

Geology Section

Field Meeting

Spring Cove Cliffs, Weston-super-Mare Sunday 22nd March 1.30 p.m.
Leader: Professor Sir Stephen Sparks

Spring Cove Cliff near Birnbeck Pier, Weston-super-Mare, is well known for volcanic outcrops within the Carboniferous High Tor Limestone. The meeting offers the best chance to view some of the best exposures of pillow basalt and tuffs in the Bristol Region. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, so hammering and collecting samples is not allowed.

Access to the Spring Cove Beach is via a short path found next to a derelict building on the cliffs approximately 300 metres north east of Birnbeck Pier (ST 310 625). It should be said that this path is a bit of a scramble and may be difficult for those with mobility issues. The rocks in the cove are slippery because of the presence of marine algae. There is limited parking nearby but the site can be accessed using the number 1 (Sand Bay) bus from Weston-super-Mare Railway Station, alighting at the next stop after Birnbeck Pier.

For those in possession of the Geologists' Association Guide No 78 'Geology of the Bristol Region' full details of the site start at page 89.

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Bath Geological Society visit to Radstock Museum
Sat. 14th March 11.00 a.m.
Leader: Graham Hickman

The Museum is in North Somerset; at the heart of the town of Radstock and close to the A367. BA3 3EP

The museum has an excellent section on coal mining and the local geology as well as a recreations of a miner's cottage, the village shop, the village school and the blacksmith's. If the weather is favourable we may take a walk to the Writhlington spoil heap in the afternoon (tbc). The museum also has a tea shop for light refreshments.

Entry fee will be £5/person as part of a group rate.

To register please email Bob Mustow at field@bathgeolsoc.org.uk