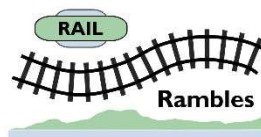




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Rail Rambles

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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*

1 July – 30 December 2024
1 Gorffennaf – 30 Rhagfyr 2024

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

We do not publish individual walk leaders' contact details, but are happy to put you in touch with leaders if you need more information about a walk or advice on how to join it.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 (with arrival time at the walk start station) and return times from the walks destination stations (with arrival time at Shrewsbury).

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/>.

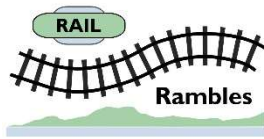
Time details may be subject to change. Walkers are strongly advised to check times of trains before travelling, and to check our website, www.railrambles.org, in case of last-minute changes to the programme.

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 December 2024

Saturday 6 July

Church Stretton to All Stretton Via Madeira Way, skirting Novers Hill, the Batch, Plush Hill and Gogbatch. After the walk we will be meeting up at The Yew Tree for our summer afternoon social event. More details here. <https://www.railrambles.org/social-and-news/>

(5 miles moderate). Leaders Aisling Amato, Peter Jones

Depart Shrewsbury 09.14.

Return Church Stretton 15.08. or 17.10.

Bus times All Stretton to Church Stretton 14.06. or 16.06.

Bus times All Stretton to Shrewsbury 14.08. or 16.08.

Book (train travel) Church Stretton return

Saturday 13 July

Chirk Circular Via Oliver's Wood, Glynmorlas and Pont-y-blew.

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Peter Hollinrake. Linda Hollins.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.27.

Return Chirk 16.05. or 16.42.

Book Chirk return

Wednesday 17 July -- we are looking at options for this date

Saturday 20 July

Llanbister Rd to Knucklas Via the Heart of Wales Trail

(9 miles moderate). Leaders Bob and Liz Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.56.

Knucklas to Knighton via bus (bus fare extra)

Return Knighton 17.40.

Book Llanbister Road return

Saturday 27 July

Yorton to Shrewsbury, Via Myddle, Oldwood, Bomere Heath, Hencott Pool,

(7 miles leisurely) Leaders Clare Gathercole, Liz Wright.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.19. (finish walk at Shrewsbury Station)

Book Yorton return

Saturday 3 August

Llandrindod Wells Circular Via Croes yr Esgob, Llwybr Ceiriog Trail, Maelor Way. (8 miles moderate). Leaders John Mattocks, Diane Hambleton.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.56.

Return Llandrindod 17.02.

Book Llandrindod return

Saturday 10 August

Delamere Circular Using the Whitegate Way and Delamere Way. Via Oakmere, Cuddington and Norley.

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Bob Owen, Peter Hollinrake.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. Arr Chester 10.20.

Dep Chester 10.56. Arr Delamere 11.13.

Return

Dep Delamere 16.21. Arr Chester 16.37.

Dep Chester 17.30. Arr Shrewsbury 18.23.

Book Delamere return

Wednesday 14 August

Abergavenny circular via Twyn-yr-Allt, The Crown at Pantygelli and Llantillio Pertholey (8½ miles moderate + 1 long steep climb),

Leaders Mike Ledlie and Les Lumsdon.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13,

Return Abergavenny 17.00. or 17.27.

Book Abergavenny return

Saturday 17 August

Llangynllo to Knighton Via Upper Cefn-surau and Little Cwm-gilla following Glyndwr's Way.

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Bob Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.56.

Return Knighton 17.40.

Book Llangynllo return

Saturday 24 August

Gobowen Circular Via the Llangollen canal, Weston Rhyn (6 miles moderate). Leaders Pat Willday, Linda Hollins.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.27,

Return Gobowen 16.10.

Book Gobowen return

Saturday 31 August

Bilbrook to Codsall Via Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve, Old Hattons, Long Birch Farm, Codsall Wood, Monarch's Way to Oaken.

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Diane Hambleton, Peter Jones.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.05.

Return Codsall 15.07.

Book Bilbrook return

Saturday 7 September

Prestatyn Circular Via Acre Wood, Tyddyn Uchaf, Marian, North Wales Pilgrim's Way, Gop Hill, Offa's Dyke Path, Graig Fawr and The North Wales Path.

(8.7 miles Moderate) Leaders Doug and Ian Hill.

.Depart Shrewsbury 09.27.

Return Prestatyn 15.57.

Book Prestatyn return

Wellington Walking Festival Monday 9th to Sunday 15th September – more information can be found here

<https://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/events/wellington-walking-festival-2024>

Saturday 14 September

Ironbridge to Wellington Via the T50 route between Ironbridge and Wellington

(8 miles Moderate) Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Diane Hambleton.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.30. (train to Telford) then Number 96 bus from Telford bus Station at (09.40)

Return Wellington 16.06.

Book Telford return

Wednesday 18 September -- we are looking at options for this date

Saturday 21 September

Part of the Shropshire Way Walking Festival

Whitchurch circular Via Wirswall, Sandstone Trail, and northern tip of Shropshire Way.

(8 miles moderate) Leaders Pam Swales, Clare Gathercole.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.19. (The walk will start from Whitchurch Station at 10.50)

Return Whitchurch 16.29.

Book Whitchurch return

Friday 27 September to Monday 30 September

To celebrate our 35th anniversary year in September we will be using Llandudno as a base for three nights. This gives us the opportunity to offer five walks, on four consecutive days, in an area that we don't often travel to because of the distance involved. For more details about the weekend please see our Social Page. <https://www.railrambles.org/social-and-news/>

Note all bus times to be confirmed later

Friday 27 September. Afternoon walk

Bus from Llandudno to Colwyn Bay
then walk back to Llandudno via the coastal path.
(6 miles leisurely / moderate). Leaders Pat Willday, Linda Hollins.
12 or X12 Bus departure 13.05. or 14.05. from Llandudno.

Saturday 28 September

Conwy Hill circular. Via Rhosferig Fawr, Wye Valley Way, Coed Dolyrwrw.
(7 miles leisurely / moderate). Leaders Peter Jones, George Dewar.
5 or 5C Bus departure 10.30. from Llandudno.

Note this Rail Ramble is timed to start and finish to enable anyone not joining us for the weekend to join us for the day.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. (Walk will start from Conwy Station after the train from Shrewsbury arrives at 11.22).

Return Conwy 16.24.

Book Conwy return (if travelling by train)

Sunday 29 September

Walk one

Abergwynregyn circular via Aber Falls.
(6 miles leisurely / moderate). Leaders Pam Swales, Pat Tulloch.
5 or 5C Bus departure 10.15. from Llandudno to Abergwynregyn

Walk two

Llanfairfechan circular via Carneddau, Roman Road and Abergwynregyn including Aber Falls.

(9 miles leisurely moderate). Leaders Aisling Amato. Diane Hambleton.

5 or 5C Bus departure 10.15. from Llandudno to Llanfairfechan.

Monday 30 September

Morning walk from our hotel to the Summit of The Great Orme. Then return to our hotel to collect bags before heading back home.

(3 miles moderate). Leaders Mick Hemming, Peter Hollinrake.

Saturday 5 October

Cilmeri Circular Via Rhosferig Fawr, Wye Valley Way, Coed Dolyrerw (7 miles moderate). Leaders Pat Willday, Pam Swales.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.56.

Return Cilmeri 16.33.

Book Cilmeri return

Saturday 12 October

Llwyngwrl to Tywyn Via The Wales Coast Path

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Clare Gathercole, Aisling Amato.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30.

Return Tywyn 17.27.

Book Llwyngwrl return

Wednesday 16 October

Yorton to Bomere Heath Via Myddle and Merrington (7 miles Leisurely). Leaders Mike Ledlie, Les Lumsdon.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.19.

Return Bomere Heath 16.42. Bus fare extra

Book Yorton Return

Saturday 19 October

Borth to Aberystwyth via Ceredigion Coast Path

(6.5 miles moderate). Leaders Pam Swales, Diane Hambleton.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30.

Return Aberystwyth 17.28.

Book Aberystwyth Return

Saturday 26 October

Church Stretton Circular via Rectory Wood, Town Brook Valley, Pole Bank, Pole Cottage, Ashes Hollow, Millennium / Nisbet Way, Long Mynd Hotel Carvings, Rectory Field (9 miles moderate). Leaders Darren Hall, Pete Lightwood.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.14.

Return Church Stretton 15.40.

Book Church Stretton return

Saturday 2 November

Liverpool Parks Autumn walk Via Allerton Hall, Camp Hill, Woolton Woods, a mystery location, Allerton Towers, Calderstones Park, Sefton Park, Trans Pennine Way.

Please note several bus journeys will be undertaken (Bus Fare extra)

(8.5 miles moderate). Leaders Doug and Ian Hill.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.27.

Return Chester 18.33.

Book Chester return and buy a Merseyrail Day Ticket at Chester.

Saturday 9 November

Welshpool Circular Via Tal-y-bont Buttington, Gungrog Farm, Caethro, Coey-y-wlad, Bron y Buckley woods.

(6 miles easy / moderate) Leaders Pat Willday, Linda Hollins.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30.

Return Welshpool 14.55.

Book Welshpool return

Wednesday 13 November -- we are looking at options for this date

Saturday 16 November

Dolau to Llandrindod Via Penlan, The Rabber, Llwyn, Alpine Bridge

(8 miles moderate). Leaders, Nigel Hotchkiss, Pete Lightwood.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.56.

Return Llandrindod 17.02.

Book Llandrindod return

Saturday 23 November

Chester Circular (Rearranged 35th anniversary joint walk with Lancashire Rail rambles)

Option 1 via Baker Way, Shropshire Union Canal, Christleton, Stamford Heath, Stamford Bridge, Greysfield, Park Farm. (11 miles moderate)

Option 2 via Shropshire Union Canal, City Walls, Chester Castle, Dee Bridge, River Dee, Eaton Hall, Aldford. (7 miles easy)

Bus back into Chester (Bus fare extra)

For both options Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. Return Chester 16.32.

Book Chester return

Saturday 30 November

Machynlleth Circular Via Roman Steps, Glanmerin, Rhiwlwyfen

(8 miles moderate). Leaders Linda Hollins, Peter Jones.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30,

Return Machynlleth 16.08.

Book Machynlleth return

Saturday 7 December

Prees to Whitchurch Via Coton Hall, Sandybank, Moss Cottage, Blackoe Bridge, canal (6 miles moderate). Leaders Bob and Liz Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.19,

Return Whitchurch 15.42.

Book Whitchurch return

Saturday 14 December

Ludlow Circular pre Christmas walk Via weir, Shropshire Way, race course, Bromfield, Priors Halton.

Coffee and mince pies at the Brewery before the walk starts (6.5 miles moderate). Leaders Aisling Amato, Pat Willday.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.45.

Return Ludlow 16.21.

Book Ludlow return

Note the walk will start from The Brewery at 11.15.

Wednesday 18 December

Orleton to Leominster via Eye and Luston

(8 miles moderate) Leaders Mike Ledlie and Les Lumsdon.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.40.

Depart Leominster bus 10.45. (bus fare extra)

Return Leominster 16.11. or 16.40.

Saturday 21 December

Welshpool Circular Via Cilcewydd Bridge, The Gro and Belan Lock

(8 miles moderate) Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Pat Tulloch.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30.

Return Welshpool 14.55.

Book Welshpool return

Saturday 28 December

Shrewsbury Circular Via River Severn, Rea Brook

(7 miles easy). Linda Hollins, John Mattocks.

Meet outside main station entrance at 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 or call 020 3961 3232.

**Rail Rambles is an independent walking organisation. 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.*

Thank you, Transport for Wales

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

