

SATURDAY 13th February 2010 - Past landscapes, Peakland.

The building of Kinder Reservoir.

To the Manchester Rambler the name "Williams Clough" conjures up the long fight for access to Kinder Scout by the bridleway from Hayfield, through Williams Clough which flared up in the "Mass Trespass" of April 1932. Earlier at the same place the Saga of the Kinder Reservoir had taken place which was also to end in acrimony as far as the rambles were concerned. To build the reservoir seemed at first sight a fairly straightforward project to bring supplies of clean wholesome drinking water to Stockport. Parliamentary approval was gained in August 1901. Preliminary work was started in 1903 but it took until 1905 to complete the railway. Even then it did not link up with the railway system at Hayfield. Worse, the completion of the reservoir, high on the scarp slope of Kinder Scout did not have the opening ceremony until 11th July 1912. Then Stockport Corporation, having drowned a section of the Hayfield Glossop and Edale bridleway reneged on their promise to restore the agreed route over the dam of the reservoir. Follow the line of the railway and hear the story as we climb through Williams Clough.

E WALK 6 miles easy

Alight and return New Mills (Central)

Bus to Hayfield - A walk from Hayfield on or close to the old route of the railway up to the Kinder Reservoir, looking at the remaining features of the railway, and returning by another route to Hayfield - bus to New Mills.

Leader: Howard Hammersley.

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to New Mills Central departs Piccadilly at 0945. Connections from Blackpool North at 0744, Preston 0812 or 0823 or 0847, Chorley 0822 or 0836 or 0856, Clitheroe 0735 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0803 or 0832 (change at Bolton), Colne 0650 (change at Blackburn and Bolton or come by bus).

Return from New Mills Central at XX01 mins past each hour.

SATURDAY 27 February - Sefton Coast

C WALK - AINSDALE HILLS 11 miles moderate

Alight Hillside return Formby.

Royal Birkdale - Nature reserve - Sands Lake - Ainsdale Hills - Fisherman's Path - Freshfield beach and dunes - Formby.

Leader: John Barnes

E WALK - AINSDALE & FORMBY HILLS 7 miles easy

Alight Ainsdale return Formby.

Ainsdale - West End Lodge - Fisherman's Path - Mad Wharf - Formby Point - Formby.

Leader: Stuart Leese.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285-Southport & Chorley, Wigan, Formby.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Southport departs Bolton at 0945. Connections from Blackpool North at 0820, Preston 0849, Chorley 0902, Clitheroe 0826, Blackburn 0903, Colne 0750 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Formby at XX51 to connect at Southport with the XX20 to Bolton & Manchester etc.

SATURDAY 13 March - Todmorden & Walsden

B WALK - TODMORDEN TO WALSDEN. 11 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Todmorden return Walsden.

Todmorden - Rochdale Canal - Gauxholme - Foul Clough Road - Trough Edge End - Hades Hill - Brown Wardle Hill - Watergrove Reservoir - Long Causeway - Ramsden Wood - Todmorden.

Leader: Chris Thornley.

D WALK - STOODLEY PIKE MONUMENT 9 miles moderate

Alight Todmorden return Hebden Bridge.

Todmorden - Calderdale Way - Salford - Croft Gate - Rake End - Gaddings Dam - Pennine Way - Bald Scout Hill - Stoodley Pike -0 Dicks Lane - Buckley Stone - Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Craig Ward.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21-South Pennines.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Hebden Bridge departs Blackpool North at 0829, Preston 0854, Bamber Bridge 0830 (change at Blackburn), Blackburn 0910, Accrington 0917, Burnley Mc/r. Road 0926. Change at Hebden Bridge for a train to Todmorden at 0956 or 1008. Those travelling from Manchester should catch the 0948 from Victoria to Todmorden.

Return from Walsden at XX48 to Hebden Bridge for the Blackpool service or XX39 to Victoria. Return from Todmorden to Hebden Bridge at XX14, XX34 or XX52; or from Todmorden to Victoria at XX04, XX15 or XX36.

SATURDAY 27 March - Arnside

C WALK - AROUND ARNSIDE 13 miles moderate

Alight and return Arnside.

Arnside Station - Arnside Point - Red Rake - Silverdale Green - Myers farm - Leighton Hall - Yealand Storrs - Hawes Water - Eaves Wood - Arnside Tower - Arnside Knott - Arnside.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

E WALK - SILVERDALE TO ARNSIDE 8 miles easy

Alight Silverdale return Arnside.

Silverdale - Leighton Moss - Leighton Hall - Yealand Manor - Yealand Storrs - Leighton Beck Bridge - Hazelslack Tower - Arnside.

Leader: Goff Sherrocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Silverdale & Arnside departs Preston at 0842, Lancaster 0902. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0744, Chorley 0811, Leyland 0808, Bamber Bridge 0749, Clitheroe 0702 (change at Blackburn), Blackburn 0735, Colne 0650.

Return from Arnside at 1457, 1559 or 1657.

TICKET INFORMATION

Hebden Bridge: Book day return to Hebden Bridge.

Windermere: Concessionary bus pass holders should buy a day return to Windermere, otherwise it may be cheaper to buy a day return to Lancaster and a Lakes Day Ranger ticket.

Frodsham: Book day return to either Darwen or Chorley then use a wayfarer to Warrington Bank Quay. From Warrington Bank Quay book day return to Frodsham.

Peakland: Use a Wayfarer ticket from Chorley, Darwen, Bolton, Wigan. Book a day return to these stations. In Greater Manchester a 'Day Rail Rover' may be a better buy.

Sefton Coast: Book day return to Formby.

Todmorden: Book day return to Todmorden.

Arnside: Book day return to Arnside.



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