

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 2019

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

<u>Wilmslow</u>	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
<u>Parbold</u>	Book a day return to Parbold
<u>Kendal</u>	Book a day return to Kendal
<u>Whaley Bridge</u>	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
<u>Lancaster:</u>	Book a day return to Lancaster
<u>Edale</u>	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."**
<u>Grange</u>	Book a day return to Carlisle
<u>St. Bees</u>	See travel details
<u>Wirral</u>	Book a day return to West Kirby

* GMPT 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

13 th July	Windermere
10 th August	Buxton for the Edges
21 st September	Macclesfield
5 th October	Mytholmroyd/Ripponden
19 th October	Delamere/Frodsham
2 nd November	Colne (Earl Crag)
16 th November	Broadbottom
7 th December	Skipton
21 st December	West Pennine Moors.
4 th January 2020	Hebden Bridge



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

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



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY 2019 to JUNE 2019



Eaves.

SATURDAY 19th January 2019 – Wilmslow

C WALK – 11.5 miles moderate

Alight and return Wilmslow

Wilmslow – The Carrs – Styal Country Park – Giants Castle – Blakeley Farm – Lindow Farm – Davenport Green – Harden Park – Big Brick Hill Farm – Wilmslow.

Leader: Hilary Bell

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

D or E WALK – D-7.5 or 8 miles easy

Alight and return Wilmslow

The Carrs – then follow the Bollin Valley Way through Morley to the airport perimeter fence – along the river through Styal Country Park to Styal village – break for refreshments at Quarry Bank Mill and continue to Styal or Wilmslow Station.

Leader: Craig Ward

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0937 (Alderley Edge) train. Please note that this train departs Southport 0817, Wigan Wallgate at 0850 and calls at Bolton at 0909. From Clitheroe catch the 0725, from Blackburn 0818 (change at Bolton). From Blackpool North catch the 0738, Preston 0824, Chorley 0838. From Accrington 0801 changing at Blackburn and Bolton.

Return from Wilmslow which has a frequent service, or from Styal at xx46.

SATURDAY 2nd February 2019 – Parbold

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight and return Parbold

Parbold – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Blackbird’s Farm – Ashleigh’s Farm – Atherton’s Farm – Haliwell Farm – Appley Bridge – Fairy Glen – High Moor – Harrock Hill – Hill Dale – Parbold Station.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – Southport & Chorley

E WALK – 7 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Parbold

Parbold – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Ashleigh’s Farm – Ashurst Beacon – Hillock Lane – Priors Wood – Old Douglas Chapel – Parbold.

Leader: David Pryer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – Southport & Chorley

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 1005 (Southport) train from Wigan Wallgate. Connections to Wigan North Western depart Blackpool North 0903, Preston 0929, Euxton 0939. From NE Lancs there is a choice of routes via Preston or Bolton. There is an 0818 to Bolton from Blackburn which connects at Bolton into the 0913 to Wigan NW, and an 0823 from Blackburn to Preston, 0813 from Accrington. The 0725 from Clitheroe connects with both trains.

Return from Parbold at xx10 and xx43

SATURDAY 16th February 2019 – Kendal/Oxenholme

C WALK – 11 miles moderate

Alight Oxenholme return Kendal

Oxenholme Station – The Helm – Natland – Low Sizergh – Sizergh Castle – Holeslack – Barrowfield – Bradleyfield – Kendal Station.

Leader: Nik Grounds

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

D WALK – 9 miles moderate

Alight Oxenholme return Kendal

Natland – Sizergh Castle – Windy Howe – Scout Scar – Cunswick Scar - Kendal

Leader: Alan Holmes

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0929 from Preston, 0959 Lancaster. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North 0838, Bolton 0852, Chorley 0909, Accrington 0813, Blackburn 0823, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Kendal at 1528, 1614 or 1703

SATURDAY 2nd March 2019 – 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 Thornley

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: Pam Smith

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, the 0804 from Blackpool North connects with this train. Other connections to Piccadilly depart Preston 0824, Chorley 0838, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0818 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0801 changing at Blackburn and Bolton.

Return from Buxton at xx00 or xx34

SATURDAY 16th March 2019 – Grange/Cark

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight Cark return Grange Over Sands

Cark – Cumbria Coastal Way – Bigland Tarn – High Gate – High Cark – The Level – Hollow Lane – Hampsfield Farm – Merlewood – Grange Over Sands.

Leader: Mike Codd

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

E WALK – 7.5 miles moderate

Alight Cark return Grange Over Sands

Cark – Cuckoo Bridge – Low Bank Side – Park Lane – Cartmel – Ivy Cottage – Borwick’s Aynsome – Longlands Allotments – Hampsfell Hospice – Fell End – Middle Fell Gate – Promenade Path – Grange Over Sands.

Leader: Mike Smith

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Preston in time to catch the 0842 (Barrow) train which calls Lancaster 0900. Connections depart Blackpool North 0804, Bolton 0755, Chorley 0817, Colne 0709, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Grange at 1530 or 1624

SATURDAY 6th April 2019 - 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: Trevor Whittaker

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 Preston catch the 0847 Trans Pennine service which runs non-stop to Piccadilly, the 0804 from Blackpool North connects with this train. Other connections to Piccadilly depart Preston 0824, Chorley 0838, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0818 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0801 changing at Blackburn and Bolton.

Return from Edale at xx47

SATURDAY 20th April 2019 – St. Bees/Whitehaven

D WALK - 8 miles moderate

Alight St. Bees return Whitehaven

St Bees – South Head – St. Bees Head – North Head – Quarry Bungalows – The Beacon - Whitehaven

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 303 – Whitehaven & Workington

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Preston in time to catch the 0842 (Barrow) train which calls Lancaster 0900. Connections depart Blackpool North 0804, Bolton 0755, Chorley 0817, Colne 0709, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn). At Barrow we will change on to the 1022 to St. Bees.

Return from Whitehaven at 1522 or 1620

The cheapest ticket available for those aged 55 plus is a Northern Explorer 55 at 15 pounds (n0 further discounts) which can only be used on Northern train services. Advance tickets are also available from certain stations but can only be used on specifically timed trains and these can be purchased on line at National Rail.

SATURDAY 4th May 2019 - 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 Tercet, 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 0929 from Preston. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North 0838, Bolton 0852, Chorley 0909, Accrington 0813, Blackburn 0823, Clitheroe 0725 (changes at Blackburn).

Returning from Lancaster there is a frequent service.

SATURDAY 15 June 2019 – Wirral/Hilbre Island

C WALK – NESTON & WEST KIRBY 12 miles moderate

Alight Neston return West Kirby.

Neston – Parkgate – Wirral Way – The Dales – Old Field Farm – The Dungeon – Thurstaston Hill – Caldly – West Kirby.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 266 – Wirral & Chester.

E or D WALK – WIRRAL WAY 7 or 10 miles easy

Alight and return West Kirby.

Grange Hill – Caldly Hill – Thurstaston Hill – Thurstaston Country Park – Wirral Way – Marine Lake – West Kirby. Optional visit to Hilbre Island (3 miles).

Leader: Geoff Sherrocks

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 266 – Wirral & Chester.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Liverpool Central and catch the 1010 to West Kirby. Change at Bidston for Neston. From Preston there is a choice of route to Liverpool: either catch the 0826 to Ormskirk where you change onto the 0904 to Liverpool Central, or catch the 0830 to Lime Street which calls Euxton at 0840 and Wigan North Western 0851. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North 0804, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

Returning from West Kirby trains are every 15 minutes to Liverpool, from where trains depart to Ormskirk/Preston from Central at xx17 and Preston/Blackpool North from Lime Street at xx36.