Monmouth Rambling and Hillwalking Club

Programme For Walks December 26 - February 27

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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.

Appropriate clothing and footwear is essential and bring a packed lunch and drink. No dogs please.

Date	Time	Length (miles)	Description and Further Information
06/12/26	**09:35**	**3.0**	The walk follows Forestry tracks and woodland around Bracelands Campsite. Initially the walk commences with short steep decline along the road, before entering forestry . The final stage of walk there is also a short climb before returning to Bracelands Cafe for coffee. Toilets available Fuel cost: £5.40
06/12/26	**09:30**	**9.5**	This is a good walk for the time of year on generally flat paths. We head south-east along Hewelsfield Lane which leads to field paths through to Hewelsfield village and its very interesting church. We rise out of the village to continue south-east on a quiet lane, with views over to the River Severn, to join up with the Gloucestershire Way. This takes us through Woolaston Woodside before heading north to reach woods. We meander up through the delightful woodland for 1.5 miles before emerging to briefly join a lane at Bream Tufts. From here we head due west on a footpath to find the B4228, which we follow the final half mile or so back to our starting point. Fuel cost: £6.00
13/12/26	**09:30**	**7.5**	Moderate walk rambling through the 18th century estate, walking by the River Usk and climbing to Coed y Bwnydd, the largest and best preserved hill fort in Monmouthshire. Beautiful views of the Sugar Loaf, Usk valley and Clytha Castle, an outstanding 18th century folly now owned by the National Trust. There are stiles and kissing gates to negotiate. Fuel cost: £3.60
20/12/26	**12:00**	**0.0**	 Fuel cost: £0.00
20/12/26	**09:20**	**5.2**	Pre-Christmas circular round the Angidy valley up as far as the Fountain Inn - passing through Church Grove, Glyn Wood and Gethin's Grove on the south side going up, and Hale and Barbadoes Woods on the north side on the return. A mix of woods, fields and forest tracks, with some great view over the Wye Valley and up towards the Black Mountains. Several stiles, some a bit rickety, some steep steps, and one short diversion through a field where the right of way is blocked. About 650 feet of climb Fuel cost: £6.00
27/12/26	**09:20**	**7.0**	Walking on good paths from English Bicknor to Bracelands through beautiful forest tracks. We head west over to Eastbach before descending quiet lanes. Short climb takes us back to our start. No stiles. Fuel cost: £5.70

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03/01/27	**10:00**	**3.0**	Flat easy walk on good paths across field to Wonastow Estate, walk around lake and back via Wonastow Road and Link Road. No stiles. No muddy bits. Fuel cost: £0.00
03/01/27	**09:30**	**9.5**	We cross the river bridge to head south alongside the River Wye for 2 miles. Then our only steep ascent takes us up to Pen-Y-Fan (not the mountain!!) followed by walking through the delightful Cuckoo Wood to Cleddon Falls. Bypassing the impressive Cleddon Hall, we head for Beacon Hill, with great views towards Trellech and beyond. A mile of quiet lane walking brings us to Trelleck Common and further footpaths to Pen-twyn. From there we enjoy panoramic views as we descend the final 1.5 miles down to the river to re-cross the bridge back to Redbrook. Fuel cost: £3.60
10/01/27	**09:20**	**8.0**	An uphill start following the Wye Valley walk for a short distance, then moving on to paths less well trodden. About 400m of ascent. Fuel cost: £4.80
17/01/27	**09:15**	**3.0**	Easy 3 mile walk along Canal following the route towards Pencroes and Pentre Hill. No stiles and retuning to Goytre Wharf Cafe for coffee. Fuel cost: £9.60
17/01/27	**09:15**	**7.8**	We leave Mathern to cross the A48 to Mounton. We go round Great Barnets Woods and St Pierre's Great Woods. We then go through St Pierre's Golf course before returning to Mathern. Easy walk with a number of stiles. Fuel cost: £10.80
24/01/27	**09:30**	**7.5**	Starting at the library we follow the Milkwall Trail, passing the interesting ironworks. Walking on good paths to Little Drybrook where we have lunch. Then take good paths back through Elwood back along trail to start. Mainly flat, no stiles. Fuel cost: £4.86

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31/01/27	**09:15**	**7.4**	A moderate walk across diverse terrain with sweeping vistas in all directions. We'll pass the Foxhunter Memorial and the picturesque Punchbowl , a glacial hollow with lake. Around 1200 ft of climb but nothing too steep. Fuel cost: £12.60
07/02/27	**09:30**	**3.0**	A mostly flat walk from Tintern to Brockweir and back. From the start we descend to the A466, then cross the river Wye via the old railway bridge. There is a short steep section to join the woodland path northwards to Brockweir. After visiting the Moravian church we cross the river again to pick up the disused railway track to Old Station then along the river back to Tintern and the start. Refreshments at the Abbey Mill cafe. No stiles. Fuel cost: £6.00
07/02/27	**09:00**	**7.5**	Devauden, Wolvesnewton and Cobblers Plain Fuel cost: £8.40
14/02/27	**09:00**	**7.2**	From Beacon View car park, through Trellech passing Harold's Stones then to Woolpitch wood and the remains of the old forge. Through lanes to the Hygga and ancient abbey buildings to Trellech Cross. We go then to Trellech Common through woodland back to the start point. Total Ascent 810ft. 5 Stiles. Some road walking Fuel cost: £3.60
21/02/27	**09:30**	**3.0**	Circular walk on forestry tracks and woods. Good views over Wye valley. Past Cleddon falls. One gentle climb. No stiles Fuel cost: £3.50
21/02/27	**09:25**	**7.5**	A gentle stroll around Herefordshire taking in some magnificent scenery with two crossings of the river Wye (by bridge!) and four interesting churches en-route: St Dubricious, Hentland, St Catherines, Hoarwithy, St Tysilios, Sellack and St John the Baptist, Kings Capel. Some road walking mostly on very quiet rural roads but careful single file walking will be essential as we cross the A49. 3 stiles. Can be muddy in places. Fuel cost: £6.50

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28/02/27	**09:20**	**7.5**	A circular tour of Llandogo and its surrounding woods plus Cleddon Shoots, up as far as Catbrook, largely on forest roads. Includes Duchess Ride on the skyline crest, open fields with panoramic views over Bargain Wood across the Wye Valley, and the fascinating maze of lanes threading through Llandogo. Several stiles, some steep steps and sections of woodland path, with some 820 feet of climb Fuel cost: £3.00