

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<b>July</b>					
Sunday 1	10:00	10.0	Abergavenny	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Sunday 8	10:00	10.0	Redbrook	SteveJ	01594 826805
Wednesday 11	10:00	8.0	Redbrook	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 15	10:00	7.5	Ellwood	Maurice	01594 835371
Tuesday 17	10:00	10.0	Yorkley Slad	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 22	10:00	10.0	Crickhowell	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 26	10:00	10.0	Goodrich	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 29	10:00	11.0	Westbury-on-Severn	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>August</b>					
Thursday 2	10:00	7.0	Sandhurst	Bruce	01242 464027
Sunday 5	10:00	5.0	Lydney	Susan	01594 843389
Tuesday 7	10:00	9.0	St. Briavels	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 16	10:00	11.0	Bwlch	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 19	10:00	10.0	Overbury	SteveJ	01594 826805
Thursday 23	10:00	10.5	Talybont on Usk	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Saturday 25	10:00	10.0	Abergavenny	Ronnie	01594 845225
<b>September</b>					
Saturday 1	10:00	10.5	Forest Coal Pit	JackieH	01594 564417
Wednesday 5	10:00	5.0	Tutshill	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 9	10:00	10.0	Huntley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 13	10:00	7.0	May Hill	Craig	01452830609
Sunday 16	10:00	10.5	Tibberton	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 20	10:00	8.3	Much Marcle	John & Derek	01452 79029-790532
Saturday 22	<b>2:00</b>	3.0	Yorkley	JackieH	01594 564417
Saturday 29	10:00	9.0	English Bicknor	Ian	01594 860904
Sunday 30	10:00	11.0	Bigsweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
<b>October</b>					
Thursday 4	10:00	8.5	Llangattock	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 7	10:00	11.0	Devauden	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Saturday 13	10:00	10.0	Queens Head pub	Ian	01594 860904
Thursday 18	10:00	7.5	Mitcheldean	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 21	10:00	12.5	Tintern	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 25	10:00	7.0	Leighwoods	John S	01594 531096
Saturday 27	10:00		Yorkley	JackieH	01594 564417



## FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

**1 July 2018 to 31 October 2018**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Peter Robins</b>	01600 715719
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jackie Huck</b>	01594 564417
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ronnie Walker</b>	01594 845225
<b>Walks Coordinator:</b>	<b>Ian Walding</b>	01594 860904
<b>Footpath Secretary:</b>	<b>John Baker</b>	
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Lynn Stockley</b>	01291 689954

Members of the committee can also be contacted via the website ( [fodramblers.org.uk/contact/](http://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 1** **SO291152** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Park at upper end Chapel Lane  
 A summer stroll around the slopes of the Sugar Loaf with one ascent at a gentle pace to enjoy the panoramic views at the trig point.  
 Moderate Morning break and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Sunday July 8** **SO536100** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Car Park  
 Up, up and up some more. Along down and across.  
 Through, through and through some more. Up, over and across.  
 Along, along and along some more, down and up to the cross.  
 Down, down and down some more, along, through and across.  
 Moderate Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)
- Wednesday July 11** **SO536099** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook FC Car Park  
 Penallt old church and old industry of Whitebrook valley. Returning by River Wye.  
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Sunday July 15** **SO588086** **OL14** **7.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Dark Hill F.C. car park.  
 Walk to Dark Hill Iron Works, Point Quarry, Flour Mill, Oakwood, Little Drybrook and Fetter Hill.  
 Moderate Picnic Lunch. Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)
- Tuesday July 17** **SO642069** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Nags Head, Oldcroft Road, Yorkley (no parking on gravel section by pub)  
 Via Denby Lodge to Mallards Pike, along the Greenway to Bradley Hill before descending to Furnace Bottom via Blakeney Hill. On country lanes to Viney Woodside then on up to open fields for good views across to the Severn before returning to Yorkley Slad.  
 Moderate Coffee and BPL Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)
- Sunday July 22** **SO216185** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Crickhowell High School  
 Gentle ascent to three Pens, Pen Gloch-y-pibwr, Pen Alt-mawr and Pen Cerrig-calch then returning via Table Mountain with a drink at the Bear (optional).  
 Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Thursday July 26** **SO576197** **OL 14** **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Goodrich Castle car park (£1 charge) or considerate parking on road up to Castle  
 If you've ever been on Symonds Yat and tried to understand what on earth the river is doing - this is the walk for you. We'll see close up the extreme meander the Wye takes below the rock, and cross its narrow neck to the Yat itself. Beautiful views of the countryside and some lovely riverside walking.  
 Moderate Bring drinks and packed lunch Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)



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**Thursday October 25**                      **ST553740**                      **Exp 155**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Leigh Woods car park; take narrow road on left off A369 Portishead-Bristol road.  
 Follow Avon river bank to floating harbour, returning through Clifton to cross suspension bridge back to start. Much of historic interest to see. Co-leader: Ian (01594 860904)  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch.                      Leader: John S (01594 531096)

**Saturday October 27**                      **SO639070**                      **OL14**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Yorkley Community Centre  
 A weekend of navigation skills led by Mike Ingleby. Saturday 27th October will be a theory day based at Yorkley Community Centre followed by practical sessions on Cleeve Hill. Max of 8 places so **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Full details will be sent directly to participants  
 Easy                      BPL                      Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

**Sunday July 29**                      **SO718139**                      **OL/14**                      **11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Westbury-on-Severn Water Gardens Lay-by  
 A stroll along the banks on the Severn all the way to Severn Bore and back.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday August 2**                      **SO827233**                      **EX179**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: St Lawrence Church Car Park, Sandhurst (fee payable)  
 Walk along the river [Severn Way] to Wainlode, Norton Hill, Sandhurst Hill  
 Moderate                      Coffee & Picnic lunch                      Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)

**Sunday August 5**                      **SO632032**                      **OL14**                      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Car Park off Bream Road Lydney behind Library  
 NewMills ,TenAcre Wood, Kidnalls,Upper and Middle Forges.  
 Moderate                      Coffee/Tea stop                      Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

**Tuesday August 7**                      **SO558045**                      **OL/14**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: St. Briavels Castle  
 Stroll to Mork and round towards Clanna and back via the wind turbine.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday August 16**                      **SO160224**                      **OL13**                      **11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Bwlch (small car park just passed cattle grid)  
 A circuit up and over Mynydd Llangorse to Mynydd Troed and back. Some 2700ft of ascent to be taken at a considerate pace for all to enjoy the views (weather permitting). In adverse weather a lower route will be taken.  
 Moderate                      Coffee and BPL                      Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

**Sunday August 19**                      **SO958374**                      **190**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Meet by the Church in Overbury  
 From Overbury walk along lower slopes of Bredon Hill, passing through Conderton and Grafton to Ashton under Hill. Climb Bredon Hill to Banbury Stone Tower. Descend through the Warren to Bredon's Norton. Return along lower slopes passing through Westmancote and Kemerton.  
 Moderate                      Coffee and Picnic Lunch                      Leader: SteveJ (01594 826805)

**Thursday August 23**                      **SO099197**                      **OL12**                      **10.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Parking area on west bank of Talybont reservoir  
 This is a beautiful mountain walk in the Pen y Fan group - but without the crowds! The hardest part is the initial ascent to Waun Rydd. After that we descend gently along a broad ridge with fantastic views, to Bryn, and then there is steep descent back to the reservoir.  
 Strenuous                      Plenty to drink and packed lunch                      Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

**Saturday August 25**                      **SO263107**                      **OL/13**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Fox Hunter Car Park  
 A ramble to the Blorenge, then down to Punch Bowl, round to Keeper's Pond, Over to the Pub, and back to Fox Hunter's Car Park  
 Strenuous                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

- Saturday September 1**                      **SO292200**                      **OL13**                      **10.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Fro car park (limited spaces so car share where possible)  
 First ascent straight up to the summit using quieter paths to be taken at a sensible pace. Then down through St Mary's Vale before crossing to The Derri for the second ascent and traverse back to the start. Mixed terrain underfoot with some stiles. Lower route if weather poor on the day which would shorten the walk.  
 Moderate                      Coffee and BPL                      Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)
- Wednesday September 5**                      **ST558992**                      **OL 14**                      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: The Park car park off B4228 St. Briavels/Tutshill rd.  
 Walk Poor's Allotment; Ashwell Grove; Parson's Allotment and The Park.  
 Moderate                      Coffee break                      Leader: Susan (01594 843389)
- Sunday September 9**                      **SO714196**                      **OL/14**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Huntley Church  
 Ramble to Huntley, Mote Barn to pick up Wysis Way up and over May Hill. Then from Barrel Lane, Longhope back via Longhope, Huntley hill.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday September 13**                      **SO708206**                      **OL14**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: May Hill village hall  
 From village hall gaining height to of May Hill, weather permitting. The on over fields to Aston Ingham and Clifford's Mesne. Then back through woodland to Glasshouse and return to village hall.  
 Moderate                      Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Craig (01452830609)
- Sunday September 16**                      **SO772221**                      **OL/14**                      **10.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Barber's Bridge Tibberton  
 The route takes us to Alney Island, Gloucester to pick up the Wysis Way back to Barber's Bridge.  
 Moderate                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday September 20**                      **SO657328**                      **OS Exp. 189**                      **8.3 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: St Bartholomews Church off B4024 -Nr. Post Code HR8 2NF  
 Walk to N end of Marcle Ridge & take Herefordshire Trail & Three Choirs Way with views of Malverns & return to church  
 Moderate                      Packed Lunch                      Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)
- Saturday September 22**                      **SO639070**                      **OL14**                      **3.0 Miles**  
 Time: **2:00**      Meet: Yorkley Community Centre  
 As part of our 40th year of walking as FoDR, a short walk in the Forest will precede an afternoon of nostalgia, tea and cakes.  
 Easy                      Drink for the walk                      Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

- Saturday September 29**                      **SO581157**                      **OL14**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: English Bicknor School car park  
 Through fields, woodland, to Lydbrook valley, up onto old railway and tramway. Climbing towards Edge End, then to Berry Hill and Hillersland. Finally via lanes and farmyard to start point.  
 Moderate                      Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ian (01594 860904)
- Sunday September 30**                      **SO543055**                      **OL 14**                      **11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Bigsweir woods car park. Short uphill and left on Bigsweir to Mork road.  
 A lovely walk through oak woodland and along the tops of the Wye Valley. We then turn forestwards to visit the Cathedral of the Forest, returning via the "Secret Valley" and ancient tracks which were in use at the time of the Domesday book.  
 Moderate                      Bring drinks and packed lunch                      Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)
- Thursday October 4**                      **SO212177**                      **OL13**                      **8.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: By playing fields in Park Drive, opposite Horseshoe Inn, Llangatock village  
 Monmouth & Brecon Canal, Lonely Shepherd, Brynmawr Tramroad and Craig y Cilau Nature Reserve. Co-leader: Maurice (01594531096)  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: John S (01594 531096)
- Sunday October 7**                      **ST468977**                      **OL14**                      **11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Wern y Cwm car park (20 mins from Monmouth)  
 A spectacular but hilly wander at a moderate pace 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                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Saturday October 13**                      **SO310221**                      **OL13**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Park on left just past Queens Head pub. ( Â£2 per car for parking)  
 From Queens Head make our way to Partishow via Gear, then up to Crug Mawr down to Pont Cadwgan. Then head back to start around Garn Wen.  
 Moderate                      Coffee Stop and Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ian (01594 860904)
- Thursday October 18**                      **SO655180**                      **OL14**                      **7.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Layby on sharp bend on Mitcheldean to Drybrook Road (top of Stenders).  
 Hope Mansell Valley, a former gold mine (now a light railway) and iron mines on Wigpool Common. Co-leader: Maurice (01594 835371)  
 Moderate                      Picnic lunch                      Leader: John S (01594 531096)
- Sunday October 21**                      **SO527001**                      **OL/14**                      **12.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00      Meet: Wire Works car park, Tintern  
 To end another summer rambling down the Wye to Chepstow via the Wye Valley Walk and back via the Offa's Dyke Path. Lots of up and down on this long ramble.  
 Strenuous                      Picnic Lunch                      Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)