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ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

APRIL 2004 CIRCULAR

1. Sunday rambles meet in the car park of Oakfield Trading Estate off Oakfield Road, Altrincham. Follow sign for Station car park and take the first right turn.
Wednesday rambles meet at the far end of the Altrincham station car park.
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.
5. Names of guests on walks should be notified to the leader.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property.

**** Please note that owing to the problems experienced on Wednesdays at our present meeting place, as from 7th April, Wednesday walks will meet at the Altrincham station car park at the far end - 100 yards past our current meeting place. No cars to be left at this point. Sundays - no change.**

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL - ABNEY MOOR & BRETTON CLOUGH

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Alan Gerrard 980 7508.
Park cars: In Foolow village near duckpond. GR.191 767. From Chapel-en-le-Frith take A623.
5.8 miles after Peak Forest turn left to Foolow.

Hucklow Edge, Abney Moor, Offerton, Derwent Valley and return via Bretton Clough.

WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL - MACCLESFIELD FOREST

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.50. Leaders: Ron Goodman 945 0198 & Albert Berry 499 2233. Park cars: Trentabank Reservoir Car park. GR.962 712 (where leaders will meet).
From Langley take road towards Macclesfield Forest. Proceed to Leather Smithy pub and take right fork. At the next junction turn left. Trentabank CP approx. 150 yards on right.

To Macclesfield Forest Chapel on to Walker Barn, then up to Tegg's Nose Country Park. Return via Gritstone Trail to Trentabank Reservoir.

- **MARBURY AND ANDERTON**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.70. Leader: Eric Stuffins 980 2955.
Park cars: Marbury Country Park car park. GR.652 764. £1.50 P&D (shared).

SE to Witton Brook; west along river Weaver by Anderton Nature Park to Anderton Lift. Return east along canal, and round Marbury Country Park. An easy walk. Good paths throughout. one stile (twice). Only "up" is 60 ft from river to canal. Return to cars: 2.30 pm.

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL - MILLER'S DALE

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.60 + P&D to share. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188.
Park cars: Miller's Dale old station car park. (off B604A) GR 138 733

Climb up to Priestcliffe, along High Dale to Brushfield and Brushfield Hough. Drop down to cross A6 and flow river to Ashford in the Water. Then Monsal Head, Monsal Trail, Cressbrook, Tideswell Dale and Meadow Farm.

WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL - LYMM / STATHAM

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4. Transport 75p. Leaders: Mavis & Arthur Howe 969 1020.
Park cars: Off A56. Turn right off A56 (after "Ye Olde No.3") into Warrington Lane and right again into 'No through road'. GR.717 865.

Across field paths through Outrington to Lymm. Trans-Pennine Trail to Statham, over golf course, along canal towpath and path through Spud Wood and back to cars.

- **GAWSWORTH**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.40. Leaders: Joan Smyllie 998 6596 & Betty Hollinshead 432 1761. Park cars: Grass verge just before Gawsorth Hall. GR.891 699.

Field paths and lanes to Macclesfield canal, towpath to Bosley upper lock and back via North Rode and Manor farm. Some quiet road walking and several stiles.

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

The coach will leave the Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up points.

- 'A' walk - 9 miles, Cat.2/3. Leaders: Dean and Elsie Edwards (962 3301)
From Ambleside we take a route across the valley to climb over Loughrigg and Silver How before dropping in to Easedale for the return to Grasmere.
- 'B' walk - 7½ miles, Cat.2/3. Leaders: Martin and Sandra Ostick (01625 532645)
Details on the coach.
- 'C' walk - 6 miles, Cat.3. Leader: Margaret Ledger (980 8340)
We leave the coach at White Moss and walk through the woods to the lake, along Rydal Water up to Rydal Mount and along Wordsworth's Walk back to Grasmere by Dove Cottage.

The coach is fully booked with a waiting list.

WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL - JUMBLES / AFFETSID

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.3. Transport £2.80. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth 973 2652 and Audrey & Derek Dawson 748 1250. Park cars: Jumbles Information Centre, off A676 Bradshaw Rd GR. SD 736 140.

Follow Bradshaw Brook upstream. Pallet farm, Hawshaw, Affetside. Two climbs, nothing difficult.

- NORTHENDEN TO FLETCHER MOSS

Meet 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport 90p. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.
Park cars: Mill Lane car park, Northenden.

A very easy walk from the Northenden Weir, along river Mersey and paths to Fletcher Moss Gardens at Didsbury. Return along paths by river Mersey to Northenden.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL - PENDLE HILL

Leave 8.45 12½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5. Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.
Park cars: Car park on roadside in the village of Pendleton. GR.755 395.

Part circuit and crossing of Pendle Hill, calling at Nick Of Pendle, Apronfull Hill, Upper Ogden Reservoir, Boar Clough, Pendle Hill, Clay House, Downham, Worston and Mearley Hall.

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

The coach will leave the Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up places.

- 'A' walk - 9 miles Cat. 3. Leader: Roy Clarke (928 9694)
From Newby Bridge to Seattle and on to High Cark, Broughton Grove Farm. Climb through woods to Hospice and along the ridge to Fell End and down into Grange-over-Sands.
- 'B' walk - 7 miles Cat. 3. Leader: Edna Adderley (980 7753)
From Grange we have a gentle ascent through Eggeslack Woods to reach Hamps Fell from where a short ascent takes us to the Hospice. We then descend to Cartmell before a walk by the golf-course and lanes back to Grange.

The coach is fully booked. For cancellations nearer the day please 'phone Sylvia Fantom (969 1180)

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL - LAMALOAD AND MACCLESFIELD FOREST

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.50. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.
Park cars: Lamaload Reservoir car park. GR.975 753.

Past Lamaload Reservoir Dam, Snipe House, then follow Gritstone Trail to Teggs Nose. Descend Saddlers' Way and then up through the Macclesfield Forest to Forest Chapel. Return to Lamaload by Greenway Farm and Higher Ballgreave Farm. A switchback walk with several (shortish) ascents distributed throughout the day. Good views in all directions in fine weather.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - MAY 'A' walk - 30th. 'B' walks - 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th.
Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752.

WEDNESDAYS - MAY 5th - 'A&B', 12th - 'B&C', 19th - 'A&C', 26th - 'A','B'&'C'.

Between **17th March and 5th May** inclusive, please contact Anne Macaulay with offers of walks and numbers of members on walks. Brian Warburton will resume as Wednesday walks organiser after 5th May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 16TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO CAPEL CURIG

'A' walk 8½ miles Cat.2/3. Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie

'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3. Leader: Margaret Ledger.

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340), 14, Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque for £7.00, made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'.

SUNDAY 23RD MAY - SOCIAL TRIP TO CARLISLE

We will leave Altrincham at the usual time, stop for coffee and a leg stretch at Brougham before arriving in Carlisle to spend the afternoon in this historic city. There are lots of places to see: -

The Castle, Cathedral, Trelie House Museum - and an arcade for shopping. A trip to suit all tastes.

Book with Margaret Ledger (as above) with a cheque for £7 as usual.

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE - COACH TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY

'A' walk 9 miles Leader: Dean Edwards

'B' walk 7½ miles Leader: Roger Parker

'C' walk 6 miles Leader: Ron Howarth

Book with Sylvia Fantom (969 1180) 3 Hamlet Drive, Sale, Cheshire. M33 5PY with cheque for £7.00, made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay please by 11th May).

DUNHAM PARK WALK WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 3RD MARCH

There were 61 walkers and a collection was made amounting to £111.80p. The National Trust on behalf of the Ranger Team send their sincere thanks for our kind donation which will be used for conservation projects in the Deer Park. This Spring they will be replanting the top end of the park close to the Scout Camp with hard wood trees as part of the restoration plan for the Deer Park.

BEREAVEMENT - Early club members will remember Louie Woolmington, wife of Fred, who passed away in February at a nursing home in Chester.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 on Tuesday 11th May at 'Timperley Taverners Club', Park Road, Timperley.

THE PEAK & NORTHERN FOOTPATHS SOCIETY & THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION NW

invite you to their joint walks as follows, each 9 miles, Cat.3. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Wednesday 7th April Bromley Cross (Bolton) circular. Meet Bromley Cross Station 10.28 am

Wednesday 21st April Delamere circular. Meet Delamere station 10.31 am

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