

Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group

Summer Programme 2019

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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

18–21 May: Long Weekend Away

See Notes for details.

23 June: Annual Hilda Biscoe Walk

The Abbot's Way, a linear walk from Tavistock to Buckfast. See page 2 and Notes for details.

Saturday 7 September: Devon Area Ramblers' 50th Anniversary

A gathering at Hookney Tor for all Devon groups at 12.30pm, with guest speakers at 1pm. Two Moorland Group walks (a short one and a longer one) will be organised to coincide with this event: further details will be circulated by email.

Saturday 28 September: Annual Dinner

To be held at Turtley Corn Mill, near South Brent, 6.30pm for 7pm. Further details and menu nearer the time.

20 October 2019: 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)
05/05/19 10am	Steps Bridge on B3212 SX 803883 17½ miles S (steep ascents & descents)	Variety from the edge of Dartmoor Bridford Wood, Heltor Rock, Headless Cross, Butterdon Down, Hore Wood, Wooston Castle, Halls Cleave	Daniele Tel: 07510 174192
12/05/19 10am	Cadover Bridge main car park SX 555645 14 miles S	A Bluebell Walk Hawks Tor, Shaugh Prior, Dewerstone Rock, Burrator Wood, Sheeps Tor and Gutter Tor	Chris & Mandy Tel: 07936 052650
18–21 May	See Note 1	Weekend Away: West Cornwall Based in Penzance	Steve & Julie Tel: 07808 893369
26/05/19 10am	Row Tor car park on military range road SX 596923 16 miles S	Point to Point Yes Tor, Kitty Tor, Great Kneeset, Cranmere Pool, Hangingstone Hill, Cosdon Hill, Higher Tor	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 830150 / 07500 340182
02/06/19 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 13 miles S	Ancient Stone Circles Little Hound Tor, Scorhill Circle, Emsworthy, Wonson, Clannaborough, Foxes Holt, Belstone café (optional!)	Hetta Tel :07811 560229
09/06/19 Meet 9.30am for car sharing	Moretonhampstead, Court St car park SX 751861 14 miles S See Note 2	Dartmoor Way Part 3 Templer Way to Bovey Tracey, Hisley Bridge, Water, Horsham Steps, North Bovey, Moretonhampstead	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
16/06/19 10am	Row Tor car park 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
21/06/19 Friday 6pm	Princetown car park SX 589735 Approx. 7 miles M See Note 3	Summer Solstice Stroll Black Tor, Leeden Tor, Swelltor Quarry, Merrivale stone rows at sunset	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180
23/06/19 8.30am	Buckfast SX 741671 22 miles S See Note 4	Hilda Biscoe Walk: Abbot's Way Moortown, North Hessary Tor, Nun's Cross, Plym Ford, Crossways and Water Oak Corner	Steve and Julie Tel. 07808 893369
30/06/19 10am	Okehampton railway station SX 592944 12–13 miles S	Through the Camp or round the Camp? Footpaths and moorland See Note 5	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
07/07/19 10am	Shipley Bridge car park SX 680629 13 miles S	Cairns and Crosses Ball Gate, Ugborough Beacon, Butterdon Hill, Three Barrows, Petre's Cross, Huntingdon Cross, Avon Dam	Don Tel: 07530 945944
12/07/19 Friday 6pm	Grenofen Bridge car park SX 490710 Approx. 5 miles M See Note 6	An Evening Stroll by the Walkham By the banks of the River Walkham to Doublewaters and back across West Down	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
14/07/19 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 14–16 miles S	Another Tor-bagging Exercise! 17 tors / hills including Knattaborough Tor, Hamster Tor and Ivy Tor	David G Tel: 01579 348165
21/07/19 10am	Pork Hill car park, B3357 SX 531751 Approx. 12 miles S	Hit or Mis Staple Tors, Langstone Moor, Great Mis Tor, stone quarries, Pew Tor	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180

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28/07/19 10am	Harford moorgate SX 643596 11 miles S See Note 7	Around the Erme Sharp Tor, Three Barrows, Petre's Cross, Erme Pound, Downing's House, Piles Copse	David S Tel: 07970 203301
04/08/19 10am	Brentor road, Mary Tavy SX 493801 15 miles S	Over the Road and Back Gibbet Hill, Wheal Jewell Reservoir White Tor, Roos Tor, Peter Tavy	Nick Tel: 07871 944929
11/08/19 10am	Willsworthy range entrance car park SX 518835 Approx. 13 miles S	Fur Enuff Ger Tor, Standon Steps, triple range post, Fur Tor, Little Kneeset, Sharp Tor and Doe Tor	Patrick Tel: 07968 873227
18/08/19 10am	Venford Reservoir car park (west side of dam) SX 685712 12 miles S	Richard Dawson of Holne Bench Tor, Sandy Way, Ryder's Hill, Hooten Wheals, Horse Ford Cross, Hexworthy, Dartmeet stepping stones (if passable)	Chris T Tel: 07762 234968
25/08/19 10am	Postbridge: car park across road, by forest SX 646787 14 miles S	Short Circuit Dartmeet, Sharp Tor, Corndon Down and Pizwell Bridge	Richard Tel: 01647 441353
01/09/19 10am	Four Winds car park on B3357 SX 561749 11 miles S	Anticlockwise round the Mast Foggintor, Leeden Tor, Black Tor, Cramber Tor, Peat Cot, Princetown, North Hessary Tor and Hollow Tor	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
06/09/19 Friday 9-9.30am	Haytor lower car park SX 765771 16½ miles S See Note 8	The Templer Way Original linear route from Haytor quarries to Shaldon including granite tramway and Stover Canal	Barbara Tel: 07482 138982
08/09/19 10am	Postbridge: car park across road, by forest SX 646787 13 miles S	Flirting with Fernworthy Stats House, Sittaford Tor, Thornworthy Tor and Merripit Hill	Jess Tel: 01364 661331
15/09/19 10am	Avenue Road, Torquay, roadside parking SX 906640 14–15 miles M	Town and Country Great Hill, Coffinswell, Kingskerswell, Edginswell, Cockington; paths, lanes and a little bit of coast	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
22/09/19 10am	Haytor top car park (fee) SX 758767 13 miles S	Hell in Haytor Haytor, Holwell Tor, Black Hill, Hayne Down, Honeybag Tor, Chinkwell Tor, Top Tor, Pil Tor, Rippon Tor, Bag Tor	Will Tel: 01364 661331
29/09/19 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 16 miles S	To Sheeps Tor, the scenic way Old railway, Sharpitor, Leather Tor, aqueduct, Crazy Well Pool, Sheeps Tor, Down Tor, Nun's Cross Farm	Mandy & Chris Tel: 07936 052650
06/10/19 10am	Steps Bridge on B3212 SX 803883 14 miles - S	Step this way Bridford Wood, Mardon Down, Butterdon Down, Cranbrook Castle, Drewsteignton, Dunsford Wood	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
13/10/19 10am See Note 9	Liskeard railway station (PL14 4DX) SX 248637 Approx. 11 miles S	From Liskeard to Looe and back Scenic railway trip by East Looe river, returning on paths and minor roads in West Looe river valley	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
20/10/19 approx 11.15am after AGM	Phoenix Hall, Bovey Tracey SX 812783 9–10 miles S	Around the Bovey Valley Including reservoirs and woods, footpaths and lanes	Isobelle ibelcher@live.co.uk

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
27/10/19 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 13 miles S	Hit the High Points Oke, East Mill, Dinger, Yes, West Mill Tors and Nine Maidens stone circle	Glyn Tel: 01392 860013

NOTES

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

1. Weekend Away

Saturday 18 May, 10am

Start: Wherry Town car park, SW 469296

Distance: approx. 11 miles S

Route: Coast Path through Newlyn and Mousehole to Lamorna Cove, returning inland on footpaths

Sunday 19 May, 10am

Start: Zennor, Chapel car park, SW 453384

Distance: 11½ miles, S

Route: Zennor Quoit, Coast Path from Trevega Cliff to Gurnard's Head, inland via Treen

Monday 20 May, 10am

Start: National Trust car park at Botallack, SW 364332

Distance: approx. 12½ miles S

Route: Coast Path to Cape Cornwall, Chun Downs, Morvah, coast via Pendeen Watch & Levant Mine

Tuesday 21 May, 10am

Start: Sennen Cove, SW 363260

Distance: approx. 11 miles

Route: Coast Path to Land's End, Gwennap Head and Porthcurno, returning inland

Group dinner: Sunday 19 May, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Admiral Benbow, Chapel Street, Penzance

Menu to be distributed nearer the time. Please contact Mary if you wish to attend: gkw60@hotmail.co.uk

Full details of the weekend can be found on our website: www.moorlandrambers.org.uk

2. This is a linear walk. Meet at Court Street car park, Moretonhampstead (SX 751861) for car sharing to Ullacombe Farm car park. Walk starts at 10am from Ullacombe, GR SX 784778.

3. An evening walk to mark the longest day. Bring something to eat and drink. The aim is to be back before dark but please bring a torch in case of overcast conditions. Sunset not guaranteed!

4. Hilda Biscoe Walk: The Abbot's Way

Meet at Southpark Community Centre, Buckfast, SX 741671, where parking is available. Transport is by minibus from Buckfast to Tavistock. The walk will start at Bedford car park, Tavistock, SX 480741, at approx. 9.15am. It is essential to book a place on the bus in advance by contacting the Walks Secretary. Further details will be circulated.

5. Parking at 'Dartmoor Parking' beside YHA (left after railway bridge) or far end of station car park. Meet at entrance to station car park. The station café is open until 5pm.

6. This is an evening walk. Those who would like to have a meal at the Peter Tavy Inn in Peter Tavy afterwards should contact Roger by 30 June so that he can book a table.

7. There may be an opportunity for a wild swim in the River Erme at Piles Copse for the really keen ones.

8. The Templer Way

Start 9–9.30am, finish approx. 5.30pm, followed by dinner at The Dolphin Hotel, Bovey Tracey. Speak to Mary, Mandy, Hetta or Barbara on a walk (or telephone Barbara) for more information and to arrange car sharing/lifts at either end.

9. Meet at Liskeard railway station for train to Looe. Parking fees applicable. Full rail fare £4.40. Train leaves Liskeard at 10.12, arrives at Looe 10.41. Any changes to train times will be notified by email.

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