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 in 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

GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME
JULY 2019 TO JANUARY 2020

NOTE RE TRAIN TIMES: The train timetables are expected to change in mid-May. Please check our website for any changes.

SATURDAY 4th January 2020 – Hebden Bridge
B WALK - 13 miles strenuous
Alight and return Hebden Bridge.
Hebdon Bridge Station - Bus to Keepers Lodge - Grinding Stone
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.

TICKET INFORMATION
Windermere
Book a day return to Windermere

Bolton
Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer"**

Mytholmroyd
Book a day return to Mytholmroyd

Grindleford
Book a day return to Grindleford

Preston
Book a day return to Preston or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer"**

Dales
Book a day return to Colne

Shipton
Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer"**

Hebdon Bridge
Book a day return to Hebden Bridge

* 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 £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 - 2020

18th January - Wilmslow
1st February - Carnforth/Silverdale
15th February - Charnley
7th March - Sowerby Bridge/Ripponden
21st March - Preston Town & Country
4th April - Grindleford
18th April - Grange Over Sands & Cark
9th May - Kirkby Lonsdale & Hutton Roof
6th June - Chapell en le Frith
SATURDAY 13th July – Windermere

C WALK

11 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Staveley return Windermere


Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21

E WALK

7.5 miles moderate

Alight Staveley return Windermere


Leader: David Pyer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Preston in time to catch the 0838 (Gloucester) train and change at Oxenholme.

We will alight at the car park with a festive local walk in good company. For those who might not want to cover the full distance there is an option to partially complete the route on foot. For the remainder of the route 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 OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0821 from Blackpool North which calls Preston 0846, Blackburn 0903, Accrington 0911, Bury and Manchester Road 0920. Connections from Chorley at 0825 to Blackburn. From Manchester catch the 0920 from Victoria. The walks will commence after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Sowerby Bridge towards Blackpool at xx33 (approx.) and to Manchester at xx06 or xx22. 6 minutes later from Mytholmroyd.

SATURDAY 5th October 2019 – Macclesfield

B WALK – MACCLESFIELD-BUXTON

14 miles strenuous

Alight Macclesfield return Buxton


Leader: Mike Codd


D WALK

7.5 miles moderate

Alight and return Macclesfield

Canal – Blakelow – Teggs Green – Windyway – Calford – White Nancy – Moat Hall Farm – Canal – Lark Hall – Macclesfield

Leader: Pam Smith

Maps: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24-The Peak District West Pennine

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0944 (Stoke) train. Connections depart from Blackpool North 0955, Preston 0823 or 0847, Chester 0857, Bolton 0854. From Chorley at 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Buxton at x00 and x34. There is a frequent service from Macclesfield.

SATURDAY 19th October 2019 – Delamere

C WALK

11.5 miles moderate

Alight Cuddington return Delamere


Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 267 – Northwich & Delamere Forest

D WALK

9 miles moderately easy

Alight Cuddington return Delamere

Cuddington – Home Farm – Brams Bank – Flaxmere – Forest Trails to Pinewood Farm – Kingswood Cottage – Sandstone Trail to Eddisbury Lodge – Pale Heights – Delamere Station.

Leader: Nick Greens

Maps: Ordnance Survey Explorer 267 – Northwich & Delamere Forest

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0941 (Chester) train. Connections depart from Blackpool North 0955, Preston 0823 or 0847, Chester 0857, Bolton 0854. From Chorley at 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Delamere at xx18.

SATURDAY 21st September 2019 – Chorley Circular Walk

D WALK

11.9 miles easy

Alight and return Chorley

For our pre-Christmas walk we have decided to talk 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 County 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 may change from 15 December so please check.

We will catch the 0921 from Preston which departs Blackpool North 0858. From Bolton catch the 0921. Connections to Preston depart Accrington 0812, Blackburn 0821, Bamber Bridge 0833, Chorley 0725 (change at Blackburn). The walk will start at Chorley after both trains have arrived.

For the return journey there is a frequent service from Chorley to Preston and Bolton.

SATURDAY 21st September 2019 – Skipton

C WALK

10 miles moderate

Alight and return Skipton


Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK

8 miles easy

Alight Thornton in Craven return Skipton


Leader: Mike Smith

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will use the 280 bus service from Preston to Skipton departing Preston Bus Station 0815 and calling at Mellor Brook 0835, Langho 0845, Whalley 0852, Clitheroe 0909, Barnoldswick 0915, Thornton in Craven 0940, Skipton Railway Station 0952.

Return from Skipton 1420, 1620, 1820.

The bus times may change so please check the Rail Ramblers website.

SATURDAY 21st September 2019 – Skipton

C WALK

12 miles strenuous

Alight and return Colne

Colne – Bus to Glusburn Bridge – Bent Farm – High Jack Field – Lund’s Tower – Earl Crag – Piper Lane – Close Lane – Wind Head Farm – Green Syke Farm – Grunland Hall – Knorr Hall – Pendle Way – Laneslew Bridge – Colne Water – Cotton Tree – Carry Bridge – Colne Station.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0826 from Preston to Colne which calls Bamber Bridge 0905, Blackburn 0923, Accrington 0934, Burnley Central 0951. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0821, Chorley 0859. Connections to Blackburn depart Chorley 0825, Bolton 0831.

Return from Colne at xx11.