

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
November					
Thursday 1	10:00	7.0	Parkend	John S	01594 531096
Wednesday 7	10:00	9.0	St Briavels	Margaret	01594 530752
Saturday 10	10:00	11.0	Bishops Wood	JackieH	01594 564417
Thursday 15	10:00	10.0	Speech House,	Ann L	01594 562578
Sunday 18	10:00	8.0	Raglan	Gill	01594 836856
Tuesday 20	10:00	7.0	Westbury on Severn	Bruce	01242 464027
Thursday 22	10:00	8.0	Goodrich	Dilys and Gerry	01989 750434
Sunday 25	10:00	9.6	Rural	Sue M	07808150741
Tuesday 27	10:00	5.5	Soudley	Alec	01594 825226
Friday 30	10:00	6.0	Parkend	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
December					
Saturday 1	10:00	8.0	Weston under Penyard	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Tuesday 4	10:00	5.5	Speech House	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 6	10:00	10.0	Cardiff	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Saturday 8	10:00	7.0	Tintern	Sue S	01594 531227
Thursday 13	10:00	8.0	Garway	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 16	10:00	9.0	Goodrich	Matt G	07775 735523
Thursday 20	10:00	8.5	English Bicknor	Ian	01594 860904
January					
Tuesday 1	10:30	5.0	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 3	10:00	9.0	Eastnor	JackieH	01594 564417
Sunday 6	10:00	8.0	Ross on Wye	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 10	9:30	11.0	Brockweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 13	10:00	8.0	Trellech	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 17	10:00	6.0	Redbrook	Ian	01594 860904
Sunday 20	10:00	8.0	Tidenham	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 24	10:00	8.5	Lydbrook	John & Derek	01452 790529-790532
Sunday 27	10:00	8.0	Coleford	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 31	10:00	10.0	LLandogo	Ann L	01594 562578
February					
Sunday 3	10:00	9.0	Newnham	Dilys and Gerry	01989 750434
Thursday 7	10:00	10.0	Monmouth	Sue M	07808150741
Sunday 10	10:00	10.0	Brockweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Thursday 14	10:00	8.0	Cannop	Ian	01594 860904
Sunday 17	10:00	8.8	Skenfrith	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 21	10:00	7.0	Lydbrook	John & Derek	01452 790529-790532

FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 November 2018 to 28 February 2019

Chairman:	Peter Robins	01600 715719
Secretary:	Jackie Huck	01594 564417
Treasurer:	Ronnie Walker	01594 845225
Walks Coordinator:	Ian Walding	01594 860904
Footpath Secretary:	John Baker	
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 1 **SO607099** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Lay-by opposite stone works at Cannop.
Industrial remains of Bixslade, Darkhill and Parkend area. Joint walk with Maurice (01594 835371)
Moderate Picnic lunch Leader: John S (01594 531096)

Wednesday November 7 **SO558046** **OL 14** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: St Briavels Castle
Walk to Hewelsfield, across fields and lanes to Brockweir, along River Wye to Bigsweir and back up to St. Briavels. Hopefully some Autumn colours left on the Wye Valley trees.
Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch. Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Friday November 9 **SO638070**

Time: **7:30** Meet: Yorkley Community Centre, Bailey Hill Yorkley GL15 4RF
Join us for our 40th AGM. The formal meeting will start at 7.45pm and will be followed by the traditional "bring and share" supper. It would be lovely to see you.
Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Saturday November 10 **SO581189** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Bishops Wood Village Hall car park (sign posted off B4234)
Following the Wye Valley Walk around Leys Hill and Bulls Hill before taking a steep climb up Chase Woods. On to Penyard Park before returning via Howle Hill. About 2000 ft total ascent.
Moderate Coffee and BPL Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Thursday November 15 **SO622123** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Speech House Woodlands car park
A forest walk through Woorgreens nature reserve (now with ponies) and The Pludds to the new beaver enclosure in Upper Lydbrook. If we are lucky perhaps we'll see the beavers! Return via Miresystock and the sculpture trail. Moderate, some hills.
Moderate Bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594 562578)

Sunday November 18 **SO361085** **OL13** **8.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Free National Trust Car Park 100 yards off B4598. Signposted Clytha "A ramble through an 18th-century estate, taking in the wildlife-rich River Usk and Coed y Bwnydd, the largest and one of the best-preserved hill-forts in Monmouthshire. There are beautiful views of the Sugar Loaf, wider Usk Valley and Clytha Castle, one of the outstanding 18th-century follies of Wales."
Moderate Mid morning snack and picnic lunch Leader: Gill (01594 836856)

Tuesday November 20 **SO719138** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby outside Westbury on Severn Water Gardens Flaxley, Boseley, Popes Hill [good views of the river], Elton.
Not ideal for dogs, several high stiles!
Moderate Coffee & Picnic Lunch Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)

Sunday February 17 **SO456203** **OS189** **8.8 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Skenfrith Castle park tidily in car park (not on grass) or road
A wander through the cider orchards with wonderful views if visibility is good, returning along the River Monnow with possible sightings of dippers and kingfishers. Two ancient churches to provide interest and undulations at a gentle pace! Finishing with the option of a hot drink at the Bell.
Moderate picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday February 21 **SO614136** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Speculation Car Park, B4234 Parkend to Lydbrook road just south of A4136
Walk takes in abandoned mines, quarries, a former colliery village and Ruardean Hill. Also disused railway lines and a medieval church.
Moderate Packed Lunch Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)



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Sunday January 27 **SO538124** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby below Staunton on Monmouth side
 A mix of Wye Valley Walk, Offa's Dyke and footpaths with a stroll around the lesser used bridges and trails in Monmouth, then returning via the Naval Temple with one modest climb at a leisurely pace.
 Moderate Hot drink and picnic Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday January 31 **SO525030** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Whitestones car park
 A circular walk through woodland, heath and fields via Trellech beacon and village, with lovely views if its clear. Moderate to strenuous with some climbs.
 Moderate bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594 562578)

Sunday February 3 **SO693120** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Newnham Clock Tower
 Beginning from Newnham the walk is mainly of field paths and forest tracks, climbing the eastern fringes of the forest of dean to follow the course of Soudley Brook passing the Soudley Ponds, the Dean Heritage Centre and Two Bridges before crossing fields to Bullo Pill and returning back along side the River Seve
 Moderate Coffee Stop and Picnic Lunch Leader: Dilys and Gerry (01989 750434)

Thursday February 7 **SO502128** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: First left after Fire Station, parking in grounds near school.
 From Monmouth up to Offa's Dyke through meadows, along river bank to Dingestow passing church, up through woods to Treowen. Climbing back to ridge, more woodlands before descending into Monmouth.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

Sunday February 10 **SO536013** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on A466 near Brockweir.
 We climb up on the Wye Valley path, following it to Cleddon falls, and then cross to the Beacon with fantastic views of the Black Mountains. We go on to the Duchess's Ride viewpoint, looking back to the Severn estuary, and then continue along for a while before dropping down to Bigsweir bridge.
 Moderate Picnic Lunch Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Thursday February 14 **SO614136** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speculation Car Park, off B4234 Parkend to Lydbrook road close to A4136
 Walk turns right out of car park up to Drybrook Road Station and on to Linear Park. Gently climbing up to Crabtree Hill then on to Woorgreen Lake.
 Descending down to Beechenhurst and wending our way back to start point.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Thursday November 22 **SO575195** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Lane Leading to Goodrich Castle Car Park
 Wye Valley walk from Goodrich ascending to the Folly, proceeding down through Coppets Hill woods then following the River Wye back to Goodrich. Park in Castle Lane outside the castle car park.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Picnic Lunch Leader: Dilys and Gerry (01989 750434)

Sunday November 25 **SO423121** **OL14** **9.6 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Small layby on right of country lane by bridle path sign and gate
 Walking through farmland and orchards. Visiting Whitecastle and Llantillio Cressenny en route
 Wonderful views from Offa's Dyke.
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 Moderate Coffee stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Sue M (07808150741)

Tuesday November 27 **SO664106** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park adjacent to Heritage Centre (closes at 16:00)
 Soudley, Blaize Bailey, Temple Lane, Broad Street, High Street, Reddings Lane, Mount Pleasant, The Rocks, Soudley.
 Extensive views to East and West. Little mud even if wet.
 A gentle stroll, not suitable for Olympic training!
 Moderate Coffee break. Cafe may be open at end of walk. Leader: Alec (01594 825226)

Friday November 30 **SO613076** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Whitmead Forest Park, Forest of Dean
 Walk then Christmas Lunch at 1.30pm. Choice 3 starters; traditional roast turkey OR mushroom, brie, hazelnut and cranberry wellington; 3 desserts; coffee and mince pie £15 inc. tips. Cash or cq FOD Ramblers to Ronnie or Peter Robbins 41 Cornpoppy Ave Monmouth NP25 5SD before end October.
 Moderate Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Saturday December 1 **SO632232** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: St Lawrence Church car park (School Lane, opp school)
 A chance to walk off the weight gained from the delicious FOD Christmas lunch with a stroll from Weston under Penyard to Deep Dean. Any hills taken at a very leisurely pace. We may see with reindeer but no Father Christmas!
 Moderate Hot drink and picnic lunch Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Tuesday December 4 **SO623125** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Woodlands Car Park
 A late Autumn walk in the forest, Woorgreen Lake, Lightmoor, Speech House Lake.
 Leisurely Coffee Stop Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday December 6 **ST166774** **151** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Pontcanna car park £3 (at southern edge of Llandaff fields).Postcode CF11 9QJ
 Cardiff is full of green spaces and nature reserves; iconic buildings; the Bay with old Docks and Wharfs; Markets (including the Christmas one); Arcades, and quiriness - like the animal wall outside the Castle. We'll see all of those - and more.
 Easy Coffee and Packed Lunch. Toilets en route. Bring torches.
 Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Saturday December 8 **SO526001** **14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Wireworks Car Park Tintern
 Ancient Iron Works, Fedw Wood, Gaer Hill and St. Mary's Church, Penterry. A gradual incline all the way to Gaer Hill. Total ascent 1350ft.
 Moderate Bring Coffee and Picnic. Pub at the end Leader: Sue S (01594 531227)

Thursday December 13 **SO466226** **EX189** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Garway Common
 From the Common we go to Garway's historic Templar's church which we visit. We then descend to River Monnow valley, climbing to White Rocks and Garway Hill summit. Weather permitting, there should be fine views 360 degrees
 Moderate Coffee and Lunch Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)

Sunday December 16 **SO575196** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Goodrich Castle Visitor Centre Car Park (£1 charge, closes at 4pm)
 Over Huntsham Bridge, skirting Huntsham Hill onto Wye Valley Walk, crossing re-opened Lower Lydbrook Footbridge and returning via Courtfield and Trig Point (188m)
 Moderate Coffee, packed lunch, tea at the castle if back in time! Leader: Matt G (07775 735523)

Thursday December 20 **SO581157** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: English Bicknor School Car Park
 Walk down the start of Common Grove then up through wood to farmland, cross fields to the Symonds Yat road down to log cabin then follow woodland roads and tracks to the Biblins. Walk along old railway to Symonds Yat then through riverside fields and up over road to the Rock.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Tuesday January 1 **SO636034** **OL14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: **10:30** Meet: Lydney Newerne Car Park
 A new year's day ramble from Lydney to the top of Maple Hill.
 Leisurely Coffee stop only Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday January 3 **SO758368** **190** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Hollybush (upper car park off A438)
 An exploration of the southern hills with a mix of walking underfoot. Mud guaranteed at this time of year!
Moderate **Coffee and BPL**
 Leader: JackieH (01594 564417)

Sunday January 6 **SO544255** **S189** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Pengethley Garden Centre
 Great winter walk over scenic Herefordshire countryside, no ascents and some lane walking with minimal mud. Cross the ancient Sellack Boat pedestrian bridge and visit four historic churches with shelter for coffee and picnic stop. Cafe open at Pengethley Garden Centre for tea and cakes after the walk.
 Moderate Coffee stop and picnic lunchLeader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday January 10 **SO536013** **OL14** **11.0 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Layby on A466 near Brockweir.
 Start 9.30. This is a lovely but challenging walk, mostly in woodland. It includes a partially eroded ledge path ('the Nedge'), and the steepest path in this part of the Valley - straight up for 700ft. Mud and/or ice are likely. Total ascent 2100ft. Alternative route if weather is truly dreadful!
 Strenuous Bring a hot drink and packed lunch. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Sunday January 13 **SO513057** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Unsigned bridle way car park
 Turn along Greenway Lane towards Maryland, hidden turning right onto Beacon Road, and woodland bridleway car park is 100 yards on left. Wide woodland tracks, Cleddon Falls, a medieval city and standing stones. Good winter stroll with a couple of stone stiles and gentle accents at a leisurely pace.
 Moderate hot drink and picnic Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday January 17 **SO536099** **OL14** **6.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Millenium Carpark
 Along riverbank, up to Penalt across fields, a few stiles and a Totem Pole.
 Moderate Coffee stop and Packed Lunch Leader: Ian (01594 860904)

Sunday January 20 **ST558993** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Park (Tidenham Chase) Car Park
 A scenic winter walk above Wye Valley with spectacular views over Rivers Wye and Severn when visibility is good. A mix of Offa's Dyke, Gloucestershire Way and footpaths. Gentle ascents at a leisurely pace.
 Moderate Hot drink and picnic Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday January 24 **SO614136** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Speculation Car Park, B4234 Parkend to Lydbrook road
 Walk visiting 15 old coal mine sites worked for 300 years in the Forest of Dean
 Leaders: John 01452 790529 & Derek 01452 790532
 Easy Packed Lunch Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)