Ramblers Devon Area

Moorland Group
Winter Programme 2025/2026

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WEATHER CONDITIONS: Please telephone the appropriate Walk Leader if you wish to know more about the walks listed in the programme or if the weather conditions on the day seem dubious. Walks are rarely cancelled but may be curtailed at the discretion of the Leader.

TORCHES: Although it is intended that all walks finish in daylight, walkers are advised to include a head-torch or hand-torch in their kit, especially on winter walks, in case of unforeseen delays.

GROUP SAFETY: In order to promote the collective comfort, safety and enjoyment of walkers with the Group, each participant should be adequately clothed and equipped for bad weather and emergencies in remote, exposed situations. Advice can be obtained from the Walks Secretary or the General Secretary.

WALKS LEADERS: New leaders are always welcome, but are required to be fully paid-up members of the Ramblers and over eighteen years of age.

NOTE FOR LEADERS: If you are unable to lead your walk, it is your responsibility to find another member to do so. Please also let the Walks Secretary know, in order to help with finding a replacement leader.

BACKMARKERS: It is the recommendation of the Committee that a backmarker be appointed. While the backmarker may not be familiar with the route, they should be capable of navigating back to the finish point of the walk. Please contact the Walks Secretary if you have any questions about appointing a backmarker.

DOGS: Dogs are welcome except where stated in the Walks Programme. When brought, dogs must be under complete control at all times. Please note that dogs should be on a short lead at all times during the nesting season, 1 March to 31 July. Also please note that a Walk Leader may require dogs to be on leads and that the Walk Leader’s decision is final and not negotiable.

CAR SHARING: We would encourage the use of car sharing where practical between fellow walkers. We would suggest either a voluntary donation of £4, or a private agreement between passengers and drivers, or alternate journeys.

INCIDENTS & INJURIES: Any walker who required medical attention following an incident or an injury sustained during an organised walk is asked to give details to the General Secretary.

RAMBLERS MEMBERS: Members from other groups are welcome to walk with the Moorland Group at any time. Non-members may join a Moorland Group walk on a trial basis, but in furtherance of Ramblers’ policy, after three walks they should apply for membership.

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Date	Starting point and distance	Route details	Leader(s)
05/10/25 10am	Bedford Bridge CP SX 504 703 11 miles S	**A Tale of Two Rivers** Grenofen, Doublewater, Hatch Mill, Buckland Monachorum, Yelerton	Roger 07485 089166
12/10/25 10am	Labrador Bay CP (Fee) SX 932 705 12 miles S	**See the Moor** Maidencombe, Watcombe, Brunel Woods, River Teign, Shaldon	Barbara 07482 138982
19/10/25 10am	Belstone CP SX 621 939 11 miles S	**Top 'o' the moor to you** Higher Tor, High Willhays Nine Maidens stone circle	Glyn 07525 219303
26/10/25 10am AGM Walk starts Aprox 11.15	Phoenix Hall Bovey Tracey SX 812 783 11 miles M	**Teign Trail** Stover Park, Teigngrace, Chudleigh Knighton	Mary and Graham 01626 830150 07500 340182
02/11/25 10am	Belstone CP SX 621 938 11 miles S	**Cullever's Travels** Higher Tor, Cullever Steps, Rowtor, Meldon Quarry, Lower Halstock	Don and Hetta 07530 945944
09/11/25 10am	Pork Hill CP SX 531 751 12 miles S	**Up and Down the Tors** Great Roos Tor, Langstone Moor, Wapsworthy, White Tor, Peter Tavy	Roger 07485 089166
16/11/25 10am	Postbridge Forest CP SX 646 788 12 miles S	**Always a Wet Walk** Soussans Farm, Hookney Tor, Birch Tor, Stannon Tor	Chris and Mandy 07936 052650
23/11/25 10am	Venford Reservior West SX 685 713 10-11 miles S	**The Secluded Upper Mardle** Combestone Tor, Hapstead Ford, Pupers Rock, Chalk Ford	Debbie 01364 643180 07530 259619
30/11/25 10am	Haytor Down CP SX 770 778 12 miles S	**Saddle Up** Haytor Rocks, Saddle Tor, Houndtor Down, Houndtor Woods	Feli 07899 970215
07/12/25 10am	Dartmoor Inn moorgate SX 525 853 13 miles S	**Tavy Cleave Loop** Sharp Tor, Corn Ridge, Bleak House	Neill 07980 100587

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14/12/25 10am	Haytor Down CP SX 770 778 9 miles M	**History & Holly** Tramway, Black Hill, Bowerman's Nose, Haytor Rocks	Kate and Andy 07471 938370
21/12/25 10am	Princetown CP (Fee) SX 589 735 12 miles S	**Buster's Favourite Bone Hunt** Hart Tor, Black Tor, Norsworthy Bridge, Scout Hut, Nun's Cross	Chris and Mandy 07936 052650
28/12/25 10am	Princetown CP (Fee) SX 589 735 12 miles S	**Eleven Tors 2025** Crazy Well Pool, Leather Tor Bridge, Sharpitor, Hollow Tor,	Chris and Mandy 07936 052650
Saturday 03/01/26 9am See Note 1	Catch 9.10 bus from Totnes to Dartmouth SX 805 604 12 miles S	**Dart Valley Trail** Dartmouth, Dittisham, Cornworthy, Tuckenhay, Ashprington, Sharpham Estate	Karen 07788 586860
11/01/26 10am	Stokenham Church CP SX 808 428 11 miles S	**Devon's Most Southerly Point** Beeson, Bickerton, Start Point, Hallsands, Beesands, Torcross	Steve 07808 893369
18/01/26 10am	Rowtor CP SX 597 917 12.5 miles S	**Ted Hughes Memorial Stone** Okement Hill, Hangingstone Hill, Steeperton Tor, Oke Tor	Andrew 07508 070111
25/01/26 10am	Haytor Down CP SX 770 779 12 miles S	**The B Walk** Bag Tor, Buckland Beacon, Bonehill Rocks, Black Hill	Jess 07553 257496
01/02/26 10am	Manaton CP SX 750 812 13-14 miles S	**Follow Your Nose** Easdon Tor, Shapley Tor, Grimspound, Bowermans Nose	Feli 07899 970215
08/02/26	Tamar Trails CP (Fee) SX 439 728 12 miles S	**Both Sides of the River Tamar** Devon Great Consols, Scrub Tor, Horsebridge, Luckett, Chilsworthy, Gunnislake	Roger 07485 089166
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15/02/26 10am	Chagford CP (Fee) Sx 702 873 12 miles S	**A Circle, Two Lines and a Point** Murchington, Kestor Rock, Scorhill Circle, Teigncombe, Meldon Hill	Andrew 07508 070111

22/02/26 10am	Sharpitor CP SX 560 709 11 miles M	**A Wander Around Yonder** Norsworthy Bridge, Down Tor, Cukoo Rock, Eylesbarrow Mine	Chris and Mandy 07936 052650
01/03/26 10am	Buckfastleigh CP (Fee) SX 738 660 12 miles S	**Buckfastleigh Moor & Back** Buckfast, Burchetts Wood, Cullaford Bridge, Lambs Down, Moor Cross, Butts Cross Upper Dean	Julie 07527 021783
08/03/26 10am	Okehampton CP Near YMCA SX 592 944 12-13 miles S	**Okey Paths** Ball Hill, Meldon Okehampton Camp	Barbara 07482 138982
15/03/26 10am	Malborough Village Hall SX 710 397 11 miles S	**South Hams Stroll** Steeple Cove, Bolberry Down, Bolt Tail, South Milton Sands, South Huish	Dee 07765 196231
22/03/26 10am	Liverton (on road) SX 815 750 12 miles S	**Lumbering about Liverton** Ramsdown and Goddstone Woods, Lanes, a peep of the moor then back via Bridleways	Isobelle ibelcher@live.co.uk
29/03/26 10am	Sharpitor CP SX 560 709 11 miles M	**A Bit of Everything** Open moor, woods, tracks, leats and boggy bits. To Nuns Cross and Back	Glyn 07525 219303

Note 1. Meet 9am to catch 9.10 bus to Dartmouth. Bus stop opposite Town Mill.
Suggest park at Longmarsh car park £6/day. 15 minute walk to bus stop. Or meet at Dartmouth and arrange own return transport, SX 878 515, bandstand near old harbour 10am