

Tuesday 7th July “Colaton Raleigh Common and more” with Jon Roseway

This walk was fully booked and morphed into an advance group of two followed at some distance (and largely out of sight) by the famous five.

I had arrived early as a drive past the car park the previous day had suggested it would be busy. It was full but an early bird leaving gave us our final space.

I found this car park sign interesting. I miss a lot and had not previously noted the new signage complete with map reference. The first person to spot the difference gets an OVA Twelve Walks booklet!



The walk was mostly new territory for me but the significantly increased undergrowth made it different anyway. The group was of mixed abilities and I guess I was in the middle. It was mostly gentle terrain but with some steep slippery slopes where poles were very useful. Lots of tracks of varying widths with some hard surfaces and a little shallow paddling – I like that kind of stuff.



One walker was good at identifying butterflies and we unusually saw a green woodpecker up a tree. Few others were seen, a lone runner and cyclist plus a brave chap walking with a new born in a sling. We had a fleeting glimpse of the other two when we had break.

Great stuff Jon. Thanks again.

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