

HEREFORDSHIRE AREA WALKS PROGRAMME

February 2018

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ROSS GROUP COFFEE & CHAT - Thursday 1 February (see 7 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 2 February – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

HEREFORDSHIRE TRAIL – LEOMINSTER TO BACHE CAMP

Date:	Saturday 3 February	Leadon Vale Group
Level:	Moderate	From Broad Street Car Park (Sat nav ref: HR6 8DD), follow the Herefordshire
Distance:	9 miles	Trail along the River Lugg over Eaton Hill to Bache Camp Fort. Return via
Meeting Place	Broad Street Car Park (£2.50 fee)	Cogwell meadows. Woodland, open country, some lane walking. Good views. BPL.
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 202/SO 496596	
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	John	
Contact:	01568 615608	

VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN END OF THE MALVERNS

Date:	Saturday 3 February	Ross Group
Level:	Moderate	Free car parking at Hollybush on north side of A438 Ledbury to Tewkesbury Road.
Distance:	9 miles	A walk on the southern end of the Malverns taking in Midsummer Hill, Ragged Stone Hill, the hamlet of White Leaved Oak and the village of Castlemorton. Excellent views of and from the hills. BPL.
Meeting Place	Hollybush Car Park	
Map/Grid Ref:	Exp 190/SO 758368	
Time:	10.00 (WRCP 09.15)	
Leader:	Ian	
Contact:	01684 573180 or 07892 812999	

MILTON HILL AND BRILLEY MOUNTAIN COMMONS

Date:	Sunday 4 February	Hereford Group
Level:	Moderate	We descend to Rhydspence, ascend to join Offa's Dyke Path, then follow a drover's track to Milton Hill and Brillley Mountain Commons, thence back to Brillley. Broken stiles and some mud. BPL.
Distance:	9 miles	
Meeting Place	Brilley Village Hall	
Map/Grid Ref:	EXP 201/SO 263496	
Time:	10.00	
Leader:	Anthea and Martin	
Contact:	01432 769470 or 07583 048409	

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 6 February (see 12 December for details)

PUB QUIZ, CHAT AND CURRY – EVENING OUT

Date:	Tuesday 6 February	Hereford Group
Meeting Place	Victory Pub, St Owen's Street, Hereford	Members from all groups are very welcome. Come for a drink, chat and the pub quiz, followed by curry, rice and chips. £2.50 per person. No advance booking needed, just turn up and help form a table.
Time:	20.00	
Contact:	Martin and Anthea	
	01432 769470 or 07583 048409	

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 9 February – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

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KYMIN VIEWPOINT AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WELL

Date: **Saturday 10 February** **Ross Group**
Level: **Moderate** St John the Baptist Well and Kymin
Distance: **8.5 miles** viewpoint. Explore woodland and
Meeting **Monmouth Prep School,** farmland using the Offa's Dyke Path
Place **Hadnock Road, Monmouth** and the Wysis Way. Includes a steep
NP25 3NG ascent.
Map/Grid Ref: **OL14 /SO 515127** Dogs must be kept on leads. BPL.
Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.10)**
Leader: **Barbara**
Contact: **01989 762363 or 07845 466101**

WALKING FROM STAUNTON ON WYE

Date: **Saturday 10 February** **Mortimer Group**
Level: **Moderate** A level walk via Garnons, visiting three
Distance: **9.5 miles** churches. Can be shortened if weather
Meeting Place **Staunton on Wye Village Hall** inclement. BPL.
(fee) Sat Nav ref for village hall is HR6 7LR.
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 201/SO 365452**
Time: **10.00**
Leader: **Wendy**
Contact: **01568 612556**

HAY HO! BUS WALK - LITTLE BRAMPTON TO DORSTONE

Date: **Sunday 11 February** **Hereford Group**
Level: **Moderate** Catch 39A bus at Railway Station, OR
Distance: **6 miles** at stops along the route. Walk from
Meeting **Hereford Railway Station** Little Brampton to Peterchurch via
Place **Burnt Wood and Stockley Hill,** mainly
Map/Grid Ref: **EXP189/SO 515405** on footpaths. Time for a drink at the
Time: **10.15** Boughton Arms before catching the
Leader: **Les** bus back to Hereford (arr 1600). BPL.
Contact: **01584 877588**

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 13 February (see 12 December for details)

TEA SHOP WALK FROM LEOMINSTER TO KIMBOLTON

Date: **Wednesday 14 February** **Hereford Group**
Level: **Moderate** Walk taken from Pete Blench's book
Distance: **7 miles** "Walking out from Leominster." Set off
Meeting **Fire Station car park (small** along the Cogwell Brook to Kimbolton
Place **fee)** Church, return via Ridgemoor Brook
Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 202/ SO 496593** and the Kenwater to Nori's Café in
Time: **10.00** Church Street, where everyone is
Leader: **Lynne and Mary** expected to buy cake and tea. BPL.
Contact: **01432 271769 and 357766**

MORNING WALK AND TALK FROM THE POINT 4 – Thursday 15 February (see 7 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 16 February – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

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TEME UP FOR THE SEVERN AT WORCESTER

Date: **Saturday 17 February**

Level: **Easy**

Distance: **9 miles**

Meeting Place **Lay-by on A4103, Bransford Bridge**

Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 204/SO 805532**

Time: **10.00**

Leader: **David**

Contact: **01684 574205 ****

Leadon Vale Group

A varied walk following the River Teme initially, then the River Severn, passing many places of historic interest. BPL. Pub nearby for post-walk refreshments.

** In the event of flooding, phone leader on 07919 421770.

MATHON AND CRADLEY CHURCH WALK

Date: **Saturday 17 February**

Level: **Moderate**

Distance: **7.75 miles**

Meeting Place **Colwall**

Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 190/SO 758430**

Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.00)**

Leader: **Mark**

Contact: **01989 567914**

Ross Group

Park at the bottom of Brockhill Road (left off the B4218 coming from Ledbury) just before The Downs School. An easy walk mainly on farm tracks and quiet roads with gentle gradients. There are several stiles. Walk heads north through Ham Green and Lane End to Mathon and then Cradley.

Return via Bagburrow Wood and Parkwood lime kilns. Registered Assistance Dogs only. BPL

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 20 February (see 12 December for details)

FRIDAY MORNING WALK – Friday 23 February – Hereford Group (see 1 December for details)

FROM OFFA TO MORTIMER

Date: **Saturday 24 February**

Level: **Moderate (1500 ft ascent)**

Distance: **9 miles**

Meeting Place **Mill Street, Kington**

Map/Grid Ref: **Exp 201/SO 295565**

Time: **10.00**

Leader: **Tom**

Contact: **01886 821544**

Leadon Vale Group

We follow Offa's Dyke Path across Bradnor, Rushock and Herrock Hills before returning by the Mortimer Trail. BPL

REDBROOK, NEWLAND AND SLADE BROOK

Date: **Saturday 24 February**

Level: **Moderate**

Distance: **9 miles**

Meeting Place **Redbrook village football field car park (£1)**

Map/Grid Ref: **OL14 /SO 536099**

Time: **10.00 (WRCP 09.15)**

Leader: **Margaret**

Contact: **01600 713712**

Ross Group

Walk up the quiet Valley Brook to meet the ancient Coxbury and Wyegate Lanes, with views down to the Wye Valley. Up to the Slade Brook, a SSSI containing tufa dams, to Slade Bottom. A second climb through Leyshill Wood, past Clearwell Quarry, returning through Newland. A fairly steep descent through woodland to meet the Valley Brook once more. BPL.

ROSS GROUP MORNING WALK Tuesday 27 February (see 12 December for details)

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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.

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