

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 2018

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

Worth Valley:	Book a day return to Hebden Bridge
Littleborough:	Book a day return to Littleborough
Edale	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
Lancaster:	Book a day return to Lancaster
Macclesfield:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
Whaley Bridge:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
Windermere:	Book a day return to Windermere
Skipton:	If using the train book a day return to Clitheroe
Chorley:	Book a day return to Chorley
Hebden Bridge:	Book a day return to Hebden Bridge

* 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 £13 or £8 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 - 2019

19 th January	Wilmslow
2 nd February	Parbold
16 th February	Kendal
2 nd March	Broadbottom
16 th March	Grange/Cark
6 th April	Buxton
20 th April	Carnforth/Silverdale
4 th May	Barrow in Furness Town and Country.
8 th June	Wirral/Hilbre Island



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

The train timetables are expected to change in mid-May. Please check our website for any changes.

SATURDAY 15th December 2018 – Chorley Circular Walk

D WALK – 11/9 miles easy

Alight and return Chorley

For our pre-Christmas walk we have decided to walk as one group – an opportunity for all our supporters to share a walk together. To-day, we are following the Chorley Circular Walk which visits Astley Park, the Yarrow Country Park, bits of urban Chorley and the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. For those who might not want to cover the full distance there will be an option to shorten the route by a couple of miles. So put some rum in your coffee, bring along some mince pies and enjoy a festive local walk in good company.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 287 – West Pennine Moors

TRAVEL DETAILS:

N.B. The train times are expected to change on the 9th December – please check.

We will catch the 0924 from Preston. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North at 0838, Accrington 0813, Blackburn 0823, Bamber Bridge 0834. From Clitheroe there is a choice: catch the 0725 and change at Blackburn and Preston or catch the 0825 and change at Bolton. From Bolton catch either the 0922 or 0926. The walk will not start until all these trains have arrived.

There is a frequent service for the return journey.



SATURDAY 5th January 2019 – Hebden Bridge

B WALK – 13 miles strenuous

Alight and return Hebden Bridge.

Hebden Bridge – Hebden Dale – Walshaw – White Hill – High Rakes – Pennine Way – Walshaw Dean Reservoir – Clough Foot – Graining Water – Reaps Coppy – Clough Head Hill – Colden Water – Heptonstall – Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Nik Grounds

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight and return Hebden Bridge.

Hebden Bridge Station – Bus to Keepers Lodge – Grinding Stone Hole – Stairs Lane – Top o' Stairs – Lane Head – Baby House Hill – Nook – Abel Cross – Lady Royd – Hardcastle Crags – Gibson Mill – Hebden Water – Riverside Path – New Bridge – Lee Mill Bridge – Hebden Water – Nutclough – Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0850 from Preston to Hebden Bridge which calls at Blackburn 0906, Accrington 0914, Burnley Manchester Road 0923. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North at 0804/0821; to Blackburn from Bamber Bridge at 0807 and from Clitheroe at 0825. From Victoria catch the 0920 (Leeds/Selby) train. The walks will commence after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Hebden Bridge to Preston at xx06, xx15 or xx32



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JUNE 2018 to JANUARY 2019



SATURDAY 14th July 2018 – Worth Valley

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight Hebden Bridge return Colne.

Hebden Bridge – Bus to Haworth – Lower Oldfield Farm – Lumb Foot – Oldfield – Hob Lane – Ponden Hall – Whitestone – Bronte Way – Watersheddies Reservoir – Cross Bent – Smithy Clough – Wycoller – Covey Bridge – Cotton Tree – Colne.

Leader: Mike Codd

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 7 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Hebden Bridge.

Bus to Cock Hill – Halfpenny Hole Clough – White Hole – Calder/Aire Link – Top o’ Stairs – Via Conduit to Bond Clough Hill – Tom Stell’s Seat – Millenium Way to Upper Marsh – Mould Greave – Upper Town – Oxenhope Station – Bridgehouse Beck – Haworth Station – Bus to Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Chris Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

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We will catch the 0850 from Preston to Hebden Bridge which calls at Blackburn 0906, Accrington 0914, Burnley Manchester Road 0923. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North at 0804/0821; to Blackburn from Bamber Bridge at 0807 and from Clitheroe at 0825. From Victoria catch the 0920 (Leeds/Selby) train. The walks will commence after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Hebden Bridge to Preston at xx06, xx15 or xx32

Return from Colne at xx11.



SATURDAY 11th August 2018 – Littleborough

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight Todmorden return Littleborough.

Todmorden – Rake End – Gaddings Reservoir – Warland Reservoir – Pennine Way – gate – Love Foot – Littleborough

Leader: Nik Grounds

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight and return Littleborough.

Bus to White House Pub – Blackstone Edge – Aiggin Stone – Robin Hood’s Bed – Pennine Way – Lad’s Grave – Rook Stones Hill – Windy Hill – New Nook – Higher Booth Hill – Syke Nab – Hollingworth Lake – Weighvers Way – Eales – Littleborough Station.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

From Blackburn catch the 0919 to Todmorden and Littleborough. This train calls Accrington 0927, Burnley Manchester Road 0938. Connections to Blackburn depart Clitheroe 0825, Preston 0850, Bamber Bridge 0807; connections to Preston from Blackpool North at 0804/0821. From Victoria catch the 0937 (Leeds train) which starts from Southport at 0824. The walks will commence after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Littleborough to Blackburn at xx25; to Victoria at xx02 and xx32.



SATURDAY 22nd September 2018 - Edale

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight and return Edale.

Edale – Hollins Cross – Castleton – Cave Dale – Oxlow House – Rushup Edge – Chapel Gate – Lower Booth – Upper Booth – Pennine Way – Edale.

Leader: Chris Dibbs

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

D WALK – 8 miles moderate

Alight and return Edale.

Barber Booth – Chapel Gate – Rushup Edge – Mam Tor – Hollins Cross – Back Tor Bridge – Edale.

Leader: Chris Thornley

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly and catch the 0949 (Sheffield) train. From Clitheroe catch the 0825 which calls Blackburn 0848, change at Bolton on to the 0909 (Alderley Edge). Trains depart Blackpool North 0738, Preston 0824 or 0847, Chorley 0838; from Accrington 0813 changing at Blackburn and Bolton.

Return from Edale at xx47.

SATURDAY 6th October 2018 - Lancaster

C WALK – 10.5 miles easy

Alight and return Lancaster.

Lancaster – Bus to Combermere Road (Higher Heysham) – Middleton – Marsh Lea – Trailholme – Sunderland – The Lane – Sambo’s Grave – Alderley Bank – Carr Lane – Money Close Lane – Heysham Head – Chapel Hill – Coastal Way to Morecambe – Bus to Lancaster.

Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 296 – Lancaster & Morecambe

E WALK – 5 miles easy

Alight and return Lancaster

Lancaster Revisited. A Town Tour.

You’ve been before. So for something new. For Binyon, Collins, Dickens and Sassoon. For Idle Apprentices, Honduras Mahogany and for the ‘Rare old house of Mr. Sly’. For Tenth Terret, Victoria’s Breakfast and for, of course, the Reverend John Chippendale Montesquieu Bellow.

An optional afternoon for the Black and White Canal and John Rennie’s ‘finest and largest masonry aqueduct in the country’.

Oops! Nearly forgot. For the Savage Surgeon and those bodies under the bridge!

Come and enjoy.

Leader: Stuart Leese.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 296 – Lancaster & Morecambe

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston. Connections to Preston depart Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn), Colne 0709, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Blackpool North 0804.

There is a frequent return service from Lancaster in the afternoon.



SATURDAY 20th October 2018 - Macclesfield

B WALK – MACCLESFIELD-BUXTON 14 miles strenuous

Alight Macclesfield return Buxton

Macclesfield – Langley – Shuttlingsloe – Wildboardclough – Cut Thorn – Three Shire Heads – Orchard Farm – Dane Head – Axe Edge Moor – Ladmanlow – Solomon’s Temple - Buxton

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 268 – Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight and return Macclesfield.

Macclesfield – Bus to Langley – Tegg’s Nose – Windyway House – Kerridge Hill – White Nancy – Kerridge – Endon Hall – Swanscoe Hall – Hurdsfield – Macclesfield.

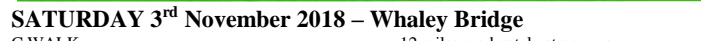
Leader: Pam Smith

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 268 – Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0944 (Stoke) train. From Preston catch the 0847 Trans Pennine service which runs non-stop to Piccadilly; 0804 from Blackpool North connects with this train. From Clitheroe catch the 0825 which calls at Blackburn at 0848; change at Bolton on to the 0909 (Alderley Edge). From Accrington it may be better to travel via Todmorden on the 0721 which calls Burnley Manchester Road 0732.

There is a frequent return service from Macclesfield. Trains from Buxton depart at xx00 and xx36.



SATURDAY 3rd November 2018 – Whaley Bridge

C WALK – 12 miles moderately strenuous

Alight and return Whaley Bridge.

Whaley Bridge – Buxworth – Eccles Fold – Lidgate – Bradshaw Hall Farm – Combs Reservoir – Meveril Brook – Pritchard Green Farm – Thorny Lee – Wythen Lache – Bunsal Cob – Errwood Dam – Fernilee Reservoir – Goyt Valley – River Goyt to Whaley Bridge.

Leader: Chris Dibbs

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

E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight Whaley Bridge return Buxton.

Whaley Bridge Station – Todbrook Reservoir – Reddish Farm – Taxal – Park Wood Nature Reserve – River Goyt to Fernilee Reservoir – Dismantled Railway – Bunsal Cob Incline – Dismantled Railway – Beet Wood – Watford Farm – Golf Course – St. John’s Road – Buxton.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0948 (Buxton) train. From Preston catch the 0847 Trans Pennine service which runs non-stop to Piccadilly; 0804 from Blackpool North connects with this train. From Clitheroe catch the 0825 which calls at Blackburn at 0848; change at Bolton on to the 0909 (Alderley Edge). From Accrington it may be better to travel via Todmorden on the 0721 which calls Burnley Manchester Road 0732.

Return from Buxton at xx02 or xx34. From Whaley Bridge at approx. xx18 or xx50.

SATURDAY 17th November 2018 - Windermere

B WALK – 11 miles strenuous

Alight Windermere return Staveley

Windermere – Bus to Ambleside – Stock Beck – Wansfell Pike – Troutbeck – Limefitt – Garburn Pass – Sallows – Whiteside End – Meadowplatts Plantation – Browfoot – Staveley Station.

Leader: Mike Codd

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

D WALK - 9.5 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Windermere

Near Orrest – Dubbs Reservoir – Limefitt Park – Long Green Head – Ing Bridge – Town Head – The Howe – Allen Knott – Howe Hill – St. Catherine’s – Windermere.

Leader: Geoff Sherrocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0837 (Glasgow) train from Preston, which calls Lancaster 0852, changing at Oxenholme. Connections depart Blackpool North at 0804, Colne 0709, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Windermere at 1513, 1602, 1648 and 1740, or from Staveley at 1519, 1654 and 1746 (the 1602 does not stop at Staveley).



SATURDAY 1st December 2018 - Skipton

B WALK – 12 miles moderate

Alight and return Skipton.

Skipton – Train to Cononley – Great Gib – Leys Farm – Babyhouse Lane – Tow Top Farm – Pennine Way – Pinhaw – Elslack Reservoir – Smearbar – Yellison Wood – Redfirth Gill Cote – Gawthorpe House – Catlow Gill – Glen Cottage – Carleton in Craven – Skipton.

Leader: Peter Forkasiewicz

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales South & West

E WALK - 7 miles moderate

Alight and return Skipton.

Skipton Bus Station – Jenny Gill – Vicar’s Allotment (Trig. Pillar) – Skipton Pits – Low Edge Farm – Jenkin Farm – Peel’s Laithe – Jackson’s Lane – Hamblethorpe – Hamblethorpe Bridge – Cononley Station – Train to Skipton.

Leader: David Pryer or Mike Codd.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales South & West

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 280 bus service which departs Clitheroe at 0917. This bus originates at Preston Bus Station at 0825. Trains to Clitheroe depart Blackburn at 0933, Bolton 0900. Connections to Blackburn depart Preston 0850, Colne 0811, Accrington 0912. The 0804 from Blackpool North connects at Preston.

On the return journey the 280 bus service departs Skipton Bus Station at 1505, 1615, and 1735 – two minutes later from the Railway Station.

