



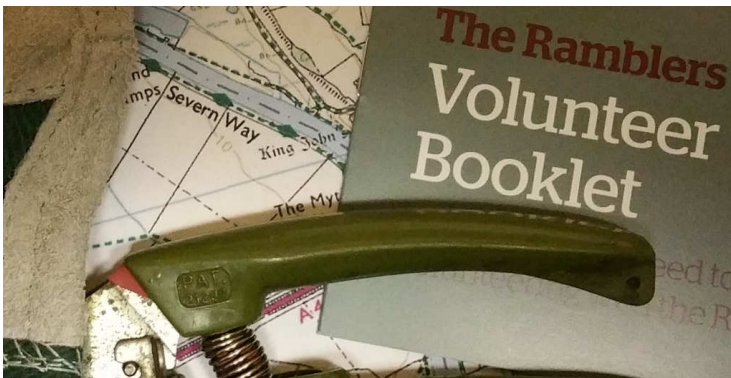
# Gloucestershire Ramblers

## News roundup around the Area February 2016

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Cirencester Group has always enjoyed a bridge & having completed an accessible bridge for parents with buggies and people with disabilities from the Gateway Centre near South Cerney, they're leading a 7 mile easy walk there on **St Valentines Day Feb 14th**



### 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Volunteer Support and Development Days

Ever fancied helping out with the work we do or perhaps interested in learning more about the different roles on offer? Ramblers is coming to the Warehouse Gloucester with the support team from Central Office. It should be a great way of meeting other local walkers sharing/discussing the same interests on free half/whole day events.

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ramblers-3448430213>

Scroll down to Gloucester and book free tickets or let your Group know. The more the merrier! Courses allow about 20 people each:- Making change happen: campaigning and working with the media. Treasurer. Leading group walks. Walking with Routes, webpages and walks. Using social media, Basics to rights of way law & specialist areas. Successful short walks. More challenging walks. Volunteering.

### 2016 Winchcombe Walking Festival May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>

We're again promoting walking at this now annual event. If you're around to help on our stand, let us know or drop by and say hello!



Post about things that catch your eye when walking onto our facebook page



Search GWG on Meetup for our working age and 20s-30s walkers

### Big Path Watch

Ramblers' ambitious Big Pathwatch survey has now ended. Any local issues are being passed on to our Footpath teams for checking. We're grateful to everyone who took part in Gloucestershire. It should let us know what anyone out walking might think of the paths and hopefully help spread the word about how good it is to walk and give a wider understanding of our efforts.

[ramblers.org.uk/bigpathwatch](http://ramblers.org.uk/bigpathwatch)



### 2015 AGM Sat 12th December Chedworth



Richard May, a ramblers trustee, joined us for our AGM and the short walk. Some 50 or so members saw the election for all the Gloucestershire Area of

Chair: Ray Chaney, Vice-Chair: Bernard Gill, Treasurer: Gwen Chaney, Membership Secretary: Mike Bailey and Footpath Secretary Richard Holmes. Richard Davis kindly later offered to take up the post of Secretary.

Many thanks to Cirencester Group for organising the day but also to Geoff Smithdale for his many years in various roles and more recently as Treasurer.

There are always small tasks to be done (such as editing this newsletter!) if you're able to help and join the team please email [secretary@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk)

### Walk Leader Training

There are a few spare places on a Walk Leader training day Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact Richard Holmes [footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk](mailto:footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk)

### Glevum Way Gloucester Circular Path



Gloucester Group has been looking at ways of refreshing the Glevum Way. It recently negotiated replacement of and installation of finger post signs with Gloucestershire County Council for which we allocated some funds from a legacy kindly left to us by Lilian Wise of Churchdown. The new signs should be in place soon.

### Gloucestershire Way 29<sup>th</sup> May Cleeve Group

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary walk with Tewkesbury Walking Club celebrating the inaugural walks of Gloucestershire's first long distance regional path.



## A page of Mid Week walks for the Gloucestershire Area

Wed 02 Mar 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Miserden](#)  
10:00am Park in CP, or lay-by opposite, next to Miserden school.  
Walk from Miserden through Caudle Green, Syde, Winstone and Duntisbourne Abbots. Terrain hilly with some steep ascents and descents, and several stiles. Picnic. Possibility of drink at end pub.  
Hilary, 01453 753398 E179. (SO934089)

Wed 09 Mar 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Cleeve Hill](#)  
10:00 Quarry CP near Golf Club House on Cleeve Hill.  
Walk Cleeve Hill, Cotswold Way, Winchcombe Way, Noverton, Prestbury, Southam, Prestbury Park, Kayte Farm, Haymes, Ben's Tump, Cleeve Hill. Picnic. E179/LR163. (SO988272)  
Hazel, 01242 254105 or 07884 094365 on day.

Wed 16 Mar 11mi/17.7km Strenuous [Sugar Loaf](#)  
10:00 Byefield long stay free CP, Tudor Street, Abergavenny. Easiest approach is from the 'Waitrose' direction. park at the lower end of the CP where the path leads off to the river. (SO295141) OL13.  
Sugar loaf by a different route, along river, around and up. Picnic.  
Catherine, 01452 615382 or 07456 425880 on day.

Wed 23 Mar 10mi/16.1km Strenuous [Wye](#)  
10:00 Wireworks CP, Tintern (road alongside Royal George Hotel).  
Walk Devil's Pulpit, Brockweir, Botany Bay (!), Cleddon Falls, Barbadoes (!) and back to Tintern. Picnic. (SO526000) OL14.  
Mike, 01594 562341 or 07490138413 on day.

Wed 30 Mar 11mi/17.7km Moderate [Two Castles & a Mountain](#)  
10:00 Meet at Skenfrith Castle. E189. (SO456203) E189.  
Walk through undulating woodland and meadows with a picnic lunch at the trig point on Dawn of Day. Wonderful views over Herefordshire and Monmouthshire. Possible drink at Bell at end Jenny, 01600 715719 or 07455 257262 on day.

Wed 06 Apr 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Woodmancote](#)  
10:00 Park in Apple Tree CP (furthest away from pub) in Stockwell Lane Woodmancote. E179. (SO975273)  
Hilly walk passing Gotherington Halt, Dixon and Cleeve Hill. Picnic.  
Gerry & Ann, 01242 674107 or 07984 266321 on day.

Wed 13 Apr 11mi/17.7km Moderate [Bredon Hill](#)  
10:00 Park Bredon Playing Fields CP (one next to B4080 junction).  
Walk Westmancote, Great Comberton, Bredon Hill, Sundial Farm. Picnic. (SO927369) E190.  
Barry & Robert, 07407 359600 or 07807 342238

Wed 20 Apr 10.5mi/16.9km Moderate South Cerney & [Cricklade](#)  
10:00 Meet CP of Gateway Visitor Centre on Spine Road (by Cotswold Outdoors). (SU072972)  
A figure of eight, along a canal, an old railway, the Thames Path and through the fritillary (hopefully) fields of Cricklade's North Meadow. Level walk but it may well be water-logged. Picnic.  
David & Henrietta, 01452 302024 or 07831 234790 on day.

Wed 27 Apr 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Herefordshire Brinkley Hill](#)  
10:00 Meet Brinkley Hill CP. E189. (SO584313) E189.  
Walk along the river Wye, then Tump Farm, Fownhope, Haugh Wood, Common Hill, Lea & Paget's Wood, Capler Camp and Brockhampton Church. Picnic.  
Gill, 01531 670864

**Gloucestershire Area organises a programme of day walks approx 10-12 miles long usually mid-week anywhere in the county and neighbouring counties. Sorry no dogs except access dogs. Check walks for updates at [gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/midweek/](http://gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/midweek/)**

Wed 04 May 11mi/17.7km Moderate [Llangorse Lake](#)  
10:00 Park by the loos at Llangors Lake. OL13. (SO128274) OL13.  
Varied walk over fields, along bridleways and across moorland taking in Alt, Bwlch and Mynydd Llangors return via lane. Stunning views if weather ok.  
Two ascents, varied walking terrain, could be soggy around lake. Picnic.  
Jackie, 01594 564417 or 07767 351190 on day.

Wed 11 May 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Eckington and Bredon Hill](#)  
10:00 Park at Eckington Bridge. (SO922422) E190.  
Walk Eckington onto Bredon Hill via Bredon's Norton, down to cross the river at Nafford Lock through Birlingham and back to Eckington. Includes riverside, village and one hill. Picnic.  
Maggie, 01684 592727 or 07938 543055 on day.

Wed 18 May 11mi/17.7km Moderate [Lush Green Valleys to Edmunds Tump](#)  
10:00 Meet at Grosmont. Park in street and meet by Angel Inn. Free public toilets nearby. E189. (SO405244)  
Undulating meadows and woodland with panoramic views over Grosmont Castle and the Brecon Beacons. Picnic lunch. Possible drink Angel Inn at end Jenny, 01600 715719 or 07455 257262 on day.

Wed 25 May 11mi/17.7km Moderate [Bath](#)  
10:00 Meet at the rear of the Lansdown Park and Ride at Bath. (ST730682)  
Moderate 11m walk taking in Woolley, Langridge, the site of the battle of Lansdown, North Stoke and Weston. Picnic.  
Mick, 01453 542082 or 07443 643462 on day.

Wed 01 Jun 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Newark Park and Wotton](#)  
10:00 Meet at Newark Park National trust CP. L162/E167. (ST780932)  
Walk Newark Park, Sawcombe Farm, Tyley Bottom, Coombe Hill, Wotton, Wortley. 10.1 miles and 1000 feet of climb. Picnic in Wotton Under Edge. National Trust CP Cafe at end.  
Richard , 07984 853775

Wed 08 Jun 11.5mi/18.5km Strenuous [Lower Llanthony Valley](#)  
10:00 Meet at Llanthony Priory CP. OL13 (SO289278)  
Walk Hatterall Ridge via Beacons Way, Cwmyoy Church, Y Gaer, Garn Wen, Cwm Bwchel and back to Llanthony. Picnic.  
Mike, 01594 562341 or 07490138413 on day.

Wed 15 Jun 10mi/16.1km Moderate [Garway and Skenfrith](#)  
10:00 Park by the side of Garway Common, off minor road to south of pub.  
An undulating walk over rolling countryside of fields, woods and hills, going via Tregate bridge and returning along the Monnow and via Skenfrith. Hilly (but not Garway hill!) and plenty of stiles. Picnic. E189/LR149. (SO466225)  
Susanne, 01453 757212 or 07587 713668 on day.

Wed 22 Jun 11mi/17.7km Moderate [A Home Run](#)  
10:00 Park adjacent to St Peters Church Leckhampton. E179. (SO942194)  
Walk The Crippetts, Crickley Hill Country Park, Shab Hill, Stockwell. Lunch at the Golden Heart at Nettleton Bottom or picnic. Return via Coldwell Bottom, Coberley, Leckhampton Hill. Tea after in Leckhampton Road.  
Guy, 01242 251412 or 07968 797186 on day.

Wed 29 Jun 13mi/20.9km Strenuous [Dursley](#)  
10:00 Stinchcombe Hill CP. E167. (ST744983)  
A 13m circuit of the hills, woods and quarries around Dursley as far as Uley Bury and returning over Cam Long Down. Generally fairly strenuous with some steep ascents and descents totalling around 2000 feet. Picnic lunch.  
David P, 07824 603711

**Join Ramblers to support our efforts to keep footpaths open. For members all our walks are free. Anyone new is welcome to try a walk or two but check with leader beforehand.**  
Feedback on GRNews welcome : [GRNews@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk](mailto:GRNews@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk)