

West Somerset Mineral Line Association

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Buried ore in the Brendon Hills

A 19th-century iron rush! Under the fields and forests are the remains of over 80 mine shafts. Extracting the iron ore and shipping it to South Wales required amazing feats of engineering, including the building of a railway line from Gupworthy to Watchet.

The West Somerset Mineral Line Association leads walks to help you explore the mine sites and the remains of the Mineral Line. Visit the website:

www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk

WSMLA Guided Walks 2021

These walks will take place if Covid rules

allow! *If required, walks will be socially distanced, and limited to 6 people including the guide.*

Booking and up-to-date information: Exmoor National Park(ENPA) on 01398 323841. or on our website, www.wsmr.org.uk Booking is essential; further walks and/or talks can be arranged for groups. Call 01984 634177 or 01398 323841

Walks are free.

Donations are welcome. Dogs on leads, only with permission. Walking boots and rain wear are needed.

Friday, 9 April, Ralegh's Cross Short Walk. Meet 9.45 am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 OLN

This four hour walk visits the Winding House and the Iron Mines near Beulah Chapel. It includes part of the Incline: steep, spectacular but optional.

Saturday, 22 May, Ralegh's Cross Long Walk. Meet 9.45am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 OLN

We visit Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon village and the Winding House. Then we go down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel and circle back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. About 7 miles. Steep.

Sunday, June 20, Ruins in the Woods. Meet 9.45am at Chargot Wood Car Park Grid ref SS975355

A one hour stroll to look at Langham Engine House, then a two hour walk down the steep miners' track to see Bearland Flue and other features connected with iron mining. We may visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill.

Monday, 12 July, Ralegh's Cross Short Walk. Meet 9.45 am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN

This four hour walk visits the Winding House and the Iron Mines near Beulah Chapel. It includes part of the Incline: steep, spectacular but optional.

Tuesday, 10 August, Ruins in the Woods. Meet 9.45am at Chargot Wood Car Park, Grid ref SS975355

A one hour stroll to look at Langham Engine House, then a two hour walk down the steep miners' track to see Bearland Flue and other features connected with iron mining. We may visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill.

Sunday, 19 September, Ralegh's Cross Long Walk.

Meet 9.45am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 OLN

We visit Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon village and the Winding House. Then we go down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel and circle back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. About 7 miles. Steep.

Wedesday, 6 October, Ralegh's Cross Short Walk. Meet 9.45 am at Ralegh's Cross Inn, TA23 0LN.

This four hour walk visits the Winding House and the Iron Mines near Beulah Chapel. It includes part of the Incline: steep, spectacular but optional.

Thursday,11 November, Ruins in the Woods. Meet 9.45am at Chargot Wood Car Park, Grid ref SS975355

A one hour stroll to look at Langham Engine House, then a two hour walk down the steep miners' track to see Bearland Flue and other features connected with iron mining. We may visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill.

In **August** we usually arrange a walk along the Mineral Line linked to the **Watchet in Summertime** event. We have an **exhibition at Cleeve Abbey** in **early October** of items connected with Brendon Hill mines. See our website for dates and details: **www.wsmr.org.uk** or **www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk**.

Please help us by joining the Association. Subscription £5 (£6 for the household). This helps with conservation and publicity costs. In return we keep in touch and send you newsletters. See our website or contact our membership secretary: Garrick Mound, Jasmine Cottage, Washford, Watchet TA23 ONW (info@wsmla.org.uk). Our volunteers lead the walks and other activities. We need more volunteers!