

Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group

Summer Programme 2017

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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.

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.

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.

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 back marker be appointed. While the back marker 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 back marker.

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

19–22 May: Weekend Away in the Peak District

See page 4 for details.

11 June: Annual Hilda Biscoe Walk

A 20-mile circular walk taking in all the high points of south-eastern Dartmoor; see programme for details.

26 August – 3 September: Dartmoor Walking Festival

Our group walks on 27 August and 3 September will be included in the Festival programme.

30 September: Summer Social Evening/Dinner

To be held at the Abbey Inn, Buckfast, 7pm for 7.30pm. Details will be emailed and posted on our website.

22 October: Annual General Meeting

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

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
07/05/17 10am	Combestone Tor car park SX 670718 15 miles S 1500ft of ascent	Leat me here! Wheal Emma Leat, Aune Head and more of Wheal Emma Leat See Note 1	Patrick Tel: 07968 873227
14/05/17 10am	Gallows Gate car park SX 878649 (Nearest postcode TQ3 1SX) 12 miles S	Three Torbay Valleys Occombe Woods, Hollicombe beach and valley, Cockington See Note 2	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
19-22 May	See Note 3	Weekend Away Based around Hope in the Peak District	Jess & Will Tel: 01364 661331
28/05/17 10am	Sharpitor car park SX 561708 16 miles S	Sharpitor to Pew Tor Mostly moorland (bogs and brooks), short bridlepaths and a lane	Heather Tel: 07561 110202
04/06/17 10am	Postbridge car park SX 646788 12 miles S	Dart Steps Believer Tor, Hexworthy, Babeny, Pizwell – includes stepping stones	Mike Tel: 07866 163708
11/06/17 9am	Shipley Bridge SX 681629 20 miles S	Hilda Biscoe Walk: Beacons & Barrows Ugborough Beacon, Western Beacon, Three Barrows, Western Whitebarrow, Ryder's Hill, Holne Ridge, Pupers Hill	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
18/06/17 10am	Bennett's Cross SX 680816 19 miles S	To Widcombe, with a few wee ups and downs along the way Hookney Tor, Grimspound, Hamel Down, Honeybag Tor, Natsworthy Gate	Chris & Mandy Tel: 01752 311672
25/06/17 10am	Prewley Moor SX 545911 16–18 miles S	At least another Ten Tors... ... including Hunt, Fur and Hamster Tors	David G. Tel: 01579 348165
02/07/17 10am	Haytor upper car park SX 759768 12 miles S	Emsworthy Mire & Snodderbottoms From Emsworthy Mire to Bowerman's Nose, Lustleigh Cleave and Yarner Wood	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332
07/07/17 Friday 9pm	Lydford car park SX 509847 12 miles S	To Fur Tor and Back Doe Tor, Sharp Tor and Hare Tor See Note 4	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
09/07/17 10am	Manaton car park (fee) SX 750812 16 miles S See Note 5	South from Manaton Haytor Rocks, Rippon Tor, Pil Tor, Widcombe, Hamel Down, Natsworthy Gate	Mike Tel: 07866 163708
12/07/17 Wednesday 6pm	Burrator Quarry car park SX 549677 7 miles M	The Tors of Burrator A summer's evening walk taking in the tors around Burrator Reservoir	John G. Tel: 07402 360445
16/07/17 10am	'Grub Up' layby/car park on Plymouth Road, Tavistock SX 487723 15 miles S	Railways & Rivers around Tavistock Old railway line plus paths and minor roads to Horrbridge, Doublewaters, Denham Bridge and Tavistock Canal	Roger Tel: 01822 834829

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
23/07/17 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 532751 14–15 miles S	Wandering around White Tor Great Staple Tor, Langstone Moor, Lynch Tor, Willsworthy Bridge and Peter Tavy	Barry Tel: 01752 847127 / 07967 260439
30/07/17 10am	Clannaborough Cross SX 659913 12–13 miles S	A Path to Providence Cosdon Beacon, Watern Tor, Kes Tor and the Mariners' Way	Debbie 01364 643180
06/08/17 10am	Postbridge car park SX 646788 15 miles S	Peat Passes Plod Quintin's Man, Cranmere Pool, Fur Tor and East Dart Waterfall	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
13/08/17 10am	Postbridge car park SX 646788 14–16 miles S	Between the Darts Sandyhole Pass, Brown's House, Two Bridges, Wistman's Wood, Lakehead Hill ... and some tors too	Julie Tel: 07527 021783
20/08/17 10am	Hembury Woods car park SX 730680 (minor road nr Buckfast) 13 miles S	Around Holne Michelcombe, Venford, Seal Stoke, Hembury Castle (hillfort)	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
27/08/17 10am	Venford Reservoir car park (west side of dam) SX 685713 12 miles S	Venford Reservoir to Avon Dam Reservoir Ryder's Hill, Huntingdon Warren, Avon Dam Reservoir, Scorrilton Down	Don Tel: 07530 945944
03/09/17 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 12 miles S	Dartmoor's Highest Belstone Tor, Oke Tor, East Mill Tor, High Willhays, Yes Tor, Lower Halstock	Hetta Tel: 07811 560229
10/09/17 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 532751 13 miles S	Power Walk: sources of water power Roos Tor, White Tor, Hill Bridge, Wheal Jewell, Wheal Betsy, Peter Tavy	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
17/09/17 10am	Holming Beam SX 591765 12–13 miles S	Utrinque Paratus Beardown Tors, Rough Tor, Brown's House, Fur Tor, Lynch Tor, Black Dunghill	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
24/09/17 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 16 miles S	Burrator Tor Bagging: long version A circuit of tors around Burrator Reservoir	Mandy & Chris Tel: 01752 311672
01/10/17 10am	Labrador Bay car park (free Sunday) SX932705 14 miles S	Sea the Moor [sic!] Coastal path and estuary shore, John Musgrove Trail, Brunel's totem poles and Torquay's Valley of Rocks	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
08/10/17 10am	Widcombe car park (fee) SX 719769 11 miles S	Hiking Hamel Down Along the side of Hamel Down to King Tor, Shapley Tor, Birch Tor, Challacombe and Hamel Down Beacon	Will Tel: 07909 103007
15/10/17 10am	Ivybridge park and ride car park SX 648566 14½ miles S	Around the Erme Henlake Down, Hanger Down, New Waste, Stalldown Row, The Dancers, Erme Pound, Two Moors Way	Ian Tel: 07804 181616
22/10/17 approx 11.15am depending on AGM finish	Phoenix Hall, Bovey Tracey SX 812783 12 miles M	Lustleigh Valley Lustleigh, Hunter's Tor, Neadon Cleave, Lustleigh Cleave, Hisley Bridge, Parke Estate	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
29/10/17 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 14 miles S	Escape on Dartmoor Whiteworks, Litta Ford Tor, Beardown Tors, Bachelor's Hall (includes river crossing)	Janet Tel: 01822 852609

NOTES

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

1. Bare legs not recommended, says the leader. Gorse-resistant legs a definite advantage...
2. The route includes a 2km nature walk where dogs are excluded. That section is a circular walk at Occombe Farm, so dog owners can have a pit stop in the café while we do the loop. There is also a chance that dogs will be excluded at Hollicombe beach, but there is an alternative route here.
3. **Weekend Away**, based around Hope in the Peak District, Friday 19 to Monday 22 May
Leaders: Jess and Will Hand, 01364 661331
Summary of walks below; for further details see our website (www.moorlandramblers.org.uk)

Saturday 20 May, 7pm for 7.30pm: group dinner at Old Hall Hotel, Hope. Please select from emailed menu and reply to Mary or Graham (gkw60@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

- Friday 19 May, 10am
Start: SK 139734
Distance: 11½ miles S
Route: Up and Down Dale
Miller's Dale, Flag Dale, Hay Dale, Peters Dale, Monks Dale
 - Saturday 20 May, 9.30am
Start: Mam Tor car park, SK 123832
Distance: 13 miles
Route: Kinder Surprise
Mam Tor, Edale, Kinder Downfall, Lord's Seat
 - Sunday 21 May, 10am
Start: SK 173891
Distance: 12½ miles S
Route: Round the Lady
Circling Ladybower Reservoir on the hills above the reservoir
 - Monday 22 May, 10am
Start: Glossop, SK 043947
Distance: 13 miles S
Route: A Shelf, a Crash and a Hut
Higher Shelf Stones, Pennine Way, Mill Hill
4. This is a night walk. Bring a headtorch, plus food and drink. Walkers are also welcome to meet at the Castle Inn, Lydford, for a pre-walk meal at 7.30pm. Please let Steve know by the end of May if you intend to come to the meal so that he can book a table.
 5. The car park is also used by church-goers; please car share if possible. Parking fee of £1 goes towards church funds.

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