

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.

Marple:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."
Sefton Coast:	Book a day return to Ainsdale or Freshfield
New Mills:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."
Carnforth for Milnthorpe:	Book a day return to Carnforth
Newhev:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."
Disley/Middlewood:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."
Piel Island:	Book a day return to Barrow
Greenfield:	Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."

* 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 - 2018

14 th July	Whaley Bridge
11 th August	Worth Valley
22 nd September	Edale
6 th October	Lancaster
20 th October	Macclesfield
3 rd November	Littleborough
17 th November	Windermere
1 st December	Skipton
15 th December	Chorley Circular Walk
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5 th January	Hebden Bridge



NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

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

SATURDAY 9th June 2018 – Piel Island and Furness.

B WALK – 12.5 miles strenuous

Alight Dalton in Furness return Ulverston
Dalton in Furness – Rakes Cottage – Mouzel Farm – Rakes Lane – Moor Road – Stewnor Park – Dalton Moor – Long Slack Moss – Crag Height – Long Moor – Stone Circle – Kirkby Slate Road – Rake Farm – Hollowmire – Newbiggin – Old Hall Farm – Ulverston

Leader: Alan Holmes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL6 – The English Lakes South Western Area

D WALK – 9 miles easy

Alight Roose return Barrow in Furness
Roose Station – Westfield Point – Roa Island – Ferry to Piel Island (fare extra) – Across the sands to Walney Island then up the coast of Walney to Biggar Bank – Bus to Barrow.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL6 – The English Lakes South Western Area

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston (to Barrow and Carlisle) which calls Lancaster 0902. Connections to Preston depart Bolton 0740; Chorley 0801; Colne 0720; Accrington 0751; Blackburn 0805; Bamber Bridge 0820; Clitheroe 0705 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Barrow at 1525 or 1629; from Ulverston at 1541 or 1647.



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GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY 2018 to JUNE 2018



SATURDAY 20th January 2018 – Carnforth/Lancaster

C WALK – 12 miles easy
Alight Carnforth return Lancaster
Carnforth – Hagg Wood – Lancashire Coastal Way to Hest Bank – Lancaster Canal – Slyne – Bottomdale Road – Halton – Bulk Bridge – Lune Valley Ramble to Lancaster.
Leader: Mike Codd
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Eastern Area
Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western Area
E WALK - 8 miles easy
Alight Carnforth return Lancaster
Carnforth – Canal South – Thwaite House Farm – Lawson’s Farm – Cole Wood – Cote Farm – Arncliffe Hall – Halton Road Bridge – Lune Aqueduct – Riverside Path South – Lancaster Rail Station.
Leader: John Barnes
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Eastern Area
Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2 – Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western Area
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Returning from Lancaster there is a frequent service.

SATURDAY 3rd February 2018 – Marple

C WALK – 11 miles moderate
Alight Marple return Glossop
Marple – Bottoms Bridge – Cowm Edge Way – Dansteads Farm – Mellor Hall – Chatterton Lane – Ayton Farm – Near Slack – Cowm Edge – Whitley Nab – Glossop.
Leader: Chris Thornley
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District (Dark Peak Area)
E WALK – 8.5 miles moderately easy
Alight and return Marple
Marple Station – Marple Locks – Midshires Way – Brabyns Park – Compstall Bridge – Mortin Clough – Beacon Houses – Lumn – Back Wood – Botham’s Hall – Cowm Edge Way – Far Woodseats – Sandylane – Brown Low – Sandhill Lane – Smithy Lane Farm – Brook Bottom – Hollywood End – Greenhill – Marple Bridge – Marple Station.
Leader: Craig Ward
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District (Dark Peak Area)
TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly and catch the 0949 (Sheffield) train. Connections depart Preston 0820 or 0847; Chorley 0835; Bolton 0857; Clitheroe 0745 (change at Bolton); Blackburn 0833 (change at Bolton); Accrington 0758 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Glossop at xx07 or xx37; return from Marple at xx09 or xx38.

SATURDAY 17th February 2018 – Sefton Coast

C WALK – 12 miles moderate
Alight Ainsdale return Blundellsands
Big Balls Hill – Cloven le Dale – Fisherman’s Path – Sefton Coastal Path – St. Luke’s Church Road – Hightown Dunes – Coast Guard Station – Blundellsands Promenade.
Leader: Tessa Rowe
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285 – Southport & Chorley
E WALK – 8 miles easy
Alight Freshfield return Blundellsands
Blundell Avenue – Sefton Coastal Path – St. Luke’s Church Road – Hightown Dunes – Blundellsands Promenade.
Leader: Geoff Sherlocks
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285 – Southport & Chorley
TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Southport in time to catch the 0943 (Hunts Cross) train. Connections depart Bolton 0845; Wigan Wallgate 0905; Clitheroe 0745; Blackburn 0808 (change at Bolton); Chorley 0805 (change at Bolton or catch the 0840 from Balshaw Lane and change at Wigan). From Preston catch the X2 bus at 0815 to Southport.

Return trains every 15 minutes to Southport; the train to Wigan and Bolton departs xx23.

SATURDAY 3rd March 2018 – New Mills

C WALK – 12 miles moderate
Alight New Mills (Newtown) return New Mills
New Mills – Redmoor Farm – Rocks Farm – Bowstones – Keepers Cottage – West Parkgate – Elmhurst Wood – Hagbank – Hague Bridge – Mousley Bottom – New Mills.
Leader: Chris Dibbs
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area
E WALK – 8 miles easy
Alight (Newtown) return New Mills Central
Mousley Bottom – Hague Bar – Strines Station – Windybottom Farm – Bottom’s Bridge – returning to New Mills by the Peak Forest Canal.
Leader: Craig Ward
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area
TRAVEL DETAILS:
We will meet at Piccadilly and catch the 0949 (Buxton) train. Connections depart Preston 0820 or 0847; Chorley 0835; Bolton 0857; Clitheroe 0745 (change at Bolton); Blackburn 0833 (change at Bolton); Accrington 0758 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).
Return from New Mills Central at xx03 or New Mills Newtown at xx50.

SATURDAY 17th March 2018 – Carnforth for Milnthorpe

C WALK – 10 miles moderate
Alight and return Carnforth
Carnforth – Millhead – Warton – Warton Crag – Piggeries – Leighton Hall – Grisedale – Red Bridge – Hawes Water – Leighton Beck Bridge – Fairy Steps – Longtail Wood – Deer Park - Milnthorpe
Leader: Nik Grounds
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Eastern Area
E WALK – 8 miles easy
Alight Carnforth return Arnside
Bus to Milnthorpe – The Park (Deer Park) – Beetham – Whin Scar – Fairy Steps – Leighton House – Leighton Beck Bridge – West Coppice – Hawes Water – Challan Hall – Railway crossing to Eaves Wood – Middlebarrow Plain – Arnside Tower – Red Hills (avoiding Arnside Knott) – Arnside.
Leader: Mike Smith
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7 – The English Lakes South Eastern Area
TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston (to Carlisle) calling Lancaster 0902. Connections to Preston depart Bolton 0740; Chorley 0801; Colne 0730; Accrington 0751; Blackburn 0805; Bamber Bridge 0820; Clitheroe 0705 (change at Blackburn). There is a rail replacement bus service on both Blackpool lines.

Return from Milnthorpe by bus, service 555 at xx25 to Carnforth or Lancaster. Trains depart Arnside at 1559 or Carnforth at 1609.

SATURDAY 7th April 2018 – Newhey

C WALK – 11 miles moderately strenuous
Alight and return Newhey
Newhey – Moy Hill – Rough Bank – Spring Mill – Cold Greave – Ben Heys – Lads Grave – Aggin Stone – Lydgate – Tunshill Lane – Carr Farm – Newhey.
Leader: Hilary Bell
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines
E WALK – 7.5 moderately miles easy
Alight Newhey return Littleborough
Four Reservoirs and a Lake: Newhey – Barnards – Spring Mill – Ogdan Reservoir – Kitchliffe Reservoir – Piethorne Reservoir – Rochdale Way – Turf Hill – Tunshill Lane – Castle Hill – Turnough – Hollingworth Lake Circuit via Hollingworth to Weighvers Way – Lane Foot – Eales – Littleborough.
Leader: Pam or Alan Smith
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines
TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Rochdale Station at 1015. The train to Rochdale departs Blackburn 0919; Accrington 0928; Burnley Manchester Road 0939; Connections to Blackburn depart Blackpool North 0811; Preston 0836; Bamber Bridge 0815; Clitheroe 0825. If travelling via Manchester catch the 0956 from Victoria.

Return from Rochdale to Blackburn at xx15; to Victoria there is a frequent service return from Littleborough at xx23 to Blackburn or xx03 and xx34 to Victoria.

SATURDAY 21st April 2018 – Disley

B WALK – 12 miles strenuous
Alight Disley return Whaley Bridge
Disley – Bentside – Green Lane – Bollinurth Bridge – Cock Knoll – Cornfield Farm – Kettlethulme – Hollowcowhey Farm – Fox Hill – Pym Chair – The Street – Oldfield – Overton Hall Farm – Taxal – Whaley Bridge.
Leader: Peter Forkasiewicz
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area
D WALK – 8 miles easy
Alight and return Disley
Disley – Green Lane – Bowstone Gate – Stag House – Elmhurst Wood – Disley.
Leader: David Pryer
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area
TRAVEL DETAILS:
We will meet at Piccadilly and catch the 0949 (Buxton) train. Connections depart Preston 0820 or 0847; Chorley 0835; Bolton 0857; Clitheroe 0745 (change at Bolton); Blackburn 0833 (change at Bolton); Accrington 0758 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).
Return from Whaley Bridge at xx44 or Disley at xx54.

SATURDAY 5th May 2018 – Greenfield

B WALK – 12 miles moderate
Alight Greenfield return Smithy Bridge
Greenfield – Huddersfield Narrow Canal to Diggle – Standedge Trail – Brun Moor – Castle Shaw – Castleshaw Upper Reservoir – Broadhead – Lower Slack – Oldham Way – Bowk House – Rooden Reservoir – Piethorne Reservoir – Spring Holes – Town Hill – Castle Hill – Hollingworth Lake – Smithy Bridge.
Leader: Chris Thornley
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area.
D WALK - 9 miles moderate
Alight Greenfield return Mossley
Bunkers – Long Lane – Yeoman Hey and Dove Stone Reservoirs – Chew Hills – Oldham Way – Intake Lane – Moor Edge Road – Mossley.
Leader: Geoff Sherlocks
Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1 – The Peak District Dark Peak Area.
TRAVEL DETAILS:
We will meet at Victoria and catch the 0957 (Huddersfield) train. Connections depart Preston 0849; Chorley 0905; Bolton 0926; Blackburn (via Bolton) 0833; Clitheroe 0745; Blackburn via Todmorden 0820; Accrington 0828; Burnley Manchester Road 0839.
Return from Smithy Bridge to Victoria at xx08 or via Todmorden at xx19. Return from Mossley at xx41.

