

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

JANUARY 2006 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.

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY - No leaders for today

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY - MILLINGTON AREA

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport: 50p Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton [REDACTED]
Park cars: Lay-by off A556, in front of Nags Head PH, which is on the right, before crossing over M56, heading from Altrincham towards Northwich. Pass through gap in central reservation to enter access road to pub. GR.742 854.

A pleasant, easy walk round Millington & Little Bollington, passing Sean Hawkins Meadow, Agden Brook, Booth Bank Children's Activity Farm.

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY - TITTESWORTH/HEATHYLEE

Leave 8.30 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport: £3.45 Leaders: Alan Gerrard [REDACTED] & Brian Billington [REDACTED]
Park cars: Take road from Meerbrook past north-end of Tittesworth Reservoir. The car park is 750 metres further on the right-hand side (GR.999 604). Note NOT the car park at the Visitors Centre by the reservoir.

Upper Hulme - cross MOD land to Morridge. Across wild moorland to Newtown. Boosley Grange to Blake Brook returning via Lower Fleet Green and the Mermaid. We will pass through some very, very, muddy farms and there are no distinct paths over the moorland.

- BRERETON HEATH

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.85. Leaders: Heather Wykes [REDACTED]
Park cars: GR. 795 649. Take A54 Holmes Chapel to Congleton Rd. At approx. 3½ miles turn right towards Brereton Heath Country Park on Bagmore Lane. Continue on past the entrance to a junction, turn left onto Brereton Heath Lane and park cars on the laybys and where leader will meet.

A walk around Brereton Heath to Smethwick Green Farm - Home Farm - Medhurst Green Farm, circling round to Moorhead Farm. Illinge Green - Long Lane Farm, then circling back to Brereton Heath via the church near to Brereton Hall.

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY - RIVINGTON

Leave 9.45 6½ miles Cat.4. Transport: £3.30. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth [REDACTED] and Derek Dawson 748 1250. Park cars: Great Barn information centre. GR.628 139. (where leaders will meet). M60, M61. Leave motorway at J6. Turn right onto A6027. Pass Bolton Wanderers new ground. Left onto A673 for Horwich, continue through Horwich to roundabout and take the first road on the right after the roundabout. Large stone pillars where you turn. Continue along this road for about

2 miles. Sign indicates left hand turn for Great Barn car park.

Rivington Hall Barn, Knowle House, The Castle, Lower Rivington Reservoir, Yarrow Reservoir, Upper Rivington Reservoir. (No stiles).

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY - BOLLINGTON

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3. Transport: TBA. Leader: John Keeble [REDACTED]
Park cars: Car park - Bollington Road Ranger Centre, Bollington. GR.931 781.

Bollington, White Nancy, Rainow, Endon House, Savio Retreat Centre, Highwayman PH and then on to Berristall Hall and Pott Shrigley. Back by way of Middlewood Way.

WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY - HAGUE BAR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.85. Leaders: Jim Mallin [REDACTED]
Veronica Dunkley 928 4629. Park cars: Riverside car park, Hague Bar. GR.936 857 - on right of B6102, Marple/ New Mills road, or on left approx. 1/2-mile after Rams Head, Disley on A6; where leaders will meet, but if anyone requires a lift, please ring Jim Mallin.

We start with a steep pull up Goyt's Way, then across the Golf Course to Cobster Cottage to Briargrove farm, then returning by Chesterton Lane Farm, Moorend and Birchenough. Plenty of stiles, (some awkward) and muddy in places, but good views weather permitting.

- PRIMROSE HILL, DELAMERE

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £3.50. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.
Park cars: Barns Bridge car park. GR.542 716. Take B5152 going north and turn left into Ashton Rd.
A pleasant walk through Delamere Forest onto Primrose Hill. A little road walking but with good view

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY - WILDBOARCLOUGH & HARTINGTON UPPER QUARTER

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.1/2. Transport: £2.70. Leader: Keith Wykes [REDACTED].
Park cars: GR. SJ97800 71495. To Langley, then above and beyond Trentabank Reservoir on minor road to 'T' junction on eastern fringe of Macclesfield Forest. L & L into CP and where leader will meet.

NB: An alternative walk will be offered (at Altrincham meeting point) should winter driving conditions be prohibitive.

An exhilarating winter's walk starting at 1200 ft, taking in Broughspace, Torgate and Stake Farms (1700 ft) before dropping down to Deep Clough (1100 ft) and contouring round Goyt's Moss to the Cat and Fiddle (1700 ft) and Wildboarclough Valley floor (970 ft). Panoramic views.

- GT. BUDWORTH

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £1.80. Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie [REDACTED].
Park cars: Smithy Lane Gt. Budworth - GR.664 775 (where leaders will meet). Take road A556 from Altrincham - cross over M6 and turn right by side of Windmill PH. On to B5075 road.

Walking field paths, passing Budworth Mere. Marbury Park, Anderton Lift and Marina, along the canal to the Lion Salt Works at Marston and then returning across fields back to Gt. Budworth.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY - CONGLETON AND THE EDGE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.30. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin [REDACTED].
Park cars: Astbury Mere Country Park. GR.846 627. Take A34 south from Congleton. Turn left 100 yards after island junction with A54 and A534 into Sandy Lane. (Signpost to 'Astbury Country Park'). Sandy Lane leads into car park.

Along Macclesfield canal and Biddulph Valley Way (old railway). Rather steep and muddy climb onto Congleton Edge which is followed to Nick I' th' Hill. Path along the edge is uneven under foot. Then by Castle and Fairfields Farms before joining the canal again. Across Astbury Golf Course and back to the cars.

- HATCHMERE

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £3.30. Leader: John Chapman [REDACTED].
Park cars: Hatchmere picnic area. GR.555 723 (P&D £2 to be shared). From Altrincham take A556 towards Chester. About 2 miles after Sandiway reach Oakmere, turn right B5152 signed Delamere. One-mile beyond Delamere station reach cross-roads at Hatchmere. Car park 50 yds beyond on right. Return to cars: 2.30 pm approx.

Pleasant walk in and about Delamere Forest returning via Harthill Bank. Good paths.

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY - DISLEY & MELLOR

Leave 8.45 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.55 Leader: Colin Turner [REDACTED].
Park cars: Disley station. GR.974 846 (where leader will meet).

From Disley we join the Cown Edge Way to Strines, Mellor and Hollywood End. Field paths to Brook Bottom then Ringstones Farm, Briargrove Farm. Woodhouse Home. Walk through Hague Bar back to Disley. Return to cars: 3 pm (approx).

- HIGHER POYNTON / LYME PARK

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.70. Leader: John Chapman [REDACTED].
Park cars: Nelson Pit car park. Higher Poynton.

Into the Park via Elmerhurst Cottage, through the Park passed the Hall and return via Green Farm. Good paths. Return to cars 2.30 pm (approx).