

May

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

MAY 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 by station entrance.
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.

SUNDAY 2ND MAY - HATHERSAGE

Leave 9.00 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.20 + shared parking charge. Leader: Don Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Hathersage P&D car park (1st left off B6001). GR.232 814. (Limited roadside parking).

Following field paths to climb up to Stanage Edge, continuing via Stanage Pole, White Stones, Brown Edge Farm, Houndkirk Road, Carl Wark, Higgat Tor, Scrapperlow.

WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY - EDALE - RUSHUP EDGE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler 973 7188. Park cars: Edale car park. GR.124 583. P&D.

Long steep climb to Rushup Edge, steep descent to Dale Head, Upper Booth and Pennine Way.

- STYAL / MORLEY - "THE BLUEBELL WALK"

(Kind permission of Evelyn Evans)

Leave 10.30 5½ miles Cat.4/3. Trans.96p. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648. Park cars: Lindow Common CP, Racecourse Road, Near Boddington, Arms PH:(A538 to Wilmslow).

Pownall Farm to Twinnies Bridge, along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern woods, along the river Bollin, round the rugby pitch and through the bluebells to Morley.

SUNDAY 9TH MAY - MIDGE HOLE TO HAWORTH

Leave 8.45 14 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £4.80. Leader: Alan Macdonald 962 4345. Park cars: National Trust car park at Midge Hole (GR.989 292) where leader will meet. Anyone who is a member of the N.T free of charge, if not there is a fee of £2.

Hebden Bridge, Walshaw, Wadsworth Moor, Walshaw Dean Reservoir. Pennine Way to Withins, Bronte Bridge, Penistone Country Park. Leeshaw Reservoir, Grain Water Bridge then back to Midge Hole.

- ENTWISTLE AND LONGWORTH

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.60. Leader: Keith Leslie 976 3230. Park cars: Batridge Barn CP. GR.721 172. M60 to M61 to A666 (s.p Bolton). Follow A666 (s.p Blackburn) through Bolton, Dunscur and Egerton to reach B6391 (s.p Turton) on right. Car park is 1½ miles down B6391 on left. Return to cars: 3.15 pm.

A walk to the west of Entwistle offering very good views on a clear day, passing Delph reservoir, Whewells and Lowe Hill. The route ascends the hills gradually & consists of a mixture of good paths, grass and field tracks with stretches of rough country. The final 2 miles are mostly flat or downhill.

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY - DERWENT VALLEY & BRETTON CLOUGH

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leaders: Jill Lee 980 3252 & Mary Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: On grass verge just past the Barrel Inn, Bretton. GR.201 779. From Chapel-en-le-Frith take A623. 5.8 miles after Peak Forest turn left to Foolow. At the Bulls Head, turn left and almost immediately right to Bretton.

From Bretton to Abney, steady climb over Smelting Hill to Offerton. Return via Derwent Valley, Stoke Ford and Bretton Clough.

SUNDAY 16TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO CAPEL CURIG

The coach will leave "M&S", Washway Road, Sale, at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up points.

'A' walk - 8½ miles, Cat.2/3. - Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie (01925 752321)

Leaving the coach in Capel Curig we walk over open moorland before dropping to Pont Cyfng, and then climbing up the slopes of Moel Siabod to Llyn y Felin. An exhilarating walk, with wonderful views. We return by Plas Y Brenin and Gelli.

'B' walk - 8 miles, Cat.3. - Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards (962 3301)

A great walk into the hills behind Capel Curig and to Llyn Crafnant. More details on the coach

'C' walk - 6 miles, Cat.4/3. - Leader: Margaret Ledger (980 8340)

A delightful, easy walk through the Llugwt Valley from Miners' Bridge by the river, through the woods and along quiet lanes.

For availability of seats contact Margaret Ledger (980 8340).

SUNDAY 16TH MAY - TODMORDEN / HEBDEN BRIDGE

Leave 8.45 14 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5. Leader: Robert Graves 482 2774.

Park cars: Car park on right of Halifax Road (A646), just after Todmorden roundabout. (where leader will meet). GR.936 242.

From Todmorden to Gadding Dam, Stoodley Pike, Erringden Moor and Hebden Bridge. Returning via Colden Clough, Blackshaw Head and Cross Stone.

WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY - BIDDULPH CASTLE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.60. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634. Park cars: Take A527 south from Congleton towards Biddulph for 3 miles Turn left at the Biddulph Grange Garden National Trust sign, but do not enter the NT property. Carry on up the hill for 200 yards or so and turn right into Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre CP. GR.893 594..

Ascend to the higher reaches of Biddulph Park (nothing difficult) from where there are good views. Then to the remains of Biddulph Castle. Later a gentle climb onto Congleton Edge at Pot Bank. on to Castle farm and ascend again to Congleton Edge at Nick 'i th' Hill. Pass near to the castle site again before ascending back to the car park.

- NANS MOSS / LINDOW MOSS

Leave 10.00 5½ miles Cat.4. Transport 80p. Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352.

Park cars: Old road (formerly part of A538 Wilmslow Road), 200 yards past entrance to Honey Bee Hotel, on left (layby now).

Field paths and tracks to Lindow Moss. Return via bridleway to Morley Green, then fields to Nans Moss Lane, thence return to cars for 3pm.

SUNDAY 23RD MAY - SOCIAL TRIP TO CARLISLE

We will leave The Downs at 8.00 am, picking up at the usual places. After stopping for coffee we will go on to Brougham Castle, where we can have another leg-stretch before going on to Carlisle. In the city there are a number of places to visit and walk round - and even a shop or two!

Seats are still available so feel free to book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340) - and invite your friends as this is a "no-walking" outing. Send cheques for £7 made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB to 14, Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, WA15 0BS.

SUNDAY 23RD MAY - LADYBOWER / DERWENT EDGE

Leave 8.45 12½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £4.30. Leaders: Phil & Ruth Worsley 777 6013.

Park cars: Free car park at Heatherdene - A6013. GR.202 858.

Ashopton, Derwent Edge, Lost Lad, Abbey Brook, Bamford House, Briery Side, Wellhead and return via reservoir edge path.

- WHIRLEY: LEES WOODS

Leave 10.00 6½/7 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £1.20. Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352.

Park cars: National Trust CP Pay & Display, adjacent to The Wizard Inn. (cost to be shared).

Via field paths to Daniel Hill skirting Hare Hill grounds. Woods to Fallibroome farm, ¾-mile road walk to Whirley, then via Chorley Hall and Lees Woods back via Findlow Hill and cars for 4.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY - MONSAL DALE / ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3. Transport £4. Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick 01625 532645.
Park cars: White Lodge Car Park (P&D to be shared) - A6 Buxton / Bakewell road. GR.170 705.
(where leaders will meet).

Monsal Dale to viaduct, climb Monsal Head, go through Little Longstone village, follow disused railway and footpaths via Holme Bridge to Ashford. Return via Sheepwash Bridge, Black Marble Quarry and Great Shacklow Wood.

- BOLLINGTON

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.30. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.
Park cars: Middlewood car park, Bollington. GR.931 781.

An easy walk on the slopes of Kerridge by an easy gradual path over to the top. Nothing difficult

SUNDAY 30TH MAY - NORTH RODE

Leave 10.00 6½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.30. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.
Park cars: Car park behind North Rode village hall. GR.889 665. Take the Macclesfield to Congleton Road and take 2nd sign to North Rode as may be diversion signs. Where leader will meet.

Easy walk to Gawsorth via Manor House, across to Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm. Back via Macclesfield canal to North Rode.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

JUNE - 'B' walks for 13th and 20th. Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752

WEDNESDAYS

JUNE - 'A', 'B', 'C' walks for all dates.

NOTE TO WEDNESDAY WALKS LEADERS - Until 5th May, 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

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' At time of booking, please inform Sylvia where you will be boarding the coach. (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay by 11th May, please)

SUNDAY 13TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

'A' walk 10 miles Cat.3/2. Leaders: John & June Watling
'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Dave & Erica Clarke
'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3. Leader: Keith Percy

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' .

SANDSTONE TRAIL CHALLENGE WALK - SATURDAY 29TH MAY

Alan Thorpe has entry forms for this challenging all day walk. Ring Alan on 980 5352.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm 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 5th May New Mills Newtown to Whaley Bridge. Meet NMN stn. 10.07 am. Return to New Mills by train.

Wednesday 12th May Buxton circular. Meet Buxton station 10.35 am.

Wednesday 26th May Hebden Bridge circular. Meet Hebden Bridge station 10.15 am.

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