

Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group

Winter Programme 2019/20

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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. **Please see Note 2 in this programme.**

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

Winter Social Evening

This will be held sometime during January or February 2020. Once arrangements have been finalised, details will be emailed to members. It will follow the usual format of a photographic presentation by two or three members plus a pub meal.

Dartmoor Way Official Opening

Advance notice about the launch of this new long-distance footpath at the Late Spring Bank Holiday Weekend, 25 May 2020. There will be a week of activities, including guided walks along parts of the route. Details of Moorland Group walks that feature the Dartmoor Way will be notified in next summer's programme. Further information on the project is available from George Coles (georgecoles.mail@gmail.com)

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
03/11/19 10am	Lowery Cross car park SX 547692 13 miles S	An Irate Cloistress Yennadon Down, Meavy, Ringmoor Down, Ditsworthy Warren, Nun's Cross, Crazywell Pool, Burrator	Janet Tel: 01822 852609
10/11/19 10am See Note 1	Dartmeet car park (£2) SX 672732 Approx. 14 miles S	Meet the Dart Yartor Down, Dr Blackall's Drive, Spitchwick, Ponsworthy, Jordan, Corndon Down, Laughter Hole stepping stones, Blackator, Brimpts, Huccaby	Chris T Tel: 07762 234968
17/11/19 10am	Willsworthy Range car park SX 518835 Approx. 12 miles S	Lynch & Lych Wheal Jewell, Hill Bridge, White Tor, Lynch Tor, Bagga Tor, Yellowmead	Patrick Tel: 07968 873227
24/11/19 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 531751 13 miles S	Power Walk Some sources of water power. Peter Tavy, Wheal Betsy, Wheal Jewell, White Tor and Roos Tor	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
01/12/19 10am	Princetown car park (£2) SX 589735 Approx. 11 miles S	Around Grimpen Mire Conchies Road, Peat Cot, Goldsmith's Cross, Childe's Tomb, Wheal Emma Leat, Swincombe, Crock of Gold	David S Tel: 07970 203301
08/12/19 10am See Note 2	Harford moorgate SX 643595 12 miles S	Between the Erme and the Yealm Stalldown Barrow, Stall Moor, New Waste, Moor Cross, Pit Hill Farm, Harford Bridge	Don Tel: 07530 945944
15/12/19 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 12 miles S	The Scenic Way to Okehampton Belstone Tors, Cullever Steps, West Mill Tor, West Devon Way, Okehampton, Tarka Trail, Tor Down	Hetta Tel: 07811 560229
22/12/19 10am	Venford Reservoir car park (west side of dam) SX 685712 10–11 miles S	Winter Solstice Wander Combestone Farm, Holne Ridge, Mardle Head, Scoriton, Great Combe	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180
26/12/19 10am Boxing Day	Princetown car park (£2) SX 589735 11 miles S	Boxing Day Stroll North Hessary Tor, Great Mis Tor, Foggin Tor, King's Tor, Black Tor, South Hessary Tor	Mandy & Chris Tel: 07936 052650
29/12/19 10am See Note 2	Two Bridges car park SX 609751 13 miles S	Around the West Dart Higher White Tor, Postbridge, Bellever Tor, Powder Mills, Longaford Tor, West Dart weir	Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07544 552234
05/01/20 10am	South Brent car park SX 698603 12 miles S	Steve & Julie's New Year's Yomp Black Tor, Petre's Pits Bottom, Sharp Tor, Spurrell's Cross and Ugborough Beacon	Steve & Julie Tel. 07808 893369
12/01/20 10am	Chagford car park (fee) SX 701874 13 miles S	The Fickle Maidens of Chagford Scorhill Circle, Teign Tolmen, Grey Wethers, Fernworthy Reservoir	Ian Tel: 01626 683115 / 07804 181616
19/01/20 10am	Meldon Quarry car park SX 567921 11–12 miles S	Will there be snow? West Mill Tor, Cullever Steps, Oke Tor and High Wilhays	John Tel: 01752 313689
26/01/20 10am	Haytor Down car park SX 770778 11½ miles S	Hills and Beacon Black Hill, Bonehill Rocks and Buckland Beacon	Jess Tel: 01364 661331

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
02/02/20 10am	Saltram House NT car park (non-members £3) SX 522555 12 miles M	Sound and Around Plym estuary, Turnchapel, Mount Batten, Bovisand and Plymstock	Julie & Steve Tel: 07808 893369
09/02/20 10am	Sharpitor car park SX 560709 12–13 miles S	Reservoir Roundabout Eggworthy, Yennadon Down, Burrator Dam, Gutter Tor, Deancombe, Crazy Well Pool, Raddick Hill Aqueduct	Barry Tel: 07967260439
16/02/20 10am	Postbridge: main car park (£2) SX 646788 10 miles S	A Cold Plod from Postbridge Broad Down, Sandy Hole Pass, Flat Tor, Rough Tor, Crow Tor, Littaford Tor and Arch Tor	Will Tel: 01364 661331
23/02/20 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 531751 14 miles S	Bag a Tor... or more Roos Tor, Bagga Tor and Boulters Tor	David G Tel: 01579 348165
01/03/20 10am	Haytor Down car park SX 770778 13–14 miles S	Forest, lanes and moorland Houndtor Wood, Bowerman's Nose, Houndtor Down, Holwell Tor	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
08/03/20 10am See Note 2	Bennett's Cross car park SX 680817 15 miles S	An Early Spring 'Stroll' Water Hill, Fernworthy Forest, Grey Wethers, Postbridge, Bellever Bridge, Cator Common, Soussons Farm, Golden Dagger Tin Mine	Daniele Tel: 07510 174192
15/03/20 10am	Labrador Bay car park (free on Sunday) SX 932705 14 miles S	Sea the Moor Coastal path and estuary shore, John Musgrove Trail, Brunel's totem poles and Torquay's Valley of Rocks	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
22/03/20 10am	Shipley Bridge car park SX 680629 12 miles S	Alternative Avon Circuit Didworthy, Brent Hill, Moor Cross, Skerraton Down, Ludgate, Hickaton Hill, Eastern White Barrow, Black Tor	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
29/03/20 10am (Summer Time begins)	Hound Tor car park SX 740792 Approx. 12 miles S	Hound, Hamel and Hay Jay's Grave, Hamel Down, Bonehill Rocks, Rippon Tor and Haytor Rocks	Glyn Tel: 01392 860013
05/04/20 10am	Willsworthy Range car park SX 518835 11 miles S	Tavy Cleave and Rattle Brook Willsworthy, Lane End, Tavy Cleave, Rattle Brook, Brat Tor, Lydford	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
12/04/20 10am Easter Day	Cadover Bridge main car park SX 555645 15 miles S	Easter Excursion Hawk Tor, Shaugh Prior, Dewerstone, Burrator Woods, Sheepstor village, Gutter Tor	Chris & Mandy Tel: 07936 052650
19/04/20 Meet 9.30am for car sharing See Note 3	Moretonhampstead Court Street car park SX 751861 (10am) 12 miles S	Dartmoor Way Part 4 Fingle Bridge, Teign Gorge, Chagford, Murchington, Providence, Throwleigh and Clannaborough	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
26/04/20 10am	Meldon Reservoir car park (£2) SX 562918 12 miles S	Just One Tor Homerton Hill, Lints Tor, Vergyland Combe, tinnens' hut	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332

NOTES

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

1. If water level is too high to use Laughter Hole stepping stones the route will return to Babeny and follow the path down the East Dart.
2. Note that parking space is limited at these three venues: please consider car-sharing where possible. For the 8 March walk from Bennett's Cross there is another parking area a little further north on the B3212.
3. This is a linear walk along a section of the Dartmoor Way, a circular route around the circumference of Dartmoor National Park. Meet at 9.30am at Clannaborough Cross (GR SX 659914) near Throwleigh, for car sharing to Moretonhampstead. Walk starts at 10am.

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