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ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

MARCH 2005 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.

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH - MARBURY / ANDERTON

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10 Leader: Eric Stuffs 980 2955.

Park cars: Marbury Country Park. GR.652 764. P&D shared (£1.50). Return to cars: 2.45 pm.

By Budworth Mere, Trent & Mersey canal to Anderton Lift. Down to and along River Weaver / Witton Brook, and back through Marbury Country Park. One stile, good paths.

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH - EYAM / ABNEY

Leave 8.45 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Alan Macdonald 962 4345.

Park cars: Eyam car park, where leader will meet. GR. 216 767. Parking fee £3.50.

Over Bole Hill, Sir William Hill Road, Hazelford, Stoke Ford, Abney Clough, Abney, Nether Bretton, Foolow, then back to cars.

- ALDERLEY EDGE

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3/4. Transport: £1.55 Leader: Roy Clarke 928 9694.

Park cars: Alderley Edge Wizard car park. GR. SJ 860 773 (P&D to be shared).

From the car park to Shawcross and to Long Highlees Wood to Whirley farm, then road and paths to Fentontown farm, Hunters Pool, Danehill and car park.

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH - CONGLETON EDGE AND MOW COP

Leave 9.15 8¼ miles Cat.3. Transport £3.30 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.

Park cars: Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre CP. GR.893 594. Take A527 south from Congleton towards Biddulph for 3 miles. Turn left at the Biddulph Grange Garden National Trust sign but do not enter NT property. Carry on up hill for 200 yds or so and turn rt. into Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre.

Biddulph Valley Way (old railway line) to Whitemoor. Ascend and follow Congleton Edge via Nick i' th Hill to Mow Cop. Then past Tower Hill Farm and return to the cars along another section of the Biddulph Valley Way. Good views in fine weather. Some muddy parts and the odd awkward stile.

- WALKDEN

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648
Park cars: Blackieach Country Park. Jctn 13 M60 Worsley exit. Follow the A575 to Walkden. Half a mile north of Walkden town centre turn right after the Ellesmere shopping centre nearly opposite the St. John spire church. GR.736 038. Pathfinder 712 Bolton south.

Walk along two Rail Trails around old railways and colliery sites and back around the Country Park Lake. A bit of road walking in parts.

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH - CLITHEROE CIRCULAR (WEST)

Leave 8.30 12/13 miles Cat.3. Transport £4.50. Leader: John Keeble 794 1702.

Park cars: Spring Wood Picnic Site. GR. 741 361. On the right at traffic lights, at the junction of the A59 and A671. Where leader will meet.

Nick of Pendle to Howcroft Barn and on to the edges of Clitheroe. Clitheroe to Laddow Hall and river Ribble. Following the Roman Road bringing us to Calderstones and Whalley. Moorland and field paths.

- BUDWORTH MERE

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.85 Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.

Park cars: Road on right passed Cock O' Budworth PH. (Belmont Road). GR.658 782 (where leader will meet).

Cock O' Budwoth, Great Budworth (pretty village). Field paths to Marston. Trent & Mersey canal to Anderton Boat Lift. Back by Clay Croft farm and Budworth Mere.

WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH - RAINOW

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £2.70 Leaders: Mary & Alan Gerrard 980 7508.
Park cars: Middlewood Way car park, Bollington. GR.931 781.

Waulkmill Woods, Tower Hill, Hordern and Vale Royal farms, Lamaload reservoir, Ginclough and Rainow Low.

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH - ETHEROW

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £2.25 + shared parking charge. Leader: Don Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Etherow Country Park - Compstall. GR.965 909 (off B6104).

Emcroft Wood, Emcroft, Smithy Lane farm, Moorside, Coombes Edge, Charlesworth, Chew, Bothams Hall, Idle Hill, Werneth Low.

- MARTON

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.55 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.
Park cars: Bunce Lane, Marton. (sign-posted Somerford & Swettenham), off A34 on right. Park on grass verge, beyond houses. GR.847 683.

A varied walk around the pleasant village of Marton.

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH - SETT VALLEY & OLLERSET MOOR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.45 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler 973 7188.
Park cars: Hayfield Visitor Centre car park by bus station. GR.037 870. Through New Mills on A6015. Turn left with car park sign on entering Hayfield.

Along Sett Valley Trail to New Mills, Goyt Way. Returning across the moor with some awkward stiles to Hayfield.

- KINGSLEY & NORLEY

Leave 9.30 5¼ miles Cat.4. Transport £3.45. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.
Park cars: GR.556 723. Take A54, turn right at B5152 (Station Rd, Delamere). Car park is on right (opp. Carriers Inn), approx.¾-mile beyond Delamere Railway Station. P&D (£1) to be shared.

An easy walk with one gradual climb, passing through the villages of Norley and Kingsley, before returning to Hatchmere Picnic Park.

GOOD FRIDAY 25TH MARCH - CHATSWORTH (BY KIND PERMISSION OF PETER HARRIS)

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5 Leaders: Mary & Alan Gerrard 980 7508.
Park cars: Calton Lees car park on B6012 in Chatsworth Park. GR.259 685.

Up past Beeley Hill Top and across moorland to Hob Hurst's House and on through open country to above the Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood and Chatsworth House (afternoon tea stop), then along the river to car park.

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH - LADYBOWER / DERWENT EDGE

Leave 8.45 10½ miles Cat.2/3 (in equal measure) Transport £5. Leader: Phil and Ruth Worsley 777 6013. Park cars: Free public car park at Heatherdene. A6013. GR.202 858.

10½ miles of steady walking in the Dark Peak with two climbs. Good paths and tracks, and good views. Calling at Ashopton, Salt Cellar, Back Tor, Abbey Bank, Bricket Side, Hellhead and Derwent Reservoir.

- LYME PARK

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.80. Leader: John Chapman 962 3758.
Park cars: Nelson Pit car park, Higher Poynton. GR. 945 834.

Across canal, straight across the park to Bowstone Gate. Zig zag in and out of park to Westgate, Green farm, and back to canal and car park. Return to cars 2.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH - ETHEROW / MARPLE BRIDGE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.25. Leaders: Pat Thorley 928 6099, & Jack Garstang 980 6349. Park cars: Brabyns Park CP, Marple Bridge A626. GR. 964 895 (where leaders will meet).

To Etherow Country Park, Botham's Hall, Higher Stirrup Farm. Mill Brow, Bottoms Bridge. Could be muddy in places. Good views on return which is mostly track and lane. Rtn to cars 3.30 pm. approx