



The Salmon Sculpture outside the Man of Ross Inn

This walk is different from the normal country walk. In 2004 the Ross Group of the Ramblers, in association with the Ryefield Centre Leisure Link Club, devised a route around and through Ross that would be accessible to those using electrically powered shopping scooters and wheelchairs.

By ensuring the route did not have deep kerbs or steps it could be negotiated by users of children's buggies too, hence the name, The Ross Buggy Route.

At the time of writing the route is still not complete as a couple of dropped kerbs and a ramp have still to be installed. However, by making a couple of small detours, the route can be completed.

The Ross Group of the Ramblers would like to acknowledge to considerable help provided by Herefordshire Council Rights of Way Department in developing the route and the Highways department for, literally, smoothing the route.

The Wye Valley AONB has recently become involved and we thank it for providing the ramp near Ashfield Park School.

# ROSS-ON-WHEELS

Sam Phillips of Ross Ramblers leads a buggy trip around the town



## The route

1 Start on the asphalt path that leads to the river, on the opposite side of Wye Street from the Bandstand. Head towards the river and at the T-junction of paths, turn right. Follow this path alongside the river, past the Hope and Anchor Inn. The Hope and Anchor was a start point for the members of the gentry who undertook the Grand Tour when they set out to travel down the Wye. Outside the pub there is a set of steps. Alongside them is the new ramp that was installed as part of the Buggy Route, to provide access along the full length of the riverside to wheelchair-bound people.

After negotiating the ramp you are now on the Ropewalk, so called because its length was that of a standard length of rope and ropes were made here. In addition, boats were built and wicker baskets made from the willow that grew in the withy beds, now no longer here.

2 Stop to admire the sculpture Swans in Flight by ►