

Easter Saturday, April 19th - Kirkby Stephen

Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

10 miles MODERATE (C)

Lane Head - Smardale Fell - Smardale Bridge - Smardale Gill (Dismantled Rwy) – Sandwath - Kirkby Stephen - Vintage bus to station. Leader: Hilary Bell

8.5 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Stenkrieth Bridge - Viaduct Walk – Winton – Kaber - Belah Bridge - Brough Sowerby - Sowerby Park – Brough - Vintage bus to Kirkby Stephen Sta. Leader: Roger Fairclough

MAP: OL19 - Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley

TRAVEL DETAILS: We shall be using the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train for this Rail Rambler. Please visit the YDE website for train times and special fares

SATURDAY, May 3rd - Stockport Town & Country

Alight Marple, return Stockport

9 miles MODERATELY EASY (D)

Marple Sta - Compstall Bridge - Chadkirk Chapel - Goyt Valley Way – Bredbury - Midshires Way - TP Trail - Stockport Sta. Leader: David Pryer

Alight & return Stockport

4 to 5 miles STOCKPORT CHARM - A TOWN TOUR (F)

For Baliffs and Lavender Brows, Daw and Windy Banks, for The Dungeon, Three Shires and Underbank Hall. Let's look for an Ice House, the Dust Bowl, a Glass Umbrella and, of course, Enoch Hill's missing leg! Come. Leader: Stuart Leese

MAP: OS EXPLORER 277

TRAVEL DETAILS: D Walk – 1018 to Marple from Man Piccadilly

F Walk - 1010 to Stockport from Man Piccadilly.

Book a Day Return or an Explorer 55.

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

January to May 2025



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SATURDAY, January 18th - Northwich

10 miles MODERATE (C)

Alight Northwich & return Lostock Gralam

Northwich - Carey Park - Anderton Lift - Bandshed Wood - Gt. Budworth – Wincham - Lostock Gralam. Leader: Hilary Bell

8.5 miles EASY (E)

Lostock Gralam - Trent & Mersey Canal – Wincham - Lion Salt Works - Marston Hall - Gt. Budworth - Budworth Mere - North Cheshire Way - Marbury Country Park - Anderton Boat Lift - Anderton Nature Park - Carey Park - Northwich. Leader: Roger Fairclough

MAP: OS Explorer - 267 - Northwich & Delamere Forest

TRAVEL DETAILS: 1010 Chester train from Piccadilly. Return from Northwich at 28 min past each hour. Book a Day Return or an Explorer 55

SATURDAY, February 1st - Grange over Sands

13 miles MODERATE (C)

Alight Cark & return Grange over Sands

Cark - Low Bank Side - How Barrow – Ellerside - Stribers allotment - Bigland tarn - Back Reddings Allotment – Seatle - High Cark - Field Broughton - The Level - Hampsfell Hospice - Spring Bank - Eden Mount -GOS. Leader: Nik Grounds

7 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Alight & return Grange over Sands

Grange over sands - Brown Robin Nature Reserve - Eggerslack Wood – Merlewood – Hampsfield - Great Wood - Hampsfell Hospice - Spring Bank - Grange Fell - Promenade to Grange. Leader: Mike Smith

Map: OS Explorer Leisure - OL7 - The English Lakes - South Eastern

TRAVEL DETAILS: 0945 Northern Train to Lancaster and change there for the Barrow train. Book a Day Return to Cark or Grange.

SATURDAY, February 15th Community Rail Rambler - West Lancashire

Alight Rufford & return Chorley

11 miles MODERATE (D)

Rufford Sta - Leeds-Liverpool Canal - Great Hanging Bridge - Croston - Croston Mill - River Yarrow - Eccleston Bridge - Lydiate Lane - Billinge Wood - Bolton Green - Common Bank - Astley Park – Chorley. Leader: Ken Hall

Alight Croston & return Chorley

8 miles EASY (E)

Historic Croston - Croston Mill - River Yarrow - Eccleston Bridge - Lydiate Lane - Billinge Wood - Bolton Green - Common Bank - Astley Park - Chorley. Leader: Graham McLeod.

MAP: OS Explorer - 285 - Southport & Chorley

TRAVEL DETAILS: 0911 Ormskirk train from Preston. Book a Day Return to Chorley for this trip which should be accepted on the outward journey.

SATURDAY, March 1st - Hellifield & Settle

Alight Hellifield & return Settle

14 miles MODERATELY STRENUOUS (C)

Route: Hellifield Sta - Haw Lane – Wenningber – Otterburn - Warber Hill - Kirkby Malham – Hanlith - Pennine Way to Malham - Burns Barn - Hooper Edge - Dales High Way – Attermire -Settle. Leader: Chris Dibbs

8.5 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Hellifield Sta - Station Rd - Nursery Hill - Little Newton - Long Preston - Green Gate Lane - Pennine Bridleway - Hunter Bark - Hudsa Plantation - Lodge Farm - Toll Bar Cottage - River Ribble – Settle. Leader: Steve Coleman

MAP: OS Explorer Leisure - OL41 - Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale.

TRAVEL DETAILS: We shall use the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train for this Rail Rambler – see the YDE website for train times and special fares.

SATURDAY, March 15th - Calderdale

Alight Sowerby Bridge & return Hebden Bridge

15 miles STRENUOUS (B)

Sowerby Bridge - Allan Park - Norland Town - Norland Moor - Calderdale Way – Ripponden - Calderdale Way - Soyland Town - Hole Head - Catherine House - Cragg Vale - Stoodley Pike - Kilnshaw Lane - Great Jumps - Hebden Bridge Sta. Leader: Chris Thornley

Alight Mytholmroyd & return Todmorden

8.5 miles MODERATE (E)

Bus to Cragg Vale -Calderdale Way - Withens Clough Reservoir - Withens Gate - Pennine Way - Warland Reservoir - Knoll Top – Bottomley - Meadow Bottom - South Hollingworth Fm - North Hollingworth Fm - Pennine Bridleway - Rake End – Salford - Todmorden. Leader: Janice Ward.

MAP: OS Explorer Leisure - OL21 - South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS: 0844 to Hebden Bridge from Preston. Change at HB for the 0950 train to Mytholmroyd/Sowerby Bridge. Book a Day Return to either Mytholmroyd or Sowerby Bridge

SATURDAY, April 5th - Buxton

Alight & return Buxton

13 miles STRENUOUS (C)

Buxton - Corber Hill - Lightwood(wall to Access Land) - Round the Bend - Burnsall Cob - Errwood Hall - Shining Tor - Goyts Moss – Burbage – Buxton. Leader: John Haworth

Alight Whaley Bridge & return Buxton

8.5 miles MODERATELY EASY (E)

Whaley bridge - Todbrook Res Dam – Taxal - Shallcross Wood - River Goyt - Fernilee Reservoir - Dismantled Rwy - Burnsall Cob - Dismantled Rlwy - Beet Wood - The Beet - Buxton Golf Course - Pavilion Gardens – Buxton. Leader: Chris Thornley.

MAP: OS Explorer Leisure - OL24 - The Peak District, White Peak

Travel Details: 0957 Buxton train from Piccadilly.

Book a Day Return to Buxton or use an Explorer 55 or Senior GM Wayfarer