

Monmouth Rambling and Hillwalking Club

Programme For Walks March 26 - May 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
01/03/26	09:35	8.7	<p>From Skenfrith castle car park we climb above the Monnow, explore hidden valleys and top out on the grassy summit of Edmund's Tump. We'll have panoramic views in all directions and, if it's clear, will see all the way to Pen y Fan.</p> <p>A steady climb of about 1500ft, mostly within the first half but nothing too steep.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £4.50</p>
01/03/26	09:35	4.0	<p>The walk will be from Staunton, through High Meadow woods, along good forestry tracks, with views onto Monmouth and surrounding hills. There is a short walk along pavement at the end.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £3.60</p>
08/03/26	09:30	7.0	<p>To reach the car park, driving out of Coleford towards Sling, pass Puzzlewood on your right and Calico showrooms at top of hill (before turn off for Clearwell Caves). Car park on your left before industrial estate.</p> <p>A hilly walk, some (short) sharp ascents. From Clearwell we walk towards Coleford, passing behind the Suntory drinks factory before joining the old burial path to Newland. Return to Clearwell/Sling through lanes and fields. There are 9 stiles.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £5.50</p>
15/03/26	09:25	7.1	<p>Head towards Cleddon Falls, then through Ninewells Wood towards Trellech Cross and Hygga. Returning to Trellech by footpath above Woolpitch Wood, passing Harold's Stones just before returning to Trellech. Approx 250m of ascent spread over the whole walk.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £3.60</p>
15/03/26	09:30	3.5	<p>A short easy walk on the Western ridge of the Wye Valley, taking a route along forestry roads; woodland paths and open fields. We pass Wetmeadow Wood, where we can usually see plenty of wildlife. An undulating walk with no steep ascents or descents, fine views over towards Trellech Church. However there are 2 stiles and a one busy road to cross over on commencing and ending the walk.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £2.64</p>
22/03/26	09:35	7.0	<p>From Beacon View Parking through common and woodland to Maryland then descend to Whitebrook. Follow the brook up to Newmills then back through Trellech Common to the car park. Steep descent towards the start and gentler climb to the end. Some excellent views and plenty of industrial archeology. Some steep rocky descents and climbs. 5 stiles.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £3.60</p>

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29/03/26	09:15	8.0	<p>This is a varied walk through lovely Herefordshire countryside. From the village green we head south initially on the Dragon's Trail, then onto the Wye Valley Walk through open pastures with far reaching views. A short climb takes us up Common Hill, where we then weave our way through Lea Wood. Quiet lane walking north, with open views, takes us to Haugh Wood. A wide forest track meanders through an array of trees before dropping down to Backbury Hill. A visit to a great viewpoint is next, before a final descent back to the start.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £12.60</p>
05/04/26	09:15	8.0	<p>This is a varied walk initially through woodland and meadows before reaching Cwmyoy. The walk heads up through open heath to reach the ridge line at Hatterrall Hill, with 360 degree views on a clear day. The walk follows the Offa's Dyke Path past the Hatterrall Hill trig point at 464m before descending to the railway line again and Pandy. The walk then follows to Honddu back to the start. NB as it is Easter Sunday the pub will be busy so we might have to sit outside if the weather permits. There are a number of stiles, particularly on the ascent to Cwmyoy.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £0.00</p>
05/04/26	09:30	0.0	<p>Walk around Ross along riverbank and cliff path. Visiting John Kyrle memorial gardens and Ross parish church.</p> <p>Two short slopes, one steep descent</p> <p>Fuel cost: £6.00</p>
12/04/26	09:15	7.5	<p>Leaving Brockhampton Church we walk through Brockhampton Court towards How Caple Church, Court and Gardens. We then make our way to Fawley Church and from there return to Brockhampton.</p> <p>Walk is on tracks, field paths and some quiet lanes.</p> <p>2 stiles.</p> <p>Fuel cost: £11.40</p>
19/04/26	09:25	6.5	<p>Three churches walk Kilgwrrwg, Wolvesnewton and Newchurch. An undulating walk across farmland and through woods with panoramic views of the Black Mountains and the Severn Estuary throughout. A number of stiles. Total ascent 950ft</p> <p>Fuel cost: £7.20</p>
19/04/26	09:30	4.0	<p>Easy figure of eight walk around the Wye Valley, walking through fields, and riverside meadows, with some road walking. We take a short break at Sellack Church situated in an idyllic setting close to the river Wye an area of outstanding natural beauty. We continue onto Loughpool; Passing by the 17th cent Caradoc Court before returning back to the start of our walk. There are two stiles</p> <p>Fuel cost: £9.00</p>

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26/04/26	08:45	7.2	Uphill through Mynydd Du forest and the open hill to the crest at Blacksmith's Anvil (620m) - spectacular views into the Vale of Ewyas, Pen y Gadair Fawr and Waen Fach. Follow the Ffawyddog Ridge past Chwarel y Fan quarry (679m) to the trig point at Bâl Mawr - enormous vista southwards. Descend to the Beacons Way round Nant y Gwerydd cwm, then traverse back down to the treeline. Return up the Grwyne valley, forking left around Pentwyn and back through the forest. (Some sustained slopes and rough ground. Forest road options on return if conditions are too soggy). Fuel cost: £17.40
03/05/26	09:30	3.5	Easy, fairly flat walk from Staunton Village through woodland where during May bluebells are a spectacular sight. No stiles and no very steep ascents or descents. Fuel cost: £3.50
03/05/26	09:30	10.0	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
10/05/26	08:45	7.3	Follow the track uphill to the summit of Allt Lwyd (654m) - a strenuous trek of ~1500 feet in 2 km, to be taken gently! But spectacular near 360 degree view of the eastern Beacons and the Black Mountains beyond. Take the narrow crest up to the Waen Rydd plateau - the last of the steep climbs! - then forward for ~700m to meet a path from the right. Follow this left to a junction near the vertiginous edge of Cwm Cwareli - the best views from just left. Returning to the junction, pass over Waen Rydd summit (769m) to the conical cairn at Carn Pica, then down the ridge to Twyn Du - more spectacular views! - and the end of the open access land. Follow the tracks and paths back to the road by the car park. Fuel cost: £21.00
10/05/26	08:15	4.0	Fundraising event organised by Rotary Monmouth to raise money for Velindre breast cancer charity. Choose the right walk for you, your family and friends Walk options (Gentlest to Most challenging): 4 miles circular walk: Monmouth - Wyesham - Redbrook - Monmouth (Gentlest) 10 miles: Tintern - Monmouth 12 miles: Monmouth - Redbrook - Wyegate Green - Monmouth 16 miles: Chepstow - Monmouth (Most challenging) Route instructions will be given to each walker Sponsorship: a min of £50 raised by each walker Entry fees per walker: £6 for 4 and 12 miles , £15 for 10 and 16 miles FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 To book online or for postal entry forms go here: https://bit.ly/4Charity Fuel cost: £0.00
17/05/26	09:00	7.0	Colwall Green to Evendine, Jubilee Hill, Perseverance Hill and Brockhill. One steady climb of 200 metres. 3 stiles. Views of Cotswolds and Welsh hills. Fuel cost: £19.20

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17/05/26	09:25	3.5	Walk from New Fancy View carpark in the Forest of Dean to Mallards park where there is a coffee shop and toilets. Then walk around the lake and return to the carpark. A 3.5 mile walk. Fuel cost: £8.40
24/05/26	09:30	7.5	A walk in the Grwyne Fawr valley. We walk uphill through Mynydd Du forest, emerging below summit of Crug Mawr. Optional short climb to trig point, with great views of Black Mountains, then retrace to follow path down to Partrishow Church. Continue downhill to cross the river, then return on East side of the valley. 525m total ascent, one steep uphill climb through forest, long gradual uphill on return. 3 stiles Fuel cost: £15.50
31/05/26	09:30	8.5	To LLanarth Court, Clytha, Coed Y Bwnydd and Trostrey Lodge Fuel cost: £0.00