

Ramblers Devon Area
Moorland Group
Winter Programme 2017/18

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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.

Programme © Moorland Group. Each programme is emailed to Moorland Group members. If you require a printed copy please contact the General Secretary. A donation of £4 for four programmes is requested from non-Moorland Group members to cover the cost of printing and postage.

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DIARY DATES

22 October 2017: Annual General Meeting

A reminder about the AGM at Phoenix Hall, St John's Lane, Bovey Tracey at 10am; coffee at 9.30am. It will be followed by a walk: see Summer 2017 Programme for details.

Festival of Winter Walks

The Ramblers' Winter Festival runs from 23 December 2017 to 7 January 2018. It will include our three walks within that period. Further details about the festival are on the Ramblers' national website.

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
05/11/17 10am	Postbridge: car park across road, by forest SX 646787 13 miles S	To Sittaford – the Longaford Way Longaford Tor, Rough Tor, Sittaford Tor, Merripit Hill	Jess Tel: 01364 661331
12/11/17 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 12 miles S	Hetta's Favourite Stomping Ground Cosdon Hill, Throwleigh, Great Ensworth, Buttern Hill, Scorhill stone circle, Little Hound Tor, Belstone Tors	Hetta Tel: 07811 560229
19/11/17 10am	Bel Tor Corner SX 695731 13 miles S	Above the East Dart Valley Corndon Tor, Pizwell, Bellever Tor, Laughter Tor, Dartmeet, Sharp Tor	Don Tel: 07530 945944
26/11/17 10am	New Bridge car park SX 711709 12 miles S	A Hike to Hexworthy Dr Blackall's Drive, Corndon Down, Yar Tor, Sherwell, Hexworthy, Horn's Cross, Bench Tor, River Dart	Mike Tel: 07866163708
02/12/17 Saturday 3.30pm See Note 1	Widcombe car park SX 719768 10.5 miles S	Super Full Moon Walk Natsworthy Gate, Chinkwell Tor, Holwell Tor, Saddle Tor and Top Tor	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
03/12/17 10am	Four Winds SX 561749 12 miles S	Walking Backwards: A torless tour to the source of the Walkham Merrivale Bridge, Dead Lake, Walkham Head, Spriddle Lake, Prison Leat	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332
10/12/17 10am	Cold East Cross SX 740742 12 miles S	Circular around Widcombe Lanes, tracks and moorland via Buckland in the Moor, Ponsworthy, Chinkwell Tor, Bonehill Rocks	Mike Tel: 07866163708
17/12/17 10am	Venford Reservoir car park (west side of dam) SX 685712 11–12 miles S	Around the Dart Bench Tor, Leigh Tor, Mel Tor, Sharp Tor, Dartmeet, Combestone Tor <i>(Includes Week Ford stepping stones, weather permitting)</i>	Julie Tel: 07527 021783
26/12/17 Tuesday 10am	Princetown car park (fee £2) SX 589735 12 miles S	Boxing Day Tor Bagging A circuit of tors around Burrator Reservoir	Chris & Mandy Tel: 01752 311672
31/12/17 10am	Car park NE of Row Tor on military range road SX 596923 11 miles S	Hootenanny on the Hoof Cullever Steps, Oke Tor, Dinger Tor, High Willhays, Yes Tor, New Bridge, Black Down	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
07/01/18 10am	Widcombe car park SX 719768 13 miles S	Julie and Steve's New Year's Romp Honeybag Tor, Hound Tor, Haytor Rocks, Rippon Tor, Bonehill Rocks	Steve & Julie Tel: 07808 893369
14/01/18 10am	Christow car park SX 838851 11–12 miles S	Paths on the Periphery The Teign Valley edge of the National Park: footpaths and reservoirs	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180

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21/01/18 10am	Wills Road, Totnes Industrial Estate (Broad Marsh) SX 806608 13.5 miles S	Valleys, Villages & Hilltops south of Totnes. Footpaths, lanes/ green lanes. Probably mud in places. Views and stepping stones depend on weather and tide.	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
28/01/18 10am See Note 2	Postbridge main car park SX 646788 13/14 miles S	A Rocky Ramble Laughter Tor, River Dart, Luckey Tor, Cathanger Rock	David G. Tel: 01579 348165
04/02/18 10am	South Brent car park SX 697602 13 miles S	Lanes and Moorland Shipley Bridge, Ball gate, Three Barrows, Butterdon Hill, Peek Moorgate	Feli Tel: 0789 9970215
11/02/18 10am	Four Winds SX 561749 10.5 miles S	In Search of Snow Great Mis Tor, Cocks Hill, White Barrow, Stephen's Grave, Merrivale, King's Tor	Will Tel: 07909 103007
18/02/18 10am	South Zeal car park SX 652935 13–14 miles S	A Northern Circuit Cosdon Hill, Hound Tor, Watern Tor, Buttern Hill and Shilstone Tor	Mike Tel: 07866 163708
25/02/18 10am	Trendlebere Down (bottom car park) SX 784794 12 miles S	Dartmoor Way to North Bovey Water, Foxworthy Bridge, North Bovey, Easdon Down, Manaton, Black Hill	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
04/03/18 10am	Dartmeet car park SX 672732 11 miles S	A Drive to the Manor Sharp Tor, Dr Blackall's Drive, Spitchwick Manor, Ponsworthy, Shallowford, Corndon Down, Yar Tor	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
11/03/18 10am	Bere Alston car park (PL20 7HU) SX 448668 12 miles S	Bere Necessities A walk around the Bere peninsula	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
18/03/18 10am	Norsworthy Bridge SX 568694 about 11 miles S	Drizzlecombe Menhirs Nun's Cross, Plym Ford, Drizzlecombe, Ditsworthy Warren House	David S. Tel: 07970 203301
25/03/18 10am Note: Summer Time begins	Car park NE of Row Tor on military range road SX 596923 15-17 miles S	Around the 600s Hangingstone Hill, White Horse Hill, Cut Hill, High Willhays, Yes Tor	John Tel: 07402 360445
01/04/18 10am Easter Sunday	Sherberton road, Hexworthy SX 652727 13–14 miles S	Centre of the South Moor Childe's Tomb, Duck's Pool, Ryder's Hill	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
08/04/18 10am	Prewley Moor SX 545911 12 miles S	Three Dartmoor Industries – and Other Stuff Out to Brat Tor, back via Stenga (guaranteed to be boggy!)	Patrick Tel: 07968 873227
15/04/18 10am	Sharpitor car park on B3212 SX 561708 13–14 miles S	13 (ish) Miles, 13 Crosses Walkhampton, Sampford Spiney, Horrabridge, Meavy, Burrator	Isobelle Tel: 07785 111834 (on day only) or ibelcher@live.co.uk
22/04/18 10am	Dartmoor Inn moorgate SX 525853 15 miles S	Top o' the Moor to You! Brat Tor, Kitty Tor, Sandy Ford, High Willhays, Yes Tor, West Mill Tor, Sourton Tor, Great Nodden	Roger Tel: 01822 834829

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
29/04/18 10am	Moretonhampstead Court St car park SX 751860 12 miles S	Around Moreton Willingstone Rock, Wooston Castle, Mardon Down, Pepperdon, Wray Cleave, Wray Valley Trail	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347

NOTES

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

1. There is an option to join Steve for an after-walk meal at the Old Inn in Widecombe. Please let him know if you wish to attend the meal by 23rd November. The walk should finish by 8pm – so participants will still be able to do Sunday's walk!
2. The route includes the riverside footpath below Dartmeet, which is something of a scramble in places and can be slippery. Good balance is needed!

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