

FOREST of DEAN GROUP
PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 July 2017 to 31 October 2017

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
July					
Sunday 2	10:00	11.0	Monmouth	SteveJ	01594 826805
Tuesday 4	10:00	8.0	Newnham	Chris	01594 841247
Thursday 6	10:00	9.5	Cwm Gwdi	Mike I	01594 562341
Saturday 8	10:00	6.0	Skenfrith	Irene	01594 834811
Sunday 9	10:00	8.5	Christchurch	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 16	10:00	10.5	Llanfrynach	Sue M	07808150741
Thursday 20	9:40	12.5	Chepstow	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Saturday 22	10:00	10.0	Llangorse	JackieH	01594 564417
Tuesday 25	10:00	9.0	Leckhampton Hill	Bruce	01242 464027
Sunday 30	10:00	8.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225

August

Sunday 6	10:00	8.0	Colwall	John & Derek	01452 790529-790532
Tuesday 8	10:00	17.0	Llanbedr	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 13	10:00	11.5	Llanthony	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Tuesday 15	10:00	8.0	Rogerstone	Chris	01594 841247
Sunday 20	10:00	10.0	Bourbon on the Water	SteveJ	01594 826805
Thursday 24	10:00	7.6	Cannop	Peter	01600 711558
Tuesday 29	10:00	12.0	Machen	Sue S	01594 531227

September

Sunday 3	10:00	10.0	Pen-yr-heol	Sue M	07808150741
Tuesday 5	10:00	8.5	Ross-on-Wye	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 10	10:00	10.0	Story Arms	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 14	10:00	10.2	Redbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 17	10:00	8.0	Chepstow	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Thursday 21	10:00	9.3	Ross- on-Wye	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 24	10:00	12.0	Glangrwyney	JackieH	01594 564417
Tuesday 26	10:00	10.0	Yorkley	JackieH	01594 564417

October

Sunday 1	10:00	8.0	Worrall Hill	Ian	01594 860904
Thursday 5	10:00	8.5	Cefn-coed-y-cymmer	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 8	10:00	10.5	Trelleck	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 12	10:00	5.0	Mitcheldean	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 15	10:00	9.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 19	10:00	7.8	Garway	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 22	10:00	11.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 26	10:00	7.5	Nailsworth	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 29	10:00	8.0	Lydbrook	Ian	01594 860904

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 July 2 **SO509128** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Glendower Street Car Park
 From Monmouth to Troy Park, Penalt, Redbrook, Newland, Kymin and down to Monmouth
 Leader 01594 826805. Mobile 07826167718
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Picnic Lunch
 Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)

Tuesday July 4 **SO694120** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Riverside car park Newnham
 Walking along to Bullo Pill following the track up to Blaize Bailey and returning to Newnham via Little Hyde
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Packed Lunch
 Leader: Chris (01594 841247)

Thursday July 6 **SO024247** **OL13** **9.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Cwm Gwdi CP
 The four Central Beacons in the order Fan y BÃ@g, Cribyn, Corn Du, Pen y Fan. Also two great ridges and an interesting stream crossing. And, as it's my birthday, a 'senza pista' route up a steep hillside. And one kilometre of ascent.
 Strenuous Picnic then Bear Hotel, Crickhowell on the way home.
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Saturday July 8 **SO457202** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle
 Riverside, woodland and fields of the Monnow valley
 Moderate Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Irene (01594 834811)

Sunday July 9 **SO569129** **OL/14** **8.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park at Chrsichuch Campsite, Braceland Drive
 The best ever ramble, from Christchurch to Edge End (Carterspiece) to pickup the Wysis Way to the Bicknor Road and on into the Christchurch Forest to where we pickup the Wysis Way on the previous circular ramble, then back to the car park.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday July 16 **SO075257** **OL12** **10.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanfrynach village, parking by toilets opposite to church
 Fantastic mountain views as you climb towards Bryn, once on top Pen-y-fan, Corndu and Cribyn come into view for most of walk (weather permitting)
 Strenuous Coffee and Packed Lunch
 Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

Sunday October 22 **SO635033** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydney Bus Station - Car Parking Newerne Street/ Albert Street
 We shall catch the 10:05am Bus to Coleford - Angel Hotel then proceed to ramble back via Clearwell, Ellwood, Bream, Kidnalls.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday October 26 **ST845972** **Exp 168** **7.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Tiltups End, on verge near pub (on A46, 2 miles S of Nailsworth).
 Through villages once at the heart of the wool trade: Avening, Nailsworth and Horsley. Joint walk with Ian (01594 860904).
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Sunday October 29 **SO606153** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydbrook Band car park, 100 meters from minor road up to Worrall Hill
 Walk onto old Lydney to Lydbrook railway line then climb gradually through woodland to Hawsley, followed by Pludds, followed by Ruardean Hill then descending to Serridge Woods etc.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Lunch
 Leader: Ian (01594 860904)



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Tuesday September 26 **SO642069** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Outside Nags Head, Oldcroft Road (no parking on gravel area opposite pub) To Mallards Pike passed Danby Lodge then making our way to Bradley Hill via Blakeney Greenway, dropping to Furness Bottom then up to Viney Woodside before crossing fields (fine views across the Estuary weather permitting) on our way back to Oldcroft. One gradual and one (shortish) steep ascent.
 Moderate Coffee and BPL
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday October 1 **SO595145** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Carterspiece-just off Eastbach road on track to Carterspiece Farm. Walk through woodland, along old railway lines, fields and country roads.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Lunch
 Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Thursday October 5 **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, Pontsarn, and Morlais Hill; includes two viaducts and the oldest cast-iron railway bridge in the world. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 531096).
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Sunday October 8 **SO513057** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Unsigned (bridle way) car park Left at Lion Inn towards Maryland , along Greenway Lane, right onto Beacon Road and car park 100 yards on left. Wonderful views, ancient woodlands, Cleddon Falls, forest streams and standing stones.
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Thursday October 12 **SO655180** **OL 14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Parking area at bend of Mitcheldean / Drybrook road (known as top of Stenders) Plump Hill; Merring Meend;Edgehills and Haywood Plantations.
 Moderate Coffee break .
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

Sunday October 15 **SO624125** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park, near Speech House To Woorgreen Lake, then on to Linear Park and then to pick up the Wysis Way at Steam Mills, then following the Way to Speculation before returning to the Woodlands.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday October 19 **SO466225** **EXP189** **7.8 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: east side of Garway common (turn left coming from Broad Oak) Garway Court, Demesne Farm and White Rocks to Garway Hill. Back via Garway Church
 Moderate bring picnic lunch
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Thursday July 20 **ST534928** **OL14** **12.5 Miles**
 Time: **9:40** Meet: Free car park behind the Severn Bridge Social club in Bulwark. Note start time. We're catching a bus to Brockweir. The official walk starts at Tintern Station and ends at Mathern (we then walk back to our cars) where a well commemorates the site where Tewdrig's fatal wounds were washed and a church marks where he died. Find out more about Tewdrig by coming on the walk!
 Moderate Packed lunch. Bring change for bus.
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)

Saturday July 22 **SO129272** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park by public loos, Llangorse Lake Walk around edge of Llangorse Lake (can be marshy) before ascent to Allt yr Esgair then following a section of the Three Rivers Ride down to Bwlch. Ascent up and across Mynydd Llangorse, following the ridge (good views weather permitting) before returning to Llangorse Lake via country lanes.

Moderate Coffee and BPL
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Tuesday July 25 **SO951179** **Exp179** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park at top of Leckhampton Hill . Take Hartley Lane off B4070 to top. Coberley, Upper Coberley, Hartley Hill, Leckhampton Hill

Moderate Coffee & Picnic lunch
 Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)

Sunday July 30 **SO624125** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park, near Speech House Firstly taking the Gloucestershire Way towards Drybrook Road then proceeding to pick up the Wysis Way above Speculation and proceed along it to Carters Piece return via Sculpture Trail.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday August 6 **SO739423** **190 Explorer** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Colwall Church Colwall, Coddington, Vineyard & Wellington Heath. Return Frith Wood, Berrington Wood & Oyster Hill. Part of Herefordshire Trail.
 Moderate Packed Lunch
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

Tuesday August 8 **SO239203** **OL13** **17.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanbedr Church The classic walk ascending Table Mountain then Pen Cerrig Calch. We then follow the rim of the valley over Pen Allt Mawr, Pen Twyn Glas, Mynydd Llysiau, Waun Fach, Pen y Gadair Fawr and Crug Mawr before descending back to Llanbedr.
 Strenuous
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Sunday August 13 **SO288278** **SO288278** **11.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Llanthony car park
 The classic exhilarating circuit north of Llanthony. We begin by ascending to the Offa's Dyke path over Loxidge tump and then head northwest on the ridge, eventually descending to Capel y Ffin. We then ascend steeply for a while followed by a more gently climb to Bal Mawr, before heading back to Llanthony.
 Strenuous Bring a picnic lunch. With luck we'll get tea at Llanthony!
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)

Tuesday August 15 **ST279886** **OS152** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Fourteen Locks Visitors Centre off at J27(High Cross) M4 Newport
 Parking at canal centre free car park. Walking through Mescoed Mawr, Craig-y-Wenalit, to Pant-yr -Eos reservoir, back along the canal from Risca. Some lane walking.
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Packed lunch.
 Leader: Chris (01594 841247)

Sunday August 20 **SP167212** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Bourton on the Water Leisure Centre
 From Bourton to Lower Slaughter, Upper Slaughter and Naunton
 Leader. 01594826805
 Mobile 07826167718
 Moderate Coffee break and Picnic Lunch
 Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)

Thursday August 24 **SO614136** **OL14** **7.6 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speculation CP
 a walk across to Linear Park and back following paths shown to me by mountain bikers
 Easy Picnic lunch, perhaps at Beechenhurst
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Tuesday August 29 **ST214890** **152** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Machen Recreation Ground
 Starting from Machen we head up hill to join the Sirhowy Valley Walk and then the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk. Our final ascent is to Mynydd Machen and then a nice long descent.
 Strenuous Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)

Sunday September 3 **SO423121** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on right side of countrylane, by gate and bridleway sign.
 Rural Monmouthshire at its best, through farmland and orchards for far reaching views, some parts of Offas Dyke, Whitecastle (bring Cadw card if you have one) Llantillio's historic church plus the largest cider orchard in the EU (Whoops).
 Moderate Coffee and Packed Lunch
 Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

Tuesday September 5 **SO593240** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilton Road Car Park
 A circular walk up and through Penyard Park and then on to Weston-Under-Penyard and Rudhall and back to Ross.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday September 10 **SN988181** **OL12** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Meet: A470 then turn onto A4059 Hirwaun Rd, reservoir car park 50m on right
 Leisurely climb at own pace to summit of Fan Fawr (peak overlooking Pen y Fan), then undulating off-path across to the Beacons Way and the Taff Trail. Fabulous views and ascent and descent at a relaxed pace! Will change to a low level forest walk in the area IF high winds or inclement weather.
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Thursday September 14 **SO536099** **OL14** **10.2 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook CP on A466
 Penallt Old Church, Lydart Wood, Mitcheltroy Common, Cae'r Llan, Glanau and return around the South side of Penallt
 Moderate Bring picnic lunch. Possible drink at end
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Sunday September 17 **ST554960** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Diving Centre.We're asked to go left around quarry and park by top of zip wire.
 We begin at the Diving Centre, head across to Wintour's Leap, and then beneath the cliffs to the Lancaut Peninsula - where you can still see some of the medicinal plants grown by monks for a Leper colony. Dogs, as well as humans, may have problems crossing the stretch of large boulders (but it's fun!)
 Technical Picnic lunch. Cafe and toilets at Centre (end of walk)
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)

Thursday September 21 **SO598284** **OL14** **9.3 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Foy church CP or road
 A circuit of a large loop in the River Wye with ancient villages, churches and wooded banks, following parts of Wye Valley Walk and Herefordshire trail.
 Moderate Packed lunch
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Sunday September 24 **SO238164** **OL13** **12.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Glangrwyney Village Hall (£2 parking fee)
 Follow the Grwyne Fawr valley skirting the foot of the Sugar Loaf before ascending via Cwm Bwch. Sustained climb to the top of Sugar Loaf, taken at a pace to suit all, back via woods and country lanes.
 Moderate Coffee and BPL
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)