



## EXMOOR WALKING HOLIDAYS NOVEMBER 2017

### Future Dates

#### Walking Group Weekend

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

We will meet for our next Walking Group Weekend commencing on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

During this weekend we will meet and walk with guests attending the A Capella weekend.

Some members of these two groups are arriving on the evening of Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November for an all day walk on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. There will also be an evening walk on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Extra nights are available at £75 DBB per person per night for members of the Walking Group. Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

As previously I will be at the hotel by 12.00 noon on Thursday should anyone wish to join me for a walk/lunch. Please let reception staff know when you arrive if you would like to join me and they will let me know.

**November is a busy month for the Yarn Market Hotel and so you are advised to book early.**

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)

#### Walking Group Weekend

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

I will be available by 12.00 noon on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February should anyone wish to participate in a walk and /or lunch. Please let reception staff know when you arrive if you would like to join me and they will let me know.

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) Early booking is advised.

### South West Coast Path Walking Break

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Join us to walk the first section of the South West Coast Path from Minehead to Combe Martin over 4 days (35 miles). This lovely section of the coast path leads us from Minehead over North Hill, with lovely views to Wales and on to Porlock Weir. On day two we enter a lovely old woodland to walk to Countisbury via Culbone Church. The next day is from Countisbury to Hunter's Inn passing through Lynmouth, Valley of the Rocks and Woody Bay. The last day has spectacular coastal scenery walking from Hunter's Inn to Combe Martin.

Four days walking, five night's dinner, bed and breakfast. Packed lunches, all transport and a leader are all included.

For further information and to book this fabulous break contact the Yarn Market Hotel staff on either 01643 821425 or [enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk) Early booking is advised.

## Past Walking Group Weekend

Friday, 29h September to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Although officially the walking group meets on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> some of us took an extra day and arrived on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

Jo and I walked through the Deer Park, over Gallox Bridge and on towards Bat's Castle. We took the alternative Boniton Path to Bat's Castle then back to Dunster 5 miles.



The view from Bat's Castle towards Dunkery Beacon



We met ponies and foals near Bat's Castle

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

Three of us headed out once again through the deer park and over Gallox Bridge to follow the Bat's Castle walk in an attempt to find the ponies for Mel. We walked across from Bat's Castle and down Park Lane heading towards Carhampton and the A39. At Carhampton we passed the monkey puzzle tree with toy monkeys climbing on it and took time to look in the reclamation yard. We walked along the A39 to the recreational park where we walked around the cricket pitch to pick up the path through the fields and then over the footbridge at the railway line and on to Blue Anchor. We had refreshment at the Driftwood Café at Blue Anchor then back along the new path to Dunster Beach and Dunster 7.5 miles



The monkey puzzle tree at Carhampton



West Somerset Railway



**A view towards Minehead**

**When the other members arrived we took them on a local walk around Dunster before a cuppa**



**A view of Dunster Church from the walled garden**



**The walled garden**



**A view of Dunster Castle**

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**We ventured out to take a circular walk to visit the remains of the remote hamlet of Clicket. We made our way over Gallox Bridge and on towards Boniton passing Vinegar Hill view point. At the road we turned left along King's Hedge Coppice to walk to Long Combe. This is, as it says, a long uphill climb through the combe to reach the forest tack. Almost at the highest and furthest point in our walk we stopped at the track for coffee. The downhill descent led us past Nurcott Farm and the path on to Clicket.**

Animal sculptures have been placed in the woods to add to the atmosphere. Our enjoyable walk continued and we made our way to Timberscombe and through the fields and woods to meet up again at the Long Combe track we had used earlier. On up towards Withycombe Gate and over Bat's Castle and a walk back into Dunster. 12.5 miles



The bear near Vinegar Hill Viewpoint



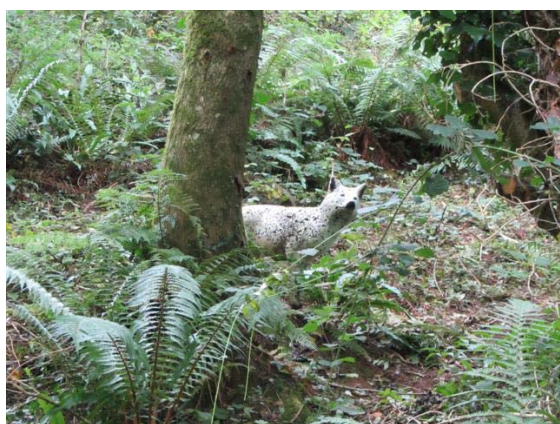
A carved hare at the top of Long Combe



A well deserved coffee break after our long climb



A boar sculpture at Clicket



..... and a wolf



A leisurely lunch looking into the valley



**Making our way towards Croydon Hill**



**These young Highland Cattle looked so cute**



**Walking back to Dunster with Grabbist Hill in view**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**With transport from Antony we started our walk at Webber's Post. Our path took us through the woods to Horner where we crossed the packhorse bridge then on uphill to Ley Hill where the low cloud made it very wet. Down on to Lord Ebrington's Path to the woods at Horner. Instead of returning direct to Horner we crossed the river and took the path that criss-crossed the river up towards Cloutsham. We walked up the lane to Webber's Post and on through the woods for a well deserved cream tea at Horner before our pick up from Antony 8.75 miles**



**Walking through the woods from Webber's Post**



**Horner Mill**



**Ponies in the woods near Horner**



**We crossed several bridges over the river**



**Horner Tea Rooms**

**This was a really good weekend with several good and challenging walks. Let us hope the weather is kind to us again when we meet in November. I am hoping for some lovely autumn colours.**

**Thank you to Jo and Sue for your photographs.**

**Kathy**