



Ramble Programme 2026



The Golden Gate, Chatsworth House June 2025

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Contact Information

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Bookings. **Bookings open on 19th January 2026.** Please send your bookings to: Rhiannon Robinson, Bookings, bookings@disabledramblers.co.uk or by post to 43 Elm Lodge Rd, Wraxall, Bristol BS48 1JG. For Queries, changes or cancellations to your booking please contact Rhiannon by the bookings email address.

Making a Booking

2026 bookings can be made at any time from January 19th onwards. Until February 2nd priority will be given to Loan Scooter bookings received from members who first joined after October 2025

For their first ramble with us, **new members** should choose a ramble designated as 'suitable as a first ramble'

Please read the Booking Information on the Booking Form, then complete and return it to Rhiannon (Bookings). Please make your payment at the same time. Your booking will be acknowledged, then you will receive Joining Instructions 2 - 3 weeks prior to each ramble.

Rambles may be limited in terms of numbers including walkers, and you must have completed a booking form for a National Ramble in advance to be able to attend.

Please note, loan scooters and toilet facilities will be provided by Disabled Ramblers only on National Rambles.

Note - Regional Rambles are advertised periodically by email and on our website. These rambles are booked directly with the Ramble Coordinator or the Ramble Leader. To book a Regional Ramble, please contact the ramble leader directly by email/phone, and we also ask that you help our funds by paying £5 by BACS before the ramble or paying £5 cash into the envelope provided at the ramble.

Disclaimer & Consent

The Disabled Ramblers cannot accept any financial or other liability arising from the cancellation of rambles.

All participants take part at their own risk.

We plan to run the rambles advertised in this booklet on the dates advertised. However, this is subject to any matters arising outside our control.

Dates and venues may occasionally need to be changed, sometimes at very short notice. We will make every endeavour to let members know if this is the case. **If there are extremes of weather, e.g. storms or a heatwave, the leader's decision whether to hold, or continue the ramble, is final.** Contacting you by mobile phone or email are the best options - please help us to help you, by giving us an up-to-date email address and mobile phone number – and on the booking form give contact details for the person you would wish to be contacted in an emergency.

Booking Accommodation:

You should check the refunds policy of your accommodation and/or take out appropriate travel insurance to protect you in the unlikely event of a Ramble Tour having to be cancelled or postponed at short notice.

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All scooter users must be members of the Disabled Ramblers (not just Facebook members) or attending their trial ramble in anticipation of becoming a member. You are allowed 1 free trial ramble prior to joining. However, if a loan scooter is required, this is not free.

Signing On at Rambles: Everyone attending a ramble, including your guests, will be required to sign on when they arrive at the start of each ramble. You will be signing to say that you consent to:

- taking part at your own risk;
- waiving all claims against The DISABLED RAMBLERS Ltd and its members howsoever arising, and to indemnify the Charity and its members against any claim due to negligence on your part;
- the use of your image – on a photo or in a video taken on this ramble – for our website & Facebook page, for our publicity and publications, and in our campaigning work. (Unless you wish to withhold consent for the use of your image, in which case you must let us know when booking your place on the ramble.)

Ramble Categories

Cat 1 is suitable for all wheelchairs etc. However, we rarely run Cat 1 rambles.

Cat 2 may include rougher surfaces and hills up to 1:8 and is suitable for robust outdoor powerchairs and medium scooters. However, the weather might cause the track to become muddy, slippery and covered in puddles. (Some very fit manual wheelchair users might cope with Cat 2 but consider the distance.) All Cat 2s and Cat 2+ are suitable for a first ramble with the Disabled Ramblers.

Cat 3 means rough, stony and rutted surfaces with significant mud, cross-slopes and/or steep hills and is for experienced riders on robust off-road scooters. Cat 3- and Cat 3+ indicate easier or harder than Cat 3. Very few powerchairs are suitable for any Cat 3 rambles.

Contact ramblecoordinators@disabledramblers.co.uk for advice if you think your powerchair would be suitable. Our preferred option is for you to use one of our Loan Scooters. Some Cat 3 rambles are suitable as a first ramble. If this is the case, it will state this next to the category type on the programme. Cat 3 rambles which have been assessed as being safe for a first ramble with us should have no steep drops at the side of the track and the steepness of hills and cross-slopes are not too severe.

If in doubt as to the suitability of your mobility vehicle, please contact the rambles coordinators at ramblecoordinators@disabledramblers.co.uk to discuss.

Ramble Timings

Start. Rambles usually start at 10am for 10-30am but check the Joining Instructions for each ramble. Please arrive with plenty of time to get yourself ready, in order for the leader to be able to start the ramble on time. If you are running late or have to cancel at the last minute, let the ramble leader know by phone or text message (A text message is more likely to get through in areas of limited reception.)

Breaks. There is a coffee break in the morning and a lunch break. Please bring your own food and refreshments for the day, unless joining instructions say otherwise. At lunchtime an accessible portable toilet is erected for your use if there is no alternative toilet available.

End. Rambles usually end by 16:00.



The Monsal Trail 2025 Photo by Jonathan Clark

2026 Ramble Locations on [Google Maps](#)

Welcome to the 2026 Disabled Ramblers Programme. We are all looking forward to a new year of rambling and catching up with old and new friends. This year, our leaders have been hunting out new routes, so we have lots of new rambles throughout the year. Do come along and support the new routes as well as the other much-loved routes. If you would like to suggest some routes to us, or would like to know more about leading a ramble, please let us know. We are only able to put on these rambles, year after year, with the valuable support of our volunteer ramble leaders and volunteers. Contact: ramblecoordinators@disabledramblers.co.uk

We hope you enjoy all the rambles you attend. Happy Rambling!

Paula, Marian & Jonathan

Cotswolds Tour



Sudeley Castle 2022 Photo Unknown

2601 - Cleeve Hill & Common GL52 3PW

Monday 20th April

The ramble explores the open heathland of Cleeve Hill Common, a wide-open area of natural grassland forming part of the Cotswold Hills escarpment and is the largest area of unimproved limestone grassland in Gloucestershire. This is an exposed location with tremendous views.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Cheltenham 5 miles.

6 miles, Cat 2+ Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Mostly grass but with some rough, stony sections.

Scooter: Suitable for Class 3 scooters such as Tramper or TGA SuperSport.

2602 - Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods GL6 7ES

Tuesday 21st April

This scenic Cotswold ramble follows bridleways through the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve, and over Sheepscombe Common noted for its wild orchids. Shady in the woodland then extensive open views over Painswick and Cranham to the Severn and Wales. See the [Flyover Video](#).

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Cheltenham 12 miles.

6 miles, Cat 3, 3+ if wet

Surface: Surface generally sound but some stretches with loose stones, others possibly soft and muddy. No adverse camber but some steep inclines. Some on-road sections.

Scooter: Suitable for Class 3 scooters such as Tramper or TGA SuperSport.

2603 - Sudeley Castle Circuit GL54 5JD

Thursday 23rd April

A very varied ramble in Cotswolds countryside. Open fields give great views across to the surrounding hills. A long, fairly steep, climb on grass gives way to a gentler section as we climb past Parks Farm to Deadman's Gate where we have lunch. Our return route passes Roel Hill Farm and Roel Hill Gate then descends on sometimes rough track to Waterhatch where there used to be a mill. After New Meadow Farm we follow a quiet lane before regaining grassland and return to the castle.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with our [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Winchcombe 1 mile.

7.5 Miles, Cat 3

Surface: A mix of grassland and tarmac on quiet lanes. After rain, a steep field can become very muddy.

Scooter: Suitable for Class 3 all-terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler, because of steep muddy field if it rains.

2604 – Woodchester Park GL10 3UH

Friday 24th April

Woodchester lies near Stroud in a special part of the Cotswolds with a host of secluded valleys making a complete change of scenery from the familiar rolling hills.

Join us for this new ramble set in a deep wooded valley with a string of five lakes, created in an 18-19th century landscaped park with a nod to Capability Brown, home to an unfinished mansion planned as a retreat by a Victorian gentleman whose ambition drained his bank account.

Enjoy the clean air and peaceful surroundings with spectacular trees including redwoods as we ramble from the modern café at the start to our lunch stop at the Mansion with its intriguing history. We descend twice to lake level presenting an opportunity to test your photographic skills before a return to the cafe and car park.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Stroud 5 miles.

6.4 miles, Cat 2 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Generally smooth and flat, hard-packed dirt or gravel forest tracks with occasional steeper sections along the sides of a steep wooded valley.

Scooter: Suitable for Class 3 scooters such as Trampler or TGA SuperSport.



Woodchester Park. Photo by John Shaw

Derbyshire Tour



Shipley Country Park 2017. Photo by Judy Cunningham

2605 - Shipley Country Park DE75 7GX

Monday 11th May

Starting from the visitor centre we ramble in an anticlockwise direction through the changing Derbyshire countryside. We go from being under the trees and alongside Mapperley Reservoir to high up where we can see the surrounding views of the countryside. We stop for a break to look across the peaceful Mapperley Reservoir where there is an abundance of geese and ducks on the water and dragonflies hovering in the area. We continue through farmland to the site of Shipley Hall with stops on the way before returning to the start.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Heanor - approx. 1 mile away.

6 Miles, Cat 2+ Suitable as first ramble

Surface: Undulating, firm gravel track, rutted in places.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

2606 - Elvaston Castle Country Park DE72 3EP

Tuesday 12th May

Elvaston Castle covers approx. 321 acres of open parkland, woodland and more formal historical gardens. At the heart of the estate lies Elvaston Castle, a gothic revival masterpiece (not open to the public) designed by James Wyatt in the early 1800s based on the original house dating back to 1633. Our ramble passes close to the lake and castle before heading out of the grounds and alongside the banks of the River Derwent for our first break near the weir. We return into the parkland for our lunch close to the Castle, then continue onto the far side of the park passing the more formal gardens and the Lodge and Cottage before returning to the start.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Derby 7 Miles

7 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as first ramble

Surface: Mainly gravel surfaces, uneven in places can be muddy under the trees after rain.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

2607 - Calke Abbey DE73 7JF

Thursday 14th May

This tranquil ramble takes us along part of the route of the historic horse-drawn tramway trail and through the parkland of Calke Abbey. The route passes varied landscapes of grass lands, arable farmland and wildlife including Red and Fallow deer. We pass close to the Abbey, visit and pause under the trees at Staunton Harold reservoir to admire the splendid views.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Ashby-de-la-Zouch 5 miles.

7 miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Mainly gravel surfaces but with stretches of grass tracks, can be muddy in places especially under trees after rain.

Scooters: Requires a Class 3 scooter owing to terrain and live roads.



Calke Abbey 2021 Photo by Judy Cunningham

2608 - Beacon Hill Country Park LE12 8TA

Friday 15th May

Beacon Hill Country Park, close to Woodhouse Eaves, is owned and managed by Leicestershire County Council. Rising to a height of 245m, Beacon Hill is one of the highest points in Leicestershire and boasts spectacular views of Charnwood Forest and the Soar Valley. Covering 128ha, the Park consists of mixed woodland, grassland, open heathland, wetlands and rocky outcrops. The Park supports an important range of plants and animals and is part of the Beacon Hill, Hanging Stone and Outwoods Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). The management of the Park aims to balance public access with the need to maintain and enhance the habitats for which the site is important. As a result, Beacon Hill was the recipient of the 1996 English Nature Award for Management. The ramble also incorporates Broombriggs Farm Trail and Windmill Hill.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Loughborough 5 Miles.

7 miles, Cat 3

Surface Mainly gravel, hard core surfaces but some rough areas and can be very muddy under the trees.

Scooters: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.

Nidderdale Tour



Scar House Reservoir at Dusk Photo by Jonathan Clark

2609 - Fewston and Swinsty Reservoirs LS21 2NP

Monday 08th June

Perfect for a first ramble, we enjoy the newly built, well maintained accessible track around Swinsty and Fewston reservoirs. Both reservoirs are lined with trees providing stunning vistas and welcome shade on a hot day. The track winds its way around the reservoirs with stops along the way for coffee and lunch.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: 10.6 miles from Pateley Bridge.

7 Miles, Cat 2 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Compacted and graded surface throughout.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

2610 Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Deer Park HG4 3DY

Tuesday 09th June

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, a deer park and the ruins of a magnificent Abbey, this ramble explores a unique and special place.

In the morning, we will pass St Mary's Church, through the 18th century Deer Park in search of the Red, Fallow and Sika deer and along the quiet 7 bridges valley to our lunch.

In the afternoon we will enter Studley Royal, John Aislabie's elegant water garden of mirror-like ponds, statues and ponds before passing the ruins of Fountains Abbey and Fountains Hall on our return journey.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Ripon 3 miles.

5.8 Miles, Cat 3

Surface: Compact trails, grass and paved surfaces.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.



Fountains Abbey Photo by Jonathan Clark

2611 - Scar House Reservoir HG3 5SW

Thursday 11th June

In the wild and remote, most northerly extremes of Nidderdale, the Scar House and Angram reservoirs sit beneath the peaks of Little Whenside and Great Whenside. Our ramble starts at the reservoir car park and heads around the south side of Scar House reservoir on a paved road. We will see the old quarries that the dam walls were mined from, the site of the old village of Lodge and hopefully many sheep! We will reach the second of our reservoirs, Angram and continue on to find its inlet where we stop for a brew. After a short break we continue around Angram to the north side with great views across the reservoir and higher up into the dale. After a lunch stop we retrace our wheel tracks back around Scar House reservoir on the lookout for our 3 seasonal bird species, the curlew, oystercatcher and lapwing.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Pateley Bridge 11 Miles.

5.8 Miles, Cat 2+ Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: A combination of paved and grassy surfaces.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

2612 Nidderdale Greenway from Ripley HG3 3AY

Friday 12th June

After a day in the rugged wilderness of the north of Nidderdale, today we return to civilisation. Starting in the historic village of Ripley we pass along the Nidderdale Greenway alongside the River Nidd, through farmland to the stunning vista from the Nidd Viaduct. We find a peaceful grassy area for lunch beside Bilton Beck Wood before returning via the same route.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: 10.7 Pateley Bridge 3.5 miles from Harrogate centre.

5 Miles, Cat 2 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Paved track along greenway with short section of grassy track for lunch stop.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

Bucks & Beds Tour



Ashridge House Photo by Paula Brunt

2613 - Ashridge Estate HP4 1LT

Monday 13th July

This is a lovely figure of eight route, new for 2026. Starting from the car park, past the Bridgewater Monument, we head along part of the wildlife & boundary walks in the morning. You follow footpaths & bridleways through the woodland, where there are a variety of different trees in the woods. We heard woodpeckers tapping away, but no sign! Then head back to near the visitor's centre for lunch. After lunch we head to the other side of Ashridge Estate, passing by the golf course and Ashridge House and gardens, a stunning building from the outside. We head back to the visitor's centre down the Princes Ride. The grounds were designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Aylesbury 14 miles.

7.6 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Graded paths and woodland tracks mostly good surfaces.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.

2614 - Wendover Woods HP22 5NQ

Tuesday 14th July

This is a really lovely figure of 8 ramble through the woods. There are a large variety of trees. We saw plenty of birdlife and deer as we recceyed the route as well as a couple of Gruffalo! There are also various carved animals around the route. We go up to a hillfort, although there isn't a lot to see of the hillfort. You do get great views over the countryside along the route. The route has some steep ups and downs throughout the day.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Aylesbury 7 Miles.

6.8 Miles, Cat 3

Surface: Graded tracks and paths.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Trampler.



Wendover Woods. 2025. Photo by Pete Brunt

2615 - Woburn Abbey Deer Park and Abbey Gardens MK17 9WA Thursday 16th July

The Park and Gardens were laid out by Humphrey Repton in the early 19th Century. In recent years, the gardens have been extensively restored using his original 'Red Book' designs. Woburn Abbey represents the most complete surviving example of Repton's landscape work.

The Deer Park covers some 3,000 acres and is home to around 800 deer, with 7 different species represented, including the Père David deer (Milu), which became extinct in their native China in the early 20th Century, but were re-introduced there in the 1980s from the Woburn herd.

The Gardens are known for their formal and naturalistic areas, including a Chinese Dairy and ornamental lake, as well as contemporary sculptures. The tour will look at the restoration project that has taken place over the last 20 years and the influence the Dukes of Bedford have had in horticulture as well as Humphrey Repton's designs.

Our route takes us along the Estate Road through the Deer Park, down from the car park, crossing the public road. We then climb a gently sloping path across grassland, taking us up to the perimeter of the Safari Park. We carry on along Estate roads to the Safari Park entrance (where there are WCs). From here we take a short grassy slope through a wooded area, back onto the roadway that skirts the Safari Park. You may get a glimpse of bears and lions through the fencing...!

Descending again to the public road, we cross onto open grassland heading towards Horse Pond, where the deer will shelter under the trees and sometimes bathe. Have your cameras ready!

From here we follow the tracks past Shoulder of Mutton Pond and Basin Pond towards the Paris House restaurant – so named because in the mid-19th century the 9th Duke had it dismantled, shipped from Paris and re-erected here. The final part of our route takes us along Estate roads through further parts of the Deer Park, offering more great photo opportunities. We skirt round the back of the Abbey Gardens, returning to the car park.

The Duke of Bedford has kindly offered to arrange a complimentary tour of the Abbey Gardens after our ramble.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Milton Keynes 11 Miles.

6.4 Miles, Cat 2 Suitable as first ramble

Surface: Mostly hard-surfaced Estate roads, some grass tracks which could be slippery if wet. Several long but gentle inclines. Short distance on public road.

Scooter: Heavy duty scooter such as Tramper or TGA SuperSport. Not suitable for pavement/boot scooters.

2616 - Dunstable Downs LU6 2GY

Friday 17th July

This is a new route for 2026. This is lovely spot, on top of Dunstable Downs, with widespread views across the countryside. Starting from the visitor's centre, we head across the downs to the Tree Cathedral. This is designed with trees, hedges and shrubs in the shape of cathedral. It is very impressive. We then head along the downs, through some woods and then into open fields. There were views over the gliding club. It was fascinating watching the planes taking off with a glider in tow. Lunch is back at the visitor's centre, where there is a café and toilets. After lunch, we have a linear route along the Downs and back to the centre.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Aylesbury 18 Miles.

4.6 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Graded paths. Some very quiet lanes. Grass and fields.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.

Cheshire Tour



Top of Old Pale, Delamere Forest. Photo by Marian Andrews

2617 - Delamere Forest & Pale Heights CW8 2JD

Monday 07th September

A new circular route in Delamere Forest for 2026. Setting off from the Visitor Centre car park we ramble on wide forest tracks through a mix of broadleaf and evergreen trees, passing by several small wetland areas and through glades created by recent tree harvesting. After stopping for lunch among the beautiful beech trees in the centre of the forest we join Cheshire's Sandstone Trail and begin a steady ascent of Pale Heights with views across the countryside starting to open up. Leaving the trail our ascent continues to the Pale Stones which mark the top of Pale Heights at 580ft/177m. Here we will stop to take in the extensive 360° view across seven counties, before making a steep descent back to the car park.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Northwich 8.5 Miles.

6 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Most tracks have a solid base with a compacted gravel surface. As with all forest tracks, there is the occasional tree root and thin layers of tree litter in places which may create muddy puddles if wet. One section of the route is on a rutted grassy track which can be muddy if wet.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as Trampler, TWS and Supersport. **Batteries should be fully charged.**

2618 - Anderton Nature Park and Lion Salt Works (Salt Trail) CW9 6FW

Tuesday 08th September

A new circular route for 2026 setting off from the Anderton Nature Park car park and heading downhill and through the park to the banks of Witton Brook and onto the edge of Neumann's Flash, a lake formed by the collapse of an underground salt mine back in 1877. Leaving the flash, we head for Dairyfields Meadow, stopping for a coffee break before proceeding to the Trent and Mersey Canal. Completed in 1777 the canal links the River Trent at Derwent Mouth in Derbyshire to the River Mersey which formed part of an inland trade route from Hull to Liverpool. We continue along the canal towpath, with countryside views and the

occasional canal boat passing by, to our lunch stop in the grounds of the Lion Salt Works Museum, a restored historic open-pan salt making site. The works, the last open-pan salt works operating in the country, closed in 1986. After lunch, our ramble takes us back into the Country Park, passing between Neumann's and Ashtons's flashes before joining the North Cheshire Way back up to the car park.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Northwich 2 miles.

6.3 miles, Cat 2+ Suitable as a first ramble

Surfaces: All tracks have a solid base although paths through the wooded areas are typically damp compacted soil with shallow muddy patches in places and some tree roots. Canal towpath can be muddy in places.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as Trampler, TWS and Supersport.

2619 – Macclesfield Forest (Peak District National Park), SK11 0NS

Thursday 10th September

A new scenic route for 2026 in Macclesfield Forest on the edge of the Peak District National Park. This ramble will challenge any thoughts you had about Cheshire being flat! Our ramble sets off uphill on the edge of forest, where breaks in the trees provide views over the Cheshire Plain towards Jodrell Bank, home of the giant Lovell Telescope which on a good day stands out in the sun. Stopping for a break at the top of Nessit Hill, we look across to other Cheshire Peaks and down onto three reservoirs in the valley below. From here our route continues to undulate along the side of Buxtor's Hill, where the track passes through open areas with great views and forest clinging to the hill side. After stopping for lunch at the far end of Buxtor's Hill we retrace some of our outward route, with views in the opposite direction, before turning onto a different track to descend steeply through the forest to Trentabank Reservoir and back to the car park. This is a strenuous ramble with the total climb over the day around 950ft and a short section of 1 in 4 on the descent.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Macclesfield, 4.3 miles.

5.1 miles, Cat 3+

Surface: Good forest tracks, mainly gravel with a couple of short sections on grass.

Scooter: Suitable for all-terrain Class 3 scooters with good climbing capabilities such as Trampler or TWS.

Batteries should be fully charged.



Nessit Hill, Macclesfield Forest. Photo by Marian Andrews

2620 - Tatton Park WA16 6SG

Friday 11th September

This circular ramble starts off on a grass track before entering woodland. Once through the woods we enter the parkland, famous for its red and fallow deer. There are also herds of rare breed sheep. With up to 1,000 acres to wander in they can sometimes be elusive! Our route in the parkland is mainly on well walked cut grass trails which can give a rough ride in places. Although relatively flat, there are short stretches of ups or downs and slight cross slopes. On reaching the Knutsford Gate of Tatton Park we continue along the length of Tatton mere (lake) with lovely views over the mere and distant views of Tatton Hall. Our lunch stop will be at the north end of the mere. After lunch we start on a compacted gravel track into a more isolated area of the park before turning onto another grass track which will lead us to the Airborne Forces Memorial, commemorating the thousands of British and Allied troops who trained at Ringway (now Manchester Airport) and used Tatton Park as a parachute dropping zone during World War II. From here, we make our way back to the car park via the Stable Yard.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Knutsford 3.5 miles.

6 miles, Cat 2+ Suitable as a first ramble

Surface: Mainly grassy tracks with some woodland and gravel tracks. The grassy tracks can give a rough ride in places and there are a few cross slopes.

Scooter: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the Trampler, TWS and Supersport.

Wiltshire Tour



Everleigh overlooking the tank assault course. Photo by Pete Brunt

2621 - Salisbury Plain, Everleigh SN8 3HB

Monday 05th October

This is a brand-new National route for 2026. We explore parts of Salisbury Plain. Starting from the car park we follow the byway, which is the Old Marlborough Road. Heading around the side of Sidbury Hill we stop to admire the far-reaching views across the Plain and Wiltshire countryside. Continuing up Sidbury Hill, we then start to go downhill. For lunch, we will stop opposite the Tank assault course, where, if we're lucky, there will be tanks driving up and down the course. After lunch we continue our loop heading back to the car park. On our reccy, we saw plenty of Skylarks and Red Kites. Please note, as some of this route is on some permissive rights of way, if training by the army is in progress, we may need to divert the route on the day.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Tidworth 4 miles.

6.6 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surfaces: Good surfaces on graded byways and footpaths. Some tracks are chalky so can be slippery when wet.

Scooters: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.

2622 - Warren Hill, Perham Down SP11 9FQ

Tuesday 06th October

Set off from the parking across the meadow, heading towards Warren Hill. This is beautiful in the summer, full of wildflowers. We continue across meadows and then down onto chalky tracks. They can be slippery and rutted when wet. The route takes us around woodland, with far reaching views across the Wiltshire countryside. This is a military training area, so you may encounter discarded ordnance on the route. Please do not touch! Please note, as some of this route is on some permissive rights of way, if training by the army is in progress, we may need to divert the route on the day.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Tidworth 1 miles.

5.6 Miles, Cat 3+

Surfaces: Meadows and chalky paths. Can be slippery and muddy when wet

Scooters: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.



View overlooking the Tilshead Water Tower. Photo by Paula Brunt

2623 - Avebury, SP3 4SG

Thursday 08th October

This is a circular ramble starting off at the National Trust car park in Avebury. Heading across the road and we wheel along the bank of the now dry River Kennet. After this we head towards Silbury Hill, a prehistoric man-made chalk mound. Over the years it has been excavated but still intrigues archaeologists. We then head towards The Avenue for lunch. This is an 800-metre stone-lined avenue which takes us back into Avebury. After lunch we head towards Avebury to look at some of the fields with the standing stones in them. There are some magnificent examples of stone circles, dating back to between 2850 BC & 2200 BC. We finish the ramble at the NT café for tea and cake.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with the [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Marlborough 6.5 miles.

5 Miles, Cat 3+

Surfaces: Parts of the surface is rutted and quite rough. There is one steep hill on grass. If wet, it might be slippery and muddy in places.

Scooters: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.

2624 - West Woods Nr Marlborough SN8 4DY

Friday 09th October

New route for 2026. This is a lovely wheel through the woods. We go along some of the White Horse Trails, (this trail is a long-distance trail around Wiltshire connecting the chalk White Horses across the county) and The Wansdyke, this is a ditch that runs from the Savernake Forest, Marlborough over to Morgans Hill near Calne.

Dogs: Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with our [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Nearest Town: Marlborough 4 Miles.

5.3 Miles, Cat 3 Suitable as a first ramble

Surfaces: Mostly good, graded paths some smaller narrow footpaths. Steep sections.

Scooters: Suitable for all terrain mobility vehicles such as the SuperSport and Tramper.



Ana Cross 2025 Photo by Jonathan Clark

Happy Rambling in 2026!

Important Information

Routes: We do not warrant the condition of any route. Each person, disabled or able-bodied, is responsible for deciding where they feel able to go. Members are entirely responsible for their guests (walkers) and for keeping them with the ramble party.

Helping on difficult paths: While help in pushing scooters out of mud is appreciated, **with permission of the scooter rider and while wearing a face covering if appropriate**, walkers should keep well out of the way when riders are negotiating a difficult section of path. These scooters are very powerful and heavy and cannot be stopped or moved by a person. Give the riders a clear path for them to choose their own route.

Helping and Touching: Please remind your guests that before helping anyone on a ramble, they should first ask that person if they would like help, and how they would like to be helped. As well as being courteous, not everyone wants, or even needs, help. Also, there are often medical reasons why an individual member needs to be approached or touched in a particular way - or not touched at all.

Help with Care or Moving: We have no paid staff and any able-bodied people accompanying us are volunteers, friends, family and sometimes, carers of our members. They frequently help us by holding gates or seeing us across roads but are not expected or trained to lift people or provide care to others. **If you need help** with unloading or loading your scooter, personal care, or transferring etc. **you must bring a Carer with you.**

Medical: Anyone with a condition which could involve an unusual emergency response should understand that **there may be no mobile phone reception where we are rambling.** Please consider this before booking on a ramble.

Age: All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them. Drivers of powered mobility vehicles must be at least 14 years old. Loan Scooter users must be at least 18.

Toilets: Our accessible toilets use a Porta-Potti. Handrails are provided. Access is from your scooter. We provide baby wipes and an alcohol spray in lieu of water for your hands. We aim to have an Accessible Toilet at the start; lunch stop and finish of each ramble. **Please note this cannot be guaranteed.** This will be confirmed prior to the ramble in the joining instructions.

Dogs: Welcome on most rambles but check with individual ramble details. Please keep your dog close and under effective control on a short lead and please familiarise yourself with our [Dogs on Rambles policy](#).

Assistance Dogs may be present on all of our rambles. Please do not distract these working dogs – ask permission from the owners first if you want to talk to the dogs.

Emergencies: We do not provide first aid. You are encouraged to carry a small First Aid kit & Space Blanket with you. We will endeavour to call the emergency services if the situation requires.

Times of Rambles: For most rambles, please arrive by 10:00 to be ready for a 10:30 start. **Please make sure you arrive on time.** If for any reason you are unable to come, or are delayed on the day, it is vital that you contact the leader by phone or text message to let them know as soon as possible before the start. Rambles usually finish by 16:00.

Scooter Breakdown: In this rare event, we will try to get your scooter to a suitable point for recovery.

Ramble Fee: £8 for each ramble per scooter rider. Accompanying walkers free.

Loan Scooter Fee: £20 per day

Booking Loan Scooters: Loans are limited to 8 rambles a year unless there is spare capacity. *Please let us know if you are interested in attending any additional rambles.* **New members** have priority when booking first opens. New Loan Scooter users will be given instruction and a brief assessment on the day when they first use a Loan Scooter. Please return a completed *Loan Scooter Terms of Use and Medical Questionnaire* with your first Loan Scooter booking of the year.

Cancellation of a booked ramble or Loan Scooter: Please let Bookings know as soon as possible if you need to cancel: bookings@disabledramblers.co.uk We hope you will donate your fee. However, if you wish, it can be set against another ramble during this year or be refunded – send your bank Account Number and Sort Code and we will pay it in, or if necessary, a cheque will be raised. If you don't let us know we will assume that you are happy to donate your fee to our charity.

CAMPAIGNING FOR ACCESS FOR ALL

In addition to organising rambles for disabled people, the Disabled Ramblers are heavily involved in educating land managers and national & local authorities so that they better understand what can be achieved with modern mobility equipment.

Our key need is the removal of man-made barriers, such as stiles, gates and steps.

Read more about us and see our photos on our website.

THANK YOU

The Disabled Ramblers, would like to thank:

- all members & volunteer helpers for their roles in supporting these events.
- all Rangers and others who help us in the safe conduct of our rambles



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