

Who's up for walking 'The Ross Round'?

This is a 26 mile Long Distance walking route centring on Ross that was devised by Guy Vowles in 2004, he had been involved in two previous circular walks around Cheltenham and Stroud and inspired to devise the Ross Round after researching footpaths in the area for a sponsored walk, in aid of Salters Hill a Charity based at Gorsley for young adults with learning difficulties. Originally a 18 mile trail, it was lengthened in 2013 to 26 miles after Guy realised the long distance paths on the LDWA website were at least 20 miles, but mostly, the marathon distance of 26 miles

We have devised 8 walks, of no more than 8 miles, each returning to the starting point via suitable footpaths. Starting at Wilton we walk along the Wye to Hole in the Wall, then follow the Herefordshire Trail to Upton Crews, on to the lakes at Drummonds Dub, Linton Ridge and Aston Ingham, before climbing May Hill and descending to Longhope via the Wysis Way, we turn west over the hill and cross the Mitcheldean and Drybrook roads before reaching Dancing Green, two more ascents up Warm Hill and Howell Hill before we return to Ross via Coughton and Homme Green.

We are hoping to put on one walk every fortnight starting with Kath's walk 'Along the Wye' (Ross Round Part 1) on the 1st April, any help leading or co-leading would be greatly appreciated, just contact Roy Matthews!

All the Ross Round walks can be found on OS as soon as the dates are finalised, so far we have -- R. Round '1' - Along the Wye -- 1st April

R. Round '2' - Hole in the Wall to Upton Crews -- 14th April

R. Round '3' - Upton Crews to Linton Ridge -- 6th May

R. Round '4' - Linton Ridge towards May Hill -- 12th May

R. Round '5' - May Hill to Bradley Court -- 2nd June

R. Round '6' - Dean Common Farm to Dancing Green -- W.C.14th June

R. Round '7' - Dancing Green to Deep Dean -- W.C.28th June

R.Round '8' - Deep Dean via Coughton to Ross -- W.C. 12th July

If you are up for a challenge, there are also plans afoot to divide the 26 miles into just 2 walks, later in the year, it would be good to know how many would be interested?