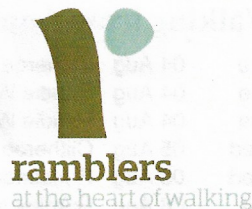


Ruthin 02 August 2015



Today we have just the one main coach for our trip to Denbigshire and the Clwydian AONB. The Blackburn and Burnley coaches will rendezvous at Darwen Services with the morning stop at Chester Services.

Today's Walks

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| B Walk | Robert Eccles | Off First | 11 miles Strenuous |
| <p>Starting from Loggerheads we pick-up the Clwydian Way south towards Maeshafn before turning west to Llanferres. Now it's across fields and through plantations to reach Offa's Dyke Path where we start our main climb of the day. Skirting the fort Foel Fenlli (some can avoid the skirt and head up and over if they fancy) we reach the view point at Bwiche Penbarra. Continuing north (and up) we reach the highest point in the Bryniau Clwyd at Moel Famau (554m); on a clear day this is a fantastic view point. Eventually branching off Offa's Dyke Path we skirt the range to Teiran before field paths and tracks to Ruthin.</p> <p>A lovely walk that takes in the woodland, hills and valleys of the area; mainly on good paths and with plenty of time to complete the walk at a steady pace. 11 miles with 650m of ascent over the whole walk.</p> | | | |
| C Walk | Paul Brown | Off Second | 7 miles Moderate |
| <p>We leave the coaches at Llanferres and climb steadily away from the village, then join a bridleway which takes us southwestwards to reach the long distance path Offa's Dyke. We follow Offa's Dyke to below Foel Fenlli, then continue around the hill to reach the col at Bwiche Penbarra. From here we descend on tracks, lanes, and field paths to the village of Llanber-Dyffryn-Clwyd, then continue along more field paths, coming into Ruthin through the grounds of Ruthin School.</p> <p>A few higher bar stiles to cross, and overall about 180 metres of climbing on this walk. However, the views of the Vale of Clwyd from Offa's Dyke are really special, and well worth the effort.</p> | | | |
| D Walk | Roger Haythornthwaite | Off Third | 6½ miles Fairly Easy |
| <p>Alight at Ruthin Coach Park. Proceed to the River Clwyd and take the riverside path to Plas-y-Ward Farm and field paths and lanes to Rhewl. Walk along Lady Bagot's Drive, a gently-rising path up a rather attractive gorge by the River Afon Clywedog. Cross a footbridge over the river and climb out of the valley to Hengoed. Follow downhill and level lanes past Court Farm, through Galltefga and finally a longish stretch back into Ruthin.</p> <p>Fairly easy except for one steep climb out of a valley</p> | | | |
| E Walk | No Leader | Off Third | 1½ miles Easy |
| <p>A suggestion from Paul: Starting from the coach park in Ruthin; a 1.5mile town trail that includes the Craft Centre, the pleasant Cae Ddôl park (good for a lunch stop), Ruthin Gaol, St Peter's Church, and other places of interest. Map and guides are available free in the Craft Centre.</p> | | | |

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

18:00 Ruthin Craft Centre car park on Lon Parcwr Walks: B, C, D

Any additional stops on the return journey are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.

Our Next Trips

Today we will be taking bookings for Barnard Castle (06 September), Church Stretton (20 September), Hawkshead (04 October) and Niddersale (01 November). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50 but £20 for Church Stretton. After today, or to book beyond October, then contact Robert by email at bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk, telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at www.coach.rambles.org.uk/book.

Social coach trip: Sudbury Hall and Museum of Childhood, Derbyshire

Organised by Burnley and Pendle Ramblers for Sunday 23rd August. Total cost is £24 but National Trust members will be refunded their admittance cost if they remember their membership card. Tickets are available today from Margaret Clark (Burnley Coach).