

HEREFORDSHIRE AREA WALKS PROGRAMME

December 2017

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FRIDAY MORNING WALK

Date: **Friday 1 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **4 – 5 miles**
Time: **10.00**

Hereford Group

Short countryside walks. Dogs welcome on short leads. Contact Mary W for details ring 01432 273432 or check your emails.

HEREFORDSHIRE TRAIL – RICHARDS CASTLE - LEOMINSTER

Date: **Saturday 2 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **9 miles**
Meeting Place **Leominster Bus Station, stand 4**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 202/SO 494591**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Mary**
Contact: **01684 541071**

Leaddon Vale Group

Catch 490 bus for Ludlow at 09.45. Alight at Richards Castle and follow the Herefordshire Trail back to Leominster. BPL.

ARROW VALLEY WANDER

Date: **Saturday 2 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **8 miles**
Meeting Place **Lay-by in centre of Titley**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 201/SO 331601**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Jo**
Contact: **07498 489028**

Mortimer Group

The Forge – Staunton-on-Arrow – Wapley Hill. BPL.

ROSS GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: **Saturday 2 December**
Royal Hotel, Ross-on-Wye

Ross Group

For details contact Trisha 01989 769050

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK – WOOLHOPE TO SOLLERS HOPE

Date: **Tuesday 5 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **4 - 5 Miles**
Meeting Place **Woolhope church car park, HR1 4QS**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 189/SO 611358**
Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.30)**
Leader: **Ian**
Contact: **01684 573180 or 07892 812999**

Ross Group

Parking is limited at the church so please car share from WRCP. Orders for lunch at The Crown taken before walk.

This is a memorial walk for Neville Littleford. There will be a walk to Sollers Hope church for a short address. Memorial bench should be installed by this date.

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TEA SHOP WALK FROM KING STREET KITCHEN, NEAR HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Date:	Wednesday 6 December	Hereford Group
Level:	Moderate	Park in Hereford, e.g. Friar Street (opp. Greyfriars Ave) £4. Walk through
Distance:	8 miles	Castle Green and climb up onto
Meeting Place	King Street outside Cathedral	Dinedor Hill. Return along the river
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 189/SO 509398	Wye to King Street Kitchen where everyone is expected to buy cake and
Time:	10.00	tea. Please take your money in your
Leader:	Lynne and Mary	rucksack. BPL. Tea about 15.30.
Contact:	01432 271769/01432 357766	

MORNING WALK AND TALK FROM THE POINT 4.

Date:	Thursday 7 December	Hereford Group
Level:	Leisurely	Park at the Point 4, Venn's Lane, Hereford. One of several walks in
Distance:	4 miles	Holmer, Tupsley, Queenswood or the
Meeting Place	Inside Point 4 reception	Lugg Valley. These short walks are
Map/Grid Ref:	EXP189/SO 518412	open to all. They include field paths,
Time:	10.30	some stiles and short inclines and can
Leader:	Mary/Arthur/Marian	be muddy. Optional refreshments at
Contact:	01432 357766/264374	the Point 4.

ROSS GROUP COFFEE & CHAT

Date:	Thursday 7 December	Ross Group
Time:	10.30	Please join us for coffee and a chat at The
Contact:	Heather 01432 350341 or 07919 606856	Chase Hotel, Gloucester Road, Ross HR9 5LH. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 8 December – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

MILLS AND MORE

Date:	Saturday 9 December	Leadon Vale Group
Level:	Moderate	A varied walk to Beanhouse Mill, Longley
Distance:	8 miles	Green, Barrow Mill, Bearwood Common,
Meeting Place	Lane adjacent to Cradley Church	Halesend Wood. BPL.
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 190/SO 735471	
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	Kay	
Contact:	01684 577558	

ACONBURY WOOD TO DINEDOR CAMP

Date:	Saturday 9 December	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Please park tightly as space is limited.
Distance:	10 miles	A moderate walk via Aconbury and
Meeting Place	King's Thorn car park	Dinedor hillforts on fields and lanes. An
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 189/SO 498321	energetic climb to Aconbury wood on the
Time:	10.00 (WRCP 09.30)	return. Great views, weather permitting.
Leader:	Jan	Registered assistance dogs only. BPL.
Contact:	01981 580869 or 07497 778763	

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BUS WALK FROM DORMINGTON TO HEREFORD

Date:	Sunday 10 December	Hereford Group
Level:	Moderate	At Hereford Country Bus Station, catch 476 bus at 10.15, OR catch the bus at the Shire Hall or on route of 476 bus.
Distance:	9 miles	Walk via Mordiford, Hampton Meadow, Lugwardine and Lugg meadow.
Meeting Place:	Bus Station, Commercial Road.	Registered Assistance Dogs only.
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 189/SO 515403	BPL.
Time:	10.10	
Leader:	Mike L	
Contact:	01432 270018	

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK

Date:	Tuesday 12 December	Ross Group
Level:	Leisurely or Moderate	For details contact Sally 01989 565687 or Trisha 01989 769050
	4 - 5 miles	

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 15 December – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

HEREFORD GROUP CHRISTMAS WALK AND LUNCH

Date:	Saturday 16 December	Hereford Group and all others.
Level:	Moderate	There is a wonderful menu choice.
Distance:	5 miles	Book for the lunch with Lynne 01432 271769/ 07792010227 or Mary 01432 357766/ 07854 068214. 3-course £27.50: 2-course £22.50 payable by cheque to “ Hereford Group of the RA” by 2 December.
Meeting Place:	The Priory Hotel, Stretton Sugwas	
Map/Grid Ref:	EXP202/SO 467429	
Time:	10.00 walk/13.00 to eat at 13.30.	
Leader:	John A.W.	

WHITE CASTLE BORDERLANDS

Date:	Saturday 16 December	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Leave the old church at Llantilio Crossenny for White Castle with time for a wander over the moats and into the castle. Return via another lovely old church at Llanvetherine. A scenic walk using the gentler parts of the Three Castles Walk and Offa's Dyke Path. BPL.
Distance:	8 miles	
Meeting Place:	Llantilio Crossenny Church car park (donation) NP7 8SY	
Map/Grid Ref:	OL13/SO 398149	
Time:	10.00 (WRCP 09.10)	
Leader:	Bob	
Contact:	01989 769050 or 07985 044735	

MARTIN BRENT WALK

Date:	Sunday 17 December	Leadon Vale Group
Level:	Easy	This walk, around the village of Colwall, commemorates a previous village Clerk.
Distance:	7 miles	BPL.
Meeting Place:	Colwall Station	
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 190/SO 756424	
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	David	
Contact:	01684 574205	

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ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK - Tuesday 19 December (see 12 December for details)

MORNING WALK AND TALK FROM THE POINT 4 – Thursday 21 December (see 7 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 22 December – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL OF WINTER WALKS - DECEMBER 23 START DATE

CIRCULAR WALK AROUND WEOBLEY

Date: **Saturday 23 December**
Level: **Leisurely**
Distance: **7 miles**
Meeting Place: **Weobley Village Hall CP**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 201/SO 345516**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Mike Goodwin**
Contact: **01568 616473 or 07384 360419**

Mortimer Group

Leisurely walk through village then on field paths. The Ley, Ledgemoor, Meers, returning to Weobley. BPL. Registered Assistance Dogs only.

WALK FROM ROSS TO WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD

Date: **Saturday 23 December**
Level: **Leisurely**
Distance: **3.5 to 4 miles**
Meeting Place: **Outside Ross Library, Cantilupe Road, Ross**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 189/SO 602241**
Time: **09.50**
Leader: **Penny and Sally**
Contact: **01989 485264 or 01989 565687**

Ross Group

CATCH THE BUS BACK! BRING YOUR BUS PASS!

This short walk through Penyard Wood has one main uphill stretch. There should be time to visit the church in Weston. There are two stiles. Stop at the Weston Cross (optional!) for refreshments and return on the 33 bus at 12.33 or 13.33.

BREINTON CIRCULAR

Date: **Wednesday 27 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **6.5 miles**
Meeting Place: **Far end of Wyevale GC car park**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 202/SO 472415**
Ref:
Time: **11.00 late start**
Leader: **Mo**
Contact: **01432 350516**

Hereford Group

Park at far end of Wyevale Garden Centre. Walk down quiet tracks, lanes and footpaths to Breinton and along the river. Optional tea at Wyevale at end. BPL.

HEREFORDSHIRE BEACON

Date: **Wednesday 27 December**
Level: **Easy**
Distance: **5 miles**
Meeting Place: **British Camp Car Park (fee)**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 190/SO 764404**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Tom**
Contact: **01886 821544**

Leadon Vale Group

Blow away the Christmas cobwebs as we climb the Herefordshire Beacon and visit the Eastnor Estate at the southern end of The Malverns. Later, we can put the calories back on at The Malvern Hills Hotel. BMMR.

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FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 29 December – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

CIRCULAR via CREDEHILL WOODS

Date: **Friday 29 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **8.5 miles**
Meeting Place: **Far end of Wyevale GC car park**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 202/SO 472415**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Mo**
Contact: **01432 350516**

Hereford Group
Park at far end of Wyevale Garden Centre. Walk through fields and woods to Credenhill Wood and back. Some road walking. Route adjusted if weather bad. Optional tea at Wyevale at end. BPL.

ENGLISH BICKNOR AND THE FOREST OF DEAN

Date: **Saturday 30 December**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **9 miles**
Meeting Place: **Ball's Hill, English Bicknor**
Map/Grid Ref: **OL14 /SO 581158**
Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.20)**
Leader: **Ian**
Contact: **01684 573180 or 07892 812999**

Ross Group
Park in public car park in Ball's Hill, English Bicknor (close to church and English Bicknor Primary School).
A walk from English Bicknor down to the Wye and Symonds Yat before returning to English Bicknor via woodland and the Forest of Dean. BPL.

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

General: As a group member it is your responsibility to follow the leader's instructions for the benefit of the group as a whole. If you should leave the walk early, please notify the leader. Please do not walk in front of the leader. Keep in single file on all roads. Accidents or incidents that occur during the course of the walk, should be reported to the leader immediately. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Insurance: 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 will occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that when entering into the activity, each member 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.

Guidance on grades:

Easy Access; Walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.

Easy: Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

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Leisurely: Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include un-surfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing recommended.

Moderate: Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing essential.

Strenuous: Walks for experienced country walkers with above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing essential.

Transport/Car Parking: Think green, try and car share. If you require a lift, contact the walk leader who may be able to organise a lift for you. Don't leave valuables in your car in full view of thieves, and remember to lock your car. Protect against theft or vandalism.

The pick-up point for Ross Group – WRCP = Wilton Road Car Park.

The pick-up point for Leadon Vale Group – BSCP = Bridge Street Car Park.

Colwall Station is to become an alternative car pick-up or car-share point for Leadon Vale. Exp 190 SO756425 Car Parking is free and it is served by a regular train service.

Notes:

For a full days walk bring a packed lunch = BPL - and plenty to drink.

For a half days walk bring a mid-morning refreshment = BMMR

Dogs: Can be taken on walks only with advance permission of the leader, but are generally welcome

Remember: If in doubt contact the walk leader before going, or check on the web site at www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk