

Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group

Summer Programme 2015

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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.

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.

The General Secretary receives information from various holiday companies and lists of late vacancies on holidays provided by Ramblers Holidays. Please contact him/her if you require details.

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

15-17 May: Weekend Away

Three days of walking in southern Snowdonia, based around Dolgellau and Penmaenpool. See Notes for details of walks and get-together on Saturday evening.

14 June: Annual Hilda Biscoe Walk

A 20-mile walk starting from Hound Tor car park. See Programme for details.

20 June: Summer Social Evening

Our Annual Dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Inn in Princetown, 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be a walk on the Saturday and another on the Sunday; members wishing to stay in Princetown over the weekend should book their own accommodation. **[MARY TO ADD DETAILS OF BOOKING FOR MEAL, PLEASE.]**

25 October: 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.

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
01/05/15 Friday 9.30pm	Postbridge car park (fee) SX 646788 12 miles S	'Moonlight Sonata' Sittaford Tor, East Dart waterfall, Higher White Tor, Bellever Tor	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332 See Note 1
03/05/15 10am	Pork Hill car park SX 532751 about 11 miles S	'The Western Fringes' Great Combe Tor, Horndon Bridge and Hill Bridge, Langstone Moor, Staple Tors	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180
10/05/15 10am	Chagford car park (fee) SX 702874 12 miles S	'Deer Park Bluebells' Nattadon, Dogmarsh Bridge, Deer Park, Drewsteignton, Spinsters' Rock	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
15-17 May	See Note 2	Weekend away in southern Snowdonia	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
24/05/15 10am	Manaton car park SX 750812 15 miles S	'3 Hs: Haytor, Hamel & Hayne Downs' Black Hill, Rippon Tor, Higher Dunstone, Natsworthy Gate	William Tel: 01647 221260
25/05/15 Bank Holiday Monday 11.30am	Haytor lower car park SX 765771 5 miles E	'The New Becka Brook Footbridge' Open to the public, the walk will celebrate the new clapper bridge. Also Haytor quarries and tramway	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347 See Note 3
29/05/15 Friday 8pm	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 15½ miles S	'Ten Tors at Night' Great Mis Tor, Roos Tor, Pew Tor, King's Tor, Ingra Tor, Black Tor	Steve Tel: 07808 893369 See Note 4
31/05/15 10am	Minor road on Dunstone Down SX 708764 14 miles S	'Riddon Round' Riddon Ridge, Challacombe Down, Hamel Down	Jess Tel: 01364 661331
07/06/15 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 16 miles S	'Princetown to Gutter Tor' A circuit on paths and open moor, with tors, leats and stone rows	Heather Tel: 07561 110202
14/06/15 9am	Hound Tor car park SX 739792 20 miles S	'Hilda Biscoe Walk' Heathercombe, Bovey Castle, Meldon Hill, Chagford Common, Hookney Tor, Chinkwell Tor, Black Hill	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
20/06/15 Saturday 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 12 miles S	'Devil of a Walk' Wistman's Wood, Crow Tor, Devil's Tor, Beardown Tors, Fices Well	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
21/06/15 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 16 miles S	'Leats, Mires and Pools' Hart Tor, Crazy Well Pool, Down Tor, Gutter Tor, Ducks' Pool, Foxtor Mire	Steve Tel: 07808 893369
28/06/15 10am	Postbridge car park (fee) SX 646788 15 miles S	'Passing the Passes' Sandy Path Peat Pass, Cranmere Pool, Black Ridge Peat Pass, Pinset Peat Pass, Fur Tor, NW Passage, Sandy Hole Pass	Andrew Tel: 01837 52332
05/07/15 10am	South Zeal car park SX 652934 17 miles S	'The Wild North Moor' East Mill Tor, Cranmere Pool, Kennon Hill	David Tel: 01579 348165
10/07/15 Friday 6pm	Venford Reservoir car park (west of dam) SX 685712 about 7 miles M	'A Summer Evening Stroll' Combestone Farm, Ryder's Hill, Holne Ridge	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
12/07/15 10.15am	Calstock Station SX 434688 15 miles S	'Tamar Valley: Devon side (mostly)' A short train ride across the Tamar to Bere Alston, then walk back via Morwellham and Gunnislake. Plenty of industrial archaeology to see.	Roger Tel: 01822 834829
19/07/15 10am	Drewsteignton Square, by the church SX 736908 about 14 miles S	Footpaths and woodlands around the Teign Gorge and beyond (Please park in signed car park)	Pip Tel: 01647 252881
26/07/15 10am	Shipley Bridge car park SX681629 13 miles S	'Brent Hill Circuit' Brent Hill, Skerraton, Lambs Down, Pupers Hill, Heap of Sinners, West and East Whitebarrows	Martyn Tel: 01364 643728
02/08/15 10am	South Brent station car park SX 697603 14 miles S	Brent Hill, Grippers Hill, Quickbeam Hill, Three Barrows	Don Tel: 07530 945944
09/08/15 10am	Belstone car park SX 621938 12 miles S	Belstone Tors, Oke Tor, Steeperton Tor, Scorhill, Throwleigh Common, stone row, Cosdon Beacon	Hetta Tel: 01392 678072
16/08/15 10am	Morwenstow car park, next to church SS 205153 about 12 miles S	'A Coastal Walk on the Devon/ Cornwall border' Marland Mouth, Welcombe Mouth, Embury Beacon, Gooseham	Kevin Tel: 01409 261827
23/08/15 10am	Okehampton sandpits SX 596922 12–13 miles S	'The Rough Bounds of Cranmere' Cullever Steps, Taw Head, Cranmere Pool, High Willhays and Yes Tor	Debbie Tel: 01364 643180
30/08/15 10am	Marsh Barton SX 925905 street parking around incinerator (Grace Rd or Alphinbrook Rd) 16 miles S	'Widdershins around Exeter' A brown, and occasionally green, circle of Exeter, including some suburban walking, countryside, university grounds and wide views	Derek Tel: 01392 435925 / 07805 389946
06/09/15 10am	Haytor lower car park SX 765771 14½ miles S	Smallacombe Rocks, Hound Tor, Hameldown Tor, Widecombe, Hollow Tor, Emsworthy	Feli Tel: 07899 970215
13/09/15 10am	Postbridge car park (fee) SX 646788 14 miles S	Bennett's Cross, Chagford Common, Fernworthy Reservoir, Grey Wethers stone circles	Mandy Tel: 01752 311672
20/09/15 10am	Galmpton Common, off A3022, SX 890568 12 miles S	'More Footpaths around Brixham' Broadlands, Fishcombe, Lupton House, Greenway and Quay, a bit of Galmpton and John Musgrave Trail	George Tel: 01803 854828 / 07798 854347
27/09/15 10am	Haytor lower car park SX 765771 13–14 miles S	'A Few Tors and a Beacon' Haytor Rocks, Rippon Tor, Buckland Beacon, Hound Tor, and a few in between!	Julie Tel: 07527 021783
04/10/15 10am	Postbridge car park (fee) SX 646788 13 miles S	'Will's Autumn Amble' Laughter Tor, Bellever Tor, Arch Tor, Broad Down, Statts House, White Ridge, Stannon Tor	Will Tel: 07909 103007
11/10/15 10am	Princetown car park (fee) SX 589735 16 miles S	'Burrator Tor Bagging' A circuit of tors around Burrator Reservoir	Chris Tel: 01752 311672

Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
18/10/15 10am	Leg O'Mutton, Yelverton, car park just over cattle grid, SX 518679	Clearbrook, Shaugh Bridge, Dewerstone, Urgles, Cadover, Meavy	Janet Tel: 01822 852609 / 07864 954291
25/10/15 approx 11.15am depending on AGM finish	Phoenix Hall, Bovey Tracey, SX 812783 11 miles M	'Post-AGM Walk' Lustleigh valley, Water, Haytor Down, Yarner Wood	Graham & Mary Tel: 01626 834531 / 07500 340182

NOTES

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

1. This is a night walk. Bring a head torch (for 6+ hours), but hopefully the full moon means they may not be needed. Also bring a drink and snacks. If you want to eat at the East Dart Hotel beforehand, 7.30 for 8pm, please contact Andrew (01837 52332) by Sunday 26 April. Booking is necessary as it's a Bank Holiday weekend.

2. Weekend Away in Southern Snowdonia, based around Dolgellau and Penmaenpool

- Friday 15 May

Walk 1: Mawddach Estuary

Start: Morfa Mawddach Station, SH 628141

Time: 10am

Distance: 11½ miles M

Route: Mawddach Trail, Hafod-dywyll, Llynau Cregennen and waterfalls

- Saturday 16 May

Walk 2: Cadair Idris

Start: Car park at Ty-nant, SH 698152

Time: 10am

Distance: 8 miles S

Route: Pony Path, Llyn y Gadair, Penygadair (nearly 3000ft), Craig Cau, Minffordd Path, Llyn Cau and back on the Pony Path. Includes steep ascent and some easy scrambling.

- Sunday 17 May

Walk 3: Aran Fawddwy

Start: Car park at Cwm Cywarch on minor road from Dinas Mawddwy, SH 852186

Time: 10am

Distance: 10 miles S

Route: Ascent up deep river valley and then boggy area to Aran Fawddwy (nearly 3000ft), then back via Drysgol and Waun Goch.

[MARY TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF EVENING MEAL VENUE IF KNOWN, PLEASE.]

Further details of the weekend can be found on our website.

3. This walk has been organised for the public to join the Moorland Group and HF Holidays to celebrate the opening of the new Becka Brook footbridge, which was funded by HF and the Group. The structure is a clapper bridge, once common on Dartmoor, but this is believed to be the first new one for at least 30 years. The event will also help to publicise the Ramblers, so please support it if you can.

4. This is a night walk. Again, bring a headtorch in case the moon is hidden by clouds. Also bring food and drink. Steve will be in the Prince of Wales, Princetown, from 7.15pm if anyone would like to meet for a pre-walk drink.

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

