

Dear Walkers,

I am delighted to send you the DCRA 2024 Walking Program. Thanks to all of you who provided suggestions and preferences and offers to lead walks - all of these were gratefully received, dutifully considered, and have helped shape what I hope will be an interesting and enjoyable walking program for 2024. I think the group has done most, if not all of these walks, or variants of them, at some time in the past. Some are firm favourites for which I make no apology for repeating, some may be distant memories, but all will provide us with an opportunity for enjoyable walking and conversation in good company. You may well notice that some of the walks offer options for part of the walk to have longer or shorter variants. Where options are provided rest assured that each option will have a leader familiar with the route.

All of the walks are on the first Wednesday of the month other than April which is on the 10th - hopefully this will help those, including myself, who have Easter commitments. Please add to your diary and join us for as many of the walks as you are able.

As Stuart has previously done I will send out walk details the weekend before. If weather may be a problem I will do my best to advise / manage. All walks will start at 10.30.

Finally I know a number of you have taken part in the walking holidays which Stuart has organized in previous years. The answer to the question 'Will I be organizing a walking holiday?' is 'NO' - However Mike Dams is looking at this, so if you are interested or have suggestions please get in touch with Mike (mike.dams@ntlworld.com)!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2024,

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and I hope we will see you in January,

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Date	Walk	Start	Distance	Category	Description
03-Jan	Newton to Candlestone Castle, Merthyr Mawr dunes and beach	Newton beach car park	7	Easy	We planned to do this in November but were thwarted by the weather so will have another attempt.
07-Feb	Rhossili, Llangennith, Rhossili. Lunch at the King's Head	NT car park at Rhossili	8.5	Easy/Moderate	Classic favourite taking in lunch at the Kings's Head Llangennith
06-Mar	Waterfalls Walk	Roadside parking by Angel Inn, Pontneddfechan.	8	Moderate/Challenging	Cicular walk via Pont Melin-fach and Afon Mellte waterfalls. Potentially longer option depending on interest.
10-Apr	Fan Llia, Fan Dringarth, Fan Nedd	Blaen Llia Forest car park at SN927164	7	Moderate / Challenging	Two options here - a moderately challenging 6.5 mile walk with an option to extend to 9 for those who need the exercise.
01-May	Sugar Loaf and Bryn Arw	Sugar Loaf Car Park	8	Moderate / Challenging	Choice of longer Sugar Loaf and Bryn Arw (10 miles) or Sugar Loaf and return for those who would prefer a more leisurely walk.
05-Jun	Tintern Abbey, Wye riverside path, Tidenham Tunnel, Offa's Dyke, Tintern	Car park at Tintern Abbey	7.5	Moderate	Delightful walk taking in riverside walking, Tidenham tunnel and Offa's Dyke trail.
03-Jul	Waun Fach from Gwynne Valley	Mynydd Du Car Park	9.5	Challenging	Walk crosses Gwynne Fawr river at start (bridge), then steep climb up onto ridge and Pen y Gadair, then along ridge to Waun Fach and Pen y Manllwyn and on to escarpment. Then back along Gwynne Fawr valley to carpark
07-Aug	River Wye from Goodrich Castle	Goodrich Castle Car Park	9	Moderate	Riverside walk following Wye Valley loop.
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04-Sep	Llanthony Priory and Hatterrall Hill	Llanthony Priory Car Park	8	Challenging	A classic walk from the Priory up Hatterrall Hill
02-Oct	Sirhowy Valley	Sirhowy Valley Nine Mile Point Car Park	8	Moderate	Riverside valley walk with climb onto Mynydd y Grug.
06-Nov	In and about Hensol Forest	Hensol Forest Car Park	7.5	Easy	Hensol Forest and Vale Villages.
04-Dec	Penllyn / Craig Penllyn and City. Christmas Lunch at the Fox Penllyn.	The Fox Car Park Penllyn.	4	Easy	Short walk followed by lunch at 13.00