

Location:

Rose & Crown Beer Garden (at rear of Pub), Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, Bristol, South Gloucestershire.

Free Parking in field adjacent recreation ground.

Rangeworthy is located North of Bristol on the Iron Acton to Wotton_under_edge Road B4058, and lies between Thornbury (centre 4 miles) to the North West and Yate (centre 3 miles) to the South East which are the nearest reasonably large towns. Nearest International airport Bristol 20 miles
Nearest main line train station Yate 2 miles

Please write for accommodation details, address and email on application form. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope or an e-mail address for reply.

The Hawkdean Hike Description:

Hawkdean refers to Hawkesbury Deanery where the walk is located, (the deanery is part of Gloucester Diocese whose boundary extends beyond these walks). The routes combine parts from other well known walks, dependant on which route is taken. All the walks have their own appeal, however the longer routes cover some of the best scenery in Britain. The routes were chosen for their safety, scenery, interest and varied terrain.

All routes start from Rangeworthy recreation ground by following part of the Jubilee Way, longer routes go alongside a railway line and use 'easy access' walks around Wickwar, and on to one of the largest unspoilt oak and ash woods in the country, across Hawkesbury common, the walk continues to an area known as Cotswold edge, the route now joins the Monarch Way and Cotswold Way passing the Somerset monument and Tindale chapel (which commemorates William Tyndale's stay nearby at Little Sodbury Manor, whilst translating the Bible into English from Latin). through Iron age and Roman Forts, continuing across Sodbury common the longer routes rejoin the Jubilee Way (together with some of the shorter routes) along the way passing the hamlet of Yate rocks and close to one of the last moat houses to be built in Britain 'Yate Court', finally finishing back at the recreation ground, next to the Rose and Crown public house.

The routes use public footpaths and quiet lanes, safety is our main concern, therefore in planning the routes we have tried to only use lanes where traffic and pedestrians have good visibility of each other, however there are some very short stretches where this is not ideal, (much of the Cotswold Way follows quiet lanes). Please take care on the roads. On the longer routes there are some small hills, only one route is free of styles 7Km, there are very short sections where the terrain may be a little bit muddy, steep or stony typical of British footpaths.

Walk/Event Rules:

All participants agree to abide by the walk/event rules, failure to do so may result in disqualification. The walk organisation will consider each situation on a case by case basis their decisions are final, (some decisions may over-ride the rules).

All participants will follow any lawful instructions given by the event officials. The walks are open to any individual who meets the age restrictions on submission of entry details and payment of appropriate fee's. **The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe enjoyable and memorable event.**

Hopefully cancellation of the event will never happen, however in the event of a cancellation registration fees or expenses cannot be refunded.

Walkers and teams must register at the start, finish and at each checkpoint on route.

The walks will take place what ever the weather.

On walking event days all routes must be completed by 17:30 hrs, unless the timings altered by event organisers.

The event organisers are not responsible for participants or their actions.

Walkers under the age of 16 participate only with parents or guardians written consent received prior to the event, they must also be accompanied by a responsible person **or** be a member of a team or organisation which assumes responsibility for its members and their actions.

Teams consist of 6-11 members, 12 and above form 2 teams' and so on, each team must have a designated leader and navigator (this may be the same person). Each team must walk together and not spread out, the team should check in all together at each checkpoint. Different teams can walk together if they wish.

Should the number of members in a team fall below 4, the walk organisation will make a decision whether the team will be allowed to continue. This decision will depend on many factors, some are age, fitness, skill level, distance completed, time remaining, communications, minors should not walk alone as individuals, however teams may amalgamate with consent to maintain minimum group numbers (route cards will be amended, the teams will be treated as one and the situation reviewed at each checkpoint).

Walkers must obey the country code, using footpaths where ever possible, and take any litter home, in addition refrain from causing any form of damage.

Dogs are welcome, but should be kept under control at all times, if they foul the owner must dispose of it in the appropriate manner, however it should be noted that some of the longer distances use roads which can be hard on the animals foot pads.

Walkers should keep to the designated routes, unless directed by the organisers.

The railway line and property is out of bounds to all participants.

Everybody has a responsibility not to endanger themselves or others by their actions.

The organisers are not liable for any injuries, accidents, thefts or damage to property.

The event is exempt from AARL regulations

All profits will go to projects in Rangeworthy village or other charitable causes.