

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October					
Thursday 31	10:00	9.5	Blakeney	Mike I	01594 562341
November					
Saturday 2	9:30	5.0	Lydney	Susan	01594 843389
Wednesday 6	10:00	5.5	Blaisdon	Roger	01452 830454
Saturday 9	10:00	10.0	Tibberton	Gill	01452 790483
Thursday 14	10:00	8.0	Lydney	Chris & Adrian	01594 841247
Sunday 17	9:30	10.0	Mitcheldean	Margaret	01594 530752
Tuesday 19	10:00	7.5	Mathon	Bruce	01452 760541
Thursday 21	10:00	5.5	Lydney	John S	01594 531096
Saturday 23	10:00	6.0	Tintern	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 28	10:00	5.0	Clydach	John S	01594 531096
December					
Tuesday 3	10:00	6.5	Westbury on Severn	Alec	01594 825226
Sunday 8	10:00	7.0	Chepstow	Susan	01594 843389
Tuesday 10	10:00	7.0	Redbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 14	10:00	6.0	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 22	10:00	8.0	Newnham	Ronnie	01594 845225
Saturday 28	10:00	8.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
January					
Wednesday 1	10:00	5.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 5	10:00	5.0	Parkend	Rod	01594 563817
Tuesday 7	10:00	5.5	Blaisdon	Sheila	01452 831868
Sunday 12	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 16	10:00	9.0	Grosmont	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Saturday 18	10:00	7.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 28	10:00	4.5	Speech House	Rod	01594 563817
February					
Sunday 2	10:00	8.0	Newent	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 4	10:00	5.5	Lydbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 9	10:00	7.5	Mitcheldean	Maurice	01594 835371
Thursday 13	10:00	7.0	Westbury on Severn	Bruce	01452 760541
Saturday 15	10:00	8.0	Beechenhurst,	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 20	10:00	9.5	Blakeney	Mike I	01594 562341
Sunday 23	10:00	10.0	Stroud	John & Derek	01452 790529 01452 790532
Wednesday 26	10:00	7.5	Redbrook	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976

FOREST of DEAN GROUP

PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

31 October 2013 to 28 February 2014

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

Thursday October 31 **SO655080** **OL14** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wenchford Picnic Area
 Asymmetric figure of 8 walk via Viney Hill (twice) then Moseley Green, New Fancy, Mallard's Pike
 Moderate with two ascents of Viney Hill Picnic lunch
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Friday November 1
We have booked the Conrah Hotel near Aberystwyth for the Group Spring Holiday starting Sunday 6th April, leaving Thu 10th April 2014. The 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast plus packed lunch is Â£410 for 2 people sharing a room. Singles and 3 night options are available. Contact June on 01531 820354.

Saturday November 2 **SO635030** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Swan Road Car Park Lydney (free)
 Walk to Lydney Bus Station, catch 9.59a.m 23 Coleford bus. Alight at Mill Hill nr Bream. Walk Parkhill Inclosure, Saunders Green, Norchard Wood, Lydney.
 NB In the event of any change to bus availability leader reserves right to organise car share.
 Easy with two Stiles Coffee break only
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

Wednesday November 6 **SO703172** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blaisdon Church
 Blaisdon to Ley and Nottwood Hill. Superb views, weather permitting.
 Easy with one steady climb Coffee break only
 Leader: Roger (01452 830454)

Saturday November 9 **SO772221** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Barbers Bridge, on old road, just off B4215.
 Rudford, Taynton, Bulley, Rundleshill.
 Moderate: mostly level, with a little climbing. Picnic lunch
 Leader: Gill (01452 790483)

Thursday November 14 **SO637025** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydney Boating Lake.
 Note: No access to meeting point from bypass - Approach from town bus station road Aylburton Common through to Brockholland, back to Lydney
 Moderate with one gradual climb Picnic lunch
 Leader: Chris & Adrian (01594 841247)

Thursday February 20 **SO655080** **OL14** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wenchford Picnic Area
 Via Mallard's Pike, Staple-edge, Soudley, Blaize Bailey and Soudley (again)
 Moderate with two stiles Picnic lunch
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

Sunday February 23 **SO864028** **EXP168** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lay By on A419 in Thrupp (on L going from Stroud)
 The Heavens, The Horns, Middle Lypiatt, Bisley, Toadsmoor & return via Stroudwater Canal
 Moderate with some climbs Picnic lunch / pub in Bisley
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

Wednesday February 26 **SO536099** **OL14** **7.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Football Club CP
 Circular walk to Newland & Wyegate Green
 2 steady climbs Picnic lunch
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

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Tuesday January 28 **SO624125** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands CP
 Through the Arboretum, Boy's Grave, Cannop, Beechenhurst and back to Speech House Woods.
 Easy walk with just a couple of steady climbs Coffee break only
 Leader: Rod (01594 563817)

Sunday February 2 **SO722260** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Newent Broad Street Car Park
 A ramble to towards Staunton and back. Fields with plenty of mud.
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday February 4 **SO590175** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby at old SCA factory, Lower Lydbrook
 Welsh Bicknor, over Coppet Hill, back along the Wye
 Fairly easy for a walk with 'hill' in the title Coffee break only
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Friday February 7
WALK LEADERS: Cut-off date for walks for the next programme.

Sunday February 9 **SO656180** **OL14** **7.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Parking areas top of Stender Hill on Drybrook to Mitcheldean road.
 Walk Hope Mansell, Lea Bailey, and Wigpool iron mine,(including a WW2 "cinema") with extensive views.
 A hilly walk on field paths, tracks, and lanes; can be muddy Picnic lunch
 Leader: Maurice (01594 835371)

Thursday February 13 **SO719139** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Westbury on Severn lay-by on A48 by Water Gardens
 Flaxley, Pope's Hill, Broadoak
 A moderate walk with two climbs & electric fences Picnic lunch
 Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Saturday February 15 **SO612135** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speculation Car Park
 A Winter Walk in search of the deer, and local quarries of the Forest of Dean.
 Moderate Picnic lunch.
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday November 17 **SO658169** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Plump Hill Car Park for car shuttle to Mill Hill Bream.
 A linear walk through the Forest following the next stage of the Gloucestershire Way.
 Moderate and undulating. Picnic lunch
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Tuesday November 19 **SO734458** **EXP190** **7.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park opposite Mathon Church, fee Â£1 / car
 A circular walk taking in Mathon, Cradley and the open countryside
 Moderate with a few short climbs Picnic lunch
 Leader: Bruce (01452 760541)

Thursday November 21 **SO629042** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Norchard station car park (courtesy of DFR).
 Walk 2 from 'Exploring Historic Dean' to celebrate the completion of our new footbridge which replaces the closed stone bridge. Joint walk with Alan Fisher.
 Moderate with one initial climb. Coffee break only.
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Saturday November 23 **SO527001** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern Wire Works Free Car Park
 This ramble takes in the Old Railway Station, Brockweir, Beeches Farm, Miss Graces Lane and the the Devil's Pulpit before descending back into Tintern.
 Moderate to strenuous Coffee break only
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday November 28 **SO231135** **OL13** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Clydach picnic site (past barrier), just off A465
 Industrial archaeology of the Clydach Gorge, plus a nature reserve and good views. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371)
 Initial climb, then generally level before final descent to carpark Coffee stop only
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Tuesday December 3 **SO718139** **OL14** **6.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby in front of Dutch Garden, Westbury on Severn on A48
 A circular, mainly level walk to Gatwick, Cowley Elm, Blue Boys Farm, Strand, Severn Mill and back to start. The Red Lion will be open at the end.
 An easy walk with a few stiles, mostly across fields or lanes. Picnic lunch
 Leader: Alec (01594 825226)

Sunday December 8 **ST536942** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Chepstow Castle TIC car park
 Wales Coast Path via Hardwick, Warren Slade (sculptures) Park Redding, Mathern Church and return via Chepstow Castle Dell.
 Includes Streets and Footpaths of Chepstow's Heritage Trail.
 Undulating urban tarmac paths but also fields and stiles. Picnic lunch
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

Tuesday December 10 **SO536099** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook car park
 Up to the Kymyn, across the railway bridge in Monmouth, then up via Troy Farm to Penallt old church and down to the Wye
 Moderate with 2 climbs Picnic lunch; possible drink at end
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Saturday December 14 **SO658103** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Soudley Village Hall
 Towards Blakeney via the Blaize Bailey ridge and Two Bridges and back in time for lunch at Soudley
 Moderate Coffee break only
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday December 22 **SO691119** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Newnham Clock Tower
 Shortest day ramble to Ley Park and back
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Saturday December 28 **SO659170** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wilderness Car Park
 Ramble down to Mitcheldean and then across towards Cinderford before completing the circuit back to the Wilderness
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday January 1 **SO624125** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands CP
 A new year ramble in the woods of Beechenhurst, Cannop Ridge, New Fancy View and the Spruce Ride Woods.
 Easy Coffee break only
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday January 5 **SO607099** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lay-by opposite Cannop Stone Works on B4234
 Farmers Green, Parkend, Bream, Parkend Walk, Nagshead Reserve and return to Cannop
 Fairly easy with a couple of gentle climbs Coffee stop only but pub at end if required.
 Leader: Rod (01594 563817)

Tuesday January 7 **SO703169** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Red Hart at Blaisdon CP courtesy of Landlord
 Morning Walk via Flaxley Woods and Pudding Hill return to optional lunch or drinks at Pub.
 Some easy uphill and one short steep down Coffee break only
 Leader: Sheila (01452 831868)

Tuesday January 7
WALK LEADERS: Please submit your walks for the next programme NOW!

Sunday January 12 **SO576105** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park
 Coleford towards Lybrook and Five Acres
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday January 16 **SO419256** **EXP189** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: car parking in front of Kentchurch church
 Kentchurch, Bagwyllydiart, Garway Hill, White Rocks & return.
 One of the easier climbs of Garway hill Picnic lunch
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Saturday January 18 **SO647014** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydney Docks
 Ramble up the hill to see Primroses and back thru Lydney town.
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday January 22 **SO575102** **OL14**
 Time: **7:00** Meet: Catholic Church Hall, High Nash, Coleford
 Bill Chase, Walks Coordinator from HF Brecon, will give us a presentation on the history of HF and what they currently offer. There will then be plenty of time for a sociable chat.
 Bring and share supper. Free wine!
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)