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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*

4 January – 28 June 2025
4 Ionawr – 28 Mehefin 2025

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We do not publish individual walk leaders' contact details, but are happy to put you in touch with leaders if you need more information about a walk or advice on how to join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

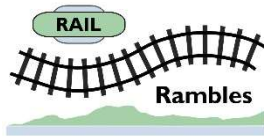
Fares and tickets

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!

Bus details will be **updated nearer the date** of walks using a bus journey.



RAIL RAMBLES PROGRAMME January to June 2025

Saturday 4 January

Caersws to Newtown via Maesmawr and Stepside.

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Bob Owen, Liz Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Newtown 16.42.

Book Caersws return

Saturday 11 January

Wrexham Circular via Minera, Clywedog Valley, Erddig.

(9 miles moderate).

Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Wrexham 16.38.

Book Wrexham return

Wednesday 15 January

Wellington Circular via Limekiln Lane, Limekiln Wood, Steeraway.

(6 miles leisurely).

Leaders Mick Hemming, Pam Swales.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Wellington 16.06.

Book Wellington return

Saturday 18 January

Chirk Circular, before meeting up at The Hand Hotel, for a post-Christmas meal. See our website social page for more details.

<https://www.railrambles.org/social-and-news/>

Via The Hand Hotel (to drop off any raffle donations etc), Aqueduct, Canal, Chirk Bank, Trehowell, Quinta, Pont-faen, Ceiriog Valley.

(5 miles leisurely).

Leaders Pete Lightwood, John Mattocks.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Chirk 15.56 or 16.52.

Book Chirk return

Saturday 25 January

Craven Arms Circular via View Edge, Brandhill Gutter and Aldon.

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Diane Hambleton.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Craven Arms 16.36.

Book Craven Arms return

Saturday 1 February

Welshpool Circular via Powis Castle and Montgomery Canal.
(6 miles leisurely).

Leaders Pat Willday, Linda Hollins.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Welshpool 14.55.

Book Welshpool return

Saturday 8 February

Bromfield to Ludlow (Snowdrop Walk) via Bromfield, Stanton Lacy, Halfway House, Redhill.
(5 miles easy).

Leaders Pam Hill, Steve Paynter.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.47. Return Ludlow 16.23 or 16.52.

Bus Ludlow to Bromfield (bus fare extra).

Book Ludlow return

Wednesday 12 February

Leominster Circular via Stockton Cross, Bache Hill Fort.
(8.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Mike Ledlie, Les Lumsdon.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.40. Return Leominster 16.41.

Book Leominster return

Saturday 15 February

Machynlleth Circular via Roman Steps, Coed Llynloedd, Bryn-glâs.
(7.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Pat Tulloch, Liz Wright.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Machynlleth 16.08.

Book Machynlleth return

Saturday 22 February

Church Stretton Circular via Hope Bowdler Hill, Willstone Hill, Cardington and Cwms.
(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, John Mattocks.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Church Stretton 16.48.

Book Church Stretton return

Saturday 1 March

Nantwich Circular via Nantwich Lake, Stoneley Green, Swanley, Acton and Shropshire Union Canal via The Belt.

(8.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Aisling Amato, Clare Gathercole.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.50. Return Nantwich 16.16.

Book Nantwich return

Saturday 8 March

Ruabon Circular via Moreton Farm, Top Farm, Rhosymadoc.
(8.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Mick Hemming, Bob Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Ruabon 16.45.

Book Ruabon return

Saturday 15 March

Fairbourne to Barmouth, an Alan Howard Walk via the Wales Coast Path, Morfa Mawddach, Fegla Fawr and Barmouth Bridge.
(5 miles easy).

Leaders Linda Hollins, Pat Willday.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Barmouth 16.56.

Book Barmouth return

Wednesday 19 March

Wem Circular via Alderley Lane, Wixhill, Weston-under-Redcastle, Old Coppice, Lee Brockhurst and Aston.
(9 miles moderate).

Leaders Pete Lightwood, Chris Jay.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.50. Return Wem 15.54.

Book Wem return

Saturday 22 March

Smethwick Galton Bridge to Birmingham, an urban heritage walk to the city centre via the Galton Valley canal system and the Jewellery Quarter.
(7 miles moderate).

Leaders Pam Hill, Diane Hambleton.

Depart Shrewsbury 08.59, Return Birmingham 16.22.

Book Birmingham New St return

Saturday 29 March

Clee Hill to Ludlow via Hope Bagot.
(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Pam Swales, Chris Jay.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13, Return Ludlow 16.23.

Bus Ludlow to Clee Hill (bus fare extra).

Book Ludlow return

Saturday 5 April

Knucklas to Knighton via Selley Cross, Cwm-Sanahan Hill and Offa's Dyke.
(6 miles moderate).

Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Bob Owen.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.06. Return Knighton 16.12.

Book Knucklas return

Saturday 12 April

Leominster Circular via Kimbolton.
(7 miles moderate).

Leaders Pam Hill, Chris Jay.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Leominster 16.11.

Book Leominster return

Wednesday 16 April

Bucknell to Knighton via Stowe Hill and Kinsley Wood
(6.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Les Lumsdon and Mike Ledlie.

Depart Shrewsbury 10.02, return Knighton 16.11.

Book Knighton return

Saturday 19 April

Wellington Circular, Bluebell Walk via Limekiln Woods, the lower slope of the Wrekin and return via the Ercall.
(7.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Mick Hemming, Linda Hemming.
Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Wellington 16.06.

Book Wellington return

Saturday 26 April

Tarvin to Frodsham via the Sandstone Trail,
(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill.
Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Frodsham 16.52.
Bus Chester to Tarvin (bus fare extra).

Book Frodsham return

Possible Train Timetable changes in May please check your train times online

Saturday 3 May

Craven Arms circular via Watling Street, Onny Trail, Upper Carwood, Hopesay Hill, Sibdon Castle.
(8.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Aisling Amato, Clare Gathercole.
Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Craven Arms 16.36.

Book Craven Arms return

Saturday 10 May

Criccieth to Porthmadog via The Welsh Coastal Path.
(7 miles moderate).

Leaders Mick Hemming, Peter Jones.
Depart Shrewsbury 07.27. Return Porthmadog 18.06.

Note *the earlier than normal Shrewsbury departure time.*

Book Criccieth return

Wednesday 14 May

Broome to Craven Arms via Clapping Wicket, Aldon, Stokesay.
(7 miles moderate).

Leaders Bob and Liz Owen.
Depart Shrewsbury 10.02. Return Craven Arms 16.35.

Book Broome return

Saturday 17 May

Caersws Circular via Llanwnnog, Ddified, Gwern-y-pwll and the Severn Way).
(9 miles moderate).

Leaders Liz Wright, Diane Hambleton.
Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Caersws 16.35.

Book Caersws return

Saturday 24 May

Llangollen Circular via Velvet Hill, Vivod.
(7 miles moderate).

Leaders Peter Jones, John Mattocks.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Ruabon 16.45.

Bus Ruabon to Llangollen and return (bus fare extra).

Book Ruabon return

Saturday 31 May

Aberdovey Circular via Dyffryn-gwyn, Ffridd yr Ychen, Llyn Barfog, Carn March Arthur and Llechwedd.

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Liz Owen, Nigel Hotchkiss.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Aberdovey 17.33.

Book Aberdovey return

Saturday 7 June

Colwall to Ledbury (Malverns walk) via Evendine, Herefordshire Beacon, Hangman's Hill, Gullet Wood, Eastnor Park.

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Ledbury 17.00.

Book Colwall return

Saturday 14 June

Tal-y-bont to Bow Street via Devil's Bridge Trail and the hills east of Bow Street.

(8.5 miles moderate).

Leaders Clare Gathercole, Pete Lightwood.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Bow St 17.35.

[Bus details to be confirmed nearer the date of the walk.](#)

Book Bow Street return

Wednesday 18 June

White Grit to Stiperstones via Bromlow Callow and Hope

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Les Lumsdon and Mike Ledlie.

Depart Shrewsbury Bus Station 10.05 (Bus 552/553), return from Stiperstones Inn 16.50.
(bus fare extra).

Saturday 21 June

Blaenplwyf to Aberystwyth via the Ceredigion Coastal Path.

(6 miles moderate).

Leaders Aisling Amato, Pam Swales.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. Return Aberystwyth 17.28.

T1 Bus Aberystwyth to Blaenplwyf (bus fare extra).

Book Aberystwyth return

Saturday 28 June

Delamere to Mouldsworth via Pale Heights, Summertrees, Little Switzerland, Castle Hill, Kelsall, Ashton Hayes, Baker Way.

(8 miles moderate).

Leaders Chris Jay, Peter Hollinrake.

Depart Shrewsbury 09.26.(depart Chester 10.56) Return Mouldsworth 16.25.

Book Delamere return

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, 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.

