

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<b>July</b>					
Thursday 5	10:00	7.5	Ellwood	Maurice	01594 835371
Saturday 7	10:00	12.5	Abergavenny	Alan G	01594 810920
Thursday 12	<b>7:30</b>	12.0	Coleford	Alan G	01594 810920
Saturday 14	10:00	12.0	Weston under Penyard	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 19	10:00	6.0	Yorkley	Cyril	01594 563650
Saturday 21	10:00	7.0	Crowfield	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Wednesday 25	10:00	9.5	Bettws, Abergavenny	Peter	01600 711558
Thursday 26	10:00	4.0	Ross on Wye	David & Joan	01989 762022
Saturday 28	10:00	9.5	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>August</b>					
Wednesday 1	<b>2:00</b>	6.0	Chepstow	Megan	01291 622892
Saturday 4	<b>9:00</b>	7.0	Lydney	Susan	01594 843389
Thursday 9	<b>6:30</b>	3.5	Newnham	Bruce	01452 760541
Sunday 12	10:00	12.5	Sennybridge	Alan G	01594 810920
Wednesday 15	10:00	9.0	Wainlodes	Roger	01452 830454
Thursday 16	<b>6:00</b>	4.0	Bromsberrow	David & Joan	01989 762022
Saturday 18	10:00	8.0	Walford	Iain	07788 803807
Wednesday 22	10:00	4.5	Lydbrook	Linda	01594 827692
Thursday 23	10:00	9.5	Talgarth	Alan G	01594 810920
Saturday 25	10:00	10.0	Blaenavon	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 30	10:00	7.0	Garway	Peter	01600 711558
<b>September</b>					
Sunday 2	10:00	10.0	Skenfrith	John & Derek 01452 790529-790532	
Thursday 6	<b>9:45</b>	5.5	Kidderminster	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 9	10:00	8.0	Glangrwyney	Irene	01594 834811
Thursday 13	10:00	13.5	Painswick	Alan G	01594 810920
Saturday 15	<b>9:15</b>	10.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 20	10:00	9.0	Hay-On -Wye	Maurice	01594 835371
Saturday 22	10:00	9.0	Ganarew	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 27	10:00	5.0	Lydney	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 30	10:00	10.0	The Wilderness	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>October</b>					
Wednesday 3	10:00	4.5	Christchurch	Irene	01594 834811
Sunday 7	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 11	10:00	9.5	Monmouth	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 13	10:00	12.0	Crickhowell	Iain	07788 803807
Thursday 18	10:00	5.0	Redbrook	Cyril	01594 563650
Saturday 20	10:00	12.5	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 28	10:00	8.0	Parkend	Margaret	01594 530752
Wednesday 31	10:00	5.0	Bream	Susan	01594 843389



## FOREST of DEAN GROUP

### PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 July 2012 to 2 November 2012

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Alan Fisher</b>	01989 770976
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>June Burden</b>	01531 820354
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Rod Goodman</b>	01594 563817
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Barbara Fisher</b>	01989 770976
<b>Footpath Secretary:</b>	<b>Sheila Constable</b>	01452 831868
<b>Walks Coordinator:</b>	<b>Henry Burden</b>	01531 820354

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>

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

- Thursday July 5**                      **SO588086**                      **OL14**                      **7.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Dark Hill car park  
 Walk Dark Hill, Point Quarry, Flour Mill, Oakwood, Little Drybrook & Fetter Hill  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)
- Saturday July 7**                      **SO328164**                      **OL13**                      **12.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: NT Skirrid car park alongside B5421  
 The first part of the Beacons way as a circular walk. Crossing Ysgyryg Fawr following the Beacons Way to Llanvihangel Crucorney. Climb to Trawellwyd then return, crossing over Bryn Arw. Some great views on a clear day.  
 Strenuous with several steep climbs and descents on uneven ground  
 Two Coffee stops and Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Alan G (01594 810920)
- Thursday July 12**                      **SO591130**                      **OL13**                      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: **7:30** Meet: The Leaders House off A4136 at Edge End  
 A Minibus trip to Oxwich on the Gower. Walk the coastal path via Port-Eynon to Rhossili. Secluded beaches and stunning scenery on this rugged coastline. Return to Oxwich via public transport. Approx cost £10 per person for Minibus trip. Only one bus with a limited number of seats is available so **book with leader ASAP**  
 Sometimes steeply undulating on uneven surfaces  
 Drink stops. Picnic Lunch. Call in pub on way back as before  
 Leader: Alan G (01594 810920)
- Saturday July 14**                      **SO633233**                      **OL14**                      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park to East of Weston under Penyard Church  
 From Weston to Wigpool and return via Dancing Green  
 Moderate with one steepish climb                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Iain (07788 803807)
- Thursday July 19**                      **SO643069**                      **OL14**                      **6.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Nags Head Pub Yorkley Slade  
 Down hill then up hill (to the pub!)  
 Moderate with one steepish hill                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Cyril (01594 563650)
- Saturday July 21**                      **SO590175**                      **OL14**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: SCA Factory layby  
 Coldwell rocks, Coppet Hill, Baynams, Courtfield & Welsh Bicknor  
 Moderate - Long gradual climb to top of Coppet Hill                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Wednesday July 25**                      **SO292200**                      **OL13**                      **9.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: National Trust CP on left (West) of road from Pantygelli to Forest Coal Pit  
 To Bryn Arw and along ridge, Cwm Brynarw, Pantygelli, return via Sugar Loaf (summit optional)  
 Strenuous                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

- Saturday October 20**                      **SO623124**                      **OL14**                      **12.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park  
 A circuit of the Forest of Dean great ponds. 8 in total to visit with the Dean Heritage centre being one of them.  
 Strenuous                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Sunday October 28**                      **SO628095**                      **OL14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View Car Park  
 Circular Forest walk taking in Speech House, Crabtree Hill and Mallards Pike.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)
- Wednesday October 31**                      **SO600063**                      **OL14**                      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Oakwood Bottom off Bream to Sling Road  
 An easy walk via Little Drybrook, Dark Hill, Fetter Hill and Parkend Walk  
 Coffee break  
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)
- Friday November 2**                      **SO575102**  
**Forest of Dean Group AGM**  
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Catholic Church Hall, High Nash, Coleford                      Followed by a Bring and Share Supper

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**TAILOR-MADE GROUP WALKING HOLIDAYS**

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**Saturday September 22**      **SO530163**      **OL14**      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Ganarew near Church and Manor House  
 To King Arthur's Cave, Whitchurch and Llangrove  
 A moderate undulating walk      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

**Wednesday September 26**

**WALK LEADERS: Cut-off date for walks for the next programme**

**Thursday September 27**      **SO632019**      **OL14**      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Roadside, Mead Lane, Lydney  
 Walk Newerne, Driffield Farm, Highfield, Old Golf Course.  
 Easy to Moderate      Coffee stop only  
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

**Sunday September 30**      **SO659167**      **OL14**      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Meering Maend Car Park  
 A Classic Ramble from the Wilderness at Plump Hill to the top of May Hill and back.  
 Moderate      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Wednesday October 3**      **SO567129**      **OL14**      **4.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: CP opposite entrance to Christchurch Camp Site  
 A leisurely amble through Highmeadow Woods      Coffee stop only  
 Leader: Irene (01594 834811)

**Sunday October 7**      **SO576105**      **OL14**      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park - Main place end.  
 An Autumnal walk to Cannop Ponds and back without falling in.  
 Moderate      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday October 11**      **SO518136**      **OL14**      **9.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby at end of Dixton Road, Monmouth, by roundabout  
 Welsh Newton Common, Llangrove, Lewstone and Newton Court  
 Moderate      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

**Saturday October 13**      **SO218184**      **OL13**      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Crickhowell town centre opposite The Bear  
 From Crickhowell, a prolonged climb to Pen Cerrig Calch then to Pen Allt Mawr  
 A strenuous mountain walk      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

**Thursday October 18**      **SO536099**      **OL14**      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lower Redbrook car park  
 Newland and back.  
 Moderate with a gentle climb to Newland      Picnic lunch.  
 Leader: Cyril (01594 563650)

**Thursday July 26**      **SO594240**      **OL14**      **4.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilton Road Car Park  
 Choice of two walks. From Ross along the river up to Brampton Abbots Church where a choice  
 is offered of a return led by Joan via Townsend Farm and back along the river  
 OR continue with David to Hole in the Wall and back along the Wye Valley Walk. Both walks  
 will run - you choose 4 miles or 7 miles.  
 2 easy climbs and one extra on the longer option      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: David & Joan (01989 762022)

**Saturday July 28**      **SO663115**      **OL14**      **9.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaize Bailey Car Park, Sutton Bottom, Littledean to Soudley Road  
 A ramble taking in our leafleted walks from Blaize Baily to Mallards Pike and back.  
 Moderate      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Wednesday August 1**      **ST515922**      **OL14**      **6.0 Miles**  
 Time: **2:00** Meet: The New Inn, Pwllmeyric, on A48 approx 2 miles from Chepstow  
 A circular route taking in fields, lanes and woodland.  
 A leisurely walk      Coffee stop plus opportunity for pub refreshments at end  
 Leader: Megan (01291 622892)

**Saturday August 4**      **SO634018**      **OL14**      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:00** Meet: Lydney Train Station  
 Take 9.17am train to Cardiff, onward transfer to Cardiff Bay. Walk Cardiff Bay Trail. Heritage,  
 Barrage, Marinas, Taff Estuary, Wetlands, Waterfront Cafes. Fare £12.50 approx. Probable  
 return time at Lydney 17.58  
 A leisurely walk on hard surfaced tracks, shared cycleway. Can be shortened.      Picnic lunch .  
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

**Thursday August 9**      **SO692118**      **OL14**      **3.5 Miles**  
 Time: **6:30** Meet: Newnham Clock  
 Walk towards Broadoak, Morse's Grove, Hyde Farm  
 Moderate      Meal / snack at local pub at end  
 Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

**Sunday August 12**      **SN848171**      **OL13**      **12.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Taffarn-y-Garreg Pub Car Park on A406 (parking charge applies -  
 refundable)  
 From the pub climb up alongside the ridge on the Beacons Way to Llyn y Fan Fawr and Llyn y  
 Fan Fach. Ascend to the ridge and cross Fan Foel and Fan Brycheiniog. Follow ridgeline back  
 down to Pub  
 Steep climbs and descents. Uneven ground and exposed moorland  
 Two coffee stops Picnic lunch. Drink at pub on return.  
 Leader: Alan G (01594 810920)

- Wednesday August 15**                      **SO848258**                      **EXP179**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Red Lion, Wainlodes, off B4213 East of Haw Bridge  
 Taking in part of the Severn Way, Sandhurst, Sandhurst Hill and returning via Bishop's Norton  
 Generally moderate with one steepish climb                      Picnic lunch and pub at finish  
 Leader: Roger (01452 830454)
- Thursday August 16**                      **SO743336**                      **EXP190**                      **4.0 Miles**  
 Time: **6:00** Meet: Bromsberrow Church  
 Through the Bromsberrow Estate up to Howler Hill and back through the estate. Optional  
 refreshments/food at the Rose and Crown, Redmarley after the walk.  
 Two slow climbs and one short steep one                      Short stop on Howler Hill  
 Leader: David & Joan (01989 762022)
- Saturday August 18**                      **SO587204**                      **OL14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Walford Church  
 From Walford to Howle Hill and Kiln Green returning via Bishop's Wood  
 An undulating walk with one steep climb                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Iain (07788 803807)
- Wednesday August 22**                      **SO604157**                      **OL14**                      **4.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: CP 50yds along minor road opposite The Jovial Colliers, Lydbrook  
 From Lydbrook along old railway track to Mirystock to pick up the Wysis Way through  
 Sallowvallets Inclosure. Return via Hangerberry Enclosure.  
 Easy with some minor ascents                      Coffee stop only  
 Leader: Linda (01594 827692)
- Thursday August 23**                      **SO153337**                      **OL14**                      **9.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Main car park at Talgarth just off the roundabout on the A479  
 Walk from Talgarth to Bronllys Castle, Pontithel. Cross over the hill via Bradwys Wood to  
 Llanellieu Court and Chapel. Return via Rhos Fach and Pwll-y-Wrach Nature reserve and falls.  
 Optional Tea and Cakes at Mill cafe at end of walk.  
 Undulating with some moderate climbs, may be muddy in some areas                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Alan G (01594 810920)
- Saturday August 25**                      **SO270078**                      **OL13**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaenavon Community Woodland Car Park At Craig  
 A ramble from Blaenavon outskirts down to the Canal at Goytre Wharf and back.  
 A fair bit of down and up                      Picnic Lunch - with refreshment available at the Wharf  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday August 30**                      **SO465227**                      **EXP189**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Garway Common opposite The Moon pub  
 Garway Common, Garway Church, White Rocks, Garway Hill and return via Trolway  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

**Saturday September 1****WALK LEADERS: Please submit your walks for the next programme NOW!**

- Sunday September 2**                      **SO457203**                      **EXP189**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle Car Park  
 Three castles walk along River Monnow, Box Farm, White House Farm up to  
 Edmunds Tump. Down to Cross Ash to pick up the Three Castles Walk to Travellers Rest ruin  
 & return to Skenfrith.  
 Strenuous with some steep climbs                      Picnic Lunch (Pub or Tea Cafe on return)  
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)
- Thursday September 6**                      **SO837761**                      **EXP 218**                      **5.5 Miles**  
 Time: **9:45** Meet: Kidderminster Severn Valley Railway station. Keep right of station for CP.  
 Travel by train to Hampton Loade. Walk back to Highley (3 miles) or Arley as desired. Freedom  
 of Line ticket will be pre-booked at discount (£13.30 - need 15+ in party) which includes Engine  
 House admission. Members may travel all day, if they wish on train. **Ring Walk Leader to  
 book before 5/8/12.**  
 Generally level along River Severn                      Packed lunch or refreshments available on railway.  
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Sunday September 9**                      **SO232168**                      **OL13**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on South side of A40 at Glangrwyney opposite Army Camp  
 Along the Grwyne Fawr valley and climb to the summit of Sugar Loaf. Return via Cwm  
 Gwenffrwd.  
 A strenuous walk                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Irene (01594 834811)
- Thursday September 13**                      **SO865095**                      **OL179**                      **13.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Stamage's Lane Car Park Painswick alongside A46  
 Walk the Cotswold Way from Painswick to Haresfield Hill and the Beacon. Drop down into  
 valley through Standish Wood to Ryeford. Return along Stroudwater Canal and the Painswick  
 Valley.  
 An undulating walk with moderate climbs                      Coffee stop Picnic Lunch afternoon drink stop.  
 Leader: Alan G (01594 810920)
- Saturday September 15**                      **SO633025**                      **OL14**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:15** Meet: St. Mary's Church  
 Early start to walk via the boating lake to catch the 9:56am No 23 Bus to Newnham, there to  
 ramble back via the banks of the River Severn. Bring your bus pass.  
 Moderate                      Bring Picnic Lunch and afternoon tea if nice.  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday September 20**                      **SO229422**                      **EXP201**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Hay-on-Wye car park by information centre (fee payable)  
 A moderate walk taking in part of the Wye Valley Way, Hardwicke, Mousecastle Woods &  
 Cusop. Terrific views on a clear day.                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)