

Saturday 22nd June Craven Arms to Ludlow

Over Brandhill and through Mortimer Forest to Ludlow. 16 miles, strenuous.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0846 on the Marches line for Craven Arms, returning on the 1822 train from Ludlow.

Leaders: Sue Jones and Chris Jenkins

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Saturday 29th June Walking with Offa

Border country at its best. 6.5 miles, moderate.

Depart at Leominster Bus Station at 0940 (meet at 0930) on the 495 bus for Kington. Please note that there is a small charge for this walk- book in advance.

Leader: Dennis Downey Tel: 01568 614411

Group: Walk Herefordshire see walkherefordshire.com

Saturday 29th June Knighton Circular

Wonderful views of Knighton via Stanage Park and Weston. 10 miles, moderate.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line to Knighton, returning on the 1616 train.

Leaders: Graham Baker and Doug Hill

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Saturday 13th July Titley to Shobdon

Following the Herefordshire Trail in North Herefordshire. 9 miles, moderate.

Depart at Hereford Country Bus Station at 0905 (and en route) on the 461 bus for Kington and changing on to the Titley bus. Return from Shobdon at 1654.

Leaders: John and Philip Tel: Philip 01981 500398

Group: Herefordshire Ramblers see www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk for details.

Sunday 21st July Bircher to Orleton

Bircher Common and the Mortimer Trail then descending to Orleton. 3.5 miles, moderate.

Depart at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Ludlow at 1105 on the 492 bus for Bircher Turn. Return from Orleton at 1338.

Leader: Les Lumsdon Tel 01584 877588

Group: Ludlow 21 see www.ludlow21.org.uk for details.

More walks are being organised by the same groups for later in the year so check websites for details. See also www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk.

Walks information

The walks are provided by East Radnor Ramblers, Fourwells Ramblers, Herefordshire Ramblers, Ludlow 21, Rail Rambles and Walk Herefordshire. The walks are open to everyone; visitors to the area are very welcome. Walk Herefordshire, based in Leominster, specialises in providing guided walks and holidays.

Most of the walks are linear and use a bus or train to travel to the start point and in some cases for a return journey. You'll need to pay the bus or train fare or use a valid concessionary pass for bus travel. Bring food and drink for the day and suitable clothing-stout footwear and warm, waterproof clothes. The grade of walk and distance is given and includes the following:

Easy: walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Mostly level, possibly some gradients. Easy pace.

Moderate: walks for those with a good level of fitness as they may include some steep paths and open countryside. Pace is often faster to cover mileage.

Strenuous: Walks for experienced country walkers which may include several hills and rough country. Pace is faster to cover mileage.

Dogs: Please check with each group programme as to whether dogs are allowed on a specific walk. Rail Rambles do not allow dogs to be taken on any walk.

For your own and others' safety please abide by any instructions issued by the walk leader. It is the responsibility of each person to minimise the potential for accidents to occur. A walk leader might need to ask someone not to undertake the walk or to vary the walk in certain circumstances. Please check details on the relevant website before you join a walk.



Walking with Offa is a partnership of protected landscapes, local authorities, Offa's Dyke Path National Trail and countryside bodies working together to promote walking and sustainable transport along the English-Welsh border.



Guided Bus and Train Walks

in Mortimer Country and Radnorshire 2013



Guided walks from railway stations and bus routes

Ludlow, Leominster, Kington, Knighton & Llandrindod Wells



Borders between countries have an aura of intrigue, myth and mystery, and the one dividing England and Wales is no exception, making it just a little different as a place to go walking. So if you have itchy feet, then walk this way - through the lush, undulating landscape either side of King Offa's 8th century earthwork border - an Irresistible Offa!

The Walks

Leaving the car behind allows you to do linear walks; traversing the wonderful borderland landscape. Joining one of these guided walks also means you can enjoy your walk in the company of others, with an experienced guide and no map reading!

Saturday 23rd March Bucknell to Craven Arms

An exceptional but demanding walk through the Shropshire Hills. 12+ miles, strenuous.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on Heart of Wales line to Bucknell, return from Craven Arms at 1630.

Leader: Anne Williams Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm for details.

Saturday 23rd March Broome to Craven Arms

Beautiful climb to Hopesay Hill and then descending into Craven Arms. 8 miles moderate.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on Heart of Wales train to Broome

Returning from Craven Arms at 1430.

Leaders: Graham Baker and Richard Addyman

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Monday 25th March Richard's Castle to Leominster

Following the Herefordshire Trail to Leominster. 9.5 miles, moderate.

Depart Shire Hall, Hereford, at 0905 (or en route to Leominster 0940) on the 492 bus for Richard's Castle or catch the 0920 from Ludlow Assembly Rooms to Richards Castle and wait for the Hereford bus.

Leader: Philip Tel 01981 500398

Group: Herefordshire Ramblers see

www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk for details.

Saturday 30th March Llandegley to Llanelwedd

High ground east of Llandrindod with excellent views. 12 miles, strenuous.

Depart Llandrindod Wells railway station forecourt at 0900 on the 461 bus for Llandegley, returning by bus to Llandrindod Wells later in day.

Leaders: Peter and Geraldine Tel 01982 570482

Group: Fourwells Ramblers see www.powysramblers.org.uk.

Wednesday 17th April Knighton Circular

Walk with great views via Stowe Hill and Offa's Dyke Path. 8 miles, moderate.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line to Knighton, returning on 1619 train.

Leaders: Marion Law and Les Lumsdon.

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm for details.

Saturday 27th April Knucklas to Knighton

Marvellous scenery via Llangunllo and Bleddfa. 12 miles strenuous.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line to Knighton, returning on 1616 train.

Leaders: Anne Williams and Mick Guest

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Saturday 27th April Lyonshall circular

A circular walk which takes in the Herefordshire and Mortimer Trails in the Titley area. 11.5 miles, moderate.

Depart Hereford Country Bus Station at 0905 on the 461 bus (and en route) for Lyonshall church. Return from Lyonshall at 1600.

Leaders: Martin and Anthea Tel 01432 769470

Group: Herefordshire Ramblers see

www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk for details.

Saturday 27th April Orleton Amble

Gently undulating pastures and orchards. 6 miles, easy.

Depart Leominster Bus Station at 0940 (meet at 0930) on the 492 bus for Orleton. Return by bus to Leominster.

Please note that there is a small charge for this walk- book in advance by phone or email

Leader: Dennis Downey Tel: 01568 614411

Group: Walk Herefordshire see Walkherefordshire.com.

Saturday 4th May Ludlow to Cleobury Mortimer

Over Titterstone Clee and across to Cleobury Mortimer catching the bus back to Ludlow. 16 miles, strenuous

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0846 on the Marches line for Ludlow, returning on 1822 train.

Leaders: Sue Jones and Pat Talbot.

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Wednesday 15th May Bucknell to Knighton

Woods, pastures and views over the Teme Valley. 7 miles, moderate.

Depart Knighton bus station, Bowling Green Lane, at 0935 for Bucknell, Return walk through woodland and open countryside to Knighton.

Leaders: Ron and Jane Tel: 01547 520183.

Group: East Radnor Ramblers see

www.powysramblers.org.uk

Saturday 25th May Luston to Leominster

Rich pastures and tributaries of the Lugg. 7 miles, easy.

Depart at Leominster Bus Station on the 492 bus at 0940 (meet at 0930) for Luston. Please note that there is a small charge for this walk- book in advance by phone or email

Leader: Dennis Downey Tel: 01568 614411.

Group: Walk Herefordshire see walkherefordshire.com for details

Saturday 1st June Dolau to Llandrindod Wells

A lovely walk via Penybont and Alpine Bridge. 7 miles, moderate.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line to Dolau, returning on 1540 train.

Leaders: Pam Swales and Clare Gathercole.

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Saturday 8th June Bucknell to Knighton

Walk with superb views via Bucknell Wood and Five Turnings. 8 miles, moderate.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line to Bucknell, returning on 1616 train from Knighton.

Leaders: Richard Addyman and Trevor Allison.

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm

Saturday 8th June Knighton to Kington

Walking Offa's Dyke Path with climbs and fine views. 14 miles, strenuous.

Depart Shrewsbury railway station at 0900 on the Heart of Wales line for Knighton, returning on the 1827 from Hereford or 2008 from Leominster railway station (using bus links from Kington to get back to railheads).

Leaders: Chris Jenkins and Andrew Pike.

Group: Rail Rambles see www.railrambles.com/prog.htm