

LANCASHIRE RAIL RAMBLERS - WHO ARE WE?

We are a diverse and friendly group of people who enjoy walking in the beautiful countryside of north west England. As our title suggests, we are particularly keen to use public transport to reach our destinations and we have been promoting this idea for over thirty-five years.

We are not a walking club as such, we don't have a membership fee and we are open to all. Our supporters obtain one of the walks programmes or find details of our activities on the internet, catch the relevant train and join us at the station where our walks start. One of our leaders will be there to meet the party. Some of our supporters are regulars, some are occasional and all who turn up are made to feel welcome.

Our activities and walks are co-ordinated by a group of walk leaders who are all members of the Ramblers Association. Our walks vary in length and difficulty to suit all needs and graded as below:

A & B walks :-	Strenuous	-	walks may be rough, steep, lengthy or against the clock
C walks :-	Moderate	-	no scrambling - suitable for experienced energetic walkers
D walks :-	Moderately easy	-	a generally easy walk that may include steep climbs.
E walks :-	Easy	-	a slower pace than for moderately easy walks with short rest periods
F,G,& H walks :-	Easy stroll	-	suitable for those not accustomed to walking in the countryside

Should you have any doubts about your capabilities then avoid strenuous grade walks. For all walks you must have strong footwear, warm clothing and rainwear. On most walks stops are made for lunch or tea, so remember to bring your own food and always bring plenty to drink.

If you enjoy walking in interesting places and want to discover more of our region without using your car the Rail Ramblers are the ideal way to do so. For further information visit www.railramblers.wordpress.com or send a sae to Craig Ward, 19 Hollowhead Avenue, Wilpshire, Blackburn BB1 9LD Tel. 01254 240526.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks.

Participants on these guided walks are asked to be aware of and accept the following conditions:

Walk leaders will be entitled to refuse permission on a walk if the leader judges the person is not fit or adequately clothed for the walk concerned.

Leaders may vary the walk if the conditions are judged to be unsuitable.

Walkers' safety is their own responsibility.

No liability or claim can be accepted by Rail Ramblers Committee or leaders for any loss damage, accident or personal injury howsoever caused.

DALESRAIL 2022

If you would like to use public transport to get to the Yorkshire Dales, Eden Valley and the North Pennines and have a scenic ride, then why not use the DalesRail service which runs from Blackpool to Carlisle via Preston, Blackburn, the Ribble Valley and Settle to Carlisle Railway.

A full programme of guided walks is organised from the train. DalesRail runs on Sundays during the summer until 13th September. Pick up a brochure from manned stations, Clitheroe Interchange or tourist offices or visit www.dalesrail.com. A complete programme of walks will be available on the train.

TICKET INFORMATION

The type of ticket required for each Rail Rambler will vary according to your starting point, age etc. Please refer to the 'Booking Arrangements' section for each Rail Rambler trip on our website for more information. For some Rail Ramblers the purchase of a GM Wayfarer could save money and details follow:

* GMPTE Wayfarer tickets can be purchased on the day of travel from ticket offices or train conductors. These tickets are valid from Chorley, Darwen, or from stations within Greater Manchester. They cost £14.70 or £9.70 for people who are holders of English Free Concessionary Bus Passes. GM Wayfarers can be used on both trains and buses within Greater Manchester and parts of Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire. Pick up a leaflet from manned stations or find details on the internet.

FUTURE DESTINATIONS - 2022

Newhey	2 nd July
Millom	6 th August
Middlewood/Disley	17 th September
Lancaster	1 st October
Warrington/Lymm	15 th October
Delamere	5 th November
Ormskirk	19 th November
Bolton/Horwich	3 rd December
Clitheroe	17 th December
2023:	
Hebden Bridge	7 th January



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

The train timetables are expected to change in December 2021. Please check our website for any changes.

SATURDAY 7th May 2022 - Macclesfield

C WALK - CHESHIRE'S EASTERN EDGES 14 miles strenuous

Alight and return Macclesfield.

Macclesfield - Buxton Old Road - Teggs Nose Country Park - Hacked Way Lane

- Chapel in the Forest - Ferriser - Shuttlingsloe - Wildboarclough - Lower Nabbs Farm - Greenway Bridge - Oakenclough - Haddon Farm - Greenbarn - Langley - Golf Course - Macclesfield.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 268-Wilmslow, Macclesfield and Congleton

E WALK - Easy stroll 4 to 5 miles.

Alight and return Macclesfield.

Macclesfield in Silk - A Town Tour.

For Goose Lane, The Savage Chapel and Sparrow Park. For Brunswick Hill, Charles Row's Tower and the Garrets of Paradise. Tales of that man Bridgewater, The Benevolent Brocklehursts and the Bonnie's 'Irrelevant Interruption.'

Come to Macclesfield.

Leader: Stuart Leese

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 - The Peak District Dark Peak Area

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0944 (Stoke on Trent) train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0822, Chorley 0836, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0720, Blackburn 0848 (change at Bolton), Colne 0709 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

There is a frequent service from Macclesfield back to Manchester.



SATURDAY 4th June 2022 - Worth Valley

C WALK - 10.5 miles strenuous

Alight and return Hebden Bridge

Hebden Bridge - Bus to Haworth - Penistone Hill - Tom Stell's Seat - Millenium Way

- Middle Intake Farm - Bronte Bridge - Withins - Pennine Way - Withins Height End - Lower Fold Hill - Wadsworth Moor - Hare Edge - Walshaw - Hardcastle Craggs - Hebden Dale - New Bridge - Nutclough - Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Nik Grounds

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 - The Peak District Dark Peak Area

E WALK - 8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Hebden Bridge

Hebden Bridge Station - Bus to Waggon and Horses - Far Peat Lane - White Moor Lane - Calder/Aire Link - Sawood Lane - Delf Hill - Millenium Way - Long Causeway - Pit Lane - Hill

Top Farm - Denholme Edge - Bank House - Trough Bottom - Black Moor - Upwood Park - Bentley Hey - Dark Lane - Oxenhope Station - Railway Children Walk via Bridgehouse back to Haworth Station - Bus to Hebden Bridge.

Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 - South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0820 from Blackpool North which calls at Preston 0845, Blackburn 0903, Accrington 0911, Burnley Manchester Road 0920. From Manchester Victoria catch the 0920.

Return from Hebden Bridge at xx39 to Blackpool or to Victoria at xx15, xx32 and xx54.



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME January 2022 to June 2022



SATURDAY 8th January 2022 – Hebden Bridge

C WALK – 13 miles strenuous

Alight and return Hebden Bridge

Midgehole – Abel Cote Wood – Turn Hill – Shackleton Knoll – Walshaw – Holme Ends – Gorple Cottages – Alcomden Water – Hardcastle Crags – Hebden Wood – Heptonstall – Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight and return Hebden Bridge

Bus to Heptonstall – Calderdale Way – Eaves Wood – Slack – Popples – Knoll Top – Mount Pleasant – Clough Head Mill – Ox Holes – Low Moor – Widdop Gate – Old Railway – Quarry – Gibson Mill – Foul Hill – New Bridge – Lee Mill Bridge – Hebden Water – Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0821 from Blackpool North which calls Preston 0846, Blackburn 0903, Accrington 0911, Burnley Manchester Road 0920. From Manchester catch the 0920 from Victoria.

Return from Hebden Bridge to Blackpool at xx39; to Victoria at xx15, xx32 and xx54.

SATURDAY 22nd January 2022 - Wigan

C WALK – 13 miles moderate

Alight Wigan return Chorley

‘Wigan Surprises’ Wigan North Western – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Disused Railway (Whelley) – Batting Wood – Haigh Lower Plantations – Haigh Upper Plantations – Haigh Hall – School Lane – Hampson Green – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Rotary Way – River Douglas – Old School Lane – The Common (Adlington) – Park Road (Adlington) – Sandy Lane – Wigan Lane – Coppul Hall Wood – Drybones – Chorley Circular Walk to Drybones Wood – River Yarrow – Saunders Bank – Duxbury Park – Bolton Road (A6) – Leeds & Liverpool Canal Towpath to Cowling – Cowling Brow – Eaves Lane – Seymour Street – Chorley Station.

Leader: Roger Fairclough

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 276 – Bolton, Wigan & Warrington

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285 – Southport & Chorley

E WALK – 8.5 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Wigan

Wigan North Western Station – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Rose Bridge – Withington Lane – Kirkless Wood – Aspull Civic Hall – Haigh Country Park – Haigh Hall (refreshments) – Sennicar Lane – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Haigh Lower Plantations – Bottling Wood – River Douglas – Wigan.

Leader: David Pryer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 276 – Bolton, Wigan & Warrington

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet outside North Western Station at 0955. Catch the Liverpool train from Blackpool North at 0903 which calls Preston 0929; or the Southport train from Bolton at 0936. The connections from Clitheroe arrive Bolton at 0917.

Return from Wigan at xx06 to Preston; at xx08 and xx50 to Bolton.



SATURDAY 19th February 2022 - Silverdale

C WALK – 12 miles moderate

Alight Carnforth return Arnside.

Carnforth – Lancaster Canal – Kellet Lane Bridge – Kellet Lane – Borwick Hall Bridge – Lancaster Canal – Tewitfield Locks – Yealand Manor – Cringlebarrow Wood – Yealand Storrs – Hawes Water – King William’s Hill – Arnside Tower – Arnside Knott – Arnside.

Leader: Chris Dibbs

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7-The English Lakes South Eastern Area

E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight Silverdale return Arnside

Silverdale Station – Leighton Moss – Grisedale – Leighton Hall Farm – Deepdale Pond – Cringlebarrow Wood – Yealand Hall – Yealand Hall Allotment – Haweswater – Challan Hall – Waterslack – Kong William’s Hill – Middlebarrow Plain – Arnside Tower – Arnside Knott – Red Hills – Arnside.

Leader: Peter Walker

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7-The English Lakes South Eastern Area

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston, 1000 Lancaster. This train to Barrow starts at Manchester and calls Wigan North Western at 0818. Please check at local stations for connections to Preston.

Return from Arnside at 1529 or 1630.



SATURDAY 5th March 2022 – Chapel En Le Frith

C WALK – 13 miles strenuous

Alight Chapel en le Frith return Whaley Bridge

Chapel en le Frith – Castle Naze – Combs Edge – Round the Bend – White Hall Centre – Errwood Reservoir – Errwood Hall – The Tors – Pym Chair – Windgather Rocks – Taxal Edge – Taxal – Whaley Bridge.

Leader: John Howarth

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District, Dark Peak Area

E WALK – 7 miles moderately easy

Alight Chapel En Le Frith return Buxton

Chapel En Le Frith – Bank Hall Farm – Castle Naze – Combs Edge – Round the Bend – Moss House Farm – Curbar Hill – Curbar Woods – Nether End – River’s Vale – Buxton Gardens – Buxton.

Leader: David Pryer

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 1008 Buxton train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0855, Chorley 0907, Bolton 0922, Clitheroe 0823, Blackburn 0848 (change at Bolton).

Return from Buxton at xx34; from Whaley Bridge at xx50.

SATURDAY 19th March 2022 – Sowerby Bridge

C WALK – 11 miles strenuous

Alight Sowerby Bridge return Halifax.

Sowerby Bridge – Dismantled Railway – Highlee Flat – Norland Moor – Calderdale Way – North Dean Wood – Lindwell – Upper Exley – Westfield Gate – Southowram – Halifax.

Leader: Chris Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

D WALK – 8.5 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Sowerby Bridge

Sowerby Bridge Station – Calder & Hebble Navigation to Copley – Greetland Moor – Calderdale Way – Norland Moor – Turgate Delph – Highlee Flat – Moor Bottom – Dismantled Railway path – Scar Head – Sowerby Bridge.

Leader: Janice Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0820 from Blackpool North which calls Preston 0845, Blackburn 0903, Accrington 0911, Burnley Manchester Road 0920. Change at Hebden Bridge on to the 0920 from Manchester Victoria.

Return from Halifax to Blackpool at xx28 or to Manchester at xx17 or xx44. Return from Sowerby Bridge at xx06 or xx23 to Victoria changing at Hebden Bridge for Blackpool (depart xx39).

SATURDAY 2nd April 2022 – Windermere

B WALK – 11.5 miles strenuous

Alight and return Windermere.

Windermere – Orrest Head – Near Orrest – Morr Howe – Dubs Road – Garburn Road – Yoke – Ill Bell – Froswick – Hagg Gill – Long Green Head – Longmire Road – Far Orrest – Windermere.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Easter Area

E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Windermere

Orrest Head – Near Orrest – Allen Knott – Longmire Road – The Howe – High Fold – Robin Lane to Pillar then Town End Footbridge – Far Orrest – St. Catherine’s – Windermere.

Leader: Geoff Sherrocks

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Easter Area

TRAVEL DETAILS:

At Preston we will catch the 0838 (Glasgow) train and change at Oxenholme, it calls at Lancaster 0853. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0755, Bolton 0750, Chorley 0808, Blackburn 0754, Accrington 0740, Colne 0704, Clitheroe 0723 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Windermere at 1459, 1600 or 1708.

SATURDAY 16th April 2022 - Grindleford

C WALK – 10.5 miles strenuous

Alight and return Grindleford

Grindleford – Oaks Wood – White Edge – Car Park – Curbar Edge – Derwent Farm – Upper Padley – Grindleford.

Leader: John Howarth

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E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Grindleford

Lawrence Field – Toad’s Mouth – Higger Tor – Upper Burbage Bridge – Sheffield Country Walk – Longshaw Lodge – White Edge Moor – Nether Padley – Grindleford.

Leader: Chris Thornley

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TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0949 Sheffield train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0822, Chorley 0836, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0720, Blackburn 0848 (change at Bolton), Colne 0709 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Grindleford at xx28.

