

Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group

Summer Programme 2018

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WEATHER CONDITIONS: Please telephone the appropriate Walk Leader if you wish to know more about the walks listed in the programme or if the weather conditions on the day seem dubious. Walks are rarely cancelled but may be curtailed at the discretion of the Leader.

TORCHES: Although it is intended that all walks finish in daylight, walkers are advised to include a head-torch or hand-torch in their kit, especially on winter walks, in case of unforeseen delays.

GROUP SAFETY: In order to promote the collective comfort, safety and enjoyment of walkers with the Group, each participant should be adequately clothed and equipped for bad weather and emergencies in remote, exposed situations. Advice can be obtained from the Walks Secretary or the General Secretary.

WALKS LEADERS: New leaders are always welcome, but are required to be fully paid-up members of the Ramblers and over eighteen years of age.

NOTE FOR LEADERS: If you are unable to lead your walk, it is your responsibility to find another member to do so. Please also let the Walks Secretary know, in order to help with finding a replacement leader.

BACKMARKERS: It is the recommendation of the Committee that a backmarker be appointed. While the backmarker may not be familiar with the route, they should be capable of navigating back to the finish point of the walk. Please contact the Walks Secretary if you have any questions about appointing a backmarker.

DOGS: Dogs are welcome except where stated in the Walks Programme. When brought, dogs must be under complete control at all times. Please note that dogs should be on a short lead at all times during the nesting season, 1 March to 31 July. Also please note that a Walk Leader may require dogs to be on leads and that the Walk Leader's decision is final and not negotiable.

CAR SHARING: We would encourage the use of car sharing where practical between fellow walkers. We would suggest either a voluntary donation of £4, or a private agreement between passengers and drivers, or alternate journeys.

INCIDENTS & INJURIES: Any walker who required medical attention following an incident or an injury sustained during an organised walk is asked to give details to the General Secretary.

RAMBLERS MEMBERS: Members from other groups are welcome to walk with the Moorland Group at any time. Non-members may join a Moorland Group walk on a trial basis, but in furtherance of Ramblers' policy, after three walks they should apply for membership.

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DIARY DATES

9–12 June: Long Weekend Away in the Brecon Beacons

See page 4 for details.

26 May – 3 June: Ramblers' Walk About Festival

The theme of the festival is Hidden Gems. Our walks on 27 & 31 May and 3 June will be part of the festival.

25 August – 2 September: Dartmoor Walking Festival

The theme is based on the *Dartmoor 365* book. Our walk on 26 August will be part of the festival.

Saturday 29 September: Summer Social Evening/Dinner

To be held at The Rock Inn, Yelverton (PL20 6DS), 6.30pm for 7pm. Mary will distribute the menu at the end of August. Sunday's walk is in the same area: see programme.

28 October 2018: Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at Phoenix Hall, St John's Lane, Bovey Tracey at 10am; coffee at 9.30am. It will be followed by a walk: see programme for details.

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
06/05/18 10am	Four Winds car park on B3357 SX561749 12 miles S	A Bluebells Walk Hucken Tor, Ingra Tor, Sharpitor, Leather Tor Bridge, Crazy Well Pool, Princetown, North Hessary Tor	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
13/05/18 9am See Note 1	Cadover Bridge main car park SX 555645 20 miles S	Hilda Biscoe Walk Trowlesworthy, Shell Top, Penn Beacon, Shaugh Prior bridge, Dewerstone Rock, Burrator Woods, Sheeps Tor, Gutter Tor, Legis Tor	Chris & Mandy Tel: 01752 311672
20/05/18 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 12 miles S	Leat Hunting Nun's Cross, Devonport Leat and aqueduct, Norsworthy Bridge, Plym Ford	Kim Tel: 07504 041447
27/05/18 10am	Meldon Reservoir car park (fee) SX 562917 About 10 miles M/S	Hidden Gem: Black Tor Copse West Okement valley, Lints Tor, High Willhays, Yes Tor, West Mill Tor	Kevin & Debbie Tel: 01409 261827 or 01364 643180
31/05/18 Thursday 1pm	Manaton car park SX 749812 6 miles E (but steep and rough in places)	Hidden Gem: Horsham Steps Horsham Steps, Lustleigh Cleave, Foxworthy Bridge, Manaton Rocks	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
03/06/18 10am	Cold East Cross SX 740743 13 miles S	Hidden Gem: Haytor Tramway Halshanger Cross, Bagtor Mill, Haytor Quarries, Templer Way, Saddle Tor, Rippon Tor	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
9-12 June	See Note 2	Weekend Away: Brecon Beacons Based in Brecon, South Wales	Steve & Julie Tel: 07808 893369
17/06/18 10am	Pork Hill car park on B3357 SX 531751 14 miles S	Dartmoor's Western Edge Cox Tor, Smeardon Down, Horndon Bridge, Wapsworthy, White Tor, Roos Tor	Ian Tel: 01626 683115 / 07804 181616
24/06/18 10am	Haytor upper car park SX 759767 14 miles S	Beatrice Chase Becka Brook new clapper, Jay's Grave, Hameldown, Widecombe, Higher Venton Farm, Rippon Butts	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332
01/07/18 10am	Shipleigh Bridge car park SX 680629 15 miles S	The Pathless Moor Stalldown Barrow, Penn Beacon, Langcombe Hill, Avon Dam (and a lot more in between!)	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
08/07/18 10am	Venford Reservoir car park (west side of dam) SX 685712 13-14 miles S	V & A Circumnavigation Ryder's Hill, Huntingdon Warren, White Barrows, Avon Dam, Pupers Hill, Scorrilton Down	Don Tel: 07530 945944
15/07/18 10am	Postbridge: car park across road, by forest SX 646787 14 miles S	Cross, Row and Circles Bennett's Cross, Chagford Common, Fernworthy Reservoir, Grey Wethers stone circles	Mandy & Chris Tel: 01752 311672
22/07/18 10am	Woodholme car park, Buckfastleigh SX 738660 17-18 miles S	Carry on up the Dart Hembury Woods, New Bridge, Bench Tor, Holne Moor, Michelcombe and Burchetts Wood	Steve & Julie Tel: 07808 893369
29/07/18 10am	Harford moorgate SX 643596 About 11 miles S	Erme Encounter River Erme, Piles Copse, Sharp Tor	David S. Tel: 07970 203301

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05/08/18 10am	Blisland village green SX 100732 15–16 miles S See Note 3	Bodmin Moor Footpaths and moorland, including Jubilee Rock, Alex Tor, Rough Tor, Brown Willy and King Arthur's Hall	David G. Tel: 01579 348165
12/08/18 10am	Dartmoor Inn moorgate, near Lydford SX 526853 About 15 miles See Note 4	Willsworthy Wander Around much of the Willsworthy Range, plus a bit. Includes Standon Hill, Dunna Goats, Great Nodden	Patrick Tel: 07968 873227
19/08/18 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 12 miles S	A Pool and a Poet Cosdon, Hound Tor, Hangingstone Hill, Cranmere Pool, Ted Hughes memorial, Knack Mine, Taw valley, Belstone Café (optional!)	Hetta Tel: 07811 560229
26/08/18 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 13 miles S	A Dartmoor 365 Walk Visiting eight 365 squares, including Black Tor Falls, Crazy Well Pool, Ducks' Pool and Childe's Tomb	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180
02/09/18 10am	Cadover Bridge main car park SX 555645 14 miles S	A Grave, a Mine and a Rabbit Farm Shell Top, Grim's Grave, Ducks' Pool, Plym Ford, Eylesbarrow Mine, Ditsworthy Farm	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
09/09/18 10am	Chagford car park, next to Jubilee Hall (fee) SX 701874 14 miles S	Paths and Byways Nattadon Common, Fingle Bridge, North Bovey, Moretonhampstead	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
16/09/18 10am	Dartmoor Inn moorgate, near Lydford, SX 526853 11-12 miles S	Both Sides of the Lyd Black Rock, Wheal Frederick, Bleak House, Dunna Goats, 'Points', Sourton Ice Works, Great Nodden	Ken Tel: 07855 307650
23/09/18 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 531751 12 miles S	Power Walk: sources of water power Great Staple Tor, White Tor, Hill Bridge, Wheal Jewell, Wheal Betsy, Peter Tavy, Cox Tor	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
30/09/18 10am	Lowery Cross car park SX 547692 12 miles S	Meavy and Plym Country Yennadon Down, Meavy, Ringmoor Down, Ditsworthy Warren, Nun's Cross, Crazywell Pool	Janet Tel: 01822 85260
07/10/18 10am	Car park nr Green Combe, on B3212 SX 698834 13–14 miles S	Fernworthy Circle Grimspound, Water Hill, Grey Wethers, Fernworthy Dam, Hurston, Lettaford	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
14/10/18 10am	Woodholme car park, Buckfastleigh SX 738660 13 miles S	Dartmoor Way Part 1 Priestaford, Ashburton, Owlacombe Cross, return to include Terrace Walk	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
21/10/18 10am	Meldon Reservoir car park (fee) SX 562917 14–15 miles S	Excursion to Cranmere Cranmere Pool and back – rough and probably boggy terrain	Barry Tel: 01752 847127 / 07967 260439
28/10/18 approx 11.15am after AGM	Phoenix Hall, Bovey Tracey SX 812783 11–12 miles M/S	Lustleigh Valley River Bovey, Lustleigh Cleave and Shaptor Rocks	Jess & Will Tel: 01364 661331

NOTES

The letter after the mileage indicates the grade of walk: E = Easy, M = Moderate, S = Strenuous

1. This year's annual Hilda Biscoe Walk (in memory of one of the group's founders) will be a mixture of tors, woodland and minor roads. There'll be Willy's ice cream at the finish for those with money in their pockets!

2. Weekend Away

Based in Brecon, Saturday 9 to Tuesday 12 June

Leaders: Steve and Julie, 07808 893369

Summary of walks below; for further details see our website.

Group dinner: Sunday 10 June, 7pm for 7.30pm, at The Castle of Brecon Hotel, Brecon (LD3 9DB).

Mary will distribute the menu to group members as soon as one is received from the hotel.

Please let Mary know as soon as possible if you wish to attend. Reply to: gkw60@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 9 June, 10am

Start: Brecon long stay car park, SO 048284

Distance: 11 miles

Route: Y Gaer Roman Fort, Battle and Pen-y-Crug Fort.

Spectacular views over the town, the Usk valley and the central Beacons.

Sunday 10 June, 10am

Start: Cwm Gwdi car park, SO 024248

Distance: 9 miles

Route: Cribyn, Pen y Fan and Corn Du

The three main peaks of the Brecon Beacons, probably the finest mountain walk in South Wales.

Monday 11 June, 10am

Start: Llanfrynach, on-street parking; meet by church: SO 075257

Distance: 10 miles

Route: Three Rivers Ride path, Fan y Big and Bryn.

This walk takes in a dramatic stretch along the curving rim of the escarpment.

Tuesday 12 June, 10am

Start: Picnic layby on A470, SN 971222

Distance: 11.5 miles

Route: Fan Faw, Fan Dringarth, Fan Lila, Fan Frynych

A little walked area of the Fforest Fawr.

3. Blisland is around 2 miles north of the A30 and 4 miles north-east of Bodmin on the western edge of Bodmin Moor.

4. Walk includes crossing the Tavy / Amicombe at Sandy Ford. The water will probably be below boot height if it has been dry, but could be mid-calf depth if there has been rain – be prepared!

For more information about the Group see our website: www.moorlandramblers.org.uk