

HEREFORDSHIRE AREA WALKS PROGRAMME

January 2018

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ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK - Tuesday 2 January (see 12 December for details)

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

ROSS GROUP COFFEE & CHAT

Date:	Thursday 4 January	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 5 January – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

STANFORD BISHOP

Date:	Saturday 6 January	Leadon Vale Group
Level:	Moderate	We explore the lesser known parts of
Distance:	7 miles	the Bromyard plateau, including
Meeting Place:	Stanford Bishop Village Hall (£1)	Stanford Bishop, Acton Beauchamp
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 202/SO 690520	and Acton Green. BPL.
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	Tom	
Contact:	01886 821544	

CHURCHES IN LLANGARRON AREA

Date:	Saturday 6 January	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Park in car park St Deinst Church,
Distance:	8 miles	Llangarron (donation).
Meeting Place:	St Deinst Church, Llangarron	A circular walk through fields and
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 189 /SO 530211	meadows with beautiful views. Visiting
Time:	10.00 (WRCP 09.30)	the churches of Welsh Newton and
Leader:	Ian	Llangrove with their fascinating history.
Contact:	01684 573180 or 07892 812999	BPL.

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL OF WINTER WALKS - JANUARY 7 END DATE

AN EXTRAORDINARY PLACE

Date:	Sunday 7 January (morning)	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Follow the B4234 from Lydbrook, turn
Distance:	5 Miles	left at a crossroads onto the B4226
Meeting Place:	Cannop Ponds Picnic Area	towards Cinderford. After only about
Map/Grid Ref:	OL14/SO 609106	200 yards turn right at the green sign
Time:	EARLY START 09.30 (NO WRCP)	for Cannop Ponds and meet at the little
Leader:	Bob	bridge by the car park which is about a
Contact:	01989 769050 or 07985 044735	mile down the access lane.
		A long gentle ascent on a rather
		uneven old tramway, then easy tracks
		and paths through Nags Head RSPB
		reserve.
		Industrial history, nature reserve and
		ponds for your picnic – or head off for
		Sunday Lunch!

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 9 January (see 12 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 12 January – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

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PRIORS FROME & BACKBURY HILL

Date: **Saturday 13 January**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **8 miles**
Meeting Place **Priors Frome**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 189/SO 575390**
Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.15)**
Leader: **Sally and Heather**
Contact: **01989 565687 or 07919 606856**

Ross Group
Park considerably by the closed Yew Tree Inn, Priors Frome, near the phone box.
The route will take in parts of Mordiford, Haugh Wood and the ascent/descent of Backbury Hill. BPL.

KINGSTHORNE TO HAREWOOD END (NO.32 BUS WALK)

Date: **Sunday 14 January**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **7.5 miles**
Meeting Place **Hereford Railway Station bus stop**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 189/SO 515045**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **John A W**
Contact: **01432 355833 or 07779 508204**

Hereford Group
Catch the 33 bus from Hereford Railway Station at 09.47, County Bus Stn 09.52, Broad Street & Ross Road. Arrives Kingsthorne 10.17. Return from Harewood End 15.02 arrive Hereford 15.35. Walk the fields and woods to the west and east of the A49. BPL.

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 16 January (see 12 December for details)

MORNING WALK FROM EASTNOR

Date: **Wednesday 17 January**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **5 miles**
Meeting Place **Parking area on bend of A438**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 190/SO 733373**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Mary**
Contact: **01684 541071**

Leadon Vale Group
A circular walk to include the Ridgeway, Netherton farm and the Obelisk. BMMR. Optional coffee/lunch afterwards

MORNING WALK AND TALK FROM THE POINT 4 – Thursday 18 January (see 7 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 19 January – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

COLWALL AND STEPHEN BALLARD

Date: **Saturday 20 January**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **5 miles**
Meeting Place **Gardiner's Quarry CP (£4 fee)**
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 190/SO 765421**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **David**
Contact: **01684 574205**

Leadon Vale Group
Walk from the West side of the hills to the Ballard Estate and learn about the achievements of Stephen Ballard. Walk into Colwall village and back. BMMR.

BIGSWEIR

Date: **Saturday 20 January**
Level: **Moderate**
Distance: **8.5 miles**
Meeting Place **Offa's Dyke Car Park - Bigsweir**
Map/Grid Ref: **OL14/SO 543055**
Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.15)**
Leader: **Martin Shepley**
Contact: **01989 563022**

Ross Group
For start point of walk, turn sharp left on approaching Bigsweir Bridge towards St Briavels. A walk along Offa's Dyke Path then up to Clearwell Quarry and return alongside Slade Brook. There are two gentle ascents and back to the car park before 15.00. BPL.

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ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 23 January (see 12 December for details)

HIGH TEA WALK FROM THE STRAND AT EARDISLEY

Date:	Wednesday 24 January	Hereford Group
Level:	moderate	Park at the Strand opposite the Tram Inn. Herefordshire Trail to The Great Oak and on towards Cwmmau Farmhouse. Everyone must book for our traditional hearty high tea, specially made for us. Savouries, sandwiches and cakes for £15. Book and pay in advance by 13 January. BPL.
Distance:	7 miles	
Meeting Place:	The Strand, Eardisley	
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 201/SO 310496	
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	Lynne and Mary	
Contact:	01432 271769 and 357766	

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 26 January – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

LINEAR WALK STAUNTON ON WYE TO WEOBLEY

Date:	Saturday 27 January	Hereford Group
Level:	Moderate	Catch the 446 Bus to Staunton on Wye, OR park at far end of Wyevale Garden Centre CP and walk out to bus stop on Kings Acre Road for 09.31. Walk through fields and orchards along the flank and top of Burton Hill. Return will be on bus 461 at 15.15 arrive Wyevale 15.37 & Hereford 15.52. BPL.
Distance:	8 miles	
Meeting Place:	Hereford City Bus Station at Tesco's	
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 202 /SO 508401	
Time:	09.22	
Leader:	John A W	
Contact:	01432 355833 or 07779 508204	

WEST WYE WOODLAND RAMBLE

Date:	Saturday 27 January	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Park up at the top of Whitestone Car Park. An easy walk mainly on well-marked woodland tracks and quiet roads with very gentle gradients. We start on the Wye Valley Walk through Bargain Wood and on to Maryland. Return is via Broad Meend, Ninewells Wood and Creigiau Wood. Registered Assistance Dogs only. BPL.
Distance:	7.25 miles	
Meeting Place:	Whitestone Car Park	
Map/Grid Ref:	OL14 /SO 524029	
Time:	10.00 (WRCP 09.00)	
Leader:	Mark	
Contact:	01989 567914	

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK - Tuesday 30 January – NO WALK TODAY - Christmas lunch

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:

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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.

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