

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March					
Tuesday 4	10:00	9.0	Ledbury	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 9	10:00	8.0	Beechenhurst	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 11	10:00	10.0	Parkend	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Thursday 13	10:00	7.0	Cranham	David & Joan	01989 762022
Saturday 15	10:00	10.0	Speech House	Mike I	01594 562341
Thursday 20	10:00	7.0	Knightwick	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 23	10:00	9.5	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 27	10:00	8.5	Clydach	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 30	10:00	9.0	Abergavenny	Ronnie	01594 845225
April					
Wednesday 2	9:20	9.5	Ross-on-Wye	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 6	10:00	8.0	Newent	John & Derek	01452 790529 -790532
Thursday 10	10:00	5.0	Parkend	Susan	01594 843389
Saturday 12	10:00	10.0	Tintern	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 15	10:00	9.0	Caerphilly	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Sunday 20	10:00	10.0	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 24	10:00	8.0	Chepstow	JackieH	01594 564417
Saturday 26	10:00	10.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 27	2:30	3.0	Coleford	Barbara	01989 770976
May					
Thursday 1	9:45	11.0	Hay-on-Wye	Ronnie	01594 845225
Friday 2	9:45	9.5	Bredwardine	Ronnie	01594 845225
Saturday 3	9:45	11.0	Hereford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 4	10:00	8.5	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 8	10:00	9.5	Fownhope	Maurice	01594 835371
Sunday 11	9:30	10.0	Huntley	Margaret	01594 530752
Thursday 15	10:00	8.5	Monmouth	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Saturday 17	10:00	8.0	Upper Lydbrook	Iain	01594 860904
Sunday 18	10:00	9.0	Church Stretton	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Monday 19	9:20	11.0	Bishops Castle	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Thursday 22	10:00	6.0	Mitcheltroy	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 24	10:00	10.5	Llanthony	Mike I	01594 562341
Wednesday 28	10:00	6.0	Skenfrith	David P	01432 860208
June					
Sunday 1	10:00	12.0	Llanthony	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 5	10:00	6.5	St Briavels	Chris & Adrian	01594 841247
Sunday 8	9:30	10.0	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Tuesday 10	10:00	6.5	Cinderford	Rod	01594 563817
Saturday 14	10:00	8.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 18	6:30	4.0	Westbury	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 22	10:00	8.5	Newnham	Irene	01594 834811
Tuesday 24	10:00	7.0	Llanfoist	Peter	01600 711558
Thursday 26	7:00	3.5	Blaisdon	Bruce	01452 760541
Sunday 29	10:00	11.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225

FOREST of DEAN GROUP

PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 March to 30 June 2014



Chairman:	Alan Fisher	01989 770976
Secretary:	June Burden	01531 820354
Treasurer:	Rod Goodman	01594 563817
Membership Secretary:	Babs Jones	01989
Publicity Secretary:	Barbara Fisher	01989 770976
Footpath Secretary:	Sheila Constable	01452 831868
Walks Coordinator:	Maurice Cullis	01594 835371

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 mileages 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 Association. 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 the paramount concern, accidents may occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that when entering into the 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 or minimise the potential for an accident to arise.

PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN ANY GROUP ACTIVITY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK
Participants are advised to take out their own insurance to cover personal injury if they require this cover

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

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

Saturday March 1	SN579764	EX213	
Time: 12:00 Meet: Conrah Hotel			
Our Spring break from 6-10 April offers interesting scenic walks in Cardigan Bay and the Cambrian mountains & Valleys from the comfort of a beautiful hotel. Short walks on first and last days with 3 full day walks between.			
May still be some places available - contact June (01531 8203540 for booking) Half board with p			
Tuesday March 4	SO759369	EXP190	9.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: CP on North side of A438 at summit near Hollybush			
Raggedstone and Chase End hills, then low level walk to reservoir before climbing to British Camp to return via ridge			
	Picnic lunch	Leader: Peter (01600 711558)	
Sunday March 9	SO608109	OL/14	8.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park Opposite Cannop Ponds on B4234			
A ramble to Ellwood, Parkend and the Cannop Ponds. May still be muddy.			
Moderate	Picnic Lunch	Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)	
Tuesday March 11	SO631086	OL14	10.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: The Rising Sun Inn - Lower Car Park			
Forest Circular via Danby Lodge, Blakeney hill Woods, Staple-edge and Spruce Ride			
Moderate Picnic Lunch + Pub After Walk			
		Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)	
Thursday March 13	SO890124	Exploror 179	7.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Park along the road by Cranham Church, limited space car share if possible.			
Walk Cranham, Coopers Hill, Painswick Golf Course, Damsel Mill and back to Cranham.			
Several stiles, 2 stiff but short climbs. Picnic lunch.			
		Leader: David & Joan (01989 762022)	
Saturday March 15	SO624125	OL14	10.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands Car Park			
A circular walk featuring sections of the Gloucestershire Way, Wysis Way, Beechenhurst Trail (anti-clockwise) and Gloucestershire Way (a different bit to get us back to the start). Three stiles. Moderate			
	Picnic Lunch	Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)	
Thursday March 20	SO731558	EXP. 204	7.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby behind bus shelter on north side of A44 at Knightwick.			
Includes a section of the Geopark Way to the north of the Malverns. Optional pub visit after walk. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371).			
Moderate; generally flat, but with one ascent and descent.			
	Picnic lunch		
Leader: John S (01594 531096)			
Sunday March 23	SO658103	OL14	9.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Soudley Village Hall			
3 Circles to be completed, Staple Edge and Mallards Pike (Lunch) and return to Soudley village hall and then the Blaize Bailey Circle if you have not had enough by then.			
Moderate	Picnic Lunch (early) at Mallards Pike		
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			

Sunday June 8	SO519136	OL 14	10.0 Miles
Time: 9:30 Meet: Dixton Church, Monmouth, for car share.			
Usk Valley Walk, from Bryn to Llanellen, return via Llangattock Mill, dogs welcome. Hoping to see egrets and dippers. Easy			
	Picnic lunch	Leader: Iain (07788 803807)	
Tuesday June 10	SO624125	OL14	6.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woods Car Park			
Arboretum, Spruce Ride, Dilke, Crabtree Hill, Trafalgar and return			
Easy	Picnic Lunch	Leader: Rod (01594 563817)	
Saturday June 14	SO624125	OL/14	8.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park, Speech House			
A ramble round our leafletted Beechenhurst Trail. Moderate			
		Picnic Lunch	
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
Wednesday June 18	SO718139	OL/14	4.0 Miles
Time: 6:30 Meet: Westbury-on-Serfern Car Park			
An evening stroll up Garden Cliff and then down the river and into Westbury for drink.			
Easy going, stiles expected.	None	Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)	
Friday June 20	SO631086	OL14	
Time: 7:00 Meet: Rising Sun PH, Moseley Green			
A Gentle Quiz (if such exists) followed by a hot supper - vegetarian option available. Booking essential to Henry by Friday 13 June to allow ordering of food. Hot supper at approx £6 per head.			
		Leader: Henry (01531 820354)	
Sunday June 22	SO691119	OL 14	8.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Newnham Clock Tower			
Newnham to Soudley Ponds then Bullo and Severn Way back to Newnham			
Moderate walk with some steady climbs		Picnic lunch	
Leader: Irene (01594 834811)			
June 24	SO286134	OL13	7.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanfoist CP on B4246			
Initial steep climb, then gradual climb to Keeper's Pond, Foxhunter and the summit. Return via Punchbowl			
	Picnic lunch	Leader: Peter (01600 711558)	
Thursday June 26	SO703169	OL14	3.5 Miles
Time: 7:00 Meet: By Red Hart, Blaisdon			
Walk through Blaisdon Wood, returning by Longhope Brook. Refreshments available afterwards in Pub [optional].			
		Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)	
Sunday June 29	SO659170	OL/14	11.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilderness Car Park			
Along the A4136, but via footpaths to Edge End and back			
Moderate	Picnic Lunch	Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)	

Saturday May 17	SO607153	OL14	8.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydbrook Band car pack Upper Lydbrook (by permission) Starting on line of old railway, then past old mine sites and on to Ruardean Woodside, then down towards the Wye and finally back along old railway. Some gradual climbs and one downhill minor road section. Picnic lunch Leader: Ian (01594 860904)			
Sunday May 18	SO393965	EXP217	9.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park opp The Bridges (formerly the Horseshoe Inn) at Bridges Circular walk via Long Mynd and Pole Bank viewpoint. First of two walks on consecutive days in the Church Stretton area. Do either walk, or stay and do both? (Organise your own accommodation).Moderate Picnic Lunch + Pub After Walk Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)			
Monday May 19	SO325883	EXP217	11.0 Miles
Time: 9:20 Meet: Lay-by outside Bishops Castle Leisure Centre (B4385) Linear Walk from Snailbeach to Bishops Castle via the Stiperstones. Bus or Car Shuttle to Start. Second of two walks on consecutive days in the Church Stretton area. Do either walk, or stay and do both? (Organise your own accommodation) Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)			
Thursday May 22	SO493104	OL14	6.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Mitcheltroy Church CP Over the hill to Cwmcarvan and back. Two steep climbs Picnic lunch Leader: Peter (01600 711558)			
Saturday May 24	SO289278	OL13	10.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanthony Priory Car Park Climb Loxidge Tump then follow Offa's Dyke path, dropping back down into the valley at Capel y Ffin. Climb the other side to Blacksmith's Anvil then along the ridge via Bal Mawr, descending Cwm Bwchel to Llanthony. Strenuous with two steep ascents. Picnic Lunch Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)			
Wednesday May 28	SO457202	Explore 189	6.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith castle Skenfrith to Brooke Farm and return Moderate to easy walk with some gentle climbs and some stile. Picnic Lunch Leader: David P (01432 860208)			
Sunday June 1	SO288278	OL/13	12.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanthony Priory Car Park A route to the Hatterall Ridge and then down to Cmwyo and across to the other ridge before returning to Llanthony - bring afternoon tea too. This one is hard. Strenuous. Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594845225)			
Thursday June 5	SO558045	OL14	6.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: St Briavels Castle St Briavels Common down The Hudnalls into the Wye Valley returning up the Slade Brook Steep descent into the Wye Valley, continuous gradual climb on return Picnic lunch Leader: Chris & Adrian (01594 841247)			

Thursday March 27	SO231135	OL13	8.5 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Clydach picnic site (past barrier), just off A465. Climb to the Lonely Shepherd on north side of Gorge, then follow old tramroad towards Brynmawr. Return along former railway line on south side of Gorge. Lovely views throughout, weather permitting. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371) Initial steady climb, then mostly level until final steep descent to carpark. Picnic lunch Leader: John S (01594 531096)			
Sunday March 30	SO328164	OL/13	9.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: The Skirrid Car Park on B4521 (car share if possible) The outward route misses the Skirrid as we head for the Llanthony Valley, before picking up the Beacon Ways back to the Skirrid. Beware be on time, clocks go forward. Hard Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
Wednesday April 2	SO593239	Ex 189	9.5 Miles
Time: 9:20 Meet: Wilton Rd CP Note early start time.Meet at 9.20 to catch 09.40 bus to Little Dewchurch. Walk back to Ross on this beautiful stretch of River Wye via section 3 of the Herefordshire Trail. Possible to shorten walk by return bus-phone leader. No major climbs Picnic lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)			
Sunday April 6	SO722260	Explorer OL14	8.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Newent Broad Street Car Park Hereford & Gloucester Canal ,Geopark Way & Dymock Woods Easy with no hills of note. Picnic Lunch Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)			
Thursday April 10	SO620075	OL14	5.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: St. Paul's Church, Parkend Oakenhill Wood; Pillowell Recn Gd;Upper_Forge ;Saunders Green;Parkhill Inclosure. Coffee break Leader: Susan (01594 843389)			
Saturday April 12	SO527001	OL/14	10.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern Wire Works Car Park Ramble out to Trellech and return Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
Tuesday April 15	ST156852	EXP151/166	9.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Caerphilly Common Car Park (free) Caerphilly Common to Castle Coch and back. An extended lunch stop at the castle will allow time to visit it (Cadw £4.50). Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)			
Sunday April 20	SO527124	OL14	10.0 Miles
Time: 10:00 Meet: Kymin Car Park To Staunton, Coleford and Newland and back. Dogs welcome Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)			

Thursday April 24 **ST529944** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Chepstow Leisure Centre Car Park (free). Park at far end. Toilets available
 Following Wye Valley Walk to the Druid's Temple, Giant's Cave and Eagle's Nest, descending
 via 365 steps returning through Piercefield Park. Joint walk with Jackie (01594 564417) and
 Jenny (01600 715719)
 Undulating through woodland and fields with one steep ascent and descent.
 coffee break and picnic lunch Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Saturday April 26 **SO649127** **OL/14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Linear Car Park
 A walk around Cinderford to Welshbury Wood and Return.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday April 27 **SO620121** **OL14** **3.0 Miles**
 Time: **2:30** Meet: Speech House Hotel
 The Speech House have arranged a Forest Festival and we are displaying information on FoD
 Ramblers. Volunteers are needed between 9.30 and 17.15 to engage with visitors.
 We have an easy walk at 2.30 pm for members and visitors so please come on the day if you
 can. There will be lots of displays from Clay Pigeon Shoot. Bring a drink and snack or
 purchase from the hotel Leader: Barbara (01989 770976)

Thursday May 1 **SO229422** **OL/13** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:45** Meet: Hay-on-Wye Main Car Park
 Ramble from Trericket Mill (near Erwood) to Hay-on-Wye along the Wye Valley Walk.
 Book a seat on Transport with Ronnie Walker, cost £6 Linear Ramble
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Friday May 2 **SO335445** **OL** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: **9:45** Meet: Bredwardine St. Andrew's Church
 Ramble from Hay-on-Wye to Bredwardine along the Wye Valley Walk
 Car share to Bredwardine. Transport to start of the Walk will be arranged.
 Book your seat at a cost of £6 with Ronnie. Linear walk Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Saturday May 3 **SO467402** **OL** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:45** Meet: Breinton Village Hall hall
 Ramble from Bredwardine to Breinton Village Hall along the Wye Valley Walk.
 Car share to meet at the village hall opposite the church near Sugwas Pool, where transport
 will take us to the start. Please book transport at a cost of £6 with Ronnie. Details subject to
 change. Linear Walk Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday May 4 **SO519136** **OL 14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Dixton Church Monmouth.
 Newton Court, Welsh Newton Church and Buckholt Wood. Dogs welcome. Moderate
 Picnic lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

Thursday May 8 **SO580341** **Explorer 189** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Fownhope playing fields, off minor road past church.
 Walk Wye Valley Way, Paget's Wood, Haugh Wood, Joanshill Farm, Mordiford and River Lugg,
 then back on Wye Valley Way. Possible pub at end of walk.
 One short steep climb, then slightly hilly mostly on good path Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)

Sunday May 11 **SO713195** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Huntley Church
 Meet at Huntley Church for car share to Wilderness Car park for start of Glos Way 3 Walk.
 There will be a tea stop courtesy of the Constables on May Hill.
 Up and Down Picnic lunch Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Thursday May 15 **SO526192** **OL 14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llangrove Village Hall CP
 Valleys and brooks of Llagarron. Finish with light refreshment at leader's home
 Some short climbs. Picnic lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

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