

## 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:

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| <b>A &amp; B walks :-</b>   | <b>Strenuous</b> -       | walks may be rough, steep, lengthy or against the clock              |
| <b>C walks :-</b>           | <b>Moderate</b> -        | no scrambling - suitable for experienced energetic walkers           |
| <b>D walks :-</b>           | <b>Moderately easy</b> - | a generally easy walk that may include steep climbs.                 |
| <b>E walks :-</b>           | <b>Easy</b> -            | a slower pace than for moderately easy walks with short rest periods |
| <b>F,G,&amp; H walks :-</b> | <b>Easy stroll</b> -     | 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> September. Pick up a brochure from manned stations, Clitheroe Interchange or tourist offices or visit [www.dalesrail.com](http://www.dalesrail.com). A complete programme of walks will be available on the train.

### TICKET INFORMATION

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| <b><u>Windermere</u></b>    | Book a day return to Windermere                                 |
| <b><u>Buxton</u></b>        | Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."** |
| <b><u>Mytholmroyd</u></b>   | Book a day return to Mytholmroyd                                |
| <b><u>Macclesfield</u></b>  | Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."** |
| <b><u>Delamere</u></b>      | Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."** |
| <b><u>Colne</u></b>         | Book a day return to Colne                                      |
| <b><u>Broadbottom</u></b>   | Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."** |
| <b><u>Skipton</u></b>       | By bus from Preston or Clitheroe                                |
| <b><u>Chorley</u></b>       | Book a day return to Chorley                                    |
| <b><u>Hebden Bridge</u></b> | 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 - 2020

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> January  | Wilmslow                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> February  | Carnforth/Silverdale          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Chinley                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March     | Sowerby Bridge/Ripponden      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March    | Preston Town & Country        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April     | Grindleford                   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April    | Grange Over Sands & Cark      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May       | Kirkby Lonsdale & Hutton Roof |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June      | Chapel en le Frith            |



### NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

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

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JULY 2019 TO JANUARY 2020





## SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Windermere

C WALK – 11 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Staveley return Windermere

Staveley – Scroggs Farm – Browfoot – Whiteside End – Sallows – Sour Howes – Garburn Road – Whinny Howe – Near Orrest – Orrest Head – Windermere.

Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer

E WALK – 7.5 miles moderate

Alight Staveley return Windermere

Staveley – Dales Way – Field Close – Waingap – Boxtree – Gilpin Farm – Crag House – School Knott – Heathwaite – Windermere.

Leader: David Pryer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Preston in time to catch the 0838 (Glasgow) train and change at Oxenholme, this train calls Lancaster at 0853. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0755 and 0804, Bolton 0749, Chorley 0809, Colne 0709, Accrington 0740, Blackburn 0754, Bamber Bridge 0809, Clitheroe 0725 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Windermere at 1459, 1605 or 1706.



## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – Buxton for the Edges

C WALK – 12 miles strenuous

Alight Buxton return Whaley Bridge

Buxton – Bishops Lane – Beet Wood – Bunsal Cob – Clough Bridge – Errwood Hall – The Tors – Pym Chair – Taxal Edge – Glebe Farm – Whaley Bridge.

Leader: Peter Forkasiewicz

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24 – The Peak District White Peak Area

E WALK – 7.5 miles moderately easy

Alight Buxton return Whaley Bridge

Bus to Cat & Fiddle – Shining Tor – Cats Tor – Windgather Rocks – Taxal Edge – Taxal Moor – Walker Brow – Reddish Farm – Whaley Bridge.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24 – The Peak District White Peak Area

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0908 to Buxton. Connections depart Blackpool North 0723, Preston 0751 or 0808, Chorley 0804, Bolton 0824, Clitheroe 0725, Blackburn 0748 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0712 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Whaley Bridge at xx16 or xx52.



## SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 – Mytholmroyd

C WALK – 11 miles strenuous

Alight Mytholmroyd return Sowerby Bridge

Mytholmroyd – Nab End – Pitts Farm – Crow Hill – School Farm – Old Eli Clough – Clay House – Severhills Clough – Bank House Head – Ripponden – Moor Bottom – Highlee Flat – Calderdale Way – Norland Moor – Copley – Calder & Hebble Navigation – Sowerby Bridge.

Leader: Chris Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 8 miles moderate

Alight and return Mytholmroyd

Mytholmroyd – Dean Hey – Glen House – Kirby Cote – Catherine House – Calderdale Way – Slate Delfs Hill – Green Bank – Higher House – Cragg Vale – Spa Wood – Dauber Bridge – Mytholmroyd.

Leader: Trevor Whittaker

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

## SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Macclesfield

B WALK – MACCLESFIELD-BUXTON 14 miles strenuous

Alight Macclesfield return Buxton

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

Leader: Mike Codd

Maps: Ordnance Survey Explorer 268-Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton.

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24-The Peak District White Peak Area.

D WALK – 9 miles moderate

Alight and return Macclesfield

Canal – Blakelow – Teggsnose – Windyway – Calroford – White Nancy – Moat Hall Farm – Canal – Lark Hall – 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. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0823 or 0847, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854. From Clitheroe at 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Buxton at xx00 and xx34. There is a frequent service from Macclesfield.



## SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Delamere

C WALK – 11.5 miles moderate

Alight Cuddington return Delamere

Cuddington – The Home Farm – Delamere Way – Blakemere Moss – Kingswood Cottage – New Pale – Manley Common – Delamere Way – Baker Way – 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 – Bratts Bank – Flaxmere – Forest Trails to Pinewood Farm – Kingswood Cottage – Sandstone Trail to Eddisbury Lodge – Pale Heights – Delamere Station.

Leader: Nik Grounds

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 267 – Northwich & Delamere Forest

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0941 (Chester) train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0823 or 0847, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854. From Clitheroe at 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Delamere at xx18.



## SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 – Colne (Earl Crag)

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 – Well Head Farm – Green Syke Farm – Gruntland Hall – Knarrrs Hill – Pendle Way – Laneshaw Bridge – Colne Water – Cotton Tree – Carry Bridge – Colne Station.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

D WALK – 9.5 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Colne

Colne Station – Barrowford Reservoir – Leeds & Liverpool Canal – Slipper Hill Reservoir – Ball House – Long Hill Farm – Hey Daubers – Hullet Hall – Mill Hill Bridge – Great Hague – Mere Clough – Higher Hague Farm – Oxenards Farm – Noyna Hill – Noyna Bottoms Farm – Lower Broach Farm – Foulridge Lower Reservoir – Blue Slate Farm – Colne Edge – Colne Station

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0856 from Preston to Colne which calls Bamber Bridge 0905, Blackburn 0923, Accrington 0934, Burnley Central 0951. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0821, Chorley 0809. Connections to Blackburn depart Clitheroe 0825, Bolton 0831.

Return from Colne at xx11.

## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Broadbottom

C WALK – 11 miles moderate

Alight Broadbottom return Glossop

Broadbottom – Leylands Farm – Higher Chisworth – Pistol Farm – Rowarth – Near Slack – Coombs Tor – Whitley Nab – Glossop.

Leader: Alan Holmes

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

E WALK – 8 miles moderately easy

Alight Broadbottom return Glossop

Broadbottom – Leylands Farm – Cowm Edge Way – Sandylane – Smithy Lane Farm – Pennine Bridleway – Cowm Edge – Whitley Nab – Glossop.

Leader: Geoff Sherrocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly in time to catch the 0959 (Hadfield) train. Connections depart Blackpool North 0755, Preston 0823 or 0847, Chorley 0837, Bolton 0854. From Clitheroe at 0725, Blackburn 0748 or 0818 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0801 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Glossop at xx18 or xx48.



## SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Skipton

C WALK – 10 miles moderate

Alight and return Skipton

Skipton Station – Leeds & Liverpool Canal to Hamblethorpe Swing Bridge – Hamblethorpe – Jubilee Tower – Delph Farm – Smoulden Farm – Jackson’s Lane – Low Bradley – Ghyll Farm – High Bradley – Gill Bottom – Horse Close Farm – Leeds & Liverpool Canal to Skipton.

Leader: John Barnes

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 7 miles easy

Alight Thornton in Craven return Skipton

Thornton in Craven – Elslack Bridge – West Field Laithe – Elslack – Smearber – Lower Scarcliff – Yellison House – Pasture House – Aire View – 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 0935, 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 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 – 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 may change from 15 December so please check.

We will catch the 0923 from Preston which departs Blackpool North 0858. From Bolton catch the 0921. Connections to Preston depart Accrington 0812, Blackburn 0821, Bamber Bridge 0833, Clitheroe 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.