Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group
Winter Programme 2026/2027

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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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Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
04/10/26 10am	Tamar Bridge road side parking Normandy Way SX 442 586 11-13 miles S	**Brunel Walk** Cross Bridge, Saltash Waterfront, Chruchtown Farm Nature Reserve, Forder, & return to waterfront.	David 07970 203301
11/10/26 10am	Burrator Quarry CP SX 549 677 13 miles S	**Burrator Horseshoe** Meavy, Gutter Tor, Nuns Cross, Norsworthy Bridge, Sheeps Tor	Helen 07791 970181
18/10/26 10am	Leusdon road parking SX 706 733 10.5 miles S	**A Loop of Leusdon part 2** Some 2 Moors Way, woods and a couple of stiff hills.	Isobelle ibelcher@live.co.uk
25/10/26	Poundstock Church CP SX 203 994 12 miles S	**Millook Meander** Millook Valley & Woods, Lower Tresmorn, St Genny's, Pencannow Point, Millook	Adam 07530 473424
01/11/26 10am	Minions CP SX 259 711 12.5 miles S	**A Bit of Mining History** Around Caradon Hill, Stowe Hill, Sharp Tor, Kilmar Tor, Tregarrick	John 07402 630445
08/11/26 10am	Venford Reservoir CP SX 689 708 14.5 miles S	**Over the hills to Huntingdon Warren** Ryder's Hill, Huntingdon Warren, Harford Lane & back via villages	Karen 07788 586860
15/11/26 10am AGM Walk starts Approx 11.15	Phoenix Hall Bovey Tracey SX 812 783 10.5 miles M	**Trenchford Trip** Shaptor Wood, Trenchford Reservior, Kelly Mine, Higher Knowle Wood, Parke	Steve & Julie 07527 021783
22/11/26 10am	Norsworthy Bridge SX 568 693 11 miles S	**Got to do Sheeps Tor again** Combshead Tor, Sheeps Tor, Gutter Tor, Higher Hartor Tor, Nun's Cross, Down Tor	Andrew 07508 070111
29/11/26 10am	Mortonhamstead CP SX 750 860 12 miles S	**Morton Meander** Butterdon Down, Fingle Bridge, Hunters Tor, Houndsmoor Wood	Alan 07305 098260
06/12/26 10am	Bedford Bridge CP SX 504 703 11-12 miles S	**A Tale of Two Rivers** Buckland Monachorum, Doublewater, Grenfon	Roger 07485 089166

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13/12/26 10am	Belstone CP SX 621 937 13 miles S	**Sticklepath Fault Loop** South Zeal, Steeperton Tor,	Neill 07980 100587
20/12/26 10am	Belstone CP SX 621 937 12 miles S	**A Winter's Tor** Oke Tor, Hangingstone Hill, Cosdon Hill	Andy & Kate 07471 938370
27/12/26 10am	Wind Tor CP SX 708 764 12 miles S	**Up the Hameldown** Jordan, Challacombe, Hameildown	Jess 07553 257496
03/01/27 10am	Dartmoor Inn CP SX 525 853 10-11 miles S	**Fur Tor or Swim** Route dependent on river levels	John 07402 630445
10/01/27 10am	Kit Hill CP SX 383 713 14 miles S	**A view to the Tamar Valley Trail** Kit Hill, Tamar Valley Trail, Gunnislake, Harrowbarrow	Karen 07788 586860
17/01/27 10am	Cold East Cross CP SX 741 742 12.5 miles S	**Ridges close to Home** Wind Tor, Hameldown, Hound Tor, Rippon Tor	Andrew 07508 070111
24/01/27 10am		No Walk Arranged	
31/01/27 10am	Labrador Bay CP SX 931 945 11 miles S	**See the Moor** Lanes, bridleways and coast path. Edge of Torquay, Gabwell, Shaldon	Barbara 07482 128982
07/02/27 10am		No Walk Arranged	
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14/02/27 10am	Pork Hill CP SX 532 752 12 miles S	**A Walk in the West of the Moor** Cox Tor, Hill Bridge, Willsworthy, White Barrow, Roos Tor	Roger 07485 089166
21/02/27 10am	Bellever Forest CP (Fee) SX 658 771 12 miles S	**Views of Bellever** Dunnabridge Pound, Sherberton, Littaford Tors, Bellever Tor	Andrew 07508 070111

28/02/27 10am	Christow CP SX 837 850 10 miles S	**Up & Down From Christow** Hennock Reservoirs, Canonteign Down, Barton Down	Isobelle ibelcher@live.co.uk
07/03/27 10am	Haytor Down CP SX 770 778 12.5 miles S	**10 Tors and some Rocks** Black Hill, Hound Tor, Jays Grave, and onwards to Honeybag Tor	Barbara 07482 138982
14/03/27 10am	South Brent CP SX 698 602 13 miles S	**Following the Stone Row** Shap Tor, Eastern & Western Barrows, Shipley Bridge	Feli 07899 970215
21/03/27 10am	Widecombe CP (fee) SX 719 769 12 miles S	**On the Trail of Mariners & Miners** Kingshead, Natsworthy Gate, West Coombe, Bennets Cross, Soussons	Debbie 01364 643180 07530 259619
28/03/27 10am	Sharpitor CP SX 560 709 12 miles S	**8 and 2X!** Lowery Cross, Crazy Well Pool, Nun’s Cross, Down Tor	Glyn 07525 219303