

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 2020

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:

* GMPTF 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 - 2020

11 th July	Worth Valley
8 th August	Forest of Bowland
19 th September	Ormskirk
3 rd October	Beyond Barrow in Furness
17 th October	Glazebrook Trail
7 th November	Congleton
21 st November	Littleborough
5 th December	Marple
19 th December	Earby
9 th January 2021	Hebden Bridge



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

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

SATURDAY 18th April 2020 – Grange Over Sands & Cark

B WALK – 11 miles strenuous
Align 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: TBA

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

E WALK – 8.5 miles moderately strenuous
Align Cark return Grange over Sands
Cark – Ravenstown – Holme – Humphrey Head – Wyke Farm – Allithwaite – High Fell Gate – Fell End – Hampsfell Hospice – Eggerslack Wood – Grange over Sands.

Leader: Mike Smith

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Preston to catch the 0842 train to Barrow which calls Lancaster at 0900.

Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0755, Bolton 0750, Chorley 0808, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn), Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Colne 0709.

Return from Grange at 1520 or 1624.

SATURDAY 9th May 2020 – Kirkby Lonsdale & Hutton Roof

C WALK – 11 miles strenuous
Align Carnforth return Lancaster
Carnforth – Bus to Hale (Depart Carnforth 1022) – Broom Field – Burnside – Holme – Holme Park Bridge – Lancaster Canal to Dukes Bridge – Farleton Knott – Holmepark Fell – Uberash Plain – Crag Summit – The Rakes – Hutton Roof – Longfield Barn – High Biggins – Kirkby Lonsdale – Bus to Lancaster.

Leader: Mike Codd

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western Areas

D WALK – 10 miles moderate
Align and return Lancaster
Lancaster – Bus to Kirkby Lonsdale – Casterton – Fell Garth – Barbon – Barbondale – Blindbeck Bridge – Hoggs Hill – Brownthwaite Pike – Bindloss Farm – Kirkby Lonsdale – Bus to Lancaster.

Leader: TBA

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western Areas

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will Catch the Barrow train which departs Preston at 0842, Lancaster 0900, alighting at Carnforth. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0755, Bolton 0750, Chorley 0808, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn), Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Colne 0709. The bus to Kirkby Lonsdale departs 0945.

There is a frequent train service from Lancaster on the return.

SATURDAY 6th June 2020 – Chapel en le Frith

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous
Align Chapel en le Frith return Whaley Bridge
Chapel en le Frith – Bank Hall Farm – Combs Edge – White Hall Centre – The Street – Oldfield – Midshires Way – Whaley Bridge.

Leader: Hilary Bell

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

E WALK – 8 miles moderate
Align Chapel en le Frith return Buxton
Castle Naze – Combs Edge – Round the Bend – Moss House Farm – Corbar Hill – Corbar Woods – Buxton.

Leader: Alan Holmes

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 1008 (Buxton) train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0808 or 0823, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0725, Blackburn 0818 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0740 or 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton). Return from Buxton at xx00 or xx34. Return from Whaley Bridge at xx18 or xx50.



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY 2020 to JUNE 2020



SATURDAY 4th January 2020 – 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: Chris Thornley

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: Alan Holmes

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. Connections from Clitheroe at 0825 to Blackburn. From Manchester catch the 0920 from Victoria. The walks will commence after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Hebden Bridge at xx42 (approx.) towards Blackpool or to Manchester at xx06, xx15 or xx32.



SATURDAY 18th January 2020 – 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: Pam Smith

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0937 (Alderley Edge) train from platform 13, this train originates from Southport at 0817. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0808 or 0823, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0740 or 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

There is a frequent service from Wilmslow to Piccadilly. Trains from Styal are at xx46.



SATURDAY 1st February 2020 – Carnforth/Silverdale

C WALK – 11 miles moderate

Alight Silverdale return Arnside

Silverdale – Trowbarrow Quarry – Red Bridge – West Coppice – Leighton Beck Bridge – Gait Barrows National Nature Reserve – Hawes Water – Bowk Stone – Eaves Wood – Arnside Tower – Arnside Knott – Arnside.

Leader: John Barnes

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

D WALK – 9 miles moderately easy

Alight Carnforth return Arnside

Carnforth – Warton Crag – Crag Foot – Jenny Browns Point – Jack Scout – Red Rake – Far Arnside – Park Point – Arnside Point – Blackstone Point – Arnside.

Leader: Craig Ward

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TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Preston to catch the 0842 train to Barrow which calls Lancaster at 0900.

Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0755, Bolton 0750, Chorley 0808, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn), Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Colne 0709.

Return from Arnside at 1515 or 1630.

SATURDAY 15th February 2020 – Chinley

C WALK – 11 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Chinley return Edale

Cracken Edge – Peep O’ Day – Coldwell Clough – Edale Cross – Pym Chair – Hartshorn – Nether Tor – The Nab – Edale.

Leader: Nik Grounds

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

D WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Chinley

Chinley – Stubbins – Cracken Edge – Chinley Churn – Whiterakes – Peep O Day – Pennine Bridleway – South Head – Shireoaks – Wash – Chapel Milton – Bridgeholm Green – Chinley.

Leader: Geoff Sherlocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0949 (Sheffield) train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0808 or 0823, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854, Clitheroe 0725, Blackburn 0818 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0740 or 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton). Return from Edale at xx47 or from Chinley at xx55.



SATURDAY 7th March 2020 – Sowerby Bridge/Ripponden

C WALK – 12 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Halifax return Sowerby Bridge

Halifax – Beacon Hill – Barrowclough Lane – Shibden Hall – Shibden Fold – Spa House Farm – Dam Head – Aldersgate Farm – Shibden Dale – Shibden Head – Amber Thorn – Oats Royd – The Vicarage – Upper Brockholes – Goose Clough – Mixenden Plantation – Mixenden – Scout Edge – Ramsden Wood Farm – West End Golf Club – Sowerby Bridge.

Leader: Chris Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 7.5 miles moderate

Alight Sowerby Bridge return Halifax

In the Footsteps of Gentleman Jack. Sowerby Bridge – Calder & Hebble Navigation – Calderdale Way – Park Gate – Westfield Gate – Southowram – Bank Top – Field House – Shibden Hall (Optional Visit – admission charge) – Bus to Halifax.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0820 from Blackpool North. This train calls Preston 0845, Blackburn 0903, Accrington 0911, Burnley Manchester Road 0920. Connections from Clitheroe at 0825. From Manchester Victoria catch the 0920. Those wishing to join the ‘E’ walk should alight from the Blackpool train at Hebden Bridge and join the train from Victoria.

Return from Sowerby Bridge at xx06 or xx23 changing at Hebden Bridge for Blackpool (depart xx39). Return from Halifax to Blackpool at xx28 or to Manchester at xx17 or xx44.



SATURDAY 21st March 2020 – Preston Town & Country

C WALK – 10.5 miles moderate

Alight and return Preston

Preston – Bus to Brock – Brock Side – Walmsley Bridge – Brock Bottom – Higher Brock Bridge – White Lee Lane – Beacon Fell Country Park – Lyndeth – Loud Higher Bridge – Moss Side – Little Town Farm – Old Rhodes – Longridge – Bus to Preston.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL41 – Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale

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 and Stuart Leese

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 286 – Blackpool & Preston

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet Preston Station at 0900. Trains to Preston depart Bolton 0820, Chorley 0834, Blackpool North 0827, Accrington 0813, Blackburn 0821, Bamber Bridge 0833, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

SATURDAY 4th April 2020 - Grindleford

C WALK – 10.5 miles strenuous

Alight and return Grindleford

Grindleford – Oaks Wood – White Edge – Car Park – Curbar Edge – Derwent Farm – Upper Padley – Grindleford.

Leader: Chris Dibbs

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

E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Grindleford

Lawrence Field – Toad’s Mouth – Higger Tor – Upper Burbage Bridge – Sheffield Country Walk – Longshaw Lodge – White Edge Moor – Nether Padley – Grindleford.

Leader: David Pryer

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