

Moorland Group Weekend Away
The Black Mountains
Friday 23rd June 2023 – Monday 26th June 2023

Friday 23rd June 2023 – Llanthony

Start point: SO 2891 2783 (Llanthony Priory)

Start time: 1000

Distance: 10 miles

Description: We start at the beautiful ruins of the 12th century Llanthony Priory near Abergavenny. We ascend to the summit of Bal Mawr (607m) and then walk back down to Capel-Y-Finn via the Blacksmith's Anvil. There will be the opportunity to visit the small chapel of St Mary the Virgin before heading back up to the ridge to walk a portion of Offa's Dyke Path. We descend from Offa's Dyke Path to Llanthony Priory to conclude our first walk of the weekend.

Saturday 24th June 2023 – Waun Fach (highest peak in The Black Mountains)

Start point: SO 1738 2967 (Dragon's Back Car Park – CP charge £2)

Start time: 0930 (early start due to group evening meal)

Distance: 7 miles plus optional 3 mile extension

Description: We make our way up to the highest point in the Black Mountains (Waun Fach – 811 metres) via Pen Trumau. Waun Fach means 'Little Moor' and it is true to its name. We descend via Y Grib – commonly known as 'The Dragon's Back'. This is a super route and ends at Castell Dinas – an Iron Age hill fort and Norman castle.

There is the option to cross the road and head up to the summit of Mynydd Troed (Foot Mountain) 609m. Yet another lovely mountain with views over the rest of the Black Mountains and beyond. The circular walk takes us back to the car park.

Saturday 24th June 2023 – Evening Meal at The Dragon Inn, Crickhowell meet 6.30pm with meal at 7pm.

Sunday 25th June 2023 – Table Mountain and beyond...

Start point: SO 2157 1906 (next to Crickhowell Primary School)

Start time: 1000

Distance: 12 miles

Description: We have another great route today. We climb up via an enclosed lane through woods and then a couple of fields where we may see some Highland Cattle with just the biggest horns ever – no worries, they are friendly. We continue on to Table Mountain for

views over Crickhowell and, from there, up to the summit of Pen Cerrig-Calch, 701m. We carry on to our highest point of the day - Pen Allt Mawr (Top of a Big Hill), the third highest peak in the Black Mountains and, at 719m, it is a big hill!! Our third peak of the day is Pen Twyn Glas, 646m and a 'top' of Pen Allt Mawr. From here we continue down past Table Mountain and through fields to Crickhowell.

Monday 26th June 2023 – Yet another grand day out!

Start point: SO 2390 2036 (parking is at Llanbedr Village Hall - £3 per car, £10 per van)

Start time: 1000

Distance: 11 miles

Description: Well, we hope that you can stay for this one. It is a beautiful walk and we also have the chance to visit The Church of Saint Issui, Partrishow, famous for its' rood screen which dates from 1500. We climb out of the valley to Crug Mawr (550m) with views across to Sugar Loaf (Y Fal) and Skirrid (Ysgryd Fawr). From here we descend into the valley to Partrishow and Fforest Coal Pit trail before heading back up to the summit of Sugar Loaf (596m), a perfect mountain peak and then back to Llanbedr. On a good day the views from Sugar Loaf encompass the Black Mountains and over to the Brecon Beacons.