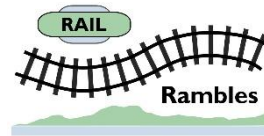




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Rail Rambles

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Guided Walks from Railway Stations in Mid-Wales and the Marches
Teithiau Cerdded Tywysedig o Orsafoedd Rheilffyrdd
yngh Nghanolbarth Cymru a'r Gororau

3 January – 27 June 2026
3 Ionawr – 27 Mehefin 2026

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We do not publish individual walk leaders' contact details, but are happy to put you in touch with leaders if you need more information about a walk or advice on how to join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

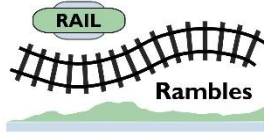
For details of departure times from other locations and connecting services, please ring National Rail Enquiries (03457 48 49 50), ask at your local station, or visit <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> or <https://tfw.wales/>.

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).



RAIL RAMBLES PROGRAMME January to June 2026

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!

Saturday 3 January

Chirk Circular via Chirk Green, Glynmorlas and Gledrid. (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Pam Swales and John Mattocks. Depart Shrewsbury 09.26, return Chirk 15.57 or 16.52

Saturday 10 January

Church Stretton Circular via All Stretton, The Wilderness, Willstone Hill, Hope Bowdler Hill. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest. Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Church Stretton 17.09

Wednesday 14 January

Gobowen Circular via Wat's Dyke, Chirk Bank and Rhoswel. (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Bob and Liz Owen. Depart Shrewsbury 09.26, Return Gobowen 14.55.

Saturday 17 January

Welshpool Circular Post Christmas Social followed by lunch at The Royal Oak, for more details please see our social page on the website. (5.5 miles moderate.) Leaders Pat Willday, Linda Hollins. Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. Return Welshpool 16.56.

Saturday 24 January

Telford to Ironbridge via Silkin Way, Stirchley Lane, Little Dawley, Holywell Lane, Stoney Hill, Crackshall Lane, Cherry Tree Hill and Shropshire Way. (8 miles moderate.). Leaders Diane Hambleton, Aisling Amato. Depart Shrewsbury 09.30. **Bus** from Ironbridge 16.27 to Telford Town Centre (**fare extra**). Return Telford Central 17.33 or 17.58..

Book Telford Central return.

Saturday 31 January

Church Stretton Circular via Rectory Wood, Town Brook Valley, Pole Bank, Pole Cottage, Ashes Hollow, Millennium / Nisbet Way, Long Mynd Hotel Carvings, Rectory Field. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Aisling Amato. Depart Shrewsbury 09.15. Return Church Stretton 17.09.

Saturday 7 February

Caersws to Llanidloes via the Severn Way and Rhydyaes. (8.5miles moderate.. Return **bus** from Llanidloes 15:26, arr. Caersws junction c.15:43 (**fare extra**). Leaders Pete Lightwood, Clare Gathercole. Depart Shrewsbury 9.27. Return Caersws 16.35.

Book Caersws return.

Wednesday 11 February

Broome to Hopton Heath via Clunbury Hill. (6 miles moderate.) Leaders Mike Ledlie, Les Lumsdon. Depart Shrewsbury 08.35. Return Hopton Heath 14.01.

Book Hopton Heath return.

Saturday 14 February

Craven Arms Circular via View Edge, Brandhill Gutter and Aldon. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders Peter Jones, Liz Owen.. Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Craven Arms 17.00

Saturday 21 February

Leamington Spa Circular via Warwick, using riverside & canal paths. (8.5 miles moderate, although there is an option for a 6 mile route ending in Warwick with a **bus** return to Leamington.) Leaders Pam Hill, Chris Jay. Depart Shrewsbury 08.30. Return Leamington Spa 17.16

Saturday 28 February

Machynlleth Circular via Brynteg, Brynmelyn and Llyn Glanmeryn. (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Liz Roberts, Neil Bonser Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. Return Machynlleth 16.08 .

Saturday 7 March

Ellesmere Circular via Blake Mere, Shropshire Union Canal, Welshampton and the Mere. (7 miles leisurely.) Leaders Aisling Amato, John Mattocks. Depart Shrewsbury **Bus station 10.30 (No 501 service)**. Return **bus** Ellesmere 17.00.

Saturday 14 March

Broome to Craven Arms - via Burrow hillfort, following Shropshire Way. (7.5 miles moderate.) Leaders Peter Jones, Chris Jay. Depart Shrewsbury 08.35. Return Craven Arms 14.10.

Book Broome return.

Wednesday 18 March

Llangollen Circular via Vivod, Hafod-y-maidol and Plas Newydd . (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Bob and Liz Owen. Depart Shrewsbury 09.26 to Ruabon, **Bus** to and from Llangollen (**fares extra**). Return Ruabon 16.43.

Book Ruabon return.

Saturday 21 March

Liverpool Circular via two cathedrals, waterfront docks using Trans Pennine Way. (7.5 miles easy.) Leaders Doug Hill, Ian Hill. Depart Shrewsbury 09.26. Return Liverpool 16.28.

Book Chester return along with a return from Chester to Liverpool.

Saturday 28 March

Newtown Circular via Llanllwchaiarn, Lower Gwestydd, Fachwen Pool and Severn Way. (10 miles energetic.) Leaders John Mattocks, Pete Lightwood. Depart Shrewsbury 09:27. Return Newtown 16.42.

Saturday 4 April

Wellington Circular via Apley Woods and Dothill Nature Reserve. (5/6 miles easy.) Leaders Linda Hollins, Pat Willday. Depart Shrewsbury 10.30. Return Wellington 15.07.

Saturday 11 April

Craven Arms Circular via Sibdon Carwood, Hopesay Common, Wart Hill, Longville Common, Onny Trail. (8.5 miles moderate.) Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest. Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Craven Arms 17.00.

Wednesday 15 April

Cleehill Circular via Titterstone Clee summit, Callowgate and Bedlam. (6 miles moderate+ with one long steep ascent and descent.) Leaders Les Lumsdon, Mike Ledlie. Depart Shrewsbury 08.50 (arrive Ludlow 09.20), **bus** to Cleehill 09.45, return **bus** 15.37 (**fares extra**), Return Ludlow 16.20 or 16.52.

Book Ludlow return.

Saturday 18 April

Bucknell to Knighton via Bucknell Wood, Stow Hill, and Stowe. (7.5 miles moderate.) Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Bob Owen. Depart Shrewsbury 11.31. Return Knighton 18.16.

Book Knighton return.

Saturday 25 April

Stockport to Disley via Midshires Way, Goyt valley, Cheshire ring canal, Peak Forest canal. (9.5 miles moderate, 1200 feet total ascent.) Leaders Peter Hollinrake, Bob Owen. Depart Shrewsbury 08.49. Return **Bus** Disley to Stockport (**fare extra**) which allows more connection time at Stockport. Return Stockport 17.39.

Book Disley return to allow for train at 17.15, in the event that there is an issue with the bus, it is the same cost as to Stockport.

Possible Train Timetable changes in May please check your train times on line

Saturday 2 May

Church Stretton Circular via Willstone Hill and Hope Bowdler Hill. (7 miles energetic.) Leaders Liz Roberts, Neil Bonser. Depart Shrewsbury 09:13. Return Church Stretton 17.09.

Saturday 9 May

Colwyn Bay to Llandudno (which is part of a weekend of walks, [see programme page for more info](#)).

Option 1 via Pwllcrochan Woods, Hafodty, Mochdre, Bodysgallen, Deganwy and Wales Coastal Path. (9 miles moderate.) Leaders Judith Griffiths, Martin Forrest.

Option 2 via West Promenade, Rhos, Penryhn Bay and the Little Orme. (6 miles leisurely, one steep, short climb.) Leaders Linda Hollins, Pat Willday.

For both walks depart Shrewsbury 08.27. Return Llandudno 17.04.

Book Llandudno return.

Wednesday 13 May

Wrenbury to Whitchurch via Llangollen canal, Marbury, South Cheshire way and Wickstead. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders Diane Hambleton, Pam Swales. Depart Shrewsbury 10.19. Return Whitchurch 16.27.

Book Wrenbury return.

Saturday 16 May

Abergavenny Circular via Ysgyryd Fach, Llanddewi, Rhydderch. (8.5 miles moderate.) Leaders Nigel Hotchkiss, Liz Wright. Depart Shrewsbury 08.50. Return Abergavenny 16.56.

Saturday 23 May

Llandrindod Wells Circular via Bongam Bank, Shaky Bridge and Upper Llanoley. (6 miles moderate.) Leaders Clare Gathercole, Peter Jones. Depart Shrewsbury 11.30. Return 17.38.

Saturday 30 May

Whitchurch Circular via Oss Mere, Marbury, Wirswall, Cemetery, Whitchurch Mountain. (8 miles moderate). Leaders Doug Hill, Liz Wright. Depart Shrewsbury 08.49. Return Whitchurch 16.27.

Saturday 6 June

Stiperstones to Pontesbury via Perkins Beach and Lord's Chapel. (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Linda Hollins, Pam Swales. Depart Shrewsbury **Bus station** no 552/553 08.35. Return **bus** Pontesbury 14.58 or 16.23.

Saturday 13 June

Fairbourne to Barmouth via Pant Einon Hall, Cyyfanned-fawr, Ffordd Ddu, Llynau Gregennen, Gefnir Farm, Arthog Water Falls and Morfa Mawddach Station. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders Chris Jay, Diane Hambleton. Depart Shrewsbury 09.27. Return Barmouth 18.57.

Book Barmouth return.

Wednesday 17 June

Pontesford to Pontesbury via Oaks Wood, Habberley and Poles Coppice. (6 miles moderate.) Leaders Les Lumsdon, Mike Ledlie. Depart Shrewsbury **Bus Station**, Bus 552, 10.25. Return **bus** 16.13.

Saturday 20 June

Llangollen to Chirk via Croes yr Esgob, Ceiriog Trail and Maelor Way. (7 miles moderate.) Leaders Clare Gathercole and Peter Hollinrake. Depart Shrewsbury 09.26 to Ruabon. **Bus** to Llangollen (**fare extra**). Return Chirk 15.57.

Book to Ruabon.

Saturday 27 June

Craven Arms Circular via Clapping Wicket, Aldon and Stokesay Castle. (8 miles moderate.) Leaders John Mattocks, Chris Jay Depart Shrewsbury 09.13. Return Craven Arms 17.00.

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.



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