

Monmouth Rambling and Hillwalking Club

Programme For Walks June 25 - August 25

Please note that Walk Leaders should pre-walk their route and advise on the Walk Leader Form of any relevant risks (such as steep climbs, risky river crossings, steep drops etc.)

Insurance - The only cover provided is Public Liability: the damage or injury that any member of the Club may cause to a third party or property. Walkers walk with the club at their own risk and therefore need to be mindful of and responsible for their own safety.

Appropriate clothing and footwear is essential and bring packed lunch and drink.

Walks start at 10am. Departure Time from Rockfield Road Car park (RRCP) is given for each walk.

Car sharing: Fuel contribution is calculated at 30p per mile, shown as cost per car for each walk, to be shared equally between the number of people in the car. It has been increased to reflect the rise in costs of running a car. Please read the notes on car-sharing in the Club's Guidance for Members Revision C, dated 21 Aug 2021.

No dogs please.

On the first Sunday of each month there will be a longer, more strenuous walk for those members who enjoy a more challenging day. There will be alternative short walks on the 1st Sunday and also on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please see programme below for details.

The short walks are intended for those members who prefer a less demanding walk and a more leisurely pace. All our walks will be paced at the speed of the slowest walker. Please assist the walk leaders by not getting too far ahead of the leader, especially when the pace is leisurely.

Covid - see our revised Guidance for Members Revision C, dated 21 August 2021. All participants need to have signed the declaration form to say they have read and agree to abide by these guidance notes.

Please book in with the walk leader, by 2.00pm on the previous day, so that we know who's coming on the walk.

Note - to ensure the health and safety of attendees, a walk must have at least 4 participants. The leader must cancel the walk if numbers fall below 4.

Date	Time	Length (miles)	Leader(s)	Start	Description and Further Information
01/06/25	09:25	4.0	Short Walk Dominique and Dave 78996 64916 01600 772424	Darkhill carpark OL14 5808 0807	Walk on Forest tracks past the remains of Mushet Darkhill foundry to Whitemead Park for refreshment and return via the same route Fuel cost: £5.50
01/06/25	09:15	8.0	Tom Clarke 07940 525234	Haugh Woods Car Park. Map 189, Grid Ref 592 366 W3W: neat.applauded.wolves	A woodland walk on forest tracks with gentle slopes. A variety of wildlife including several species of butterfly and, if we're lucky, muntjac. We should also see a spectacular display of wildflowers including an abundance of orchids. An undulating walk with a total of around 800ft of ascent spread throughout the walk. Fuel cost: £12.00
08/06/25	09:15	6.5	Mike Saunders 07747 865315 01600 716255	Lay-by on west side of Mordiford bridge EX 189 - 569 375 W3W: nerves.circulate.guideline	Gentle walk through orchards, fields and woodland. Old flour mill at Mordiford. Lime kilns at Hope springs. Memorial to Thomas Winter (aka Tom Spring) ? bare knuckle Champion of England 1823-4. A few styles, some gentle ascents. Fuel cost: £13.00
15/06/25	09:30	3.5	Short Walk Liz Williamson 07590 329439	Llanover Village Hall OL13 314 080	A varied walk full of interest. From village we pick up the Brecon Canal, with plenty of wildlife. One steep decent to take us through open fields and woodland, before arriving at 13th cent St Bartholamews church where we stop for a break. Our return journey takes us through the magnificent setting of Llanover Park. Before returning to the village and end of our walk. Fuel cost: £0.00

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15/06/25	08:30	8.0	David Norfolk 07976918978 01600714716	Blaen y Glyn Uchaf (not Isaf) car park. Free but fills up quickly on a good day! Near the top of a steep climb about 2 miles beyond the top end of Talybont reservoir OL12 SO 055 176 W3W: sting.excavate.penny	Fan y Big via Blaen y Glyn. About 1350 feet of climb and descent, with the climb concentrated into one steep pitch of some 800 feet. 1 stile. This is a strenuous and exposed but very rewarding walk! Good waterproof boots a must. Route: We pass through Blaen y Glyn wood, its trees festooned with lichen, to emerge into the immense U-shaped glacial valley. Crossing Caerfanell stream, we climb the eastern side - gently at first, but the last few hundred feet are steep and need care. This is the only serious climb! Huge panoramic view south at the top. We then follow Cwar y Gigfran crest - see the memorial below to Canadian airmen killed when their Wellington crashed. After a mile the peaks - Pen y Fan, Corn Du, Cribyn - come into view ahead, and we turn sharp left to skirt Bwlch y Ddwyallt then Craig Cwareli and Craig Cwmoergwm, with vast valleys dropping away to our right. Continue on to Fan y Big, with its Diving Board rock cantilevered out over the drop - a photo opportunity for those with a head for heights! Returning to Craig Cwmoergwm, we take a track on the right for 3/4 mile to a cairn, before reaching the Craig a Fan Ddu crest looking across to our earlier ascent. We follow this right to join the Beacons Way back to the car park - the last half mile steeply down a well engineered track. Fuel cost: £22.25
22/06/25	09:20	8.7	Charles Emes 07932 358197	Road parking by the Skirrid Inn OL13 325 205 W3W: rides.roost.tunes	From the Skirrid Inn we cross the railway track (beware trains!) and after a climb we follow the river along the Cwm Lau valley. There is a steep climb up to the Offa's Dyke path with great views from the top of Hatterall Hill. We return via the Beacons Way to the start point. Fuel cost: £12.60
29/06/25	09:10	7.0	Iain Crawford 07788 803807	Forest Coalpit car park NP7 7LS OL13/SO293200	Bryn Arw, Pantygelli and Deri Ridge Features: upland wildlife, skylarks, pipits, stonechats, wheatears and maybe a kite or peregrine. Views of the Bristol Channel. Total ascent 360 metres/1200 feet. Two steep climbs both before lunch. Fuel cost: £11.40
06/07/25	09:30	3.5	Short Walk Sheila Grant 07903697237 01873890291	Main carpark in Usk centre, Maryport Street. Free Parking, toilets, shops, cafes. Explorer 152 375-007	Easy walk on tracks and woods, some road walking. Usk riverside. No stiles Fuel cost: £8.00

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06/07/25	09:20	7.3	Mike Brewer 07721 648347 01600 750566	Tidenham Chase Car Park. The car park is free. There are no toilets. OL14 558 994 W3W: verge.sunk.sinkhole	From Tidenham Chase Car Park stroll over farmland to the Devils Pulpit. A steep descent to the railway track. Follow the railway track towards Chepstow as far as Tintern Quarry then ascend to Boatwood Plantation on the Offa's Dyke Path to the Devil's Pulpit and back across farmland to the car park. Rocky descent from Devils Pulpit and a steep ascent to rejoin Offa's Dyke Path. Number of stiles: 2 Fuel cost: £8.50
13/07/25	08:45	6.6	Ian Burton 07704833155	Car Park at base of Hay Bluff near stone circle SO239373 W3W: breeze.dabbled.tight	A beautiful walk that gives us stunning panoramic views throughout. We start from the base of Hay Bluff and ascend the summit to walk the ridge down to cross the Gospel Pass and ascend Lord Herefords Knob, leading onto returning to the cars via lower slopes. Fuel cost: £16.80
20/07/25	09:30	7.5	Martin Shipley 07946590637 01594 862683	Outside 'The Main Place', Coleford. This is a library. Technically the car park is private. On street parking on Fairways Avenue and nearby roads. OL14 578014 W3W: stuck.uppermost.play s	This is a delightful woodland walk on good paths throughout. We follow a level path to Milkwall, before passing through the remains of former iron and steel works, where information boards relate their history. Our route then takes us through woods, bypassing a quarry, to reach the Mary Rose Young pottery, where we'll take a coffee break. (A brief visit to the pottery showroom may be possible - not to be missed!!). From here good tracks take us through forestry to eventually reach the charming village of Little Drybrook, for our lunch stop. Further tracks lead up to Ellwood, then through the Dark Hill inclosure, to pick up our return path to the start. Fuel cost: £0.00
20/07/25	10:00	4.0	Short Walk Lindsey Woodfield 07533 837285 01600 713997	Rockfield Road Free Car Park W3W: hidden.vaulting.then.	Flat walk around Monmouth, past Historic Monnow Bridge and past allotments next to River Monnow, then around meadows on bank of River Wye and back across Chippenham and Vauhall Fields. Fuel cost: £0.00

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27/07/25		8.0	Iain Crawford 077 888 03807	Bryn Village Hall, nr Abergavenney NP7 9AP OL13/SO330096	We walk along the Usk Valley to Llanellen, Llansabbath and Llanfihangel Features: sand martin colony, Llanover Church, ruined castle site, oxbow lake and a nature reserve. One small hill of 40 feet, otherwise level. 7 stiles. Fuel cost: £0.00
03/08/25	08:50	9.0	Stephen & Alison McMenemy 07552776456 & 07702606016 N/A	Forestry Commission car park at end of the lane up the Grwyne Fawr valley (ignore Pont Cadwgan CP) OL13 253285 W3W: hunches.bedspread. hits	A nine mile circuit that includes the two highest summits in the Black Mountains. Starting from the Forestry car park (named Mynydd Du car park & picnic area on Google Maps) we climb steadily to the ridge at 2000ft and then return down the valley, passing the reservoir, back to the car park. Please note the car park is located six miles up the lane from Forest Coal Pit. Fuel cost: £0.00
10/08/25	09:10	7.8	Nicky Harding 07706 053541	Park on road at or near Turnastone Church. Turn off B4348 at Vowchurch turn, through Vowchurch over bridge then about 700 yards. OL13 357 364 W3W: binder.weekends.up ward	A walk in the Dore Valley through fields and woods, taking in two special historic churches. From the start we follow the Herefordshire trail south to St Margaret's church, with its 16th C rood screen and great views of the Black mountains. We continue along paths through Park and Lawn woods then across fields to St Faith's church, Bacton, which has two remarkable relics from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. To return we walk about half a mile along a lane to pick up the Herefordshire trail, then the riverside path back to Turnastone. One short steep climb, one gradual climb. Fuel cost: £13.75
17/08/25		8.0	Iain Crawford 077 888 03807	Layby and grass verge at Honeymoor Common OS189/SO436383	Walk to Eaton Bishop, Bage Mill, Cannon Bridge and Ruckhall Mill. Features: 14th century church, riverside walk, iron-age hillfort and a former watermill. Total ascent 120 metres/400 feet, one steady climb. Fuel cost: £0.00

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31/08/25	09:00	9.0	Andrew Crosbie 07368913660 01989 770035	Junction of High St and Church St, Upton Upon Severn OS190 852406 W3W: airliners.always.chop per	The walk follows the Severn way alongside the river Severn and we pass through Severn Stoke, Croome park landscape (created by Capability Brown) and Earl's Croome. The walk is mostly flat and undulating. Fuel cost: £0.00