

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March					
Sunday 5	10:00	10.0	Llangynidr	Jenny	07455 257262
Tuesday 7	10:00	5.2	Moseley Green	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 11	10:00	8.0	Hewelsfield	Sue S	01594 531227
Thursday 16	10:00	11.0	Ystradfellte	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 19	10:00	11.0	Devauden	Jenny	07455 257262
Wednesday 22	10:00	9.0	Littledean	Pete and John	01594 826356/826356
Thursday 23	10:00	7.0	Edge	John S	01594 531096
Saturday 25	10:00	9.0	Kempley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 28	10:00	10.0	Malvern	Jackie H	01594 564417
Thursday 30	10:00	7.0	Forest Coal Pit	John S	01594 531096
April					
Sunday 2	10:00	8.0	Newent	John & Derek	01452 790529-790532
Tuesday 4	10:00	13.0	Longtown	Mike I	01594 562341
Thursday 6	10:00	5.0	St Briavels	Margaret	01594 530752
Sunday 9	10:00	10.5	Monmouth	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 13	10:00	9.0	Abergavenny	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Saturday 15	10:00	8.5	Abergavenny	Sue S	01594 531227
Monday 17	10:00	14.0	Monmouth	Jenny	07455 257262
Monday 24	10:00	35.0	Rhos-on-Sea	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 25	10:00	5.3	Staunton	Peter	01600 711558
Thursday 27	10:00	10.0	Portskewett	Chris & Adrian	01594 841247
Saturday 29	10:00	6.0	Ross -on -Wye	Catherine	01989563758
Sunday 30	10:00	11.5	Libanus	Jenny	07455 257262
May					
Saturday 6	5:30	6.0	Moseley Green	Jackie H	01594 564417
Sunday 7	10:00	9.0	Hewelsfield	Lynn and Philip	01291 689954
Tuesday 9	10:00	10.5	Storey Arms	Mike I	01594 562341
Wednesday 10	10:00	8.5	Littledean	Pete and John	01594 826356/826356
Thursday 11	10:00	10.5	Osbaston	Jenny	07455 257262
Sunday 14	10:00	9.0	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 17	10:00	8.5	Longhope	Roger	01452 830454
Sunday 21	10:00	11.0	Llangattock	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 25	10:00	11.0	Redbrook	Jackie H	01594 564417
June					
Thursday 1	10:00	10.0	Grwyne Fawr	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 4	10:00	12.0	Newnham	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 6	6:30	4.0	Yorkley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 11	10:00	10.0	Monmouth	Sue M	07808150741
Sunday 18	10:00	8.0	Kenfig	Lynn and Philip	01291 689954
Saturday 24	10:00	12.0	Talybont	Jackie H	01594 564417
Thursday 29	10:00	12.2	Abergavenny	Peter	01600 711558



FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 March 2017 to 30 June 2017

Chairman:	Peter Robins	01600 715719
Secretary:	Jackie Huck	01594 564417
Treasurer:	David Pollard	01432 860208
Walks Coordinator:	Ian Walding	01594 860904
Footpath Secretary:	John Baker	
Membership Secretary:	Vacant	

Members of the committee can also be contacted via the website (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 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**

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

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

Sunday March 5 **SO155195** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llangynidr free car park opposite the village hall and toilets
 Ascending Llangynidr mountain by a gentle route. Coffee at a hidden waterfall & picnic lunch at the Chartist Cave. Walk passes Neolithic burial cairns and shake holes, return via farmland.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Tuesday March 7 **SO638088** **OL14** **5.2 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Rising Sun, Moseley Green - please park in lower car park
 Walk via New Fancy to Mallards Pike, on to Phipps Bottom and back
 Leisurely Coffee stop only (poss. drink/lunch after walk) Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Saturday March 11 **SO567021** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Hewelsfield Church, limited parking please car share if you can.
 Hewelsfield to Clanna Ponds for coffee break. Walk along Glos Way through Rodmore Grove to Bream. Along a byway, which is usually muddy, towards Severn View Farm and the wind turbine. Through fields to Aylesmore Court and back to Hewelsfield.
 Moderate Coffee and Picnic Lunch Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)

Thursday March 16 **SN927164** **OL12** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaen Llia Forestry Car Park
 We follow the Roman Road, Sarn Helen, past the standing stone Maen Madoc then continue along the Beacons Way until we turn onto open country to ascend Fan Fraith then Fan Gyhrych. Paths lead us to Fan Nedd then we descend over open country to the start.
 Strenuous Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Sunday March 19 **ST468977** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wern y Cwm car park (20 mins Monmouth)
 From Monmouth, turn R in Devauden, then 2nd R (Kilgwrrwg), CP top of hill RHS
 A breathtaking wander through ancient woodlands, hills and valleys with panoramic views of the Black Mountains. Stop at 8thC Church for coffee and a Norman Church for lunch.
 Moderate Coffee stop and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Wednesday March 22 **SO669136** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Belfry car park Littledean (thanks to landlord)
 To Pleasant Stile, Elton Corner, Emmings Farm, Reddings, Flaxley Abbey, Muggleworte Wood, Home Farm, Flaxley Church, Welshbury Wood, Chestnuts Hill, Greenway then Home
 Moderate Coffee and Picnic Lunch Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356/826356)

Thursday March 23 **SO832086** **Exp179** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: NT Shortwood car park (signed off Edge-Whiteshill road)
 Cotswold Way via Haresfield Beacon to Scottsquar Hill, then through Whiteshill, Randwick and Standish Wood, with good views of both the Painswick and Severn valleys. Joint walk with
 Moderate Picnic lunch. Leader: John S & Ian (01594 531096/860904)

Saturday March 25 **SO677285** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Queens Wood, Kempley Green
 Ramble round the Daffodil Way. Passing through Dymock.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday June 29 **SO312164** **OL13** **12.2 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llantilio Pertholey church (hope to get permission to use church CP)
 Up and over Skirrid S to N, Llwyn Franc, Pantygelli, Sugar Loaf and back via Porth-y-Parc and Sunny Vale
 Strenuous Coffee stop, picnic lunch at pub, tea stop Leader: Peter (01600 711558)



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Sunday May 21 **SO212178** **OL13** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Take Hillside Road into Llangattock, turn left into Park Drive and park on left
 Stunning cliff top views of the escarpment, Eglwys Faen, the Lonely Shepherd and an ancient
 bluebell wood. Option of cave tour - bring a head torch.
 Public loos at start of walk.
 Moderate Bring a picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Thursday May 25 **SO536099** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook car park (charges)
 To Newland via the hidden valley, onto St Briavels via Stowe Green before descending into
 Wye Valley and following Offa's Dyke back to Redbrook
 Moderate Coffee and BPL Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Thursday June 1 **SO253285** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaen y Cwm Car Park
 We cross the river then follow a sustained ascent to Pen y Gadair Fawr. We continue via Waun
 Fach, Rhos Dirion and Twyn Talycefn to the Blacksmith's Anvil then descend through forest to
 our start point.
 Strenuous Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Sunday June 4 **SO691119** **OL/14** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Newnham Clock Tower
 The ramble goes from Newnham to Blaize Bailey and across to Mallards Pike and over to the
 Rising Sun, Moseley Green - the return route equally interesting.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday June 6 **SO643068** **OL/14** **4.0 Miles**
 Time: 6:30 Meet: Nagshead, Yorkley - not gravelled area
 Evening ramble around the Danby Lodge
 Easy Pub after walk Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday June 11 **SO502128** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: First left after Fire Station, park roadside by Overmonnow School
 From Monmouth up to Offas Dyke, through meadows by river to Dingestow, past church up to
 Treowen. Along ridge and up into Kingswood before descending to Monmouth.
 Moderate Coffee and Packed Lunch Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

Sunday June 18 **SS802811** **Landranger 170 8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Kenfig National Nature Reserve Visitor Centre
 Kenfig reserve is in one of the largest active sand dune systems in Europe, and is a haven for
 wildlife and plants, including several wild orchid species. This will be a walk with time to
 explore and appreciate these. The distance is an estimate - we will head towards wherever is
 most interesting on the day! Toilets at VC.
 Moderate Packed lunch + plenty to drink. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Saturday June 24 **SO099197** **OL12** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park beside Talybont Reservoir (free -limited space car share if poss)
 Strenuous: Long ascent at start to Allt Lwyd then ridges to Craig y Fan Ddu. Descend to Blaen
 y Glyn, into the valley & back alongside the reservoir. Fantastic views weather permitting.
 A lower route (10 miles) in adverse weather conditions
 Strenuous Coffee and Packed Lunch Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Tuesday March 28 **SO764404** **OS 190** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: British Camp car park (£4 fee)
 Exploration of the veranda walks and ridges of the north hills. Generally good walking
 underfoot with ascents of Worcestershire Beacon and North Hill on outward stretch and
 Perseverance Hill coming back (all can be taken at your own pace).
 Moderate Coffee and BPL Leader: Jackie (01594 564417)

Thursday March 30 **SO267251** **OL13** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: FC car park at Pont Cadwgan on minor road to Grwyne Fawr Reservoir.
 Ascend Crug Mawr for views, drop down past historic Partrishow Church (daffodils) and return
 on the opposite side of the Grwyne Fawr valley.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leaders: John S (01594 531096) & Maurice (01594 835371)

Sunday April 2 **SO722260** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Newent Broad Street Car Park
 Hereford & Gloucester Canal, Geopark & Dymock Woods
 Leisurely Picnic Lunch Leaders: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

Tuesday April 4 **SO288328** **OL13** **13.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Black Hill Car Park
 We cross the Olchon Valley continuing onto Hatterall Ridge then descend to Capel y Ffin. We
 then follow Cwm Nant Bwch onto Twmpa returning over Hay Bluff and the Black Hill before
 descending via the spectacular Cat's Back.
 Strenuous Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Thursday April 6 **SO537051** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Whitebrook Road near Bigsweir Bridge
 A varied walk with some steep climbs taking you to both Whitebrook and Manor Brook and
 hopefully some wild daffodils.
 Moderate Coffee break Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Sunday April 9 **SO512130** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Monmouth, car park near Leisure centre
 Circular ramble starting following the River Wye to the Biblins Bridge then we find the Wysis
 Way not far from the bridge and follow the way up and over the Kymin back to Monmouth
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday April 13 **SO323288** **OL13** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Longtown Village Hall
 Green lanes climbing to Offa's Dyke path on ridge. Returning via beer trail and Clodock.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Saturday April 15 **SO317062** **OL13** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Goytre Wood Car Park
 From the Car Park we walk under the canal to Goytre Wharf and make our way up to Holy Well
 and Mynydd Garn-wen. Lunch stop at the Folly Tower with views looking towards Pontypool
 and beyond. Return via canal and then an easy walk back to Goytre Wharf.
 Moderate Coffee and Picnic Lunch Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)

Monday April 17 **SO507135** **OL14** **14.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Monmouth, Hereford Rd, 1st left to Osbaston then left over Vauxhall Bridge
 An interesting walk at a moderate pace for those who would like the opportunity to stretch themselves. We will visit an ancient hill fort, caves and the Seven Sisters rocks, with afternoon tea at the Kymin.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Monday April 24 **SH842801** **35.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Rhos-on-Sea
 3 day ramble in North Wales.
 Moderate Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday April 25 **SO539124** **OL14** **5.3 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: lay-by below Staunton on A4136
 Highmeadow Woods to Suck Stone and Harkening Rocks, return via Staunton to Buck Stone
 Moderate Coffee break only Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Thursday April 27 **ST513881** **Exp154** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Black Rock Road Car Park Portskewett
 Walking the Welsh Coastal Path heading towards Chepstow walking through St Pierre Golf Course, on to Crick over to Caldicot Castle, returning on the coastal path back to Black Rock
 Leisurely Packed lunch Leader: Chris & Adrian (01594 841247)

Saturday April 29 **SO598231** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Town and Country Trail Car Park, Fernbank Road Ross
 Up and down, round and about Chase and Penyard Hills. A walk with lots of ups and downs through attractive woodland, but with good views (on a good day).
 Moderate Coffee stop & Picnic Lunch Leader: Catherine 01989563758 / 07530453987

Sunday April 30 **SN989249** **OL12** **11.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: 1st Lay-by on left after Libanus A470 (From Brecon dirn before Storey Arms)
 Steady climb at moderate pace through woodland and pasture to Pen Milan and Llyn Cwm Llwh, crossing the shoulder of Corn Du to Craig Gwaun Taf and descending Cefin Crew to the Taff Trail. A gentle ascent to Glyn Tarell and returning via the Tarell Forest and waterfalls.
 Shortened if weather dictates.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Saturday May 6 **SO638088** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: **5:30** Meet: Opposite entrance to Mallards Pike
 It is International Dawn Chorus day on Sunday so what better weekend for an early morning walk to hear the dawn chorus. Sunrise is at 05.23. A knowledgeable walking friend will help us to identify birds from their song. Round off with a bring and share breakfast. NB: 5.30am start
 Leisurely Bring hot drink & breakfast food to share Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Sunday May 7 **ST558992** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tidenham Chase car park
 We will explore the area between the rivers Wye and Severn. As well as some iconic features, including the Devils' Pulpit and Wintours' Leap, we will go to lesser known ones including a spectacular view from the top of Tintern Quarry. We will also enjoy panoramas of the Severn Estuary, with its sandbanks and bridges
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)

Tuesday May 9 **SN982203** **OL12** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Storey Arms
 We cross mostly open country (off path) to ascend Fan Fawr then descend to Cwm Dringarh where we cross the river on a proper footbridge and ascend the next ridge to Fan Llia. Join the Beacons Way, over Craig Cerrig Gleisiad then descend Craig y Fro back to Storey Arms.
 Strenuous Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Wednesday May 10 **SO669136** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Belfry Car Park (thanks to landlord)
 From Belfry to Pleasant Stile, Blaze Bailey, Soudley, Bradley Hill, Stapledge, Buckshaft Woods, St. Whites and home.
 Moderate Coffee and Picnic Lunch Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356/826356)

Thursday May 11 **SO507135** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Monmouth, Hereford Rd, 1st left to Osbaston then left over Vauxhall Bridge
 With a spring in our step, fabulous views, a peal of bluebells, an original stone rood screen (1320), and a Bronze Age Enclosure in an ancient beech wood. Returning with a walk back along the River Monnow.
 Moderate Bring a picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Sunday May 14 **SO662116** **OL/14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaize Bailey Car Park at Sutton Bottom, Soudley
 A not so standard ramble which will visit or maybe not visiting Cannop Ponds, Beechenhurst, New Fancy View, Mallard's Pike, Wenchoford picnic site before returning to Soudley
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday May 17 **SO708208** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: May Hill Village Hall
 Walk will take in Glasshouse, Clifford's Mesne, and May Hill summit. Hopefully bluebells will be in abundance.
 Moderate Bring Picnic Lunch Leader: Roger (01452 830454)