had requests to find them again on our next weekend in February so we will try our best.

#### **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Jo and I met up for a walk. We started out at the Dunster Deer Park and walked through to Gallox Bridge. We then took the uphill path to Carhampton Gate then up Park Lane to Withycombe Gate and along to Bat's Castle where we saw the deer. We stayed there for quite a while watching and photographing them before moving on to walk back down to Dunster through the woods following the Bat's Castle Circuit signs to Gallox Bridge and back to Dunster. 4½ miles



Part of the herd



Not the large stag but this one looked good



And these looked lovely too

#### **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Antony dropped us off for a long walk from Selworthy. We walked through the woods to Allerford then back past Piles Mill just off the A39 and along the bridlepath to Horner for a coffee stop.

From Horner we walked along the river to cross over and take the river path, crossing several river bridges up to the ford at Cloutsham then up Dicky's Path to Dunkery Beacon. At the approach to Dunkery Beacon the weather had closed in and the Beacon was covered in mist so we adapted our walk to take a lower path to Webber's Post



for lunch. We then walked back to Horner through the woods and changed the final destination of our walk to a woodland path back to Porlock where we were met by Antony for our return to Dunster. At Dunster we enjoyed a well deserved cream tea.

This was not the walk planned but we all had a really good day out and walked 9½ miles



The View of Dunkery Beacon from Selworthy Church



Selworthy Church



The ford at Allerford



Piles Mill (Field Study Centre)



Coffee at Horner



The river valley up to Cloutsham



Dunkery Beacon in mist-  
our intended lunch stop



Walking to Webber's Post



Lunch at Webber's Post



One of the sculptures on our way back down to  
Horner



St Dubricius Church, Porlock

### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

We walked from the Yarn Market Hotel to pick up the path beside Dunster School and the allotments. This path took us up to Grabbist Hill. We walked along the ridge to turn left and downhill at Hole's Corner. This led us very steeply downhill to Aville Farm and across the main road heading towards the Nutcombe Bottom Car Park. We turned up left before the car park to pick up a path to Witycombe Hill Gate and out on to Bat's Castle to look for deer. Luckily we saw not only deer but ponies too. We walked down through the woods stopping on the way for lunch then back to Dunster via Gallox Bridge and a cream tea before leaving for home. 7½ miles





Sunday morning-Dunster Yarn Market in the sun



Minehead in the distance



The woods were glorious



This bridge went nowhere. Why was it there?



The river just before Aville Farm



A view down to Dunster



.....and we saw ponies too





Looking across at the view from Bat's Castle



The deer were there but in the distance



..... and another one



This was a lovely spot for lunch



The view to Dunster Church

Our next weekend is 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 when I hope you will be able to join me

Best Wishes

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