

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
November					
Wednesday 7	10:00	5.5	Kings Caple	David P	01432 860208
Sunday 11	10:00	9.0	Woolhope	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Wednesday 14	10:00	5.0	Lower Lydbrook	Irene	01594 834811
Wednesday 21	10:00	6.0	Newent	Roger	01452 830454
Thursday 29	10:00	7.0	Mitcheldean	Bruce	01452 760541
December					
Sunday 2	10:00	8.0	Hewelsfield	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Thursday 6	10:00	6.5	Garway	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Saturday 8	10:00	4.5	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 12	10:00	5.0	Speech House	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 22	10:30	6.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Saturday 29	10:00	8.5	Abergavenny	Sheila	01452 831868
January					
Tuesday 1	10:30	4.0	Speech House	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 6	10:00	8.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 9	10:00	8.0	St Briavels	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 13	10:00	9.0	Castlemorton	Peter	01600 711558
Thursday 17	10:00	8.0	Rudford	John & Derek	01452 790529/790532
Wednesday 23	10:00	7.5	Hoarwithy	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 27	10:00	5.0	St Briavels	Margaret	01594 530752
Wednesday 30	10:00	5.8	Ross-on-Wye	David P	01432 860208
February					
Saturday 2	10:00	4.5	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 7	10:00	4.5	Ruardean	David & Joan	01989 762022
Sunday 10	10:00	4.0	Speech House.	Rod	01594 563817
Thursday 14	10:00	8.0	Tibberton	Bruce	01452 760541
Thursday 21	10:00	8.0	Bream	Cyril	01594 563650
Saturday 23	10:00	8.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 26	10:00	4.5	May Hill Village	Sheila	01452 831868
Thursday 28	10:00	7.0	Redbrook	Peter	01600 711558

FOREST of DEAN GROUP

PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 November 2012 to 28 February 2013

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

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

Friday November 2
AGM**SO575102**

Followed by a Bring and Share Supper
Time: **7:00** Meet: Catholic Church Hall, High Nash, Coleford

Wednesday November 7**SO559288****EXP189****5.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Kings Caple Church
Park on grass verge by Kings Caple Church for 5.5 mile easy walk via Wye river bank visiting Sellack and Hoarwithy.

Easy walk - mostly flat
Leader: David P (01432 860208)

Coffee break only

Sunday November 11**SO611358****EXP189****9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Woolhope village hall car park
Rolling hills, woodland and valleys. Walking along part of the Herefordshire Trail and the Wye Valley Walk.

Gentle hills
Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

Picnic Lunch. Pub at end of walk.

Wednesday November 14**SO590175****OL14****5.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Lay-by at old SCA factory on Lower Lydbrook to English Bicknor road
Via Welsh Bicknor to Coppet Hill and return along River Wye

Moderate with an initial steady climb
Leader: Irene (01594 834811)

Coffee break only

Wednesday November 21**SO699253****OL14****6.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Briery Hill Lane off B4221 opposite the Kilcot Inn
Briery Hill to the Oxenhall Canal and return via the site of disused Newent Coal Field

Easy to moderate with one gentle hill climb
Leader: Roger (01452 830454)

Picnic lunch

Thursday November 29**SO658169****OL14****7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park at top of Plump Hill on N side of A 4136
Circular via Abenhall, Longhope, Upper Boxbush, Bradley Court, Mitcheldean and Wilderness.

Moderate with one more strenuous long steep climb
Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Picnic Lunch

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Thursday February 14 **SO752226** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park at Taynton & Tibberton Village Hall
 Circular via Highleadon, Kents Green and Taynton
 Moderate walk Picnic lunch
 Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Thursday February 21 **SO605060** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Bream Community Centre c/p. centre of Bream.
 Around the Bream and Sling area.
 Moderate with several gentle hills. Picnic lunch.
 Leader: Cyril (01594 563650)

Saturday February 23 **SO659169** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilderness Car Park, Plump Hill
 A ramble down the Gloucestershire Way to Beechenhurst and return
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday February 26 **SO708206** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: May Hill Village Hall
 Walk May Hill through woods and over hill.
 All welcome to Rose Villa for home made soup and bread. Advanced idea of numbers for soup will be helpful.
 An easy to moderate climb Coffee break only
 Leader: Sheila (01452 831868)

Thursday February 28 **SO536099** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: On A466 by Redbrook car park
 Out on Offas' Dyke path then back along the river on the Welsh side.
 Moderate - easy after initial steep climb Picnic lunch. Optional pub stop at end of walk.
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Thursday February 28 **SO619062** **OL14**
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Miner's Arms, Whitecroft
 Another (but easier) quiz requiring you to bring a pen and what passes for a sense of humour.
 Booking essential - by 19 February to Henry to allow ordering of food.
 Hot Buffet at approx £8 per head
 Leader: Henry (01531 820354)

Sunday December 2 **SO564008** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on B4228 South of Hewelsfield Crossroads
 Via Oakhill Wood to Brockweir, Tintern and Devils Pulpit
 Some Steady Hills Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

Thursday December 6 **SO466226** **EXP189** **6.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: East side of Garway Common near to Moon PH
 Southwell Court, Daren Wood, River Monnow and return via Garway Court
 Moderate with one fairly steep ascent and descent
 Picnic lunch and pub at end
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Saturday December 8 **SO663116** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaize Bailey Car Park
 A short ramble around the Bailey. Back for a trip to the White Horse for refreshments.
 Moderate
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday December 12 **SO628095** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View car park
 From New Fancy to Parkend Church and return via Mallards Pike
 An easy morning walk. Coffee stop only
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Saturday December 22 **SO623124** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: **10:30** Meet: Speech House Woodlands Car Park on B4226
 Forest Walk from Speech House to the Staple Edge Cottages and return via Mallards Pike
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Saturday December 29 **SO282153** **OL13** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lamb and Flag PH, Abergavenny (A40 1/2 mile past hospital)
 Parking by kind permission of PH
 To top of Sugar Loaf on east side via Deri. Views all the way but steady long steep climb to top.
 If weather bad walk goes ahead on lower slope tracks.
 A strenuous walk but on good paths. Picnic lunch. Drinks & food available in pub after walk.
 Leader: Sheila (01452 831868)

Tuesday January 1**WALK LEADERS: Please submit your walks for the next programme NOW!**

Tuesday January 1 **SO624125** **OL14** **4.0 Miles**Time: **10:30** Meet: Speech House CP
Forest stroll following Gloucestershire and Wysis Ways
Easy Coffee Break only
Leader: Peter (01600 711558)**Sunday January 6** **SO608108** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Meet at Car Park on B4234 opposite Cannop Ponds
A forest ramble
Moderate Picnic lunch
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)**Wednesday January 9** **SO558045** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Wye Valley side of St Briavels Castle
Cross St Briavels Common down to Brockweir, then follow the Wye to Bigsweir, before the final climb back to St Briavels
Moderate with one steepish climb back to St Briavels Picnic lunch
Leader: John S (01594 531096)**Sunday January 13** **SO765382** **OL190** **9.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Swinyard Hill car park (pay) on Castlemorton Common
Walk to Worcestershire Beacon over every peak in the ridge, return along the ridge but avoiding climbing as far as possible.
Strenuous Picnic lunch
Leader: Peter (01600 711558)**Thursday January 17** **SO773222** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Barbers Bridge
Walk around Tibberton, Highnam RSPB, Rudford & River Leadon including part of Wysis Way
Easy with no real climbs Picnic Lunch
Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)**Wednesday January 23** **SO575318** **EXP189** **7.5 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Ballingham Village Hall CP
A circular walk around the Ballingham/Carey loop of the River Wye AONB and the hills above.
Moderate with 2 fairly long climbs Picnic lunch
Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Wednesday January 23
WALK LEADERS: Cut-off date for walks for the next programme

Sunday January 27 **SO558045** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: St Briavels Castle Tump
Walk from St Briavels, Hewelsfield and Clanna returning via Wilsbury.
Moderate Coffee stop only, possible pub stop at end.
Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)**Wednesday January 30** **SO594239** **EXP189** **5.8 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilton Road Carpark: Ross-on-Wye
A gentle walk via Peterstow and Bridstow, mainly on lanes and some undulating country
Easy Coffee stop only
Leader: David P (01432 860208)**Saturday February 2** **SO623124** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands Car Park on B4226
Anti-clockwise round the sculpture trail.
Easy Coffee break only
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)**Thursday February 7** **SO624177** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Ruardean Village Hall
Through Ruardean, up to the Pludds, to Ruardean Woodside and back via Ruardean Hill
A leisurely morning walk Coffee stop only
Leader: David & Joan (01989 762022)**Sunday February 10** **SO624125** **OL14** **4.0 Miles**Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woods Car Park.
Down around the Arboretum, Boy's Grave, Cannop, Beechenhurst
Easy Possible coffee at Beechenhurst
Leader: Rod (01594 563817)