

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER CIRCULAR 2008

1. **All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station .**
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. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - CHROME HILL & HOLLINSCLOUGH

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.50 Leaders: Roy Merritt 941 7469, Elizabeth Downie 904 9775 and Jean Lewis 928 8870

Park Cars : Brand Top (GR 045 685). From Buxton take A53. Take 2nd turn on left after Harpur Hill road, signed Brandside. In 1 mile park on verge near phone box.

Farm tracks via Fairthorn, Thirkelow and Booth farms to Chrome Hill. Tricky climb to summit with some scrambling. Alternative route avoiding summit in inclement weather. Steep descent. Hollinsclough village and Rake, Howe Green. Mud in places. Lovely views.

- RAMSBOTTOM TO BURY

5 miles Cat.4. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 and Giulio Poletti 962 7548.

Because of the demand last year we are repeating this walk again this year.

We propose to start by getting the Metro to Bury on the first available tram after 9.30 (don't forget your passes). On arrival in Bury walk through the bus station to the Memorial Square where the leaders will meet at 10.45. From there we will walk to the East Lancs Railway where we hope to catch a steam train scheduled for 11.45 to Ramsbottom.

Cost of train £2.90 single. This is an estimate, we will try to obtain a group discount if there are sufficient walkers and we get agreement on the day.

A walk from Ramsbottom following the Irwell Valley Sculpture Trail back to Bury.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER - THE ROACHES & HEN CLOUD

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.45 Leader: Chris Sadler 980 5007 or 0774 0777184
Park cars: On road just past the Ship Inn in Wincle.

Hangingstone farm, Roach End, Rockhall, Hen Cloud, Bearstone Rock, and back to the cars on the Dane Valley Way.

- LLANGOLLEN

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £6 + portion of car park charge.

Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards 962 3301. Park cars: Llangollen town centre CP (leave 10.30).

From Llangollen we make our way through the Pen-y-coed Woods to Croes yr Esgob and on to the Froncysyllte Aqueduct, returning to cars along the Llangollen canal towpath.

- MOBBERLEY

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.35 Leaders: Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 & Joe Jones

973 2019. Park cars: Ashley / Mobberley. Mobberley Rd, Pepper St., Smith Lane. Left onto B5085. First road on right – Pavement Lane. Take 2nd on left by farm down rough road. Turn right at end, park in barn on left. OK with owner.

Gleve House farm, Mount Pleasant farm, Damson Lane, Town Lane. - 15 stiles

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

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

'A' walk - 7.5 miles Cat.4/3. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

Our walk starts at the foot of Rydal Bank, Wordsworth's home in the Lakes. From here we make our way past Rydal Water, across Loughrigg Terrace past Grasmere to Grasmere village where we will have time for a short stay before making our way back to Ambleside via the Old Coffin Route. The coach will be parked at Waterhead near the Windermere jetties.

B' walk - 5 miles Cat.3. Leader: Yvonne Houfe
Starting near Rydal church the route follows the south side of Rydal Water.
We cross the A591 near White Moss Common and after a short pull uphill join the track which leads via Rydal Hall and Park back into Ambleside.

Coffee/ tea stop at Burton Services on M6.

The coach is full, but ring Pam Floyd 962 5311 for cancellations nearer the time.

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - PANNIERS POOL

Leave 9.15 8.7 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60 Leader: Stan Riley 980 2765

Park cars: Peak National Car Park, Clough House. GR.987 699. A537 Macclesfield to Buxton 3.5 miles after Arighi Bianci (shortly after Walker Barn) turn right, right again after 1.6 miles, then 1.7 miles to car park on left.

Banktop, Gradbach YHA, Dane View House, Panniers Pool (lunch), Reeve-edge Quarries, Danebower Quarries, Danebower Hollow, Cumberland Brook. Return to cars: 3.15 to 3.30 pm.

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO CAPEL CURIG

The coach will leave from outside M&S Sale at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up places

. 'A' walk 10 miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Ron Armsden

A scenic walk from Capel Curig over moorland paths crossing Clog-wyn-mawr and Crimpiau. We descend to walk round Llyn Crafnant, at Cynllwyd we then climb out of the valley through pine woods on forest tracks passing Llyn Bychan and continue over moorland back to Capel Curig.

'B' walk - 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

From Capel Curig Post Office we will walk anticlockwise on a well-defined path to Lake Crafnant returning to Capel Curig via the Trefiw Forest and past Llyn Bychan and Llyn Goddionduon.

'C' walk - 5¾ miles Cat.3 Leader: Margaret Ledger

We begin our walk at the Ugly House and take the path skirting the forest. Nearer Capel we drop to the road, cross the river and follow forest tracks to Bryn Engen and the main road, before heading for the village. A lovely varied walk.

At the time of writing the coach is full but it would be worth asking about cancellations nearer the time. (980 8340)

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - BURNLEY

Leave 8.30 am 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00 Leader: Alan Gerrard 980 7508.

Park cars: Clowbridge Reservoir Car Park - GR823282. M66,A56 to Rawtenstall. Take the A682 towards Burnley. Turn right, just past the Bei-Jing Restaurant on the left, approx 4 miles from the second roundabout in Rawtenstall. Signposted Rossendale Sailing Club. The public car park is immediately on the right.

Visit the Panopticon on Crown Point and onwards to join the Burnley Way to Buckley Wood. Long climb up to Thieveley Pike and along the top to Green's Clough. Return via field paths and the Rossendale Way. Some rough going at times.

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - BUXTON VIEWS & GOYT MOOR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.45 Leader: Jill Chandler 973 7188

Park cars: Car park at bottom of 'The Street'. opposite dam between Fernilee/Errwood Reservoirs GR.013 757. At Kettlethulme on B5470, take 'Goyt Valley' road.

Bunsal Cobb, Old Cromford – High Peak Railway Line, Buxton Views, Goyt Moor & Goyt Valley.

- **NORTH OF WHITCHURCH**

Leave 9.00 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £6 Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617.

Park cars. Opposite the Blue Bell Inn. GR SJ 532 454. Go south on the A49.(road turns right at the Red Fox PH) A couple of miles after you see the impressive stone casellated wall and gate on the right. Turn right at the sign "Bickley Church, No Mans Heath, Malpas". Follow road until T-junction with A41 turn left onto the A41 after 1.6 miles turn right at the (2nd) sign "Bell O'the Hill." The Blue Bell Inn is a couple of 100 yds down

Field Paths, canal, numerous stiles, not flat. A repeat of 27 July, walk Re-categorised on advice.

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - DERWENT EDGE AND HAGG SIDE

Leave 8.30 13.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 . Leaders: Susan & Peter Darby 980 3908.
Park cars: Heatherdene (Severn Trent Water) Car Park. Follow A57 over Ladybower Viaduct, turn right on to A6013. The car park is a short distance on the left after the anglers' car park. GR202860

A climb on to Derwent Ridge, past Wheelstones, Salt Cellar and Cakes of Bread to Lost Lad. Across Greystones Moss to Derwent Reservoir on to Lockerbrook, Hagg Side and Crook Hill then back to cars. Return to cars: 4.30 approx.

- **DISLEY**

Leave 9.15 7 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.55 Leader: Derrick Hamer 969 3821.
Park cars: Long-stay public car park accessed through the car park of The Hungry Horse, (previously the Rams Head) (SJ 974 845) which is situated off the A6, Buxton Road, West, near to Disley Railway Station.

We climb gently out of Disley to the golf-course – making our way via the Peak Forest Canal up to Mellor golf course, and reaching our highest point 'Copstone' . Our return journey is through the hamlet of Brook Bottom and continuing down to Strines, then back onto the canal to Disley. When pioneered this was a lovely autumnal walk with fine views.

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER - TOCKHOLES / DARWEN MOOR

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.90 Leaders: Bernard Butterworth 973 2652 and Derek Dawson 748 1250. Park cars: Ryal Fold. GR.665 215 (where leaders will meet). M60, M61, A666. Follow St.Peters Way to end of dual carriageway and continue on Blackburn Rd (still A666). Immediately after crossing A58, fork left in front of 'Three Pigeons' PH onto A675 – Belmont Road. Pass through Belmont village and about 2 miles further turn right onto minor road s/p Tockholes. Car park 1.5 miles on the right. Park cars in back car park near café.

Upper Roddlesworth Reservoir, Tockholes Plantation, Piccadilly, Hollinshead Hall, long gradual ascent onto Darwen Moor, Jubilee Tower, Sunneyhurst Hey Reservoir

- **NEW - LINDOW MOSS, MORLEY and LUNCH**

Leave 10.30 3.5 Miles Cat.4 Transport £1.20 Leaders Betty Hollinshead 432 1761 and Joan Smyllie 998 6596
Park Cars Ned Yates Garden Centre. Altrincham Rd. A538 towards Wilmslow .Turn right on to Buckingham Rd. (Just past Boddington Arms) at T junction right onto Moor Lane, at Agapanthas shop facing you, veer right and follow Garden Centre signs to park there.

A short walk with coffee stop (bring Coffee) by lane and paths across Lindow Moss and then by Rossmere lake and paths to Eccops Lane. Through woodland , grassy tracks to Ned Yates Garden Centre for lunch. Some places left. Book lunch with leaders by September 15th

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - DIMPLE / TURTON

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.60 Leader: Harry Hewlett 962 4869 – 07950 689777
Park Cars : Crookfield Road CP. GR.665 191 - Explorer 19
Out of Bolton on the A666, bearing left onto the A675. Crookfield Road is on the right approx. 2 miles north of the village of Belmont. The carpark is on the LHS about 100M along the road.

From car park - Witton Weavers Way (or by way of Turton Moor) to Moss Side Plantation, Hole Bottom, Dimple, Horridge Farm, Three Lowes, Turton & Entwistle Reservoir, Edge Fold, Cranberry Moss, Brookside Farm, White Hill, Higher Pasture farm to car park.

**WHITE EDGE, LONGSHAW ESTATE, GROUSE INN,
FROGGATT AND CURBAR EDGES**

Leave 9.00 8½ miles Cat.3. Transport £6. Leader: Anne Brooker 973 2179.
Park cars: Curbar Edge CP. P&D £3.50 GR. 26 75 (White Peak W) A6 to Chapel-en-le-Frith, A623 to Stoney Middleton. At Calver crossroads, turn left onto A625, then 1st right (Froggatt). Drive over the river, then 1st right (to Curbar). Follow road through Curbar village to T-junction with give way sign. Turn left, follow winding road uphill to car park on left. (May be possible to park at roadside)

After a short climb at the start, this is an easy and invigorating walk along gritstone edges of NE Derbyshire, with views across the Derwent Valley towards Eyam Moor and north towards Carl Wark and Higger Tor

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From car park - a short uphill walk on to White Edge (20 mins), then approx 2-mile walk along the edge, with superb views in all directions. We descend gradually to the Longshaw Estate, passing behind Longshaw House and Visitor Centre. We follow the estate drive for about 1¼ miles, before coming out on to the road, passing the Grouse Inn (optional drinks stop!). We then follow field paths, returning along Froggatt and Curbar Edges, with the unusual rock formations and stunning views – nothing difficult! NB: For those not wanting to do the whole walk, it is possible to take a short cut from White Edge to the Grouse Inn (omitting Longshaw Estate), with a wait of approx 1½ hours, for the rest of the party. (approx. 6½ miles)

- **REDESMERE**

Leave 9.45 5¼ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40 Leaders: Joe & Connie Jones 973 2019.
Park cars: GR. 849 713. Follow A34 past Monks Heath to Siddington. Turn left into Redesmere just after left turn to village.

Via fields and road to Siddington - note about ½ -mile on busy narrow road. Then a short walk along A34 to fields, paths and farms to Capesthorne Estate and through the village back to cars.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - 'A' walks – All November and onwards. 'C' walks 5th, 12th, & 19th October and November. onwards

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
Joe Jones 973 2019 ('C' walks).

WEDNESDAYS - October – 1st - B & C walks, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th – 'A', 'B' and 'C' walks.
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY

'A' walk 9 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Margaret Ledger
'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3 Leaders: Heather Wykes and Derrick Hamer
'C' walk 5 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Edna Adderley

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340) 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS
with a cheque for £8.50 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'
(bookings will not be taken before 19th August).

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2008. QUIZ & HOTPOT SUPPER

To be held at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley.
Please contact Doreen Aldridge Tel:- 973 4370 for any available tickets.

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns. Starting at 8pm.

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - AUTUMN HOEDOWN

At The Larkhill Centre, Timperley Village. Caller Jean Seymour.
Tickets Price £8.00 (light supper included) available from Doreen Aldridge Tel:- 973 4370
Connie Jones Tel:-973 2019 Barry Rice Tel:-962 2377.

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

At All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns.
Volunteers are required to help with this event . Please ring Doreen (973 4370) with offers.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Wednesday 31st December 2008 at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 23rd September at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley

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