

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<b>November</b>					
Saturday 1	10:00	8.0	Tintern	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 5	10:00	10.0	Newent	Roger	01452 830454
Sunday 9	10:00	10.0	Arlingham	John& Derek	01452 790529-790532
Thursday 13	10:00	6.0	Parkend	Margaret	01594 530752
Saturday 15	10:00	4.5	Speech House	Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 16	<b>9:30</b>	9.0	Monmouth	Iain	07788 803807
Tuesday 18	<b>9:30</b>	12.0	Lydbrook	JackieH	01594 564417
Thursday 20	10:00	5.0	Thornwell,Chepstow	Susan	01594 843389
Saturday 22	10:00	8.0	Huntley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 25	<b>9:30</b>	13.0	Redbrook	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Saturday 29	10:00	10.0	New Fancy	Mike I	01594 562341
<b>December</b>					
Wednesday 3	10:00	8.5	Redbrook	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 7	10:00	9.0	Stanton	Mike I	01594 562341
Tuesday 9	<b>9:30</b>	12.0	Penhow	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
Saturday 13	10:00	5.5	Soudley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 18	10:00	9.0	Blakeney	Pete and John	01594 826356
Tuesday 23	10:00	7.0	Tintern	Malcolm & Sue	01594 531227
<b>January</b>					
Thursday 1	<b>10:30</b>	4.5	Speech House	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 4	10:00	9.0	Parkend	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 8	10:00	5.9	Redbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 11	10:00	10.0	Painswick	Roy & Anne	01242 245488
Tuesday 13	10:00	5.6	Lydbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 18	10:00	7.0	Coleford	John & Derek	01452 790532-790532
Thursday 22	<b>9:30</b>	10.0	Malvern	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 25	10:00	8.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 29	10:00	7.0	Clydach	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Saturday 31	10:00	7.0	Woolaston	Pete and John	01594 826356
<b>February</b>					
Thursday 5	10:00	8.0	Stanton	John S	01594 531096
Saturday 7	10:00	7.5	Speech House	Mike I	01594 562341
Thursday 12	10:00	8.0	Blakeney	Pete and John	01594 826356
Sunday 15	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 18	10:00	5.0	Lydney	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 22	10:00	11.0	Cheltenham	Roy & Anne	01242 245488
Thursday 26	10:00	9.6	Abergavenny	Peter	01600 711558

## FOREST of DEAN GROUP

### PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

**1 November 2014 to 28 February 2015**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Alan Fisher</b>	01989 770976
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>June Burden</b>	01531 820354
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Rod Goodman</b>	01594 563817
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Babs Jones</b>	01989 770520
<b>Publicity Secretary:</b>	<b>Barbara Fisher</b>	01989 770976
<b>Footpath Secretary:</b>	<b>Sheila Constable</b>	01452 831868
<b>Walks Coordinator:</b>	<b>Maurice Cullis</b>	01594 835371

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



**Saturday November 1**      **SO527001**      **OL/14**      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern Wire Works car park.  
 A ramble to the Fedw Wood and Gaer Hill return by the Wye Valley Walk.  
 Moderate      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Wednesday November 5**      **SO676260**      **OL 14**      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Gorsley Baptist Chapel Car Park  
 Walk from Gorsley to Aston Ingham, Linton Ridge, and Linton Wood.  
 Easy walking      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Roger (01452 830454)

**Friday November 7**  
**Meet: Coleford Catholic Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm for FODRamblers AGM. Followed by "bring and share" supper.**

**Sunday November 9**      **SO696113**      **OL14**      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Old Passage Inn (Nr Arlingham on river bank)  
 Severn Way, Stroudwater & Gloucester-Sharpness Canals towpaths      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

**Thursday November 13**      **SO607085**      **OL 14**      **6.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Nagshead RSPB Reserve  
 Forestry roads, woodland paths and an old railway line all hopefully in glorious Autumn colours.  
 Moderate, some uneven paths.      Coffee stop only  
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

**Saturday November 15**      **SO623124**      **OL14**      **4.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodland Car Park  
 A gentle stroll to Worgreens and Drybrook Road Station. Briefly following the Wysis Way to pass a couple of sculptures before strolling back to the car park.  
 Just a morning break.  
 This easy walk is open to all so bring a friend and wear stout shoes there may be mud.  
 Very Easy      Bring a drink for a short break  
 Leader: Barbara (01989 770976)

**Sunday November 16**      **SO518136**      **OL13**      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Dixton Church Monmouth, at 9.30 am for car share to Llanarth Church.  
 Walk to Llanarth Court, Clytha Hill, Usk Valley and Llansantffraed Court.  
 There may be some overgrown stiles on route so secateurs may be useful.  
 Moderate with one steady climb      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Iain (07788 803807)

**Sunday February 22**      **SO966170**      **E 179**      **11.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Seven Springs Layby (opposite pub)  
 Walk Hartley Bottom, Salterley Grange, South Hill, Coldwell Bottom, Cowley, Cowley Wood, Cockleford, Upper Coberley, Coberley.  
 Moderate      Picnic  
 Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

**Thursday February 26**      **SO328164**      **OL13**      **9.6 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Skirrid NT car park on B4521  
 Climb Skirrid and follow Beacons Way to Llwygy, returning via Offa's Dyke path and the Arwallt picnic lunch  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

### GROUP HOLIDAY

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> to Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**We have booked the group Holiday at the Yarn Market Hotel, Dunster on the edge of Exmoor and on the coast. 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast for £225 per person with no single supplement. Contact Mike at [mikeingleby@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeingleby@btinternet.com) or 01594 562341.**



**Ramblers**  
Worldwide Holidays

Explore the world with us,  
and your walking group  
benefits too.

**The Walking Partnership**  
Supported by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

STEP 1 Register your group at:  
[www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk](http://www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk)

STEP 2 Travel with RWH across the globe

STEP 3 Your group gets cash back every six months!

Call or go online for more information:  
**01707 386804**  
[www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk](http://www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk)  
ABTA V5094 Atol protected 0990 AITO

**Saturday January 31**                      **ST588993**                      **OL14**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woolaston Picnic Site off A48  
 From Woolaston to Stroast, Boughspring, Gloucester Way, Woolaston Woodside, Brookend and return.  
 Some long uphill sections.  
 Moderate                                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356/826356)

**Thursday February 5**                      **SP067343**                      **OL45**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Stanton village hall car park (small charge)  
 A circuit of three picturesque Cotswolds villages (Stanton, Stanway, and Snowhill), with some good views. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371)  
 Moderate with one stiffish climb                      Picnic lunch.  
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

**Saturday February 7**  
**Today I will be closing the walks programme, so its now your last chance to put a walk on.**

**Saturday February 7**                      **SO623124**                      **OL14**                      **7.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands CP  
 A gentle ramble via Spruce Ride, Staple Edge, Linear Park and Woorgreens Lake.  
 Moderate                                      Picnic  
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

**Thursday February 12**                      **SO654078**                      **OL14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wenchford Picnic Site (Organ's Green)  
 Morning Walk: From Picnic Site to Cockshoot Wood, The Patches, Mallards Pike, Blakeney Walk back to Wenchford for lunch.  
 Afternoon Walk meet 1.00 at Wenchford: Blakeney Wood North, Bradley Hill, Staple Edge, and Return to Wenchford.                      Some Hills. Can be done as two separate Walks or as a whole.  
 Easy    Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356/826356)

**Sunday February 15**                      **SO577105**                      **OL/14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park  
 An 8 mile ramble out towards Staunton and return                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Wednesday February 18**                      **SO637025**                      **OL14**                      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lydney Lake  
 Walk St. Mary's Church, Redhill, Norchard Wood, Norchard Steam Centre, Pidcocks Canal.  
 Undulating                                      Coffee Break  
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

**Tuesday November 18**                      **SO597169**                      **OL14**                      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Lower Lydbrook Car Park  
 Circular walk taking in Ruardean/Bishops Wood/Kerne Bridge/Goodrich/Coppet Hill/Welsh Bicknor and back to Lydbrook. Joint walk with Jackie H and Jenny R.  
 NOTE EARLIER START TIME  
 Two moderate ascents otherwise good walking but likely to be muddy in places  
 Coffee and BPL  
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

**Thursday November 20**                      **ST540916**                      **OL14**                      **5.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Thornwell sports car park  
 Thornwell is signed off A466 roundabout before M48 Junct Approach to Severn Bridge.  
 Walk Park Redding, Warren Slade, Bulwark Fort, Mathern, return on Wales Coast Path  
 A few stiles, could be muddy in places. Coffee stop  
 Leader: Susan (01594 843389)

**Saturday November 22**                      **SO713196**                      **OL/14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Huntley Church  
 A stroll up May Hill and out to Aston Crews and return via the Huntley Village                      Picnic lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Tuesday November 25**                      **SO536099**                      **OL14**                      **13.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Lower Car Park (pub) Redbrook  
 A walk through the hidden valley to Newland onto Stowe, St Briavels and then return along Offa's Dyke Path to Redbrook. Picnic Lunch  
 Moderate                                      Pub at end of walk.  
 Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

**Saturday November 29**                      **SO627096**                      **OL14**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy CP  
 A Forest ramble via Moseley Green, Yorkley, Oldcroft, Pig Street, Viney Incline, Oldcroft (again), Wenchford and Mallard's Pike.                      Moderate                      Picnic  
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

**Wednesday December 3**                      **SO537098**                      **OL14**                      **8.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Car Park  
 Penallt, Whitebrook and part of the Wye Valley Walk. Possible drink in pub at end. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371) First part hilly, then downhill back to the Wye. Picnic lunch  
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

**Sunday December 7**                      **SO306222**                      **OL13**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Forestry Commission CP  
 Start point is approx 1/4 mile up the lane which turns left from the Llanthony road at Queen's Head (NOT the pub CP!). The walk includes lower, gentler slopes of the Black Mountains with the chance, nevertheless, of some fine views.  
 Moderate                                      Picnic  
 Leader: Mike I (01594 562341)

**Tuesday December 9**                      **ST422948**                      **OL14**                      **12.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Cadira Beeches Car Park (Wentwood woods)  
 A walk through Wentwood woods skirting Gray Hill, Penhow Quarry and then onto Penhow Castle. A hilly but moderate walk. Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

**Saturday December 13**                      **SO658103**                      **OL/14**                      **5.5 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Soudley Village Hall  
 Walk No 3 of the Exploring the Dean, may need wellies.  
 (Derek is 80 today so drinks on Birthday "BOY" if pub is open)  
 Easy                      Coffee only - back for cheesy chips in the White Horse.  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday December 18**                      **SO670071**                      **OL14**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Blakeney Village Hall Car Park  
 From Blakeney to Awre, Banks of the Severn to Bullo Pill, Two Bridges, return by Soudley to Blakeney Pathway. Cows on route so dogs on leads. Easy                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Pete and John (01594 826356/826356)

**Tuesday December 23**                      **SO526001**                      **OL14**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wireworks Car Park  
 From Tintern wireworks car park walk to Abbey Mill over the bridge, walk along the disused railway line, up to Passage Grove, along Offas Dyke and back to Abbey Mill.  
 Drinks afterwards at The Anchor. Hilly                      Bring a picnic  
 Leader: Malcolm & Sue (01594 531227)

**Thursday January 1**                      **SO623124**                      **OL/14**                      **4.5 Miles**  
 Time: **10:30** Meet: Speech House Woodlands Car Park  
 New Year's day walk around Woorgreens lake and down to Mallards Pike and return via the Spruce Ride.                      Coffee stop only  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Sunday January 4**                      **SO627096**                      **OL/14**                      **9.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View Car Park  
 A ramble taking in Mallards Pike, Staple edge, Linear Park, Woorgreens Lake and Speech House lake.                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday January 8**  
**30 days till we close the next walks programme, so its time to get your walks in NOW**

**Thursday January 8**                      **SO536099**                      **OL14**                      **5.9 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lower Redbrook CP on A466  
 Up to the Kymin, down to the railway bridge and back along the Wye  
 One steep climb, otherwise easy                      coffee stop only.                      possible pub at end  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

**Sunday January 11**                      **SO878088**                      **E 179**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Bulls Cross Layby (on B4070 Nr Slad)  
 Walk Longridge Wood, Down Wood, Sheepscombe, Lord's & Lady's Wood, Saltridge Wood, Cranham Common, Mann's Court, Tocknell's Court, Damsells Mill, Painswick, Sheephouse, Juniper Hill, The Frith.                      Moderate                      Picnic  
 Leader: Roy & Anne (01242 245488)

**Tuesday January 13**                      **SO590175**                      **OL14**                      **5.6 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby at old SCA factory, Lower Lydbrook  
 Welsh Bicknor, over Coppet Hill, back along the Wye  
 easy for a walk with 'hill' in the title                      coffee stop only  
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

**Sunday January 18**                      **SO577105**                      **OL14**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford main car park  
 Burial path, Newland, Clearwell Caves, Old Ham Iron Mine  
 Easy                      Packed Lunch  
 Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)

**Thursday January 22**                      **SO758368**                      **OL 150**                      **10.0 Miles**  
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Hollybush car park (A438). Free  
 Down to and over Chase End Hill, dropping down and along to British Camp, back over the southern hills. A wet winter might necessitate changes to the lower route making it a slightly shorter walk. NOTE EARLIER START TIME  
 a few moderate climbs                      Coffee and BPL  
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

**Sunday January 25**                      **SO635030**                      **OL/14**                      **8.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Swan Road Car Park  
 Ramble to Norchard Railway station to pick up the Exploring the Dean No 2 walk - returning to Lydney town centre via Primrose hill.                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

**Thursday January 29**                      **SO231135**                      **OL13**                      **7.0 Miles**  
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Clydach picnic site (thru barrier) just off A465  
 Climb to old railway line and tramway incline to Gilwern Hill and old quarry. Descend to Cwm Llanwenarth, canal & return via Gilwern & tramroad paths.  
 Steep initial climb, gradual descent then generally level                      Picnic Lunch  
 Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)