

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

MARCH CIRCULAR 2012

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

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH - DIGGLE TO MARSDEN

Leave: 08.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 or 07740 777184

Park Cars: In Tame Valley car park in Sam Road, Diggle. Explorer Map OL1. SE006079. Post Code OL3 5PU. Take J23 Ashton-under-Lyne from the M60 and follow the A635 then the A670 signed to Mossley. Travelling north through Diggle, Sam Road is 200m past the Hanging Gate pub which is on the left. Turn right into Sam Road and the car park is on the right after about 250m.

This walk explores the moors above the Standedge Tunnels. Starting from the Diggle portal of the tunnels we go north and climb steadily for about 2 miles up onto the moors and to the Pennine Way. We continue north on the Pennine Way before turning east and following the Station to Station Walk to drop down to the north portal of the tunnels in Marsden. We then walk through Marsden and on the Standedge Trail climb steadily back up onto the moors before dropping back down into Diggle.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH - WINCLE

Leave: 09.30 9 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.60

Leader Phil Brownhill 01925754749

Park cars Discreet roadside parking below the Ship Inn, Wincle GR 964 652

Ship Inn to Allmeadows and up to Hammerton Knowl. Down via Longgutter to Hammerton Farm and across to Wincle Grange.

Join Gritstone Trail to Barleigh Ford Bridge and via the Dane Valley Way to Danebridge.

Return to cars: 3.30 to 4.00

RIVER MERSEY

Leaving: 09.30 6.9 miles Cat: 4 Transport £1.00

Leader: Norman Felton 0161 748 3493

Return to Cars: 2.30

Park Cars: At the Atlas Bathrooms Car Park, on Newton Street opposite Stretford Mall, on Chester Road. Sat Nav. M32 8LS GR SJ 797 943

Meet in the Atlas car park at 10.15. Go by bus, metro or even walk there. This walk is flat, not even an incline. The paths are wide and well made. No stiles. We walk canals, rivers, babbling brooks, lakes and ponds. Bird life in abundance and a hide. Two nature reserves and wildflower meadows

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH - WALSDEN/STOODLEY PIKE

Leave: 08.45 11 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £6.40

Leader: Ian Stenhouse 0161 926 8446 (07713030118 on day)

Park Cars: On Scott St., Walsden GR SD933216 Take A6033 from Littleborough to Walsden. Scott Street is on left just after entrance to parking for Riggs Garden Centre. Park on side of road outside cricket ground.

From Walsden climb up to the Pennine Bridleway, then by Gaddings Dam to Langfield Edge. Drop down to Mankinholes and then to Stoodley Pike by the Pennine Bridleway and Pennine Way. Down to Withens Clough Reservoir and up to Warland Drain. Then to Warland Reservoir and back down to Walsden.

LYME PARK

Leave 09.15 7 miles approx Cat.3 Transport £3.20
Leaders: Beryl Hunwick 0161 928 3644 and Edna Adderley 980 7753
Park Cars: Side approach at Disley Station on the A6 (on the right, a short distance after the main entrance to Lyme Park)

A lovely walk with some gentle climbing from North Lodge up to the Cage, giving good views on a clear day. The walk takes you by the reservoirs, along part of the Gritstone Trail, through Knightslow Wood on to Bowstonegate, Cock Knoll Farm and Bollinhurst Bridge. Can be muddy in places, there is some lane walking and several stiles, but none too difficult.

WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH - BETWEEN WILDBOARCLOUGH & FLASH

Leave: 09.15 10.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.60
Leader: Alan Gerrard 0161 980 7508
Park Cars: Clough House CP, Wildboarclough GR SJ987699.

Crag Hall, Birchenough Hill, Wicken Walls and climb up Wolf Edge. Return via Three Shires Heads and Cumberland Clough. Part of this walk involves crossing new access land with relatively easy going.

DANEBRIDGE AREA – WITH HOT POT LUNCH

Leave: 09.15 5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80
Leader: Heather Wykes 01625618782
Park Cars: On the road past the Ship Inn at Wincle GR 962 652 Map OL24
A circular walk followed by lunch at Blaze Farm.
Cheques payable to H.V. Wykes 30 Langdale Close Macclesfield SK 11 7YS £6 to be paid by 10th March

SUNDAY 18th MARCH - DARWEN AND TOCKHOLES

Leave: 08.30 12.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport: £5.40
Leader: Colin Turner 0161 973 7770
Park Cars: Crookfield Road Car Park GR 665 191.
Take A675 North of Bolton sp Belmont. In 2 miles beyond Belmont turn right into Crookfield Road, car park on left in 200 yards. Return to Cars: 4 pm approx

We follow the Witton Weavers Way North to Darwen (Jubilee) Tower, Sunnyhurst and Tockholes before turning south to Abbey village and Tockholes plantations back to the cars. Can be a bit muddy but great views on a nice day.

HOLLINGWORTH LAKE / BLACKSTONE EDGE

Leave: 09.30 6.5 miles Cat. 3/2ish Transport: £5.60
Leader: Derrick Hamer 0161 969 3821 On the day only 07731754146
Park Cars: Visitor Centre Pay & Display Car Park, cost to be shared. GR 939 152. Explorer OL21
Take M60 & M62, leave at Junction 21. Watch for the A640 and go left. Turn right into B6225 and follow through to Hollingworth Lake. Follow signs for Visitor Centre and Car Park at the north end of the lake
Leader will meet outside Visitor Centre.

From the Visitor Centre we make our way to the Rochdale Way towards Lydgate. Along a Roman Road to Aiggin Stone. We turn into Blackstone Edge where weather permitting we get panoramic views. Our return takes us across Hoar Edge, Clegg Moor passing Benny Hill (that's right!) and back to the cars

WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH - DOVESTONES

Leave: 09.15am 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: £4.50
Leaders: Brenda Bailey 01619009177 mobile 07561341396
Park Cars: Dovestone Reservoir Car Park - parking £1.30 per day. Toilets at car park
Leave M60 at J23 Ashton under Lyne. Follow A635 Holmfirth Road. Go through Mossley and a little further on turn right into Dovestone Reservoir Car Park on the right where leader will meet.
Start from Dovestone Reservoir climbing up to Chew Reservoir then along the edge of the moors up towards Dean Rocks. Please note there is a very long steep descent on the way down.

DISLEY AND WHALEY MOOR

Leave: 9.30 7 miles Cat: 3 Transport £3.20
Leader: Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409. Mobile 0773 327 0371
Park Cars: Public car park at Disley Station GR 974846.
A6 to Disley and turn right towards station. CP on left. Alternatively use station end of Rams Head CP.

A very gentle climb from Disley to Whaley Moor from where there are panoramic views in fine weather. Descend to Furness Vale, and return to the cars along Peak Forest Canal.

SUNDAY 25th MARCH - WINTER HILL AND SCOTCHMAN'S STUMP

Leaving: 9.00 10.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £5.40
Leader: Pauline Glover, Tony Davies, Beverly Harrison 07742613309, 0161 9695962, 0161 928 1093
Park Cars: Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road. GR: SD97117
M60, M61, A666. A6099, - follow brown signs. Park in main car park, up hill, passing coaching house.

From Smithills Hall to Green Nook and long slow climb to Scotchman's Stump and masts. Then towards Two Lads Hill and down to Pike Cottage and Wilderswood. Short climb to Burnt Edge, down to Walker Fold and Barrow Bridge and back to cars. Great views if you can see the masts but also boggy bits.

LINDOW COMMON: LINDOW MOSS

Leave: 09.45 4.5 miles Cat. 4 Transport £2.00
Leader: Alan Thorpe 0161 976 1154
Park Cars: Racecourse Road Car Park Lindow Common
A538 Wilmslow Road, turn right past Boddington Arms Public House. Car Park on the left immediately.

Walk across Lindow Common, Chapel Lane, Strawberry Lane, Bridleways over Lindow Moss to Lindow End. Return via Newgate to cars.

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH - TODMORDEN / STOODLEY PIKE

Leave: 09.00 9 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £6.40
Leaders: Tony Davies 0161 969 5962. Beverley Harrison 0161 928 1093
Park cars: At the road side of Longfield Road. 100 yards on right. GR: - 936 240 (P.C. OL146)
A6033 in to Todmorden. Approaching the town centre the road curves right. At end of the curve, Longfield road is on the right.

From cars to Rake End, Warland Reservoir, Stoodley Pike. Then down to Mankinholes, Lobb Mill and the Rochdale Canal.

REDDISH VALE

Leave: 10.00 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.10 - No P&D.
Leaders: Barry Rice 0161 962 2377 Giulio Poletti 0161 962 7648.
Park cars: Reddish Vale Country Park which is reached from Jct.27 off the M60 at Stockport.
Turn left up the hill to the roundabout at the top and follow the A6167 to Reddish. In approximately one mile there is a BP garage on your right. Take the next road on the right signposted Reddish Country Park which is at the bottom of the lane past Reddish Vale School.

A walk from Reddish Vale to Tiviot Dale along the Trans-Pennine Way and via the River Dane.

REDESMERE

Leave: 9.30 7.5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.90
Leader: Frank Dockry 0161 973 6617
Park cars: Redesmere Lane SJ849 713
Follow A34 south. Turn left into Redesmere Lane, go approximately 400 yards. Park in front of water.

A circular walk. East from car park then south to Marton Lane, west to Mere Moss and then north to the west end of Capesthorpe Hall lakes. Along the lakes and back to cars. Some mud and some stiles

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS – Contact Phil Worsley – 0161 777 6013 (A walks)

Derrick Hamer – 0161 969 3821 ('B' walks) Anne Macaulay – 0161 941 2976 ('C' walks)

WEDNESDAYS - 4th April – C Walk, 11th April - B Walk, 18th April - B Walk, 25th April - B & C Walks
Contact John Drinkwater 0161 969 1557

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm - Slide Show at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road.

Andy Leader will show his amazing pictures. £3 at the door

CLUB WEEK END SCARBOROUGH - 30th March / 2nd April 2012

The Coach will leave Sale M&S at 08.30. Please be at your pick up point in plenty of time. Do not forget your packed lunch as we will be walking from the coach to the Hotel. Full details on the coach.

PLEASE NOTE - Pick up point No 5 is - ALTRINCHAM INTERCHANGE not The Downs.

COACH TRIPS - 2012

WEDNESDAY

9th May - Ingleton
27th June - Grasmere
25th July - Pateley Bridge
12th September - Llandudno

SUNDAY

20th May - Coniston
10th June - Sedbergh
8th July - Social Day Out
12th August - Church Stretton
23rd September - Settle

ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday 9th May Coach Trip to Ingleton, B Walk 7.5 miles; Category 3; Leader Alison Wilkes.

Friday 21st September HARVEST SUPPER – Details to follow

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Both Joan Holmes and Jean Armsden wish to thank all who sent get-well cards and good wishes during their recent stays in hospital. Both are now home and feeling much better.

Mary Gerrard would like to thank members for their cards, emails and phone calls received whilst she is unable to be out walking with the Club.

Alison Wilkes would like to say thank you to David & Liz White and everybody else on the Carrbrook Walk, Wednesday 8th February for all their kind help when she fell and broke her right arm.

Hopefully back on the trail soon!

Sadly we have to report the death of Vernon Hill who died suddenly at home recently. Vernon had been in the Club for many years and a regular walker, latterly with the 'C' group.

Joan Holmes would like to say thank you for all the sympathy cards she has received following the death of her close friend Vernon

SOCIAL EVENT INSURANCE

The club has to include wording in the guidelines to cover social events as well as rambling in order to be able to renew our insurance. This section is to be added to the text as a temporary measure pending full review and approval.

5. Social Events and other non-walking events, including during coach trips.

Only members, prospective members and their guests, and invited speakers, hoe-down callers or other visitors are permitted to attend these events.

Participants are expected to behave responsibly at these events in order to minimise the risk of accidents. Excessive consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

Organisers and helpers shall maintain order at these events.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 6th March at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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