

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

MARCH CIRCULAR 2013

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
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - HOEDOWN - With Fred.

Timperley Village Hall – Stockport Road, Timperley. Coffee and Cake served.

Tickets from Derrick Hamer 969 3821 Price £5. Friends welcome.

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - ADLINGTON

Please note Park cars in layby adjacent to Legh Arms – A523.

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH - VALE OF LLANGOLLEN

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader Alan Key 941 4359 Mob No: 0776 162 4521

Park Cars: Car park at the North end of the Famous high canal Aqueduct PontCysyllte SJ272423.

Take Ruabon exit off the A483 onto A539 towards Llangollen, follow this for 2.5 miles before turning left into Station road (B5434) at Trevor. The car park is second left by the 'Telford' Pub. Follow brown signs labelled 'Aqueduct'; or post code of adjacent boat yard LL20 7TP

A circuit of the Vale of Llangollen. Starting with a section of Offa's Dyke path, Dinas Bran, Horseshoe falls, Llangollen, Pen-y-coed, Llwybr Ceiriog trail, Pen-y-Graig before finishing across the aqueduct.

- BOLLINGTON & POTT SHRIGLEY

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.3/2 * Transport £3.40

*(pavement/road walking at beginning then mostly hill walking circa. 200 mtrs).

Leaders Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigg (07786 796261 on day)

Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP(Toilets) opp.Vale Inn, Adlington Rd, Bollington,GR SJ931781 (or opp. Sports Centre if CP is full); where leaders will meet at Rangers' Office.

Drift through the past follow the 'Montgomery Mole' Symbol to be transported back in time; walk in the steps of the miners as they dig for coal and fireclay during the Industrial Revolution (spotting the relics of adits, spoil heaps, soughs, gin circles and bell pits):Harrop Valley; Bakestonedale Moor; Macclesfield Canal returning via Styperson Pool. N.B .As well as an outside lunch stop, possibility of inside refreshments along the way.

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH - TRENTABANK / MACCLESFIELD FOREST

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: TBA

Leader Jack Garstang 980-6349

Park Cars: Trentabank visitors centre. Grid ref. SJ962712. Take A523 out of Macclesfield,turn left to Sutton and left to Langley, past pub (Leathers Smithy). Next left up to carpark on right P&D.

Down past the Smithy to Bottoms Reservoir. Across dam and rt under Teggs nose to Walker Barn. Climb up to Forest Chapel (lunch). Back through Forest. Exellent views if clear. Return to Cars: 3-30

- PARK BRIDGE

Leave 0930 5 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.40

Leaders Derek Dawson 748 1250 & Bernard Butterworth 973 2652

Park cars Park Bridge Heritage Centre. GR.939 024 (where leaders will meet). M60 to J23. Left onto A6140 (Moss Way). Turning right onto Lord Sheldon Way. After second roundabout turn left onto A627 Oldham. In 1.2 miles after crossing over river Medlock at Bardsley Bridge turn right into Park Bridge Road. Forward onto cobbled road when Alt Hill Lane bears left uphill. Then at the next fork in the road keep left (to the Heritage Centre).

A walk of varied landscapes linking an early industrial settlement with a country park based on a former canal network. One short climb and steps down on one path,

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH - LYME PARK SURROUNDINGS

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.00

Leader Howard Meadowcroft 904 0016 07960469488

Park Cars: Nelson Pit Car Park Higher Poynton.GR 945 834.

From Poynton centre cross roads, Chester Road A5149 and London Road North A523 go down Park Lane at fork go left Middlewood Road, right Anson Road cross Shrigley Road Nth.CP on left.

Canal, Dale Top, Gritstone Trail, Holme Wood, Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll, Bollinhurst Res. Elmerhurst Cottage, Ladybrook Valley Trail. Return to Cars: 15:00

- **GRADBACH AND LUDS CHURCH**

Leave 09.00 7 miles Cat. 3 Transport £5.80

Leader Beryl Hunwick 928 3644

Park Cars Gradbach Car Park GR 998 662

From Macclesfield take A523 Leek road, turn left down Byron's Lane, follow lane (keeping to right) until it joins A54, turn left; at Allgreave Rose & Crown turn sharp right, follow lane and turn right Midgleygate, turn very sharply right by Manor Farm (sign to Gradbach Scout Camp) and car park is a short way along on the right.

This walk takes us from Gradbach up through Forest Wood to Lud's Church and then across moorland to Roach End, giving wonderful views over the countryside, returning via Goldstitch Moss and Cloughhead to our starting point. There are a couple of steady climbs, some paths are uneven and quite muddy in places but there is only one stile.

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH - HASLINGDEN

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leaders John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 969 1557 or 928 1156 Mob No: 07401 519 951

Park Cars: Clough Head CP GR751231 toilets and cafe M60,M66 to end, A56, 2nd left B6232 to Haslingden.

At 'T' junction turn left for Darwen. Approx 2 miles CP on right.

Rossendale Way passing Calf Hey & Ogden Reservoirs and Rushy Leach to Tor Hill. Then pathways to Cob Castle Road leading back onto Rossendale Way and car park.

- **DANEBRIDGE AREA - WITH HOT POT LUNCH**

Leave: 0915 5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80

Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782

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 17TH MARCH - BOLLINGTON

Leave 0830 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.00

Leader Julia Corbett 976 2935 07791269688 on day

Park Cars: Middlewood way carpark -Adlington Road Bollington GR 931780. On road through Bollington turn left at the Dog and Partridge pub. Car park on left.

Come and join Julia on a nearly Spring walk. Clockwise from Bollington-Nab Hill, Harrop Fold Farm, Rainow, Kerridge End, and return to cars

BOLLINGTON / KERRIDGE

Leave 0930 6½ miles Cat. 3 Transport £3.20

Leader: Heather Wykes.. 01625 618782

Park cars: GR.935 779. From A523 – Poynton to Macclesfield road, take the B5090 or B5091 into Bollington. Continue through to pass under the arches for the Middlewood Way. At Palmerston Street. watch for the Spinners Arms to the right, where car park is on the left and where leader will meet

Bollington, Ingersley Vale to Rainow. From here there is a gradual climb to Kerridge Hill, then a downhill walk to Swanscoe farms. Walking from here on, is flat back into Bollington

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH - GOYT VALLEY AND CATS TOR CIRCULAR

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.40

Leader Stephen Glover 928 0644 Mob No: 0771 750 6408

Park Cars: Errwood Hall car park SK012748. From Macclesfield take B5470 to Rainow. After Rainow and Ginclough turn right into Smith Lane then onto Erwin Lane then left into Bank Lane on along Embridge Causeway and then The St. to Errwood Reservoir. Stay on this West side of the reservoir to the car park about a mile on the right, overlooking the reservoir, and free. Ignore the small Disabled Only car park near the reservoir dam road junction. Note: the road to the south of the CP is one way (south only) so there's no direct access from the A537.

Past Errwood Hall towards Cat & Fiddle to Shining Tor, Cats Tor, Windgather Edge and back down Goyt Valley to car park.

- SANDSTONE TRAIL AND KELSALL

Leave 0915 7 1/2 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80

Leader Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 Mob No: 0773 327 0371

Park Cars: Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road. CP is then 0.9 miles on left.

Sandstone Trail north to Manley Common. Eddisbury Way south to Kelsall, and finally return to the cars along the Sandstone Trail again.

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH - MONYASH

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.00

Leader Mike Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Monyash car park, opposite chapel GR. SK 149667 (where leader will meet).

Limestone uplands and villages mainly above 1000 ft providing superb views. Monyash - Flagg - Chelmorton - Taddington - Sheldon - Monyash.

- PEEP-O-DAY HAYFIELD

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.00

Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230

Park Cars: P&D car park in Hayfield (toilets) Grid ref SK035 869. Take A6 through Hazel Grove and Disley to traffic lights at Newtown. Turn left at lights down A6015 for Hayfield. CP is on left before 'T' junction in Hayfield.

We follow the Snake path as far as the White Shooting lodge high above Kinder reservoir. Great views from here. We descend to the valley to follow good paths through woodland to the pretty hamlet of Hillhouses then cross the valley to take a good but stony path up to Peep-O-Day where we meet our first stile. Our descent to Hayfield is over field paths.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH - HANGING GATE TO WINCLE MINN

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00

Leaders Phil and Sue Brownhill 01925754749

Park Cars: Left hand side of Meg Lane, Higher Sutton below the Hanging Gate Pub where the Gritstone Trail crosses. GR SJ950698 Return to Cars: 4pm approx

Hanging Gate to the Wild Boar and Greasley Hollow. Return on Gritstone Trail via Wincle Minn and Sutton Common. Scenic walk on a fine day.

- WALTON

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat. 4 Transport £4.80

Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634 Mob No: 07840 671087

Park Cars: Walton Hall CP (P&D) GR 597852 M56 to Jct 11 then A56 and follow signs for Walton Hall.

Walton Hall, Appleton Reservoir, Lumb Brook Valley, Grappenhall and return along canal towpath.

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - CHATSWORTH

Leave 0900 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leaders Jill Lee : 980 3252 and Mary Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars: The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR 261703.

Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the fountain in the main courtyard of Chatsworth House where toilets are available.

Along the river to Carlton Lees. Up past Beerley Hill Top and across moorland to Hobb Hurst's House, then continue to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood to Chatsworth House.

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH - CHINLEY SOUTH HEAD

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA

Leader: Judith Wainwright 928 8453 Mob No: 07970742311

Park Cars: At war memorial in Chinley turn left and park immediately. [At side of railway line]SK041827

Cracken Edge; Hills Farm; Foxholes Clough; Peep-o-Day; Mount Famine; South Head; Shireoaks; Dewsnaps; Alders Farm

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Phil Worsley 777 6013 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).

'C' walks - Anne Macaulay 941 2976.

WEDNESDAYS

3rd April - 'B' walk, 10th 'B' & 'C', 17th 'C', 24th 'C'.

Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 2nd MAY - CRUISE AND LUNCH

Bookings now being taken for this 2 ½ hr. cruise from Whaley Bridge with hotpot and apple-pie lunch.

Cost £15 payable on the day. Book with Heather 01625 618782.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY - MORECAMBE BAY CROSSING

Walk across the Bay from Arnside to Kents Bank with Cedric Robinson. Approximately 3 ½ hours.

Book now with Edna Adderley 980 7753 - 2, Wellgreen Close, Hale, Cheshire. WA15 8PT. Cheques £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Priority will be given to those crossing the Bay but others who would like to come may also book and fill the coach. Please indicate if you intend joining the Bay walk. Also where you will be joining the coach. More details later.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We send our very best wishes to Sandra Ostick who underwent her knee operation successfully but unfortunately was quite poorly following the op. Sandra is now recovering and wishes to thank all those who sent Get Well cards and kind messages.

We also send our good wishes to Joyce Hausaman who unfortunately slipped and broke her arm during the icy weather. Our thanks to Jill Lee who has organised distribution of this circular.

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