

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
November					
Thursday 2	10:00	11.0	Coleford	Margaret	01594 530752
Sunday 5	10:00	8.5	Skenfrith	Jenny	07455 257262
Wednesday 8	10:00	10.0	Parkend	Ann L	01594 562578
Sunday 12	10:00	10.5	Christchurch	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Tuesday 14	10:00	7.0	Llandogo	Margaret	01594 530752
Sunday 19	10:00	8.5	Fownhope	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 23	10:00	5.8	Evesham	Bruce	01242 464027
Sunday 26	10:00	8.0	Upper Welland	Gill	01594 836856
Tuesday 28	10:00	10.0	Caldicot	Chris	01594 841247
December					
Friday 1	9:00	6.0	Coleford	JackieH	01594 564417
Saturday 2	10:00	6.4	Mosely Green	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 5	10:00	7.0	Parkend	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 10	10:00	8.0	Doward Park Camp Site	Jenny	07455 257262
Tuesday 12	9:30	8.0	Hewelsfield	Jenny	07455 257262
Sunday 17	10:00	8.0	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 27	10:00	8.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 31	10:00	8.0	English Bicknor Church	Ian	01594 860904
January					
Monday 1	10:30	5.5	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 4	10:00	8.5	Stroud	John S	01594 531096
Sunday 7	10:00	8.0	Redbrook	John S	01594 531096
Thursday 11	10:00	9.0	Meare	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 14	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 18	10:00	8.0	Cinderford	Ian	01594 860904
Tuesday 23	9:30	9.0	Eastnor	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 28	10:00	8.5	Newerne	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 30	10:00	7.4	Parkend	Peter	01600 711558
February					
Saturday 3	9:30	10.0	Llangynidr	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 4			***** Closing date from next programme *****		
Thursday 8	10:00	8.0	Whitchurch	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 11	1:30	4.5	Newnham	Ronnie	01594 845225
Wednesday 14	10:00	8.5	Huntley	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 18	9:30	9.0	Llantilio Crossenny	Jenny	07455 257262
Thursday 22	10:00	10.5	Bristol	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 25	10:00	10.5	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 27	10:00	6.5	Cinderford	Chris	01594 841247



FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018

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	01594 810626
Membership Secretary:	Lynn Stockley	01291 689954

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

- Thursday November 2** **SO569129** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park at Christchurch campsite, Braceland Drive
 A circular forest walk with stunning views hopefully with Autumn colours, a ferry crossing (£1.20 fee payable) and footbridge over the Wye.
 Strenuous Coffee and picnic lunch.
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)
- Sunday November 5** **SO456203** **OS189** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle free car park
 Late autumn walk along the Monnow Valley with a medieval church and castle, and with the chance of a drink at The Bell, a 17th century coaching inn at the end of the walk.
 Moderate Warm drink and picnic lunch
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)
- Wednesday November 8** **SO613079** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: By cricket ground opposite Parkend Memorial Hall
 Starting with a fairly steep climb up to Nags Head nature reserve and through woods to Little Drybrook and Noxon Woods where you can see scowles, ancient iron workings. Return by the Gloucestershire Way then across woodland to Parkend. Forest track and footpath, likely to be muddy in places in November.
 Leisurely Bring coffee and packed lunch. Cafes in village at finish.
 Leader: Ann L (01594 562578)
- Friday November 10** **SO638071**
 Time: **7:30** Meet: Yorkley Community Centre
 Join us for our 39th Annual General Meeting from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring some food for our usual "bring and share" supper after the meeting. Tea/coffee/juice will be provided.
 Moderate
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)
- Sunday November 12** **SO569129** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: CP RHS road to Bracelands, opposite Forest Holidays office
 This is a fun walk, with lots to see. We'll see the Longstone Pinnacle - a freestanding rock pillar, walk on the circular earthworks of the Doward Hill Fort, see King Arthurs' cave, walk on top of seven sisters, negotiate a wobbly bridge, go past rapids, and climb Symonds Yat.
 Moderate Packed lunch. Cafe at start and at Symonds Yat.
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)
- Tuesday November 14** **SO524029** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Whitestone car park/ picnic site
 Walk following ancient woodland pathways. Good Wye Valley views with hopefully some Autumn colour.
 Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch.
 Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

- Thursday February 22** **ST558718** **172** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Mansion House car park near Ashton Court Mansion. Postcode BS41 9JN.
 This walk will be an opportunity to escape from our usual mud, and maybe see aspects of the city you haven't seen before. A red deer park, street art, naval history, the merchants' quarter, Cathedral, wonderful views from the top of Cabot tower, a walk through colourful houses, the Observatory and Suspension Bridge.
 Moderate Picnic lunch. Toilets and cafe at start/end.
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)
- Sunday February 25** **SO664186** **OL14** **10.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Mitcheldean Main Car Park behind the Library
 Walk along the Wysis Way up and over the Wilderness then we leave the way at Steam Mills and loop all the way to Longhope picking up the Way at the Nags Head to face the climb up and over heart break hill (a bit north east of it). Completing the circuit by walking back into Mitcheldean.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Tuesday February 27** **SO662115** **OL14** **6.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Top car park Soudley Ponds
 Walking down along the ponds over Bradley Hill to Blakeney Hill, over to Two Bridges, returning by Foundry wood
 Moderate Coffee stop. Lunch back at Soudley Ponds
 Leader: Chris (01594 841247)



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Tuesday January 30 **SO628096** **OL14** **7.4 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View CP
Walk down to Cannop ponds and back via Speech House Lake and Mallards Pike
Moderate bring picnic lunch
Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Saturday February 3 **SO155196** **OL13** **10.0 Miles**

Time: **9:30** Meet: Llangynidr public car park (free with public toilets)
Starting over fields and along canal tow path before our ascent to the summit of Tor-y-Foel.
Picking up the tramway above Talybont Reservoir before taking the Usk Valley Walk, returning
back to Llangynidr along the canal. Lovely views weather permitting. In adverse weather a
lower route following the Beacons Way
Strenuous Coffee and BPL
Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday February 4

Next walks programme closes, so last chance to put a walk on.

Thursday February 8 **SO526192** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Llangrove Village hall CP
We descend the valley to Lewstone with its cider press, continuing to the pretty village of
Ganarew. Ascend the ridge towards Welsh Newton Common, descending to Welsh Newton
and its historic church returning to Llangrove by means of the old Monmouth road.
Moderate Picnic Lunch
Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Sunday February 11 **SO691119** **OL14** **4.5 Miles**

Time: **1:30** Meet: Clock Tower Newnham
The ramble to Blaize Bailey and return before it's dark.
Moderate Tea Stop at the view point
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday February 14 **SO714196** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Huntley Church
Be on good behaviour near the school - we leave them to learn as we head for May Hill via
Ley Park, Little London and Dursley Cross.
Moderate Picnic Lunch
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday February 18 **SO379168** **OL13** **9.0 Miles**

Time: **9:30** Meet: White Castle, park close to hedge on right
Meadows, ancient woodland, streams, bridges and stiles on this early spring walk with some of
the iconic 'Three Castles' mixed in.
Moderate Picnic Lunch
Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Sunday November 19 **SO578340** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Fownhope Recreation Ground
From the tiny Herefordshire village of Fownhope, we will walk to one of the most impressive
iron age settlements of around 500BC, scenic views, ancient churches and valley meadows.
Moderate Picnic lunch
Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Thursday November 23 **SO982411** **EXP 190** **5.8 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: The gate to church @ Elmley Castle
Walk to Bredon Hill, ascend hill, and walk around the top, taking in Parson's Folly. Hopefully
good views to the Black Mountains.
Moderate Coffee break & picnic lunch
Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)

Sunday November 26 **SO781414** **190** **8.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: St Wulstan's Nature Reserve
Walk to Little Malvern Priory, then on to the lower slopes of the Malvern Hills to the Wyche
Cutting, the golf course, Malvern Common and back to the Nature reserve.
Moderate Coffee stop and BPL.
Leader: Gill (01594 836856)

Tuesday November 28 **ST486884** **OS154** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Caldicot Castle Country Park entrance from Church Road park near castle
Joining coast path by second Severn Bridge walk to Rogiet, up through Slade Wood to
Caerwent returning along cycle route 4.
Moderate Coffee and Packed Lunch
Leader: Chris (01594 841247)

Friday December 1 **SO581126** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**

Time: **9:00** Meet: Five Acres Campus by Leisure Centre NOTE EARLIER TIME
A Forest walk with 3 course Christmas Dinner at 12.30pm prepared by the catering students.
To book a place, please give a deposit of £10 to Pete Robbins or Jackie Huck by November
1st, balance payable December 1st. Cost around £17 including tip. Menu available on walks or
ring 07455257262 Vegetarian option
Moderate Coffee break
Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Saturday December 2 **SO627095** **OL14** **6.4 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View Car Park
A morning ramble around the forest taking in Cannop Ponds and Cyril Hart's arboretum,
followed by cheesy chips at the Rising Sun Moseley Green.
Moderate Coffee stop only
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday December 5 **SO614080** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Parkend by the Cricket Club
A walk to Stony Green and Yorkley. Cake optional.
Moderate Picnic Lunch
Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday December 10 **SO548157** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Follow Williams sign and turn right immediately before Doward Park Camp site
 A wander through woodland nature reserves and lots of caves so bring a head torch if you want to explore. There will be some new rocky view points and perhaps a short stretch of the River Wye.
 Moderate picnic lunch
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Tuesday December 12 **ST558993** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Tidenham Chase car park (The Park)
 A wonderful autumn walk above the Wye Valley forests through meadows and woodland with panoramic views over the rivers Wye and Severn. Slightly undulating but no steep climbs.
NOTE EARLIER TIME AS DAYLIGHT LIMITED
 Moderate Morning coffee and picnic lunch
 Leader: Jenny (07455 257262)

Sunday December 17 **SO624125** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park near Speech House
 Walk the whole of the Beechenhurst Trail.
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Wednesday December 27 **SO659169** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: South Merring Meend parking area, opposite the Wilderness turning on the A4136.
 A ramble from the past taking St. Anthony's Well and Heywood plantation.
 Leisurely Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Sunday December 31 **SO581157** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: English Bicknor School Car Park
 Walk down Common Grove, below Coldwell Rocks, around to Symonds Yat East. Up to Log Cabin and toilets and back along above Coldwell Rocks to car park.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Monday January 1 **SO650128** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: **10:30** Meet: Linear Park Car Park
 Start the New Year with an easy ramble in search of the Cube.
 Moderate Coffee stop only
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday January 4 **SO794013** **Exp 168** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coaley Peak viewpoint car park, off B4066 Stroud-Dursley road.
 Pen Hill, Selsley Common and Woodchester Park, with its unfinished 19th century mansion.
 Joint walk with Ian (01594 860904).
 Moderate Picnic lunch.
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Sunday January 7 **SO536099** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook carpark, south of playing field
 Ascent to the Kymin, through Highmeadow Woods to the Staunton stones, and return through Upper Redbrook. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371).
 Moderate Picnic lunch
 Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Sunday January 7
Only one month the next walks programme closes, so get your walks in NOW.

Thursday January 11 **ST450396** **OL 141** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: RSPB Ham Wall £3ish charge and free for RSPB members
 This is a walk in wildlife reserves and nearby, including the "Sweet Trail" a Neolithic track. You may see egrets and marsh harriers and if you are lucky some shy residents. If the weather is OK we will extend the walk for up to a mile to see the starlings (hopefully) murmuring.
 Headtorches. No dogs.
 Easy BPL. Toilets at start, and hot drinks sometimes available
 Leader: Lynn and Philip (01291 689954)

Sunday January 14 **SO577105** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park
 A ramble from Coleford in search of Cannop Ponds.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday January 18 **SO649127** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car Park at Cinderford Bridge end of Linear Park
 Walking the old railway lines on the Linear Park, past the brickworks and site of proposed New College development, following forest tracks to Beechenhurst then wending our way back to the car park.
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Picnic Lunch (at Beechenhurst)
 Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Tuesday January 23 **SO759369** **OL190** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Hollybush Car Park (free)
 To Ragged Stone and up and over Chase End Hill then following the valley through to British Camp. Up to Herefordshire Beacon before taking the Three Choirs Way back to Hollybush. The exact route may be varied subject to conditions underfoot and/or the weather. NB: NOTE EARLIER START TIME
 Strenuous Coffee and BPL
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday January 28 **SO635034** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Albert Street Car Park, Lydney
 From Lydney's main car park around Lydney taking in the Saw Mill and Docks.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch
 Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)