

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 walks 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 or £9.20 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

Wigan
Ulverston
Silverdale/Arnsdale
Chapel En Le Frith
Sowerby Bridge/Ripponden

Grindleford
Windermere
Macclesfield



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

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



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME September 2021 to January 2022



SATURDAY 18th September 2021 – Grange Over Sands & Cark

B WALK – 11 miles strenuous

Alight and return Grange over Sands

Grange over Sands – Low Meathop – Lindale – Eller How – Tom Tarn – Tow Top –

Barber Green – Old Town Hill – Hampsfell Hospice – Spring Bank – Grange over Sands.

Leader: Chris. Dibbs

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

E WALK – 7 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Grange over Sands

Grange – Eggerslack Woods – High Hampsfield Farm – Hampsfell – Spring Bank – Grange Fell – Middle Gate Fell – Promenade – Grange.

Leader: Geoff. Sherrocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston, 0900 Lancaster. This train to Barrow starts from Manchester and calls at Wigan North Western at 0818. Please check at local stations for connections to Preston.

Return from Grange at 1524.



SATURDAY 2nd October 2021 – Littleborough

C WALK – 11 miles moderate

Alight and return Littleborough

Lane Foot – Owlet Hall – Lydgate – Pennine Bridleway – Cowberry Hill – Blackstone

Edge Reservoir – Pennine Way – Warland Reservoir – Knoll Top – Stone House – Stone House Bridge – Rochdale Way – Allenden Hill – Ringing Pots Hill – Far Hey Head – Hey Bottom Farm Gale – Rochdale Canal – Littleborough.

Leader: Chris. Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 7 miles easy

Alight Littleborough return Todmorden

Littleborough – Bus to White House – Pennine Way – Light Hazzles Edge – Warland

Reservoir – Warland Drain – Withins Gate – Calderdale Way – Mankinholes – Lumbutts – Croft Gate – Croft Farm – Calderdale Way – Salford – Todmorden.

Leader: Peter Walker

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

From Blackburn catch the 0919 to Littleborough. This train calls Accrington 0927, Burnley Manchester Road 0938. From Manchester Victoria catch the 0937 (Leeds) train. Check at local stations for connections to Blackburn and Victoria.

Return to Blackburn from Littleborough at xx25 or Todmorden at xx33; to Victoria from Littleborough at xx02 and xx32 or from Todmorden at 01, 22, 39 and 53 past the hour.



SATURDAY 6th November 2021 – Preston Town & Country

D WALK – 9 miles moderately easy

Alight Bamber Bridge return Preston.

Bamber Bridge – Carr Street – Old East Lancashire Railway – Leigh Brow Bridge – Ribble Bridge – Ribble Way – Frenchwood – Walton Bridge – Ribble Side Farm – Melling Wood – Lower Brockholes – Brockholes Nature Reserve – Red Scar Wood – Longridge Road – Bus to Preston.

Leader: David Pryer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 286 – Blackpool & Preston

G WALK – 3 to 4 miles easy stroll

Alight and return Preston

PRESTON CITY: Preston, the crossroads of the north, visited by Tsar Nicholas II, Charles Dickens, Bing Crosby, Sigmund Freud and now you. Who were the Seven Men of Preston? Does the Earth spin? How high is St. Wallburge's steeple? For tales of a renowned bigamist, Britain's most notorious serial killer, the Bash Street Kids and the Bannister Doll. N.B. Passports are not needed crossing from Northumbria to Mercia.

Meet under "Welcome to Lancashire" sign near Railway Station booking office.

Leaders: Aidan Turner Bishop

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 286 – Blackpool & Preston

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at 0945 after the arrival of the 2 trains from East Lincs.



SATURDAY 4th December 2021 - Kendal

B WALK – 13 miles strenuous

Alight and return Kendal

Kendal Station – Mint Bridge – Must Hill – Sprint Mill – Beetham Bank – Birk Rigg (390m) – Brunt Knott (395m) – Potter Tarn – Hundhowe – Road or River path to Bowston – Dales Way to Burneside – The Todds – Kendal.

Leader: Nik. Grounds

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E WALK – 8.5 miles moderately easy

Alight Staveley return Kendal

Staveley Park – Frost Hole – Potter Tarn – Gurnal Dubs – Latchbank – Gurnal Bridge – Sprint Bridge – Burneside – River Kent – Kendal.

Leader: Roger Fairclough

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0945 from Preston, 1003 Lancaster. This train to Windermere starts from Manchester and calls Wigan North Western 0921. Please check at local stations for connections to Preston.

Return from Kendal at 1614.



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 – Gorge 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.