

## 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:

<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.

## DALESRAIL 2016

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 Ribbles 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 6<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

**Buxton:** Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."

**Wirral & Hilbre Island:**

**Harrogate:** Book a day return to Harrogate

**Piel Island & Furness:** Book a day return to Barrow or Dalton.

**Marsden:** Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer." to Greenfield

**Delamere:** Book a day return to Delamere

**Macclesfield:** Book a day return to Darwen or Chorley then use a "Wayfarer."

**Parbold & Burscough:** Book a day return to Parbold or Burscough Bridge.

**West Pennine Moors:** Book a day return to Chorley for the E walk

**Windermere:** Book a day return to Windermere.

\* GMPTE Wayfarer tickets can be bought on the day of travel from train conductors or up to three days in advance from any manned station, also available from shops with the PayPoint facility. These tickets cost £11 for adults or £6 for over 60's, and others are obtainable for groups and children. Most Co-Ops, Spars and garages have PayPoint facilities - visit the PayPoint website for locations near you.

## FUTURE DESTINATIONS - 2017

21 <sup>st</sup> January	Kendal
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Knutsford
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Lancaster
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Grindleford
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Grange Over Sands
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Todmorden Town & Country
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Chinley
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Airedale
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Windermere

## NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

The train times shown in this leaflet are based on the timetables current at the time of going to press. Please check our website for any changes.

## SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> December 2016 – West Pennine Moors

C WALK –

12 miles strenuous

Alight Chorley return Darwen

Chorley Station – Lower Healey Farm – Healey Nab – Morris Farm – Coppice Stile House – Drinkwaters – Great Hill – Pimms – Adam's Delf – Belmont Road – Hollinshead Hall – Slipper Lowe – Roddlesworth Upper Reservoir – Fine Peters – Earnsdale Reservoir – Higher Wenshead – Aggies Ruin – Darwen Hill – Sniddle Hill Farm – Darwen.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 287 – West Pennine Moors

E WALK - 8.5 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Chorley

Chorley Station – Steeley Lane – Eaves Lane – Crosse Hall Lane – White House – Nab Wood – Cliffs Farm – Anglezarke Reservoir – High Bullough Reservoir – Reservoir Dam – Limbrick – Leeds and Liverpool Canal to Crosse Hall Lane – Chorley Station

Leader: Mike Smith

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 287 – West Pennine Moors

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0856 from Blackpool North which calls at Preston 0923. Connections to Preston depart Accrington 0821, Blackburn 0829, Clitheroe 0745 (change at Blackburn), Colne 0720. From Bolton catch the 0924. These walks will start after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Darwen towards Blackburn at 1542 or 1649; towards Bolton at 1516 or 1558. There is a frequent service from Chorley in both directions.



## SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Hebden Bridge

C WALK –

11 miles strenuous

Alight Hebden Bridge return Todmorden

Hebden Bridge – Crow Nest Wood – Hebble End – Horsehold Wood – Mulcture Hall – Hippines – Hippines Clough – Back of Behind – Great Bride Stones – Keb Bridge – Hartley Royd – Hudson Moor – Kitson Wood Tunnel – Robinwood – Flailcroft – Todmorden Edge – Stones – Todmorden.

Leader: Chris Thornley

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK -

8 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Hebden Bridge

Bus to Blackshaw Head – Hippines – Chisley Stones – Eastwood Road – Great Bride Stones – Golden Stones – Calderdale Way – Ing Top Barn – Higher Birks – Great Rock – Dean Delph – Knott Wood – Charlestown – Rochdale Canal – Hebden Bridge.

Leader: Craig Ward

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0811 from Blackpool North which calls at Preston 0836, Blackburn 0855, Accrington 0903, Burnley Manchester Road 0912. Connections to Blackburn from Bamber Bridge 0814, Clitheroe 0825. From Victoria catch the 0916 (Leeds) train. The walks will start after the arrival of both trains.

Return from Hebden Bridge to Blackpool at xx53 past the hour and to Victoria at 07, 18 and 42 past. Return from Todmorden at xx30 past the hour to Accrington/Blackburn.



## GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME JUNE 2016 to JANUARY 2017



## SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Buxton

B WALK – 14 miles strenuous

Alight Buxton return Whaley Bridge

Buxton – Goyt's Moss – Shining Tor – Pym Chair – Taxal Edge – Taxal – Whaley

Bridge.

Leader: Alan Holmes

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

E WALK – 11 miles moderate

Alight and return Buxton

Buxton – Solomon's Temple – Ladmanlow – Stanley Moor Reservoir – Turncliff

Railway – Axe Edge Moor – Ladmanlow – Pooles Cavern – Buxton.

Leader: Pam Smith

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will meet at Piccadilly and catch the 0949 to Buxton. Connections depart Blackpool North at 0740 or 0753; from Preston 0809, 0820, 0847; from Chorley 0821, 0834; Bolton 0856, Clitheroe 0745 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0808 or 0834 (change at Bolton), from Accrington 0821 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Buxton at xx29 past the hour; from Whaley Bridge at xx44.



## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Wirral & Hilbre Island

C WALK – 12 miles moderate

Alight and return Neston

Neston – Wirral Country Park to Willaston – Inglewood – Burton – River Dee –

Coastal Path to Parkgate – Neston

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 266 – Wirral & Chester

D WALK – 8.5 miles easy

Alight Hoylake return West Kirby

China Plate Farm – Newton – Stapledon Wood – Caldý – Marine Lake – Hilbre Island

– West Kirby.

Leader: David Pryer

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, catch either the 0843 to Ormskirk changing onto the 0920 to Liverpool Central or catch the 0830 to Lime Street which calls at Leyland 0835, Euxton Balshaw Lane 0840, Wigan North Western 0850. Connections to Preston from Blackpool North 0753, Accrington 0751, Blackburn 0808, Clitheroe 0705 (change at Blackburn).

On the return journey the train to Ormskirk/ Preston departs Liverpool Central 1710; from Lime Street via Wigan at 1716 or 1732. The 1621 from West Kirby connects with both trains. Return from Neston at xx10 past the hour. There are 4 trains an hour from West Kirby and Bidston.



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## SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Harrogate

D WALK – 10 miles easy

Alight and return Harrogate

Harrogate – Bus to Ripley Cross – Nidderdale Way to Shaw Mills – Burnt Yates –

West House Farm – Nidderdale Way to Ripley Cross – Bus to Harrogate.

Leader: Mike Codd

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 298 - Nidderdale

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight Weeton Return Harrogate

Huby – Holly Hill – Almscliff Crag – Sycamore House Farm – Layfield Farm –

Spring House Farm – Alder Carr House Farm – Valley Farm – Beckwith – Harlow Carr –

Harrogate Link – Valley Gardens – Harrogate.

Leader: Mike Smith

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 298 - Nidderdale

Ordnance Survey Explorer 289 - Leeds

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will travel to Leeds on the 0811 from Blackpool North which calls at Preston 0838, Blackburn 0855, Accrington 0903, Burnley Manchester Road 0912.. Connections to Blackburn from Bamber Bridge 0814, Clitheroe 0825. From Manchester Victoria catch the 0848 to Leeds. At Leeds we will catch the train to Harrogate at 1029.

Return from Harrogate at xx14 or xx45 past the hour and onward from Leeds to Blackpool at xx08.



## SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Piel Island & 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: Geoff Sherrocks

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0842 from Preston to Carlisle via Barrow calling at Lancaster 0902. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0753, Bolton 0741, Chorley 0802, Colne 0720, Accrington 0751, Blackburn 0805, Bamber Bridge 0820, Clitheroe 0705 (change at Blackburn).

Return from Barrow at 1525, 1629 or 1720; from Ulverston at 1541, 1647 or 1737.



## SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – Marsden

C WALK – 11 miles strenuous

Alight and return Marsden

Marsden – Huck Hill Lane – Kirklees Way – Cupwith Reservoir – Deanhead

Reservoir – Grey Stone Quarry – Moss Moor Edge – Way Stone – Linsgreave Head – Haigh

Gutter – Wilmer Green Clough – Willykay Clough – Close Gate Bridge – Waters Road – Marsden

Station

Leader: Chris Thornley

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

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

E WALK – 5 miles easy

Alight and return Marsden

**TOWN and COUNTRY: A MARSDEN MOOCH.**

A train journey to the first town in Yorkshire – a welcome rest for Standedge tunnel's canal boatmen who "legged" it there! We'll explore the Wharf and Visitor Centre and the delightful stone town before we go up to the impressive Butterley Reservoir. We could sit on a spoil heap to have our lunch.

You'll hear about graveyard fisticuffs, about Dutch Harry Broadbent and about the vicar who had more ale in him than religion. For Last of the Summer Wines' Auntie Wainwright's shop, for Blind Jack's local and for the snail horn shell. For enochs and cuckoos and, of course, groovy bridges. For now, our lips are sealed. Come.

Leader: Aidan Turner Bishop/Stuart Leese.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0957 (Huddersfield) train from Victoria. Connections depart Blackpool North 0821, Preston 0850, Chorley 0905, Bolton 0926, Clitheroe 0745, Blackburn 0834 (via Bolton). From Accrington 0827 via Todmorden which calls at Burnley Manchester Road 0834.

Return from Marsden at xx28 past the hour.

## SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Delamere

C WALK – 13 miles moderately strenuous

Alight and return Delamere

Delamere – Baker Way – Manley Common – Sandstone Trail – Snidley Moor Wood

– Delamere Way – Barns Bridge Gates – Delamere.

Leader: Hilary Bell

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 267 – Northwich & Delamere Forest

E WALK – 8 miles easy

Alight and return Delamere

Blakenere Moss – Hunger Hill – Pinewood Farm – Kingswood Cottage – Sandstone

Trail – Eddisbury Lodge – Pale Heights – Visitor Centre.

Leader: Geoff Sherrocks

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 267 – Northwich & Delamere Forest

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0917 (Chester) train at Piccadilly. Connections depart Blackpool North 0740, Preston 0809, Chorley 0821, Bolton 0834, Clitheroe 0705 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0729 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0715 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

Return from Delamere at xx16 past the hour.



## SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Macclesfield

C WALK – 11 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Prestbury return Macclesfield

Prestbury – Butley Town – Lowerhouse – Disused Railway – Lane Head – Nab Head

– White Nancy – Kerridge Hill – Kerridge End – Cliff Hill – Macclesfield.

Leader: Mike Codd

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

E WALK – 9 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Macclesfield

Macclesfield Canal – Bollington – White Nancy – Kerridge Hill – Tegg's Nose –

Langley – Golf Course – Macclesfield.

Leader: Pam Smith

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

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0946 (Stoke on Trent) train at Piccadilly. Connections depart Blackpool North at 0740 or 0753, Preston 0809 or 0820, Chorley 0821 or 0834, Clitheroe 0745 (change at Bolton), Blackburn 0834 (change at Bolton), Accrington 0821 (change at Blackburn and Bolton).

There is a frequent service back from Macclesfield in the afternoon.



## SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – Parbold & Burscough

C WALK – Meres and Mosses 12 miles easy

Alight and return Burscough Bridge

Burscough Bridge – Crabtree Lane – Monks Farm – New Lane – Martin Lane –

Martin Mere – Tarlsough Moss – Sandy Way – Mere Sands Wood – Spark Bridge – Leeds &

Liverpool Canal to Burscough Bridge.

Leader: Tessa Rowe

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285 – Parbold & Chorley

E WALK – 6 miles easy

Alight and return Parbold

High Moor – Christ Church – Wood Lane – Lees Lane – Priors Wood Hall – Douglas

Chapel – Parbold Mill.

Leader: David Pryer

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 285 – Parbold & Chorley

TRAVEL DETAILS:

We will catch the 0945 (Southport) train at Bolton. This train calls at Wigan Wallgate at 1003. There is a train to Bolton from Blackpool North at 0821, Preston 0850, Chorley 0905. There is also a (Liverpool) train from Preston to Wigan North Western at 0930 which calls at Balshaw Lane 0940. From Clitheroe catch the 0825 to Bolton which calls Blackburn at 0908. From Accrington catch the 0821 and change at Blackburn for Bolton or Preston for Wigan.

Return from Parbold at xx15 for Wigan and xx40 for Wigan and Bolton; from Burscough Bridge 4 minutes earlier.