

Monmouth Rambling and Hillwalking Club

Programme For Walks June 26 - August 26

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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
07/06/26	09:15	3.5	A woodland walk on forest tracks with gentle slopes and an opportunity to view wildflower meadows and orchids. No stiles. Fuel cost: £12.00
07/06/26	09:15	8.8	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. A total of around 1100ft of ascent spread throughout the walk. Fuel cost: £12.00
14/06/26	09:30	7.5	This is a delightful figure of eight walk around the town of Usk. We head off through Pant y cwcw wood, across fields and onto the National Reserve at Cefn Ila, a mosaic woodland site which comprises of a derelict 19th-century hospital, sculptures, bat maternity roost, walled garden, 19th-century Arboretum and orchard. We pass through Coed Duon wood, crossing more fields to arrive at the River Usk via its impressive bridge. A riverside path takes us up past Usk Castle and on to the 1405 battle ground, to follow clear paths looping through further woods and back round to the river. A largely riverside path takes us back to our starting point, where we'll visit the Alfred Wallace memorial. Fuel cost: £8.40
21/06/26	09:15	7.7	Crossing and recrossing the Clydach River, view the impressive ruins of Clydach ironworks, Cwm Pwca (Puck's Valley) - supposedly inspiration for "A Midsummer Night's Dream", the massive Llanelli Quarry, and the Gellifelen tunnels, on one of the steepest lines on the BR system. Returning across Clydach viaduct, beside enormous lime works, skirt the north then east of Gilwern Hill before reaching its summit Carreg Gywir (441m = 1447 feet), radio masts visible for miles. From its west side, drop into magical Cwm Nant Dyar beneath the viaduct and back down to the start. Some steep and slippery going, some stiles (subject to recce), about 1100 feet of climb, but spectacular mix of nature and former industry Fuel cost: £15.00
21/06/26	09:35	4.5	Flat walk across fields, then leisurely walk up Wyesham Lane to meet Offa's Dyke path. Then very gradual descent to Redbrook and back along dismantled railway track. No stiles. Fuel cost: £1.80
28/06/26	09:15	6.0	Steep climb to Sugarloaf and panoramic views, then south along Rholben ridge and through scenic St Mary Vale. 400 metres of ascent. No stiles. Fuel cost: £12.00

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05/07/26	09:30	6.0	This is a 'figure of eight' walk of 11 miles which allows those interested in a shorter version to leave after 6 miles. From Skenfrith follow the Monnow Valley past Sand House to Tregate Bridge. Return via Ruthlin Mill to Skenfirth. This part of the walk has an ascent of 505ft The second part of the walk for the keen beans will be north on the Monnow Valley towards Box Farm, follow Black Brook to Walson and join the Three Castles Walk back to Skenfrith. This part is 4.9 miles (462ft Ascent). No really demanding climbs but it isn't flat! Stiles yet to be confirmed but at least 15. Fuel cost: £4.50
05/07/26	09:30	3.5	A short walk through the village before a steep climb up to the Mon/Brecon Canal, walking alongside, before a steep descent down to main road. Followed by country lanes and field walking, before reaching St Bartholomews Church, part dating back to Norman times. Our return journey takes us through the Llanover Estate Parkland. One stile. Fuel cost: £4.50
12/07/26	09:00	7.0	Exploring the three southernmost hills in the Malverns, also Castlemorton Common and lake. Historic stocks and views of Cotswolds, Black Mountains and Eastnor Castle. 250 metres of ascent. 6 stiles. Fuel cost: £16.20
19/07/26	09:15	7.5	A variant to my usual Woolhope walk! Follow the Three Choirs Way from Woolhope onto Marcle Ridge. Follow ridge southwards and descend via Cherry Orchard and head towards Sollers Hope via Rock Farm, return to Woolhope via Alford's Mill. Good views from the ridge (weather permitting!). Old church at Sollers Hope associated with the Whittingtons (of Lord Mayor of London fame). Fuel cost: £12.00
19/07/26	09:40	3.5	Mostly field walking outward route takes us by Perther Grove and Old Mill House. Returning via the Monnow Valley walk. 4 stiles. Fuel cost: £1.80
26/07/26	09:20	8.0	A walk of 8 miles, with a total ascent of around 2200ft. Starting at Cadora Woods we climb to the Polish Memorial and on St Briavels. After which we return via the Slade Brook. Beautiful views of the Wye Valley and beyond. Fuel cost: £5.40

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02/08/26	08:45	9.0	A delightful but energetic 9 mile excursion into the remotest recesses of the Black Mountains. Climb from Cwn Banw to Tal Trwymau then follow the gentle ridge to the head of the valley. Return via Macnamara's road to cross the river at Tal-y-maes bridge. Parking area is reached by leaving the A40 in Crickhowell on Greenhill Way and Great Oak road and driving north for approx 4 miles to the parking area (this route bypasses Llanbedr). however, we can visit the Red Lion in Llanbedr after the walk. Fuel cost: £14.40
02/08/26	09:25	3.0	Undulating farmland and woodland. One steep incline. 9 stiles Fuel cost: £9.60
09/08/26	09:20	7.5	Gradual climb from A48 to Wentwood Forest returning via Parc Seymour . 12 stiles Fuel cost: £14.40
16/08/26	09:00	9.0	A 9 mile mostly flat walk starting from the medieval Caldicot castle. On the way we will see the iron age fort at Sudbrook point. Some points of interest at Black Rock, St Pierre golf course and the remains of Runston medieval village. Parking and entry to Caldicot castle are free. Fuel cost: £11.40
16/08/26	09:30	3.5	Easy walk through field and woods. Break at Broadlands campsite for coffee. Gentle ascent to top of Kymin past a farm. Gentle descent through fields to start point. One stile Fuel cost: £2.70
23/08/26	09:15	7.0	A flat walk through water meadows adjoining the Wye and Lugg rivers. Lunch on a riverside beach. Riverside pub nearby. Fuel cost: £13.80

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30/08/26	09:20	8.0	<p>From Longhope the first mile is a gradual uphill to reach the trig point on May Hill, where extensive 360 views can be had. We descend to the charming village of Clifford's Mesne, where a brief visit to the interesting local church will be made. Our route circles the top of Newent Woods on the Three Choirs Way before an undulating route south takes us to the village of Glasshouse. From there the Gloucestershire Way returns us via May Hill village to then re-trace our steps down to Longhope. No stiles.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £10.20</p>
