

Saturday, January 9th - Hebden Bridge

13 miles STRENUOUS (B)

Alight & return Hebden Bridge

Hebden Br Sta, Midgehole, Abel Cote Wood, Turn Hill, Shackleton Knoll, Walshaw, Holme Ends, Gorple Cottages, Alcomden Water, Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Wood, Heptonstall, Hebden Br Sta. Your Leader: John Haworth

7 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Alight & return Hebden Bridge

Bus to Cock Hill, Halfpenny Hole Clough, Lane Head, Baby House Hill, Abel Cross, Lady Royd, Hardcastle Crags, Gibson Mill, New Bridge, Lee Mill Br, Nutclough, Hebden Bridge. Your Leader: Chris Thornley

OS Map: Explorer OL21 South Pennines

Travel Arrangements: We will catch the 08:44 train from Preston to Hebden Bridge calling at B'burn 09:04, Accrington 9:13, Burnley M/cr Rd 09:21 arriving at HB at 09:42 Connections from Wigan Wallgate 08:21 (change at M/cr Vic) M/cr Vic 09:21. Return from HB to M/cr Vic at 25 min, 31 min & 57 min past each hour and to Preston via Burnley at 44 min past each hour.

Ticket Details: Book a Day return to Hebden Bridge. N.B. Advance Tickets may be available for some journeys.

FUTURE DESTINATIONS

Saturday, February 13th Littleborough

Saturday, February 27th Yorkshire Dales Explorer

Saturday, March 13th Edale

Saturday, March 27th Worth Valley

Saturday, April 10th Kendal Town Tour & Windermere

Saturday, April 24th Goostrey

Saturday, May 8th Ulverston with coach to Coniston

Saturday, May 22nd YDE Season starts

For latest train times from other stations see National Rail website: www.nationalrail.co.uk.

LANCASHIRE RAIL RAMBLERS

We are a diverse and friendly group of people that use public transport and we will reach our 50th anniversary in 2025. For more information, visit us on Facebook (Lancashire Rail Ramblers) or contact us on railramblers.wordpress.com. We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks.

Walks start and finish at the rail stations named. Some of our supporters are regulars, some are occasional and all who turn up are made to feel welcome. No membership or fees are involved.

Our walks leaders are all members of the Ramblers Association. Walks vary in length and difficulty to suit all needs and are graded as below:

B (Moderately Strenuous) & C (Moderate)	These walks require a good level of fitness. Walks may be through rough moorland with steep or strenuous climbs. Boots essential. B walks may be against the clock.
D (Moderately Easy) & E (Easy)	Reasonable levels of fitness required as walks may cover uneven ground, streams, inclines and stiles.
F & G Strolling	Suitable for all

PACE The grade of the walk is a guide only. The pace depends on numbers and fitness of the group and weather conditions. Should you have any doubts about your capabilities then choose a lower graded walk.

CLOTHING & REFRESHMENT Suitable footwear and waterproofs are advisable on all walks. Jeans are inappropriate. On most walks stops are made for lunch or tea, so remember to bring your own food and enough to drink.

PLEASE NOTE Walk leaders may refuse permission to join a walk if the leader judges the person is not fit or adequately clothed. 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.



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME

October 2026 to January 2027



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Saturday, October 10th - Bramhall & Macclesfield

12 miles MODERATELY STRENUOUS (C)

Alight & return Macclesfield

Buxton Old Rd, Teggs Nose Country Park, Chapel House Fm, Buxtors Hill, Shuttlingsloe, Nesbit Hill, Greenbarn, Langley, Golf Course, Macclesfield. Your Leader: Hilary Bell

8 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Alight Bramhall & return Disley

Bramhall Sta, Carr Wood Park, Bramhall Hall, Happy Valley Nature Reserve, Poynton Pool, Prince's Wood, Barlow House Fm, Ryles Wood, Disley Sta. Your Leader: Craig Ward

OS Map: Explorer OL1 Dark Peak Area

Travel Arrangements: We shall meet at M/cr Piccadilly to catch the 09.46 (Stoke on Trent) train to Bramhall & Macclesfield. Connections from Preston 08:20 & 08:49, Leyland 08:26, Chorley 08:34, Bolton 08:54, Wigan Wallgate 08:37 (change at Oxford Rd), C'roe (change at Bolton) 07:19, B'burn 08:18 (change at Bolton), Accrington 08:02 (change at B'burn & Bolton). Return from Macclesfield at 17:17 (Northern) plus other frequent services to Piccadilly. Return from Disley at 15:14, 16:15 & 16:42.

Ticket Details: Depending upon which is your starting station will determine the fare. Check on National Rail/Northern. It may be cheaper to use a GM Wayfarer valid from Darwen & Chorley or consider an Explorer 55 Ticket at £19.60(for use on Northern trains only). Otherwise book a Day Return to Macclesfield or Disley

Saturday, October 24th - Silverdale & Arnside

10.5 miles MODERATE (C)

Alight Carnforth & return Arnside

Carnforth Sta, Warton, Manor House Fm, Crinklebarrow Wood, Hale More Fm, Fairy Steps, Sandside, Arnside Sta Your Leader: Roger Fairclough

7.5 miles EASY (E)

Alight Silverdale & return Arnside

Silverdale Sta, Leighton Moss RSPB Reserve, Leighton Hall Home Fm, Yealand Storrs, Leighton Beck Br, Hazelslack, Storth, Sandside, Old Rlwy to Arnside Sta. Your Leader: Stuart Smith

OS Map: Explorer OL7 English Lakes SE

Travel Arrangements: We will meet at Preston Sta to catch the 09:45 Windermere train and change at Lancaster for the 10:14 Barrow train. Connections from M/cr Picc 08:50(change at Lancaster), Bolton 09:08 (change at Lancaster), Chorley 09:209 (change at Lancaster), Leyland 09:26 (change at Lancaster), Accrington 09:12, B'burn 09:22, Wigan NW 09:39 (change at Lancaster). Return from Arnside at 15:27,16:32 & 17:31

Ticket Details: Book a Day Return to Arnside. N.B. Advance Tickets may be available. Consider an Explorer 55 at £19.60 for use on Northern Trains only.

Saturday, November 14th - Chinley

11 miles MODERATELY STRENUOUS (C)

Alight Chinley & return Edale

Chinley Churn, Peep-o-Day, South Head, Brown Knoll, Rushup Edge, Mam Tor, Hollins Cross, Edale Sta. Your Leader: Ken Hall

7 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Alight New Mills Central & return Chinley

New Mills Central, Torrs Millennium Walkway, Sett Valley Trail, Birch Quarry, Barnsfold Fm, Higher Hills Cottage, Chinley Churn, Cracken Edge, Chinley Sta. Your Leader: David Pryer

OS Map: Explorer OL1 Dark Peak Area

Travel Arrangements: We shall meet at M/cr Piccadilly to catch the 09.48 Sheffield train. Connections from Preston 08:20 & 08:49, Leyland 08:26, Chorley 08:34, Bolton 08:54, Wigan Wallgate 08:37 (change at Oxford Rd), C'roe (change at Bolton) 07:19, B'burn 08:18 (change at Bolton), Accrington 08:02 (change at B'burn & Bolton). Return from Edale at 47 min past each hour & return from Chinley at 54 min past each hour.

Ticket Details: Book a day Return to either Chinley or Edale. An Explorer 55 Ticket or GM Wayfarer(valid from Darwen & Chorley) may be a cheaper option. GM Senior Passholders may have other options.

Saturday, December 5th - Fylde Coast & Country

Combined E & C Walk

6 miles EASY (E) or

12 miles MODERATE (C)

Alight Blackpool Nth Sta & return B'pool Nth or Poulton le Fylde B'pool Nth Sta, Promenade to Bispham, Cleveleys, Rossall School (6 miles for tram/bus back to B'pool), Fleetwood Fm, Wyre Way, Wyre Estuary, Country Park, Poulton le Fylde Sta

Your Leaders: Nik Grounds & Mike Smith (E)

OS Map: Explorers 296 & 286

Travel Arrangements: We will meet on the concourse of B'pool North Sta at 10:15. Connections from M/cr Picc at 08.33, Bolton 08:53, Chorley 09:09, Leyland 09:20, Accrington 09:12, B'burn 09:22, Wigan NW 09:10 (Direct) Preston 09:35 & 09:40. Frequent return trains to Preston and beyond from B'pool & Poulton le Fylde

Ticket Details: Book a Day Return to B'pool North. **N.B.** Advance Tickets may be available.

Saturday, December 19th - Preston's Waterways, Parks & Port

8 miles EASY (E)

Preston Sta, Maudlands, Lancaster Canal (Haslam Park), Ashton Park, Preston Dock, Beach Hut Coffee Shop, R. Ribble, Miller Park, Preston Sta. Your Leader: Steve Coleman

OS Map: Explorer 286

Travel Arrangements: We will meet at the main entrance of Preston Sta at 09:45. There are frequent trains to/from Preston from across NW England. Please use the National Rail or Northern websites to check train times from/to your local station. **N.B.** Advance Tickets may be available for travel on Northern Trains.