



Lower Wye Group walks and events

01/10/2018 to 31/03/2019

Part of Greater Gwent area

Our area is the Lower Wye Valley, extending from Chepstow to Monmouth, an AONB. We also walk in the Royal Forest of Dean, Monmouthshire between the Rivers Usk and the Wye, The Black Mountains and The Brecon Beacons, sometimes further afield. All walkers are welcome.

Sun 7 October 2018 09:45 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate

New Fancy Viewpoint and Cannop Ponds

Starts at 09:45: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

From New Fancy Viewpoint to Cannop Stoneworks past the Miners' Memorial Statue by Monument Freemine, then back down the tramtrack to Cannop Ponds. Following the Gloucestershire Way to Speech House, we will return via Speech House Lake to the start. Pub lunch option

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 15 miles £2.50

Local grade: M

Contact: Hilary & David, 01291621680

Sun 14 October 2018 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Moderate

Skenfrith Wander

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Exploring the area to the north west of Skenfrith taking in parts of the beautiful Monnow Valley Walk and the Blackbrook Estate. Short sharp climb near the start followed by a gradual climb to enjoy the views at the top.

Meeting points: CLC at 09:00; Rockfield Free Car Park in Monmouth (near Fire Station) at 09:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 15 miles £2.00.

Local grade: M

Contact: Leonie, 07548962743

Sun 21 October 2018 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate

Cannop, Nagshead, and Barnhill

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

An undulating circular walk starting from Cannop Ponds, along forest tracks through Nagshead RSPB reserve and past remains of Forest of Dean's industrial history.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 15 miles £2.00

Local grade: M

Contact: Sharon and Rob, 01594563404

Sun 28 October 2018 10:00 - 7.5 miles/12.1 km - Moderate

Redbrook Loop

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Offa's Dyke, Newlands Valley and Clearwell

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start Mileage to start & Levy: 12 miles £2:00

Local grade: M+

Contact: Gordon, 01454 616344

Sun 4 November 2018 10:00

Greater Gwent Area Walk

10:00 Cyfartha Castle

Merthyr Tydful

Sun 11 November 2018 09:30 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate

Remembrance Sunday Walk

Starts at 09:30: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Our annual remembrance walk in the Brecons to visit the crash site of a 2nd World War aircraft. Will meet up with other groups for a minute's silence. Soup and bun at the Goose and Cuckoo afterwards.

Meeting points: CLC at 08:15; RS at 08:45. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start . Mileage to start & Levy: 25 miles £3.50

Local grade: M+

Contact: Debbie, 07940548730

Sun 18 November 2018 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Strenuous

The Vale of Ewyas Horseshoe

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A high-level walk, starting at Capel-y-ffin following the Ffawyddog Ridge- Pen Rhos Dirion-Twmpa, following Darren Llwyd back to Capel-y-ffin. The terrain consists of classic U-shaped valleys and broad heather-strewn moorland.

Meeting points: CLC at 8:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 36 miles £5.00

Local grade: S

Contact: Len, 07576178474

Sun 18 November 2018 11:00 - 3 miles/4.8 km - Easy

Losey Woods

Starts at 11:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A circular walk in the woods, mainly on metalled tracks, with the occasional short incline

Meeting point: CLC at 10:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 12 miles £2:00.

Local grade: E

Contact: Bill, 01291 628656 or 07563337363

Sun 25 November 2018 10:00 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate

Newnham, Bullo Pill and Blaize Bailey

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

An attractive riverside village, former ports, early railway tunnels and a spectacular viewpoint. Mainly on field paths and forest tracks with a steady climb to Blaize Bailey.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 17 miles £2.80

Local grade: M

Contact: Phil and James, 01633856028

Sun 2 December 2018 09:35 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate

Trellech Springs and Wells Walk

Starts at 09:35: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A walk past springs and wells in the Trellech area through open and wooded landscape. Visiting St Anne's Well, Cleddon Bog, Catbrook, Cleddon Falls and Cledden Hall. Pub lunch option

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 8 miles £1.50

Local grade: M

Contact: Hilary & David, 01291621680

Sat 8 December 2018 12:30

Lower Wye Ramblers Christmas Lunch

12:30 The Huntsman

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Contact: John, 07760364462

Sun 9 December 2018 10:00 - 5.5 miles/8.9 km - Moderate

Catbrook Circuit. Lower Wye Ramblers Booklet Ramble 11.

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A walk along the western ridge of the Wye Valley using fields, woodlands, lanes and touching the upper Anghidi Fawr.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 7 miles £1.50.

Local grade: M

Contact: Jackie, 07771596649

Sun 16 December 2018 10:00 - 5 miles/8 km - Easy

Mathern and Mounon

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A flat walk around the village of Mathern.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:45. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 4 miles £1.00

Local grade: E

Walk leader: John

Contact: John, 07760364462

Sun 6 January 2019 09:45 - 5.5 miles/8.9 km - Easy

Surprise views from Chepstow Park Wood

Starts at 09:45: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

An easy woodland and field walk with some surprise views, mainly walking along forest roads and tracks.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 5 miles £1.00.

Local grade: E

Contact: Jackie, 07771596649

Sun 13 January 2019 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate

Along the Canal at Pontypool

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A varied walk across country and along a towpath of the Brecon and Abergavenny Canal.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 20 miles £2.80

Local grade: M

Walk leader: Steve

Contact: Steve, 07521 217537 or 01594 529556

Sun 27 January 2019 09:30 - 8.5 miles/13.7 km - Strenuous

Woodlands, Pastures and Moorland near Llanellen

Starts at 09:30: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A lovely walk around Llanellen over hills, some steep climbs.

Meeting points: CLC at 08:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 22 miles £3.50

Local grade: S

Contact: Phil and James, 01633856028

Sun 3 February 2019 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate

Redbrook Ramble. Lower Wye Ramblers Booklet Ramble 2.

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A walk up to and around a hill top parish (Pen-allt in Welsh) overlooking the Wye Valley, where traces of its original industry - the production of mill stones - may still be seen.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 13 miles £2:00

Local grade: M

Contact: Jackie, 07771596649

Sun 10 February 2019 09:45 - 12 miles/19.3 km - Strenuous

Hills from Talybont on Usk

Starts at 09:45: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Up to Pen y Bryn, Waun Rhyd and alt Lwyd, then a very steep descent to return on the Taff Trail.

Meeting points: CLC at 08:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 36 miles £5:00.

Local grade: S

Contact: Kay, 07704107756 or 01291629659

Sun 17 February 2019 10:00 - 8.5 miles/13.7 km - Strenuous

The Skyline of Crickhowell

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Table Mountain - Pen Cerrig-calch - Pen Allt-mawr - descending a broad ridge that forms the western wall of the remote Grwne Fechan Valley. Grassy moorland topped with formidable peaks offering great views over deep and remote valleys.

Meeting points: CLC at 8:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 31 miles £4.50

Local grade: S

Contact: Len, 07576178474

Sun 17 February 2019 11:00 - 3.5 miles/5.6 km - Easy

Manor Wood at Trellech

Starts at 11:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A circular walk around Manor Wood, The Narth and Vicars Allotment. 150m of ascent in the second half.

Meeting point: CLC at 10:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 11 miles £2:00.

Local grade: E

Contact: Bill, 01291 628656 or 07563337363

Sun 24 February 2019 09:30 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Strenuous

Skirrid

Starts at 09:30: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Skirrid, Llanvihangal Crucorney, Strawberry Cottage, Bryn Arw with 770m climb.

Meeting points: CLC at 08:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 26 miles £4:00.

Local grade: S

Contact: Brian, 01454880580 or 07547325438

Sun 3 March 2019 10:00 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate

Wooton Under Edge

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A modest walk on fields and part of the Cotswold Way.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 22 miles £3.50

Local grade: M+

Contact: Gordon, 01454 616344

Sun 10 March 2019 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate

Clytha Castle through the Usk valley

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

The beautiful Usk valley, including a gothic castle folly and an Iron Age hillfort and visiting Bettws Newedd.

Meeting points: CLC at 8:30; RS at 08:55. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 36 miles £5.00

Local grade: M

Walk leader: Steve

Contact: Steve, 07521 217537 or 01594 529556

Sun 17 March 2019 11:00 - 4 miles/6.4 km - Easy

Trellech Walk

Starts at 11:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

Short, mainly level across fields

Meeting point: CLC at 10:15. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 10 miles £1:50.

Local grade: E

Contact: Bill, 01291 628656 or 07563337363

Sun 24 March 2019 09:45 - 13 miles/20.9 km - Strenuous

Walking on the Mendips

Starts at 09:45: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

See the Rock of Ages, walk on the Limestone Link, The Strawberry Line and the West Somerset Way.

Meeting point: CLC at 08:30. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 33 miles £4:50.

Local grade: S

Contact: Kay, 07704107756 or 01291629659

Sun 31 March 2019 10:00 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate

Tidenham Wildlife Walk

Starts at 10:00: Chepstow (NP16 5NZ, ST528943)

A Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust recommended walk through nature reserves and varied habitats offering views of the Wye Valley and Severn estuary.

Meeting point: CLC at 09:40. Call leader if you want to go directly to the start. Mileage to start & Levy: 5 miles £1.00

Local grade: M

Contact: Sharon and Rob, 01594563404

Finding the start of your walk

Start and meeting points include nearest postcode and an Ordnance Survey grid reference accurate to 100m. Use postcodes with care: in rural areas the nearest postcode may be some distance from the actual start point. See OS maps for an explanation of how to use grid references.

Grades

- **Easy Access** - walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.
- **Easy** - walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.
- **Leisurely** - walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.
- **Moderate** - walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.
- **Strenuous** - walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness should contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- **Technical** - walks for experienced and very fit walkers with additional technical skills. May require scrambling and use of ropes, ice axes and crampons. You must contact the organiser or leader in advance for further details.

Notes

- Walk gradings are provided as a general guide only. If you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk please contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- Bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned.
- If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first - it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

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