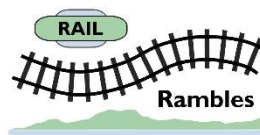




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## Rail Rambles

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*Guided Walks from Railway Stations in Mid-Wales and the Marches  
Teithiau Cerdded Tywysedig o Orsafoedd Rheilffyrdd  
yng Nghanolbarth Cymru a'r Gororau*

2 July – 31 December 2022  
2 Gorffennaf – 31 Rhagfyr 2022

### Welcome to Rail Rambles

Rail Rambles are guided walks from railway stations in Mid-Wales and the Marches. Each walk is planned to be accessible by a day return rail journey from a number of main line and connecting bus and rail stations. The walks are free to join and are open to the public, with no membership of any organisation required.

The Rail Rambles programme is organised by volunteer members of the Rail Rambles Association and produced with the support of Transport for Wales.

**For more information about our walks please contact:** [info@railrambles.org](mailto:info@railrambles.org)

We do not publish individual walk leaders' contact details, but are happy to put you in touch with leaders if you need more information about a walk or advice on how to join it.

### How to join a Rail Ramble

Normally, to join a Rail Ramble, all you need to do is turn up at the start of the walk. Walks normally start from the appropriate railway station (e.g., Craven Arms station for a Craven Arms circular walk, Wrenbury station for a linear walk from Wrenbury to Whitchurch), when the listed train from the Shrewsbury direction arrives. But please do check the website just in case we are having to ask you to book, or for any specific joining instructions.

If you can join the listed train from Shrewsbury, you will be likely to find other Rail Ramblers on the way to the walk. If you are coming from another direction, you will need to plan your journey so that you arrive at the start point in good time – please feel free to ask us if you need help or advice.

### Dogs:

To comply with the wishes of the majority of our walkers, we're sorry but dogs cannot be taken on any Rail Ramble. Assistance dogs are permitted, but please check with us first, as routes may not be suitable or safe for your dog.

## Walk descriptions

'Easy' means mostly level ground and a gentle pace.

'Leisurely' means gentle climbs and some level ground for reasonably fit people.

'Moderate' indicates some steep paths and a steady pace for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness ('moderate+' means as moderate but with a generally greater level of difficulty).

## Preparation and safety

Walks are led by experienced volunteer leaders, all of whom are members of the Rail Rambles association and many of whom are also members of the Ramblers. Whilst every care will be taken to keep to the advertised programme, walk leaders reserve the right to make changes to suit weather conditions, the needs of the party or other unforeseen circumstances.

Most Rail Rambles are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing for the walk you intend to join, and bring some food and drink. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. When in doubt, contact the organisers or the walk leader in advance.

For your own and others' safety please abide by any instructions issued by the walk leader. Though walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities, no activity is completely without risk and it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and to minimise the potential for accidents to occur.

***Please try to use the train for at least part of your journey –  
remember, these are after all RAIL Rambles!***

## Train times

The programme for each walk shows outward times from Shrewsbury and return times from the walks destination stations.

For details of departure times from other locations and connecting services, please ring National Rail Enquiries (03457 48 49 50), ask at your local station, or visit <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> or <https://tfw.wales/>.

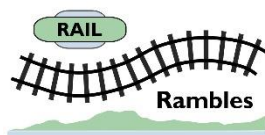
**Time details may be subject to change. Walkers are strongly advised to check times of trains before travelling, and to check our website, [www.railrambles.org](http://www.railrambles.org), in case of last minute changes to the programme.**

## Fares and tickets

The normal range of tickets can be used to travel to the walk start point. Where a walk returns from a different location, a ticket to the furthest point should be purchased. We try to tell you the furthest point from Shrewsbury, where this is not obvious, but be careful if you are coming from the opposite direction!

Discounted fares are available to holders of railcards and it is always worth enquiring about the availability of group discounts or investigating whether splitting your ticket would save you money (many of our walkers find this to be the case).

On walks where a **bus** journey is shown, remember to bring your Welsh or English bus pass if you're lucky enough to have one!



## RAIL RAMBLES PROGRAMME July to Dec 2022

### Saturday 2 July

**Broome to Craven Arms** via Hopesay Hill, Sibdon Castle (8 miles moderate).

Leaders Pam Swales, Nigel Hotchkiss. Depart Shrewsbury 09-04 Return Craven Arms 16-31

**Book Broome return**

### Saturday 9 July

**Llandrindod Wells Circular** via Llanyre Bridge, Cochydwst, Great House Villa, Gwynfan, Llanyre (7.5 miles moderate). Leaders Pam Hill, Pete Lightwood. Depart Shrewsbury 09-04 Return Llandrindod Wells 15-42

### Saturday 16 July

**Yorton to Wem** via Yorton Heath, Shropshire Way (8 miles moderate). Leaders Pam Swales, Clare Gathercole. Depart Shrewsbury 10-19 Return Wem 15-55

**Book Wem return**

### Wednesday 20 July

**Much Wenlock Circular** via Homer, Harley, Wenlock Edge (8.25 miles moderate).

Leaders Jean Bell, Mick Hemming.. Depart Shrewsbury Bus station 9.45am. Return Much Wenlock 15.55pm

**Meet Shrewsbury Bus station 9.35 am**

### Saturday 23 July

**(a) Chirk Circular**, via Chirk Castle estate, Trevor basin, Pontcysyllte aqueduct. (8 miles moderate - With an option to avoid the aqueduct).

Leaders John Mattocks, Pam Hill (torches recommended). Depart Shrewsbury 09-27 Return Chirk 16-48 or 17-59

**(b) Chirk Circular** via Rhoswel and Chirk Aqueduct (4-5 miles easy). Depart Shrewsbury 12.25 Return Chirk 16.48 or 17.59

### Saturday 30 July

**Craven Arms Circular** via Halford, Strefford, Wistanstow (7 miles moderate).

Leaders Peter Hollinrake, Neville Homent. Depart Shrewsbury 09-41 Return Craven Arms 16-31

### Saturday 6 August

**Sutton Park Circular** via Town Gate, Blackroot Bracebridge, Jamboree Stone, (7 miles easy).

Leaders Mike Hemming, Linda Hemming. Depart Shrewsbury 09-31 Return Sutton Coldfield 16-50

### Saturday 13 August

**Llangollen Circular** via Bryn-hyfyrd, Tan-y-ffron, Britannia Inn, Llantysilio Farm, river, canal (7 miles moderate) Leaders Pete Jones, Aisling Amato, Depart Shrewsbury 09-27 Return Ruabon 16-41

**Book Ruabon return.** Bus Ruabon to Llangollen fares extra

### **Wednesday 17 August**

**Stiperstones to Pontesbury** via Perkins Beach, Blakemoorgate, and Habberley (9 miles moderate + 1 steep climb). Leaders Mike Ledlie, Les Lumsdon. Depart Shrewsbury Bus Station 10.25, Return Pontesbury 17-03.

**Meet Shrewsbury Bus station 10.15 am.**

### **Saturday 20 August**

**Wem Circular** via Loppington, Newtown (8 miles moderate).  
Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, **TBC** Depart Shrewsbury 10-19 Return Wem 15-55

### **Saturday 27 August**

**Wellington Circular** via Admaston, Bratton (7 miles easy). Leaders Peter Hollinrake, Aisling Amato.. Depart Shrewsbury 09-31 Return Wellington 16-06

### **Saturday 3 September**

**Church Stretton Circular** via Caer Caradoc, Caractacus cave. (7 miles moderate). Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest. Depart Shrewsbury 09-41 Return Church Stretton 15-05

### **Saturday 10 September**

**Welshpool Circular** via Cilcewydd Bridge, Llwynderw, Powis Castle (8 miles moderate).  
Leaders Richard Inett, Pam Swales. Depart Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Welshpool 16-56

### **Wednesday 14 September - Part of The Wellington Walking festival**

**Shifnal Circular** via Evelith Mill, Ryton, Grindle Forge. (9 miles moderate).  
Leaders Pam Hill, Jean Bell. Depart Shrewsbury 09-47 Return Shifnal 15-41  
**Book Shifnal return**

### **Saturday 17 September - Part of The Shropshire Way Festival**

**Prees Heath to Whitchurch** via The Shropshire Way (9.5 miles moderate). Leaders Audrey Menhinick. Plus TBC. Depart Shrewsbury 10-19 Return Whitchurch 16-29  
**Book Whitchurch return**

### **Saturday 24 September**

**Barmouth to Taly-y-bont** via Cerrig Arthur, Bwch y Rhiwgr (7 miles moderate). Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest. Depart Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Talybount 16-46  
**Book Tal-y-bont return**

### **Saturday 1 October**

**Whitchurch Circular** via Wirswall, Marbury (8 miles moderate). Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill.  
Depart Shrewsbury 09-54 Return Whitchurch 16-29

### **Saturday 8 October**

**Hightown to Waterloo** (Liverpool) via Crosby and the Antony Gormley Statues (5 miles easy).  
Leaders Mick Hemming, Linda Hemming. Depart Shrewsbury 09-27 Return Waterloo 16-25  
**Book Chester return and buy a Merseyrail trains only day ticket at Chester**

### **Saturday 15 October**

**Machynlleth Circular** via Gallt-y-Gog, Bryn Melyn (7 miles moderate). Leaders Peter Jones, Pete Lightwood. Depart Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Machynlleth 16-08

### Wednesday 19 October

**Much Wenlock to Ironbridge** via Benthall, Broseley, and Jackfield (8 miles moderate).  
Leaders Mike Ledlie and Les Lumsdon. Depart Shrewsbury Bus Station 9.45 Return Ironbridge  
15.50.

**Meet Shrewsbury Bus station 9.35 am.**

### Saturday 22 October

**Myddle to Shrewsbury.** Via Bomere Heath and Hencott. (10 miles moderate). Leaders Peter  
Hollinrake, Neville Homent

**Meet Shrewsbury Bus station 10.35 am.**

### Saturday 29 October

**Alan Howard walk - Fairbourne to Barmouth** (5 miles easy). Leaders Pat Willday, Linda  
Hemming. Depart Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Barmouth 16-56

**Book Barmouth return**

### Saturday 5 November

**Caergwrle Circular** via Hope Maintain (8 miles moderate). Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill.  
Depart Shrewsbury 09-27 Return Caergwrle 16-15

### Saturday 12 November

**Ludlow Circular** via Mortimer Forest, Overton Common, High Vinnals, Mary Knoll Cottage.  
(9 miles moderate). Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest. Depart Shrewsbury 09.41 Return  
Ludlow 16-23

### Wednesday 16 November

**Codsall Circular** via Staffordshire Way, Monarch's Way, Codsall Wood, Pendleford Mill Nature  
Reserve (8 miles moderate). Leaders Jean Bell, Clare Gathercole. Depart Shrewsbury 09-41  
Return Codsall 15-28

### Saturday 19 November

**Church Stretton Circular** via All Stretton, Little Caradoc, Cwms Cottage, Gaerstones Farm  
(8 miles moderate). Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, John Mattocks. Depart Shrewsbury 09-41 Return  
Church Stretton  
16-40

### Saturday 26 November

**Aberystwyth to Borth** via Ceredigion Coast Path (6.5 miles moderate). Leaders Aisling Amato,  
TBC.. Depart Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Borth 17-42

**Book Aberystwyth return**

### Saturday 3 December

**Wellington Circular** via The Ercall, Huntington, The Steeraway (8 miles moderate).  
Leaders Pam Swales, Aisling Amato. Depart Shrewsbury 09-31 Return Wellington 16-06

### Saturday 10 December

**Caersws Circular** via Hornby, Long Hill (8 miles moderate). Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill. Depart  
Shrewsbury 09-30 Return Caersws 16-35

### Wednesday 14 December

**Craven Arms circular** via River Onny, Berrymill Wood, Flounders' Folly and Strefford

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Mike Ledlie, Les Lumsdon. Depart Shrewsbury 09.15 Return Craven Arms 14.59 or 16.27.

### Saturday 17 December

**Ludlow Circular (pre-Christmas walk)** via Whitcliffe, Hucksbarn, Ludlow Town (6 miles Easy). Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Mick Hemming Depart Shrewsbury 09.41 Return Ludlow 16-23

### Saturday 31 December

**Shrewsbury Circular** via Sundorne track, Uffington, Haughmond Hill (8 miles moderate).

Leaders Richard Inett, John Mattocks.

**Meet outside Shrewsbury Station main entrance 09-45**

Why not join the Ramblers?\*



If you'd like to get out more and enjoy your local area with like-minded people, the **Ramblers** could be for you, with walk programmes catering for all abilities, many aimed specifically at beginners. Your membership will also help to protect footpaths and walking spaces for everyone to enjoy. To join, visit [www.ramblers.org.uk/join](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/join) or call 020 3961 3232.

*\*Rail Rambles is an independent walking organisation currently affiliated to the Ramblers (Powys area). We have received a lot of support from the Ramblers over the years and very much share their values and aims. However, Ramblers members, please be aware that the Rail Rambles themselves are not official Ramblers activities, so your Ramblers insurance policy does not cover them.*

### Thank you, Transport for Wales

For continuing the support which makes it possible for us to run the Rail Rambles programme.

