

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
November					
Thursday 7	10:00	10.0	Off Bracelands Drive	JulianW	01594810486
Saturday 9	10:00	10.5	Beechenhurst	Ronnie	01594 845225
Tuesday 12	10:00	5.5	St Arvans	Nick	01594 845194
Thursday 14	10:00	10.0	Parkend	Ann L	01594562578
Sunday 17	10:00	10.0	Ashlehurst Quay	Dilys and Gerry	01989 750434
Thursday 21	10:00	9.0	Malvern	Gill	01594 836856
Sunday 24	10:00	9.0	Crickhowell	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 28	10:00	8.0	Lydney	Chris	01594 841247
Saturday 30	10:00	5.5	Sling Coleford	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
December					
Thursday 5	10:00	9.0	St Briavels	Margaret	01594 530752
Sunday 8	10:00	5.8	Parkend	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 12	10:40	10.0	Cheltenham	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Sunday 15	10:00	8.5	Talybont-on-Usk	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Tuesday 17	10:00	6.5	Staunton	Peter	01600 711558
Sunday 22	10:00	7.0	Mitcheldean	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 29	10:00	8.0	Staunton	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
January					
Wednesday 1	10:00	5.7	Cinderford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Sunday 5	10:00	8.0	Tidenham	Jenny & Peter	07443 119004
Thursday 9	10:00	7.0	Ross on Wye	Alan & Barbara	01989 770976
Sunday 12	10:00	8.5	Tintern	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Thursday 16	10:00	8.0	Parkend	Ann L	01594562578
Sunday 19	10:00	9.9	Westbury-on-Severn	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 23	10:00	7.0	Longhope	Bruce	01242 464027
Saturday 25	10:00	10.0	GL15 4RX Yorkley	Jackie H	01594 564417
Tuesday 28	10:00	9.0	Postcode NP7 7LY	Chris H	01594 823872
February					
Saturday 1	10:00	9.5	Kemerton	John & Derek	01452 790529-790532
Thursday 6	10:00	5.0	Parkend	Susan	01594 843389
Sunday 9	10:00	7.6	Coleford	Ronnie	01594 845225
Thursday 13	10:00	10.0	Berry Hill	JulianW	01594810486
Sunday 16	10:00	8.0	Brockweir	Lynn & Philip	01291 689954
Tuesday 18	10:00	8.0	Blakeney	Chris	01594 841247
Wednesday 26	10:00	8.5	Redbrook	Peter	01600 711558
Saturday 29	9:30	10.6	Lydney	Ronnie	01594 845225

FOREST of DEAN GROUP PROGRAMME of WALKS & EVENTS

1 November 2019 to 28 February 2020

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 7 **SO567129** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Park outside Forest Holidays Christchurch
 Walk through the forest at the most colourful time of the year.
 Down to Nagshead Reserve to Cannop valley , then up the only hill and back through a
 different part of the forest back to the start.
 Moderate Coffee and lunch stops Leader: JulianW (01594810486)

Saturday November 9 **SO607108** **OL/14** **10.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Car park opposite Cannop Ponds
 A ramble to Broadwell, Coalway, Ellwood, New Fancy View point and return to Cannop Ponds.
 Moderate Coffee stop & Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Tuesday November 12 **ST505984** **ST** **5.5 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Forestry Carpark Fedw Wood on right off the St Arvans to Devauden
 Road
 Starting in Fedw Woods above Chepstow. Walking around Chepstow Park Wood, taking in
 ancient earthworks, and views over the Wye and Severn (weather permitting). On to Gaer Hill
 and then return to carpark via The Cot
 Moderate Coffee stop Leader: Nick (01594 845194)

Thursday November 14 **SO628095** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: New Fancy View car park
 To Soudley Ponds via Mallards Pike and Staple Edge. Return through Ruspidge
 Moderate Bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

Sunday November 17 **SO818252** **OS Explorer 179** **10.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Ashleworth tithe barn
 A walk following the Severn to Haw up to Deerhurst and Odda's Chapel returning through
 Hasfield to Ashleworth
 Easy Coffee and picnic lunch Leader: Dilys and Gerry (01989 750434)

Thursday November 21 **SO763403** **190** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: British camp car park
 Climb all peaks between Herefordshire Beacon and Worcestershire Beacon. Return on lower
 paths and field paths, finishing by climbing British Camp. Car park charge Â£4.40 all day.
 Toilets at start and Wyche Cutting.
 Strenuous Coffee stop & Picnic lunch Leader: Gill (01594 836856)

Sunday November 24 **SO216185** **OL13** **9.0 Miles**

Time: 10:00 Meet: Crickhowell High School Car Park
 Ascent at a moderate pace and magnificent views from the ridges above Crickhowell if visibility
 is good. Scenic low level walk if weather conditions are poor.
 Moderate Picnic lunch and a hot drink Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)



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Thursday February 13 **SO577125** **OI14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Berry Hill Rugby Club
 Though the forest to Worrall Hill to pick up the Wysis Way follow until we meet The Gloucestershire Way. Along to Cannop then up the old tramway to Wimberry Slade Quarry and Nature Reserve.
 Moderate Coffee stop and packed lunch Leader: JulianW (01594810486)

Sunday February 16 **SO536013** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Layby on A466, going north it's just left of road past Brockweir bridge on rhs.
 Brockweir has a long and mixed history, from neolithic times, through Arthurian history and Offa's endeavours, to Norman abbots and Henry's dissolution (in both senses); and is now a magnet for tourists and celebrities. We'll explore all of these, along with other facets of Brockweir.
 Mobile 07957662209
 Moderate Bring drink and food for coffee stop and lunch. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Tuesday February 18 **SO671069** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Butlers Mead Carpark Blakeney GL15 4EH
 Walking to Awre along to Bullo across the A48 up to Oaklands , following the paths back to Blakeney
 Moderate Warm Refreshments finding suitable places on route to stop
 Leader: Chris (01594 841247)

Wednesday February 26 **SO536098** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Redbrook Rovers CP or Redbrook CP on A466
 out to Bigsweir via Whitebrook and part of Wye Valley walk, back on Offas Dyke path and Coxgate Lane
 Moderate bring drink and packed lunch. Possible pub at end of walk
 Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

Saturday February 29 **SO637032** **OL/14** **10.6 Miles**
 Time: **9:30** Meet: Newerne Car Park(Pay and Display)/ Lydney Bus Station
 Saturday ramble involves catching the Number 23 bus at 10:00 from the Lydney Bus Station to Broadoak and then rambling back via Roman Road.
 Moderate Coffee stop & Picnic Lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday November 28 **SO638024** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Boating Lake Lydney
 Up Primrose Hill, then using the walk from the Old Dam road to the A48 across to Wards Farm and along the Severn back to Lydney
 Moderate Coffee stop and Lunch on route Leader: Chris (01594 841247)

Saturday November 30 **SO579075** **OL14** **5.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Orepool Inn - Walk 10am Christmas Lunch 1.30pm
 NUMBERS LIMITED - Post your menu choices, name, address, tel no and cheque PAYABLE TO OREPOOL INN FOR £16pp to FOD, c/o P Robbins, 41 Cornpoppy Avenue, Monmouth, NP25 5SD by SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND.
 3 course Christmas Lunch For menu email jennydrobbins@gmail.com
 Moderate Hot drink for morning break Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Thursday December 5 **SO558046** **OL14** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: St Briavels Castle
 Walking to Hewelsfield, Clanna, Wilsbury and the Bearse.
 Moderate Coffee and picnic lunch. Leader: Margaret (01594 530752)

Sunday December 8 **SO614079** **OL/14** **5.8 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Crown Lane, Parkend Cricket Ground
 A birthday ramble (not mine) from Parkend Cricket Ground, near the The Fountain to the Stone works and Nagshead nature reserve.
 Moderate Coffee stop only Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)

Thursday December 12 **SO933220** **179** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: **10:40** Meet: Chelt'ham rail stn, left across car park, cross road, down to Honeybourne track.
 Train from Lydney to Cheltenham at 9.55. A lovely walk taking in the best of Cheltenham, particularly its Regency architecture; gentile parks and colleges; colonial past; and hidden idiosyncrasies. Mobile: 07957662209.
 Easy Bring drinks and packed lunch. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)

Sunday December 15 **SO113228** **OL13** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Henderson Hall (Village Hall) Talybont-on-Usk
 A gentle start along the Henry Vaughan Trail and Brinore Tramroad before ascending Tor y Foel, then returning along the towpath of the Brecon and Monmouth canal. We will circle Tor y Foel along the Beacons Way if weather conditions are poor.
 Moderate Picnic and hot drink Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)

Tuesday December 17 **SO538125** **OL14** **6.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: large layby below Staunton on A4136
 walk to Suck Stone and Buck Stone, back via Upper Redbrook and Kymin
 Moderate bring drink and packed lunch Leader: Peter (01600 711558)

- Sunday December 22** **SO659170** **OL/14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Wilderness near Mitcheldean
 This mid winter walk will encompass Wigpool common and Mitcheldean Church. Let us pray for good weather.
 Moderate Coffee stop & picnic lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Sunday December 29** **SO539124** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Meet: Layby below Staunton on the Monmouth side of A4136
 A wander along some of the beautiful High Meadow Trail to banish any festive over-indulgence pounds, and visit some of the memorable view points of the Forest of Dean.
 Moderate Picnic and a hot drink Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Wednesday January 1** **SO649127** **OL/14** **5.7 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Linear Park's car park
 Normal starting time for the year 2020, a ramble to ward off the winter blues. Rambling along the valley before making our way to Crabtree hill and Woogreen lake and back to the car park. May be muddy in parts.
 Moderate Coffee stop Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Sunday January 5** **ST558993** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tidenham Chase car park (The Park)
 A wonderful winter 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.
 Moderate Leader: Jenny & Peter (07443 119004)
- Thursday January 9** **SO582188** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Kerne bridge CP (free in winter)
 From Kerne Bridge along ridge to Howle Hill returning via farms and woods in Wye valley.
 Moderate Coffee stop and packed lunch. Leader: Alan & Barbara (01989 770976)
- Sunday January 12** **SO527001** **OL14** **8.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Tintern wireworks car park
 There were usually only about a dozen monks in Tintern Abbey at a time, but they had great power over the lives of people in the surrounding countryside. To try and understand this better we'll walk through a couple of the Abbey's 'granges', and then explore closer to the Abbey itself. Mobile 07957662209
 Moderate Bring drink and food for coffee stop and lunch. Leader: Lynn & Philip (01291 689954)
- Thursday January 16** **SO614079** **OL14** **8.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Parkend cricket field
 A ramble through the woods to Speech House Lake and back. We can keep to forest tracks if its very wet.
 Moderate Bring coffee and packed lunch Leader: Ann L (01594562578)

- Sunday January 19** **SO718140** **OL/14** **9.9 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Westbury Water Gardens
 A ramble to Welshbury hill and Flaxley Abbey including Mugglewort wood.
 Moderate Coffee stop & Picnic lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)
- Thursday January 23** **SO685198** **OL14** **7.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: On road outside Longhope Church
 Approach May Hill from the west, exit to the north, explore the fields and lanes to the west of the Hill
 Moderate Coffee & picnic lunch Leader: Bruce (01242 464027)
- Saturday January 25** **SO642069** **OL14** **10.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: The Nags Head, Oldcroft Rd, Yorkley (no parking on gravel section opp pub)
 A ramble through the woods taking in Mallards Pike, Bradley Hill, Furnace Bottom, Viney Woodside, Deadman's Cross and Yorkley Slad but not necessarily in that order. Mix of footpaths, forest trails, country lanes and fields. Mud guaranteed.
 Moderate Coffee and Packed Lunch Leader: Jackie H (01594 564417)
- Tuesday January 28** **SO252284** **OL13** **9.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: BLAEN Y CWM PICNIC SITE CAR PARK
 Circular walk taking in Waun fach the highest point in the Black Mountains. Mainly clear paths over open moorland. Long but reasonably easy climbs. Might be a bit boggy in places.
 Directions to start: - From Abergavenny follow A465 N. Approx 4 miles turn L at Llanvihangel Crucorney. At Stanton turn L and follow Fore
 Moderate Leader: Chris H (01594 823872)
- Saturday February 1** **SO949373** **Exp 190** **9.5 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: St Bennetts Catholic Church, Kemerton
 Climbing Bredon Hill, taking in Banbury Stone Tower, descending the other end to Ashton-under-Hill & returning via Grafton, Conderton & Overbury.
 Moderate Packed Lunch Leader: John & Derek (01452 790529-790532)
- Thursday February 6** **SO628096** **OL 14** **5.0 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: FC New Fancy View CP
 Mallards Pike Lake, Newnham Bottom, Parkend, Churchill Inclosure
 Moderate Mid Morning Tea/Coffee Leader: Susan (01594 843389)
- Sunday February 9** **SO577105** **OL/14** **7.6 Miles**
 Time: 10:00 Meet: Coleford Main Car Park (free on Sunday)
 A ramble with a mere 1000 feet of ascent, walking to Newland and then Clearwell and back into Coleford.
 Moderate Coffee stop & Picnic lunch Leader: Ronnie (01594 845225)