



FOREST of DEAN GROUP

PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1st July to 31st October 2015

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| <u>Day & Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Leaders</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
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| July | | | | | |
| Thursday 2 | 10:00 | 7.0 | Cinderford | Pete and John | 01594 826356 |
| Sunday 5 | 10:00 | 11.0 | Much Marcle | Gill | 01531 670864 |
| Tuesday 7 | 10:00 | 5.5 | Lydbrook | Peter | 01600 711558 |
| Thursday 9 | 9:15 | 8.0 | Monmouth | Iain | 07788 803807 |
| Sunday 12 | 10:00 | 9.5 | Brecon | Jenny | 07455 257262 |
| Tuesday 14 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Speech House | Mike I | 01594 562341 |
| Wednesday 15 | 7:00 | 4.0 | Yorkley | JackieH | 01594 564417 |
| Sunday 19 | 10:00 | 10.6 | Nailsworth | Roy & Anne | 01242 245488 |
| Tuesday 21 | 10:00 | 8.5 | St Arvans | JackieH | 01594 564417 |
| Sunday 26 | 9:30 | 14.0 | Notgrove | Margaret | 01594 530752 |
| Thursday 30 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Talybont on Usk | Mike I | 01594 562341 |
| August | | | | | |
| Sunday 2 | 10:00 | 12.0 | Abercarn | Malcolm & Sue | 01594 531227 |
| Tuesday 4 | 7:00 | 3.7 | Blaisdon | Bruce | 01452 760541 |
| Wednesday 5 | 9:00 | 10.0 | Monmouth | Iain | 07788 803807 |
| Thursday 6 | 6:30 | 4.5 | Soudley | Ronnie | 01594 845225 |
| Saturday 8 | 10:00 | 10.5 | Ludlow | Malcolm & Sue | 01594 531227 |
| Wednesday 12 | 10:00 | 9.0 | Woolaston | Pete and John | 01594 826356 |
| Sunday 16 | 10:00 | 11.0 | Cheltenham | Roy & Anne | 01242 245488 |
| Thursday 20 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Staunton | John & Anne | 01594 839353 |
| Sunday 23 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Bourton-on-the-Water | SteveJ | 01594 826805 |
| Thursday 27 | 10:00 | 9.0 | Tintern | Alan & Barbara | 01989 770976 |
| Saturday 29 | 10:00 | 9.0 | Soudley | Ronnie | 01594 845225 |
| September | | | | | |
| Thursday 3 | 8:45 | 9.0 | Monmouth | Iain | 07788 803807 |
| Sunday 6 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Skenfrith | John & Derek | 01452 790529-790532 |
| Tuesday 8 | 10:00 | 8.0 | Minsterworth | Bruce | 01452 760541 |
| Thursday 10 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Malvern | JackieH | 01594 564417 |
| Saturday 12 | 10:00 | 9.0 | Parkend | Ronnie | 01594 845225 |
| Wednesday 16 | 9:00 | 9.0 | Monmouth | Iain | 07788 803807 |
| Sunday 20 | 10:00 | 11.3 | Stroud | Roy & Anne | 01242 245488 |
| Thursday 24 | 10:00 | 11.0 | Talgarth | Maurice | 01594 835371 |
| Saturday 26 | 10:00 | 8.0 | English Bicknor | Ian | 01594 860904 |
| Tuesday 29 | 10:00 | 14.0 | Chepstow | Jenny | 07455 257262 |
| Wednesday 30 | 10:00 | 5.0 | Blakeney | Susan | 01594 843389 |
| October | | | | | |
| Sunday 4 | 10:00 | 12.6 | Winchcombe | Roy & Anne | 01242 245488 |
| Thursday 8 | 10:00 | 11.0 | Cwmcarn | John S | 01594 531096 |
| Sunday 11 | 10:00 | 11.0 | Skenfrith | Jenny | 07455 257262 |
| Tuesday 13 | 10:00 | 7.8 | Garway | Peter | 01600 711558 |
| Sunday 18 | 10:00 | 12.0 | Brockweir | Ronnie | 01594 845225 |
| Wednesday 21 | 10:00 | 5.0 | Coleford | Susan | 01594 843389 |
| Thursday 22 | 10:00 | 10.0 | Lydbrook | Iain | 07788 803807 |
| Saturday 24 | 10:00 | 7.7 | Pengenfordd | Mike I | 01594 562341 |
| Thursday 29 | 10:00 | 7.0 | Lydbrook | Alan & Barbara | 01989 770976 |

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

Thursday July 2 **SO650128** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Linear Park Car Park, Junction of B4227 and B4226,
 From car park to Staple Edge Bungalows, Bullocks Beech, Soudley Ponds, Abbotswood, Linear
 Park ponds and return. (Possible lunch at Heritage Centre)
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356)

Sunday July 5 **SO630347** **OS189** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park, just off the road. Parking is limited, so please car share if possible
 Ridge Hill, Rushall, Putley, Durlow Common and back along Marcle Ridge. Lovely views on a
 clear day. (Car park on Marcle Hill approximately 1 mile north of TV mast. Please use grid ref)
 Moderate BPL Leader: Gill (01531 670864)

Tuesday July 7 **SO590175** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: old SCA factory, Lower Lydbrook
 along the Wye, climb to Symonds Yat Rock, return via English Bicknor one stop, at Yat Rock
 where there is a café Moderate Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Thursday July 9 **SO519136** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:15** Meet: Dixton Church, Monmouth at 9.15 for car share to start.
 Walk starts at Llantilio Pertholey Church, (SO312163) at 10am. Walk Deri Ridge and Bryn Arw.
 Dogs welcome. Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

Sunday July 12 **SO989249** **OL12** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: A470 from Brecon, first lay-by on left after village of Libanus
 Footpaths through scenic woodland and valley of Cwm Llwh. Short lunch break and optional
 swim at Llyn Cwm Llwh then ascent at own pace to shoulder of Corn Du for second lunch
 break. Corn Du and Pen y Fan summits optional or sit and enjoy the panoramic views. Gentle
 descent via Pen Milan. Moderate Coffee break and two picnic lunch stops
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Tuesday July 14 **SO623124** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands CP
 To celebrate Bastille Day we will visit the sites of the former Trafalgar and Waterloo collieries
 as well as Woorgreens and the Linear Park .Moderate Picnic Lunch :
 Leader: Mike I (0159562341)

Wednesday July 15 **4 SO642069** **OL 14** **4.0 Miles**
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Oldcroft Road by Nags Head pub
 Start and finish at Nags Head pub (please park considerately on road) and maybe stop for a
 drink afterwards. A lovely walk into the woods. Have a drink with you but no formal stop.
 Easy Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday July 19 **ST844994** **OS 168** **10.6 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Small CP beyond Britannia Inn, Nailsworth.
 Walk from Nailsworth to Ledgemore Bottom, Tiltups End, Kingscote, Horsley, Ruskin Mill
 Fishponds.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

Sunday October 18 **SO537012** **OL/14** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Brockweir Bridge Lay-by
 Ramble along the Offa's Dyke path to Redbrook - Pint in the Boat perhaps and back along the
 Wye Valley Walk - Two steep ascents.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch at Redbrook Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday October 21 **SO613136** **OL 14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Forestry Commission Speculation Car Park B4234
 Mireystock; Trafalgar; Woorgreens
 Moderate Coffee/Tea only Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

Thursday October 22 **SO596169** **OL 14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lower Lydbrook riverside car park.
 Walk to Carterspiece, the Pludds, Ruardean, return via Lodgegrove Brook. Dogs welcome.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: (07788 803807)

Saturday October 24 **SO174297** **OL13** **7.7 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Dragon's Back Inn (formerly Castle Inn), Pengefnordd
 A sustained ascent up Macnamara's Road and along the horseshoe ridge to the summit of
 Waun Fach, finally descending the Dragon's Back on the last day of British Summer Time.
 Moderate Picnic Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Thursday October 29 **SO596170** **EX14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lower Lydbrook CP
 Exploring the interesting Industrial Archaeology and far reaching views of Lydbrook,
 Joy's green and Ruardean.
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989770976)

**Advance notice -AGM Friday 6 November at Coleford Cathoclic Church Hall -7pm for
 7.30pm. Followed by "bring and share" supper.**

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Saturday September 26 **SO581157** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: English Bicknor School Car Park
 Walk down Common Grove to river, below Coldwell Rocks, around to Symonds Yat East. Up to log cabin and toilets and back along above Coldwell Rocks to car park.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Tuesday September 29 **ST526944** **OL14** **14.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Chepstow Leisure Centre car park (please park at the far end) NP16 5LR
 A scenic walk overlooking the river Wye via the Giants Cave and Eagles Nest, crossing the river at Tintern, climbing to the Devils Pulpit and returning to Chepstow on Offas Dyke path.
 Moderate Coffee break and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Wednesday September 30 **SO670071** **OL 14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blakeney Recreation Ground parking away from village hall
 Along Blakeney and Soudley Gateway Path as far as Bradley House, return lower slopes of Bradley Hill, Ayleford and valley of Forge Brook.
 Moderate Coffee Break Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

Sunday October 4 **SP023284** **OL 45** **12.6 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Back Lane CP Winchcombe (Fee)
 Walk Langley Hill, Gretton, Stanley Pontlarge, Cockbury Butts, Postlip Mill, Corndean Farm, Humblebee, Waterhatch, Parks Farm, Sudeley Castle.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

Thursday October 8
Today I will be closing the walks programme, so its your last chance to put a walk on

Thursday October 8 **ST229937** **Ex. 152** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Cwmcarn Forest Drive Visitors Centre, off A467 then B4591 in Cwmcarn.
 An iron-age hill fort and ridge walk with good views of the Valleys. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371) Strenuous Picnic lunch. Leader: John S(01594 531096).

Sunday October 11 **SO456203** **OS189** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle free car park
 Circular Three Castles walk over Dawn of Day with wonderful views of the Brecon Beacons, Black Mountains, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.
 Moderate Coffee break and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Tuesday October 13 **SO466225** **EXP189** **7.8 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: east side of Garway Common (turn left coming from Broad Oak)
 to Garway Church and Garway Hill, return via White Rocks and Garway Court
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Tuesday July 21 **ST519963** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Piercefield Inn
 From St Arvans to Chepstow Park Wood, Black Cliff Wood to Eagle's Nest Lookout, picking up the Wye Valley Way on return to St Arvans. Walking through fields, on woodland trails and country lanes. Weather permitting some lovely views. Please consider patronising the pub afterwards. Moderate Coffee stop and BPL Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday July 26 **SP108202** **OL45** **14.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Village Car Park Notgrove
 Early start to car share to start at Barrow Wake. Â £2 car parking fee at Notgrove.
 Route to follow next stage of the Gloucestershire Way. Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Thursday July 30 **SO113229** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk
 Meet at Henderson Hall (donation for parking). Follow the gentle incline of the Brinore Tramway and Beacons Way then ascend to summit of Tor y Foel. Descend east side to return along the canalside. A 'Good Value' walk that achieves an iconic summit with, hopefully, splendid views, without getting very steep. Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Sunday August 2 **ST231935** **Exp 152** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre - Parking Fee Â£3
 Views of the Sirhowy and Ebbw rivers, the Severn Estuary in the south and the Brecon Beacons in the north. We start at Cwmcarn visitor centre and head to Mynydd Machen, Sirhowy Valley, Nant-y-draenog reservoir and returning to VC. End of walk refreshments at VC
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch. Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

Tuesday August 4 **SO703169** **OL14** **3.7 Miles**
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Red Hart, Blaisdon
 Walk skirts Flaxley and Boseley
 Moderate Drinks available in pub afterwards Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Wednesday August 5 **SO519136** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:00** Meet: Dixton Church at 9am for car share to start, Queenswood Country Park CP, (fee)
 Start walk at 10am from Queenswood Country Park (SO 506515) 7 miles north of Hereford on A49. Walk Dinmore Hill and Marches Way, Rivers, Lakes, Woods and churches. Dog welcome.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

Thursday August 6 **SO658103** **OL/14** **4.5 Miles**
 Time: **6:30** Meet: Soudley Village Hall
 Soudley ponds and other circular loops. ***** In the White Horse ?
 Moderate Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Saturday August 8 **SO498717** **EXP203** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Black Pool Car Park (Mortimer Forest)
 A walk along Mark Knoll Valley and taking in part of the Herefordshire Trail. A moderate walk with a couple of long steady hills. Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

Wednesday August 12 **ST588993** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woolaston Picnic Site on A48
 From Picnic Site to Woolaston Grange, Bank of Severn, Kerrin Lane, Nether End, Keysham Lane and Picnic site for lunch. Afternoon Knight's Farm, Woolaston Common, Home Farm, Gloucester Way and return. Could be muddy. Picnic Lunch plus coffee stops am and pm. Leisurely
 Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356)

Sunday August 16 **SO968169** **OS 179** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Seven Springs Layby (Opposite Pub)
 Walk Cotswold Way, Ravensgate Hill, Colgate, Ham Hill, Ham, Welling Hill, Balcarras, Ashgrove Farm, Timbercombe, Charlton Kings Common.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

Thursday August 20 **SO558122** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby 0.5m E of Staunton on A4136
 Staunton, Buckstone, Redbrook, Lodge's Farm, Newland, Scowles
 Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch Leader: John & Anne (01594 839353)

Sunday August 23 **SP167212** **OL45** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Bourton-on-the-Water Leisure Centre.
 Walk to Lower and Upper Slaughter and Naunton. Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)

Thursday August 27 **SO527001** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern Wireworks CP
 Angidy valley and its ancient industry, Fedw woods and return via Wye valley.
 Moderate Packed lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Saturday August 29 **SO663116** **OL/14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaize Bailey Car Park
 Soudley Circles but not the way I done them before.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch at Mallards Pike Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday September 3 **SO519136** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: **8:45** Meet: Dixton Church Monmouth, 8.45am for car share to start Ashford Carbonell Church.
 Walk starts 10am from Ashford Carbonell Church,(SO525710) 3 miles south of Ludlow, to Mary Knoll,the Teme Gorge,Ludlow and Tinker's Hill. Dogs welcome.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

Sunday September 6 **SO456203** **189** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle
 Three Castles. Moderate Packed lunch
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

Tuesday September 8 **SO628096**
It is now only 30 days till I close the next walks programme, so it time to get your walks in NOW.

Tuesday September 8 **SO773170** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Minsterworth Church Car Park [Â£1 fee]
 Walk towards Birdwood, returning via the different parts of Ley
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Thursday September 10 **SO763403** **190** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: British Camp car park (Â£3 charge)
 Into the valley to Colwall, over the railway, making our way to Sugar Hill and onto North Hill.Back over Worcestershire Beacon, Perseverance, Jubilee, Pinnacle and Black Hills.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Saturday September 12 **SO615079** **OL/14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Parkend near Cricket Ground
 A ramble to Mallards Pike, New fancy view point, Speech House lake, Cannop Ponds and Nagshead nature reserve
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday September 16 **SO519136** **OL 14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:00** Meet: Dixton Church Monmouth 9am for car share to start Rhos Fach Common (SO188333)
 Start walk from Rhos Fach Common,(from A479 take minor road past gliding club) climbing Cwm Cwnstab to Waun Fach and Pen Trumau, return via Castell Dinas. Dogs welcome.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

Sunday September 20 **SO852036** **OS 168** **11.3 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: CP on Rodborough Common
 Walk Houndscroft, Woodchester, Pen Hill, Stanley Wood, Leonard Stanley, Kings Stanley, Middleyard, Selsley Common, Lightpill, Rodborough Common.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

Thursday September 24 **SO152335** **OL 13** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Talgarth Car park (Just off roundabout at junction of A479 and B4560)
 From Talgarth to Pac wood/Parc-y-coed, Common Bychan, Mynydd Bychan, The Dragon's Back, Castell Dinas and back to Talgarth. Joint walk with John-S (01594 531096).
 Optional visit to Talgarth Mill after walk.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)