

Around the World in ~~(80)~~ 3,163 Days

I love walking and I was fortunate enough to be able to retire in my early fifties giving me plenty of time to indulge in my hobby. I also enjoy reading and am a fan of the book "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne.



Jules Verne 1828-1905
Mexico 1980 SG 1552



OS maps started in 1784 and
are indispensable for walkers



"Around the World in 80 days"
was first published in 1872
France 2005 SG 4099

I try to go on long walks most weeks - I grab a map, binoculars, put on woollen socks and waterproofs and set off with a picnic lunch.



Poster stamp for woollen socks



1965 Meter mark for binocular
manufacturer Beck Kassel



Waterproof advert as an underprint
on N.Zealand Victorian 2p stamp
SG 219i

Although I generally have an enjoyable time there are the odd hiccups with equipment failure or minor aches and strains.

Despite these little problems I have now walked 28,050km since I retired. This coincidentally is the distance around the equator, so I have in effect now walked around the world.



Expect wear and tear
to your body and
equipment!

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Time for a rest and your pack-up!
Monaco 1974 SG 1098



France 2005 SG 4100

It has taken me 3,163 days to complete my walk 'around the world' and I hope to have at least another 20 years of rambling to look forward to. Now how far is it to the moon again?