

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March					
Thursday 5	10:00	10.0	Crickhowell	Jackie H	01594 564417
Sunday 8	10:00	10.5	Ellwood	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 12	10:00	9.0	Speech House	Ann L	01594562578
Sunday 15	10:00	10.0	Talybont on Usk	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Tuesday 17	10:00	7.0	Bream	Chris	01594 841247
Saturday 21	10:00	10.0	Langnidr	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 26	10:00	11.0	Redbrook	Sue S	01594 531227
Sunday 29	10:00	10.0	Kempley Green	Ronnie	01594 845225
April					
Thursday 2	10:00	9.0	Evesham	Maurice	01594 835371
Saturday 4	10:00	14.0	Kilgwrrwg	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Saturday 11	10:00	9.0	Lanfoist	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 16	10:00	9.0	English Bicknor	JulianW	01594810486
Sunday 19	10:00	9.5	Llanfoist	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 23	10:00	10.5	Parkend	Gill	01594 836856
Sunday 26	10:00	10.5	Brockweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Wednesday 29	10:00	30.0	Aberystwyth	Ronnie	01594 845225
May					
Thursday 7	10:00	8.0	Minsterworth	Bruce	01242 464027
Sunday 10	10:00	10.0	Ashleworth Quay	Dilys and Gerry	01989 750434
Thursday 14	10:00	10.0	Rogerstone Newport	Chris	01594 841247
Sunday 17	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 21	9:20	10.0	Brockweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Saturday 23	10:00	14.0	Monmouth	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Wednesday 27	10:00	8.0	Monmouth	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 31	10:00	10.0	Abergavenny	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
June					
Thursday 4	10:00	11.0	Staunton	Ann L	01594562578
Sunday 7	10:00	9.0	Forthampton	John	01452 790529
Tuesday 9	10:00	11.0	Ross-on-Wye	Jackie H	01594 564417
Sunday 14	9:30	10.0	Stow on the Wold	Margaret	01594 530752
Tuesday 16	10:00	10.0	Soudley	Chris H	01594 823872
Thursday 25	10:00	13.0	Tintern	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954

FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 March 2020 to 30 June 2020

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

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 1**SO63800700**

Time: 9:00 Meet: Yorkley Community Centre GL15 4RS

Specialist First Aid Course delivered in a fun and practical way. It starts promptly at 9am and will finish by 4pm. Only open to members who have pre booked a place following separate notification issued on 31st January.

Moderate Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Thursday March 5**SO21801840****OL13****10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre (CRIC) car park at rear (charges)

From Crickhowell we follow Cwm Cumbeth to Table Mountain. Then pick up part of the Beacons Way before heading to Llanbedr. We continue through the lovely Grwyne Fawr valley to Llangenny before reaching Crickhowell via fields and country lanes. A good value walk in "the hills" without going too high! Expect mud. Lots of stiles.

Strenuous coffee and bring packed lunch Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Sunday March 8**SO58700870****OL14****10.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Darkhill Car Park Ellwood

A walk to New Fancy View, then on to Cannop Ponds and then back via Birchhill inclosure.

Moderate Picnic Lunch at New Fancy View Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday March 12**SO62201170****OL14****9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Spruce Ride car park next to Arboretum, opposite Heart of the Forest school

Through the sculpture trail to Sallowvalets, then Lydbrook. We head for Greathough Brook and walk around the beaver enclosure. We probably won't see the two beavers in residence but should see evidence of their construction work. Return through the sculpture trail.

Moderate bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

Sunday March 15**SO11302280****OL13****10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Henderson Hall, Village Hub, Talybont on Usk (donation)

Walking along the Henry Vaughan Trail and Brinore Tramroad before ascending Tor y Foel, then returning along the towpath of the Brecon and Monmouth canal. We will circle Tor y Foel along the Beacons Way if weather conditions are poor.

Moderate Drink and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Tuesday March 17**SO60600620****OL14****7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Bream West Dean Centre Carpark

New Heritage Trail . The trail follows a route around the Bream area

Moderate Coffee stop and Packed lunch Leader: Chris (01594 841247)



A moment to pause. Breathing in clear air. Sharing interests and conversations as you ponder the hills ahead. We have your passion for exploring worldwide and in the UK.

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Thursday June 4 **SO53901240** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Broadstones layby on A4136 Staunton Road
 We climb to the Kymin, then descent to Monmouth and make our way to Ganarew and Little Doward. We follow the Highmeadow Trail from King Arthur's Cave back over Biblins Bridge to the Suckstone and our start.
 This walk has 3 steep ascents but the views are worth it!
 Please lift share if possible as parking is limited.

Strenuous Bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

Sunday June 7 **SO88003320** **EXP190** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Upper Lode Lock, Forthampton
 Mythe Bridge, Bushley, Bredon School, Upper Bushley, Bushley Park Farm & Forthampton
 Moderate Packed Lunch Leader: John (01452 790529)

Tuesday June 9 **SO59802310** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Small car park off Fernbank Rd, Tudorville
 An exploration of Chase Woods, Penyard, Howle Hill and Bulls Hill.
 Moderate Coffee and packed lunch Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)

Sunday June 14 **SP19202630** **OL45** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 9:30 Meet: Fosseyway Free Long Stay Carpark, Stow on the Wold, Post code GL54 1BX
 Next leg of the linear Glos Way walk. Car share from Stow to Notgrove for start of walk.

Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Tuesday June 16 **SO66271159** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Soudley Ponds Car Park
 A circular wander taking in Lower Soudley, Ayleford and a riverside lunch stop at Newnham-on-Severn. Bit of track, bit of road, bit of field and a bit of elevation and both ends of the Haie tunnel. Back to your carriages about 3 pm.
 Moderate Bring coffee and picnic Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)

Thursday June 25 **SO52700013** **OL14** **13.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern wireworks car park
 The Angiddy gushes into the Wye at Tintern, and its power has been used for milling and for industry. It's also a fine fishing river and we'll see several fishing lakes as we go from Tintern following the river up to its source. If we need to detour because of cranky cows it will add about a mile to the walk. 07957662209
 Moderate Drinks and picnic lunch Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Saturday March 21 **SO15501960** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Llangnidr free cark opposite village hall and public toilets
 Ascending Llangnidr mountain by a gentle route with coffee at a hidden waterfall (depending on weather) and a picnic lunch at the Chartist Cave. The walk passes Neolithic burial cairns and shake holes, then returns via farmland.
 Moderate Bring a hot drink and a picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday March 26 **SO53600980** **OL 14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook car park
 Redbrook along the river to Bigsweir Bridge and then up to Trellech Beacon for a picnic lunch. A steady 2 mile climb (45ft to 1000ft).
 Moderate Bring coffee and picnic Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)

Sunday March 29 **SO67802840** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Kempley Green Car Park - on edge of village
 Daffodil way in a clockwise direction - Kempley Church, Dymock, Betty Daws Wood - Clock go forward too!
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday April 2 **SP03404320** **190/205** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Evesham, in long stay CP first left past Abbey Bridge, on A 4184 Toilet at start
 Walk to Hamptom, Crophorne and Charlton and back to Evesham via the Hampton Ferry on the Shakespeare's Avon Way. A joint walk with John S 01594 531096.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch and cake for joint Leader Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)

Saturday April 4 **ST46809770** **OL14** **14.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Wern y Cwm car park (20 mins from Monmouth)
 A spectacular but hilly walk through ancient woodlands and meadows. We will visit an 8th Century Church for coffee and a Norman Church for lunch break. From Monmouth, turn right at Devauden, then 2nd right (Kilgwrrwg), car park top of hill on the right.
 Moderate Drink and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Saturday April 11 **SO28501090** **OL13** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Keepers Pond (Pen-ffordd-goch Pond) car park, B4246, near Abergavenny
 The walk starts from the Keeper's Pond and ascends to the Blorengre trig point and the Cairn for coffee. We descend through woodland to the Punch Bowl for lunch and return along the old tramways and footpaths.
 Moderate Warm drink and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday April 16 **SO58101570** **O114** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: English Bicknor Primary School
 Walk through fields down to the river. Over The Black Bridge up Coppet Hill by the back path. To The Folly then straight back down to the river bank. Follow the Wye Valley Path until Common Grove then back to the start.
 Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch stops. Leader: JulianW (01594810486)

- Sunday April 19** **SO28601330** **OL13** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanfoist car park at Church Lane
 This ramble will test your fitness as we will climb to the top of the Blorenge via the Punch Bowl and decent via the Keeper's Pond and under the Canal.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday April 23** **SO62800950** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View Car Park
 New Fancy to Cannop Ponds, then towards Edge End, Speech House and return via the Spruce Ride and Speech House Lake
 Moderate Coffee stop and picnic lunch Leader: Gill (01594 836856)
- Sunday April 26** **SO53710128** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on A466 near Brockweir.
 This is a lovely but challenging walk, mostly in woodland. It includes a partially eroded ledge path ('the Nedge'), and the steepest path in this part of the Valley - straight up for 700ft. . Total ascent 2100ft. Alternative route if weather is bad. Mobile:07957662209
 Strenuous Bring a drink and packed lunch. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)
- Wednesday April 29** **SN57808160** **LR/213** **30.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Aberystwyth
 A trip to Aberystwyth to ramble on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Routes go inland, includes a mountain, and some parts of the coast.
 Moderate B&B in Aberystwyth Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday May 7** **SO77401700** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Minsterworth Church Car Park Â£1 fee
 Making our way along the river initially on the Gloucestershire Way to Birdwood, across to Ley Mill, and back via Ley Court. N.B. there are may gates that have to be climbed over.
 Easy Coffee & picnic lunch Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)
- Sunday May 10** **SO81802520** **EXP 179** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Ashleworth Tithe Barn
 A walk following the Severn to Haw upto Deerhurst and Odda's Chapel returning through Hasfield to Ashleworth. Option following the walk for social refreshments at the Boat Inn on the Quay. Park on grass verge leading to and beside barn.
 Dilys and Gerry 01989750434/07743401666
 Leisurely Coffee stop and Picnic lunch Leader: Dilys and Gerry (01989 750434)

- Thursday May 14** **ST27908860** **OS152** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: 14 Locks V/C car park Â£5 all day
 Mixture of urban and rural walking down to and along Usk river, along to Transporter Bridge. Walk across top/Ride across optional cost about Â£3. Urban area to Tredegar Park returning back to cars.
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Chris (01594 841247)
- Sunday May 17** **SO57611056** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park
 This ramble is being run in conjunction with the Coleford Walking festival.
 The route will take in Coleford Rec., Whitecliffe, Newland and Clearwell before returning to Coleford via Pingry Lane and Rock Lane.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday May 21** **SO53690128** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:20** Meet: Layby on A466 near Brockweir
 Note start time - we are catching a bus to Chepstow, so check again with leader nearer the date. 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. Mobile:07957662209
 Strenuous Bring drinks and picnic lunch Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)
- Saturday May 23** **SO50201280** **OL14** **14.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Monmouth free car park opposite Drybridge Park
 A walk through ancient woodland and nature reserves in Monmouthshire, Herefordshire and the Forest of Dean for those who would like to 'stretch' themselves. Afternoon tea at the Kymin before returning via the old railway bridge across the River Wye
 Moderate Drink and picnic Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Wednesday May 27** **SO52671919** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llangrove village hall
 We descend the valley to Lewstone with its cider press, continuing to the pretty village of Ganarew. Ascend the ridge towards Welsh Newton Common, descending to Welsh Newton and its historic church returning to Llangrove by means of the old Monmouth road.
 Moderate Coffee and packed lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Sunday May 31** **SO29101520** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Upper wide end of Chapel Road
 A walk through the ancient woodlands of St Mary's Vale, around the slopes of the Sugar Loaf before ascending to the summit with spectacular views if the visibility is good.
 Moderate Drink and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)