

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<b>March</b>					
Wednesday 2	10:00	8.5	Cefn-coed-y-cymmer	John S	01594 531096
Saturday 5	10:00	4.0	Parkend	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 6	<b>9:30</b>	10.0	Stow on the wold	Margaret	01594 530752
Thursday 10	<b>9:30</b>	10.5	Pencelli	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 13	10:00	10.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 17	10:00	8.0	Monmouth	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 20	10:00	10.0	Grosmont	Jenny	07455 257262
Tuesday 22	10:00	7.3	Coleford	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 26	10:00	8.0	Westbury	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 30	10:00	12.0	Llanbedr	Sue S	01594 531227
<b>April</b>					
Sunday 3	10:00	10.0	Chepstow	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 7	10:00	7.0	Skenfrith	Iain	07788 803807
Sunday 10	10:00	8.0	Hailes	John & Derek	01452 790529 790532
Thursday 14	10:00	10.0	Fforest Coalpit	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 17	10:00	11.0	Llangattock	Jenny	07455 257262
Tuesday 19	<b>9:25</b>	10.0	Brockweir	Lynn and Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 24	10:00	10.0	Chistchurch	Roy & Anne	01242 245488
Thursday 28	10:00	10.0	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>May</b>					
Sunday 1	10:00	9.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 5	10:00	9.0	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Saturday 7	10:00	12.0	Aber	JackieH	01594 564417
Tuesday 10	10:00	12.5	Cleobury North	Sue S	01594 531227
Thursday 12	10:00	8.5	Abergavenny	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 15	10:00	12.5	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 18	10:00	5.0	Speech House	Susan	01594 843389
Saturday 21	10:00	9.5	Goodrich	Lynn and Philip	01291 689954
Tuesday 24	10:00	8.5	Pontypool	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 26	10:00	10.0	Longtown	Mike I	01594 562341
<b>June</b>					
Wednesday 1	10:00	8.5	Newent	Roger	01452 830454
Sunday 5	10:00	10.0	Osbaston Monmouth	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 9	10:00	10.0	Hollybush	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 12	10:00	11.0	Wotton under Edge	Roy & Anne	01242 245488
Wednesday 15	<b>6:30</b>	4.5	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 16	10:00	10.0	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Sunday 19	10:00	10.0	Cinderford	SteveJ	01594 826805
Monday 20	10:00	10.0	Elan	Mike I	01594 562341
Tuesday 21	10:00	12.5	Llangurig	Lynn and Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 26	10:00	12.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 28	<b>7:00</b>	3.6	Staunton	Peter	01600 711558



## FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Mike Ingleby</b>	<b>01594 562341</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jackie Huck</b>	<b>01594 564417</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>David Pollard</b>	<b>01432 860208</b>
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Babs Jones</b>	<b>01989 770520</b>
<b>Footpath Secretary:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>*****</b>
<b>Walks Coordinator:</b>	<b>Maurice cullis</b>	<b>01594 835371</b>

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/>

- Wednesday March 2**                      **SO040072**                      **OL12**                      **8.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Cyfarthfa Castle (off A465); car park by entrance gate (below lake).  
 Gurnos Tramroad, Taf Fechan Nature Reserve, Ponsarn and Morlais Hill; includes two viaducts and the oldest cast-iron railway bridge in the world.  
 Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371).  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: John S (01594 531096)
- Saturday March 5**                      **SO628096**                      **OL14**                      **4.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Forestry Commission New Fancy Car Pk  
 Spruce Ride, Trafalgar Avenue ,Blackpenny Well.  
 Moderate                      Mid morning break                      Leader: Susan (01594 843389)
- Sunday March 6**                      **SP192262**                      **OL 45**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Large Free car park Stow-on-the-Wold near Tesco (Off A429 Fosse Way)  
 Following next stage of Glos Way route. Meet 9:30 am at Stow to car share to start at Notgrove.  
 Moderate                      coffee and picnic lunch                      Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)
- Thursday March 10**                      **SO094248**                      **OL12**                      **10.5 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Lay-by on south east edge of Pencelli  
 Ascend Pen y Bryn then continue south to Waun Rydd and Carn Pica, descend to Aber then follow the Usk Valley Walk back to Pencelli. Splendid views of the central Beacons and over Talybont reservoir, weather permitting.  
 Moderate                      Picnic                      Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)
- Sunday March 13**                      **SO659170**                      **OL/14**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilderness Car Park  
 A ramble across Wigpool Common and farm land to Dancing Green and returning to the Wilderness.  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday March 17**                      **SO537098**                      **OL14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Football club CP  
 Up to Penallt old church, The Argoed, Whitebrook valley and return via Wye Valley.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Sunday March 20**                      **SO405244**                      **OL13**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Grosmont - park in street and meet by Angel Inn NP7 8EP - Public Toilets nearby  
 Moderate meandering round to Edmunds Tump with wonderful panoramic views over Grosmont and Brecon Beacons, and returning through undulating countryside.  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)
- Tuesday March 22**                      **SO569130**                      **OL14**                      **7.3 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: CP opposite Christchurch camp site  
 Hillersland and Wysis Way to English Bicknor, back via Yat Rock  
 Leisurely                      picnic lunch by Yat Rock kiosk                      Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

- Tuesday June 21**                      **SN857869**                      **OS Explorer 214 12.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Rhyd-y-bench car park in the middle of the Hafren forest  
 A circular walk to the sources of the Rivers Wye and Severn.  
 Since this is a long drive you may want to book overnight accommodation. Llandiloes has a good range, and if you decide to stay there, let us know and we will see about booking a pub meal on the evening of 20th June. Mobile no. 07957662209.  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)
- Sunday June 26**                      **SO646013**                      **OL/14**                      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Near the Entrance to Lydney Docks  
 A ramble from Lydney Docks up river to Gatcombe and then in land to Blakeney and Viney Hill, Returning to the Dock via Lydney and Boating Lake Lane.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Tuesday June 28**                      **SO540124**                      **OL14**                      **3.6 Miles**  
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Layby below Staunton on A4136  
 a stroll around and over the Kymin  
 Leisurely                      Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

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<b>Wednesday June 1</b>	<b>SO722260</b>	<b>OL 14</b>	<b>8.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Newent car park (fee) Walk from Newent to Carswall Manor, Brand Green and Strawberry Hill. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Roger (01452 830454)			
<b>Sunday June 5</b>	<b>SO507135</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Monmouth, Hereford Rd, 1st left to Osbaston then left over Vauxhall Bridge With a spring in our step, hopefully bluebells and rocky views, definitely a hill fort and caves. Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)			
<b>Wednesday June 8</b> <b>Today I will be closing the walks programme, so its your last chance to put a walk on.</b>			
<b>Thursday June 9</b>	<b>SO758369</b>	<b>OL190</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Hollybush car park (off A438) free An exploration of the southern hills to British Camp before looping back again! Plenty of ups and downs. Moderate BPL Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)			
<b>Sunday June 12</b>	<b>ST756933</b>	<b>OS 167</b>	<b>11.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: The Chipping CP off Symn Lane, Wotton under Edge Walk Wortley, Alderley, Tresham, Newark Park Moderate BPL Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)			
<b>Wednesday June 15</b>	<b>SO623125</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>4.5 Miles</b>
Time: <b>6:30</b> Meet: Woodlands Car Park, Speech House A ramble around the sculpture trail. Moderate Bring a drink. Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Thursday June 16</b>	<b>SO519136</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Dixon Church Monmouth Walk to Newton Court, Ganarew, Arthur's Cave, Staunton Meend and The Kymin. Dogs OK. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)			
<b>Sunday June 19</b>	<b>SO623124</b>	<b>OL 14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park Speech House Walk to five Forest Ponds and back toSpeechHouse. Moderate			
<b>Monday June 20</b>	<b>SN915673</b>	<b>OL12</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Penbont Car Park This walk explores the remote moorland above the Elan valleys. After following the shore of Penygarn Reservoir we ascend to the moorland of Esgair Perfedd then down to the Mountain Road. Beyond, we follow a ridge past the standing stones of Maengwyngwedd and Maen Serth, returning over Crugyn Ci Moderate Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341) Picnic Lunch Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)			

<b>Saturday March 26</b>	<b>SO719139</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>8.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Westbury Court Layby We shall ramble up the A48 passing the Fishy place and then down a lane to the River Bank for a stroll back to Westbury-on-Severn. Easter eggs optional. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Wednesday March 30</b>	<b>SO239203</b>	<b>OL13</b>	<b>12.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanbedr Church (street parking) From Llanbedr we ascend to Crug Mawr, a bit of down and then up to Sugar Loaf. Hopefully some lovely views. Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)			
<b>Sunday April 3</b>	<b>ST534918</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Chepstow Link Road Lay-by(A466 near junction 2 M48) Around Chepstow takes in Mathern, and nearly the race course and some parts of the town, Old Wye Bridge. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Thursday April 7</b>	<b>SO477173</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>7.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Tregate bridge Walk to Coedanghred Hill, Skenfrith, and Llanrothal, Dogs OK. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)			
<b>Sunday April 10</b>	<b>SP049302</b>	<b>Explorer OL45</b>	<b>8.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Hailes Church opposite Hailes Abbey off B4622 Cheltenham to Broadway road Puck Pit Lane to Winchcombe, up to Abbots Leys, Littleworth & return Moderate Packed Lunch Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)			
<b>Thursday April 14</b>	<b>SO267251</b>	<b>OL13</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Pont Cadwgan Car Park We explore an underrated area in the heart of the Black Mountains. Ascend the south side of the valley to the ridge then on to Crug Mawr. Descend to Patrishow Church then cross the valley and ascend to Garn Wen, finally descending through woodland to the start. Moderate Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)			
<b>Sunday April 17</b>	<b>SO212178</b>	<b>OL13</b>	<b>11.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Take Hillside Road into Llangattock, turn left into Park Drive and park on left Lonely Shepherd, Neolithic burial cairns, Eglwys Faen and stunning views of the Llangattock Escarpment, includes some off-path walking with climbs and descents to be taken at own pace. Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)			

<b>Tuesday April 19</b>	<b>SO536013</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 9:25 Meet: Layby on A466 near Brockweir Note start time. This is because we are getting the bus to Chepstow (Â£3). Check start time again near date in case of timetable changes. From Chepstow past the Grotto and through the Giants Cave, view from the Eagle's Nest, past Tintern Abbey, up to the Devils Pulpit and back to Brockweir. Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)			
<b>Sunday April 24</b>	<b>SO581158</b>	<b>OL 14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park next to English Bicknor Primary School. Walk to Lydbrook , Ruardean, Joy's Green, River Wye. Filed, Woods, and Riverside. Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)			
<b>Thursday April 28</b>	<b>SO663116</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaize Bailey Car Park The Soudley Circles via View point, Staple edge ridge and Mallards Pike Picnic site. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Sunday May 1</b>	<b>SO623124</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>9.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park, Speech House Beechenhurst Trail, passing Cannop ponds and Edge End and the Beechenhurst Lodge. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Thursday May 5</b>	<b>SO527124</b>	<b>OL 14</b>	<b>9.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Kymin car park Walk to Redbrook,Newland,Staunton and Staunton Meend. Dogs welcome. Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)			
<b>Saturday May 7</b>	<b>SO099197</b>	<b>OL12</b>	<b>12.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park beside Talybont Reservoir (free) Long ascent to Allt Lwyd continuing up to follow ridges to Craig y Fan Ddu. Gets all climbing out the way at the beginning! Descend to Blaen y Glyn, picking up the Taff Trail then into the valley & back to the reservoir. Fantastic views weather permitting. A lower route (10 miles) taken in adverse weather conditions Strenuous BPL and plenty of fluids Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)			
<b>Monday May 9</b>	<b>SO564008</b>		
<b>Only 30 days till I close the next walks programme,time get your walks in NOW.</b>			

<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	<b>SO607872</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>12.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Road side Parking A steady climb up to Brown Clee Hill, along the Shropshire Way to Coldgreen. Then a walk through fields to Wheathill, Loughton, Burwarton and through the Burwarton Estate, with kind permission by Lord Boyne. Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)			
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	<b>SO292200</b>	<b>OL13</b>	<b>8.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: CP on road between Bettws and Forest Coal Pit climb Sugar Loaf and return via Porth-y-Parc and Deri ridge Strenuous picnic lunch Leader: Peter (01600 711558)			
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	<b>SO569130</b>	<b>OL/14</b>	<b>12.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Cark Park opposite Christchurch campsite High Meadow trail, taking in the Biblins bridge and Arthurs cave, Staunton and Suck Stone Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)			
<b>Wednesday May 18</b>	<b>SO623125</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>5.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Forestry Commision Woodlands Car park Cyril Hart Arboretum, Lightmoor, Linear Park, Crabtree Hill, Glos Way Moderate Mid morning break Leader: Susan (01594 843389)			
<b>Saturday May 21</b>	<b>SO578199</b>	<b>OL14</b>	<b>9.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Goodrich Castle car park (Â£1 charge) or considerate parking on road up to Castle An initial climb up Coppetts Hill, then along the river, past Lydbrook Bridge and Welsh Bicknor church, climbing back to the road just before Goodrich. Time to see around the Castle at the end. Moderate Picnic Lunch, and tea room at Castle Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)			
<b>Tuesday May 24</b>	<b>ST328986</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>8.5 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Visitor centre (near dam, no fee) A circular walk around the reservoir, at a slow pace with frequent pauses to look for wildlife. Binoculars essential, several birds hide on site. Dogs strictly on leads at all times. Easy Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)			
<b>Thursday May 26</b>	<b>SO288328</b>	<b>OL13</b>	<b>10.0 Miles</b>
Time: 10:00 Meet: Black Hill Car Park ...it's the Cat's Back again! We cross the Olchon Valley and ascend the Hatterall Ridge. Then descend to Capel y Ffin and follow the delightful Nant Bwch valley and ascend Twmpa. Return via Hay Bluff, finally descending The Cat's Back. Strenuous Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)			