

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<b>September</b>					
Wednesday 30	10:00	9.5	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>October</b>					
Thursday 8	10:00	11.0	Moseley Green	Ann L	01594562578
Thursday 15	10:00	9.6	Penrhos	Sue M	07808150741
Wednesday 21	10:00	7.5	Upper Soudley	Chris H	01594 823872
Wednesday 28	10:00	10.0	Cinderford	Gill	01594 836856
<b>November</b>					
Wednesday 4	10:00	5.5	Soudley	Chris H	01594 823872
<b>December</b>					
Saturday 5	10:00	6.0	Soundley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 9	10:00	8.0	Parkend	Ann L	01594562578
Saturday 12	10:00	8.0	Longhope	Chris H	01594 823872
Thursday 17	10:00	8.0	Raglan	Sue M	07808150741
Tuesday 22	10:00	6.0	Soudley	Chris H	01594 823872

## FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

### 23 March 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Peter Robins</b>	<b>01600 715719</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jackie Huck</b>	<b>01594 564417</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ronnie Walker</b>	<b>01594 845225</b>
<b>Walks Coordinator:</b>	<b>Ian Walding</b>	<b>01594 860904</b>
<b>Footpath Secretary:</b>	<b>John Baker</b>	
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Ann Linden</b>	<b>01594 562578</b>

Members of the committee can also be contacted via the website ( [fodramblers.org.uk/contact/](http://fodramblers.org.uk/contact/) )

Normal practice is for a coffee stop to be taken on all walks, but for walks in excess of 5 miles it is recommended that walkers bring a packed lunch with a drink unless otherwise stated.

Walkers are strongly advised to be equipped with stout footwear and waterproof clothing. In the interest and safety of individuals, Walk Leaders reserve the right to refuse to take any individual who is not adequately equipped.

The OS grid reference is shown for the start point of each walk. Please note that the Mileage and times quoted are only approximate.

When on a walk, stay behind the Leader, or at least within sight. Ensure someone knows if for any reason you leave a walk. Newcomers are welcome to two events before joining the Ramblers'. Details of how to join are available from the Membership Secretary.

If you have any queries about any event please Contact the Leader or Organizer.

**DOG OWNERS: Members may bring their dog on any of the walks unless indicated otherwise in the programme. Owners are at all times responsible for their dogs, which must be kept under close control and not allowed to annoy other dogs, farm animals and wildlife and must not be a nuisance to walkers.**

All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being paramount concern, accidents may occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that when entering into such activity, each member, (or participant), appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and take all reasonable steps to eliminate the potential for an accident to arise.

**PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN ANY GROUP ACTIVITY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK**

This programme is also available online at <https://fodramblers.org.uk/programme/listing/>

We are part of "Ramblers". Registered Charity number 1093577

**Monday March 23 – Covid-19 lockdown begins all rambles cancelled.**

**Rambling restart begun:-**

**Wednesday September 30 SO62401246 OL/14 9.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Woodlands Car Park Near Speech House  
 This ramble is based on the the Beechenhurst Trail with variations to avoid Cyril Hart's Aboretum, Cannop Ponds and the Beechenhurst Centre. It still encounters the steep climb to the top of the quarry and cycle track above the cycle centre and parts of the sculpture trail.  
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday October 8 SO62700950 OL14 11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: New Fancy View car park  
 From the car park we go through the forest to Mallards Pike, and Soudley ponds. We walk along Soudley ponds and return via Abbots Wood and Brinchcombe, descending to the Blue Rock Trail. Back via Staple Edge. There is an option to see the gorge at Brinchcombe. This has steep, uneven, slippery steps but is an amazing natural feature.  
 Moderate Bring coffee and lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

**Thursday October 15 SO42151210 OL14 9.6 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: lay by on right by bridle path sign  
 A walk from tiny village of Penrhos, on to Offa's Dyke through largest cider orchard in Europe, Llantilio Crossenny, White Castle for lunch. There will be mud!!!! but also fantastic views on a clear day.  
 Start not easy to find, No mobile phone signal. Will give directions if needed. 07808150741. Maximum 15 attendees. Cancelled!!!  
 Moderate Coffee and lunch Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

**Wednesday October 21 SO65791032 OL/14 7.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Soudley Village Hall Car Park  
 From Upper Soudley we wander over an ancient pack horse bridge and on through Lower Soudley following the old tram road past the entrance to the Haei Tunnel and iron works to Two Bridges. Then over fields to the other end of the tunnel and down to Bullo Pill and on to Newnham. A steepish climb back out of Newnham back into the Forest and back to the cars.  
 Moderate There'll be coffee and lunch stops so bring grub and drinks.  
 Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)

**Wednesday October 28 SO64901270 OL14 10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Linear Park Car Park  
 A Forest walk through Linear Park, taking in Steam Mills Lake, Woogreens Lake and Speech House Lake. This is a fairly long walk but it is an easy walk, largely on good paths. Maximum attendees 20 people.  
 Easy Coffee Stop and Picnic lunch Leader: Gill (01594 836856)

**Wednesday November 4 SO66251155 5.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Soudley Ponds car park off the road between Littledean and Soudley  
 A Forest wander through vale and hill taking in the area's industrial past and its scenic present. The route is on fine tracks and paths with a couple of steepish climbs.  
 Moderate There'll be a coffee stop so bring a drink with you. Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)

**Thursday November 5 to December 2 Lockdown 2**

**Saturday December 5 SO66271161 OL/14 6.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Blaize Bailey Car Park, Sutton Bottom, Littledean to Soudley Road  
 No cheesy chips however the best 6 mile ramble in the world. Two hill climbs, two flat straights, an hairpin bend, a lay-by, a view point and a wall. Route consist of forestry tracks up and down the Blaize Bailey ridge  
 Leisurely Coffee stop at the hairpin bend. Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Tuesday December 8 First vaccination against Covid-19 given.**

**Wednesday December 9 SO61400790 OL/14 8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Parkend cricket field  
 From Parkend to Saunders Green through Parkhill Woods. We will cross the railway and Ramblers footbridge, and return through the woods behind Pillowell. Maximum 12 attendees.  
 Moderate Bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

**Saturday December 12 SO68831879 OL/14 8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Longhope on the pavement beside the allotments on the Old Monmouth Road.  
 Start point post code GL17 0QA. What3Words thanks.imperious.finally Weâ€™ll head out of Longhope and may see the odd emu. Our route will take us through Ganders Green and up to the top May Hill to (hopefully) take in the views. Having got our breath back weâ€™ll amble back down past the Farmers Boy pub and head up Breakheart Hill before dropping back to the start. Maximum 15 attendees.  
 Moderate Bring 11ses and packed lunch Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)

**Thursday December 17 SO41500820 OL/14 8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Raglan Castle Car Park  
 Walking from Raglan Castle Car Park, across farm land to Tregare, fantastic mountain views on a clear day. Coffee stop at the church. Across more fields to Penrhos (there are some changes to footpath which I have reported). Lunch with more views before returning via country lanes to the castle. Maximum 15 attendees  
 Moderate Coffee and Picnic Lunch Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

**Tuesday December 22 SO65751036 OL/14 6.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet at: Soudley Village Hall car park.  
 Nearest post code. GL14 2TZ What3Words latitudes.paused.scribbled Soudley Village we'll head out of the village across Bradley Hill and follow the fire track to Wenchford. From there we'll find our way to Mallards Pike before turning up hill to Staple Edge bungalows. Then it's a zig zag back down to Soudley. Maximum 15 attendees.  
 Moderate Coffee and mid morning snack. Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)