

Sevenoaks Ramblers

Wye Circular Walk - 14.5 miles

Sunday, 28th June

As the eleven walkers assembled at the pretty village of Wye relief was expressed that, although the day's temperature would be far from Arctic, it would be considerably more comfortable than the Saharan heat of the previous few days. Confidence in the leader plummeted when he freely admitted that, because he had stepped in at the last minute as leader, he had no idea where he was going. It only rose slightly when he added that he believed he could rely on technology to guide the company through the surrounding countryside. The going was straightforward, if quite hilly, before the group reached the lovely hamlet of Crundale. It is hoped the walk will not only be remembered for it then taking a route the further we followed the more we regretted, as the path disappeared under thick and tall vegetation. However, still to the best of the leader's knowledge, all eleven emerged blinking into the daylight and recovered over lunch in the eccentric pub at Sole Street whose idiosyncratic décor was compared favourably with the bland uniformity of most contemporary hostelries. The heat of the day and several undulations added to the challenge of the afternoon's exercise before walkers were rewarded with a glorious panorama from a viewpoint (see photo) at which exposure offered refreshing winds in which to cool off. A steady and gentle slope downhill took us back to Wye where at least one walker was seen sticking their head into the local Coop's food freezer to cool off. Yet again, despite the unforeseen challenges, morale remained high throughout the length of the walk. It would take more than a few scratches, minor injuries and high summer heat to dampen the spirits of Sevenoaks Ramblers.



