

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

FEBRUARY 2014 CIRCULAR

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station . When submitting a walk indicate the mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
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'

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY - WIDDOP AND HAMELDON MOOR

Leave 0830 11.6 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175
Park Cars: Widdop Reservoir car park. M62 J21 to Littleborough then A6033 to Todmorden. right on A646 Halifax and after 4 miles bear left up hill signed Heptonstall & Slack. After a couple of miles bear right signed Widdop and Colne and car park is a couple of miles down narrow lanes on left.
GR SD 938 328 Leader will meet. Return to Cars: 3.30

Using the Burnley Way & Pennine Bridleway from Widdop we go over Extwistle Moor, Hameldon Moor to Hurstwood then back over Black Moor to Gorple reservoir and back to cars

NORTH OF WHITCHURCH

Leave 09.15 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £7.00
Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617.
Park cars. Opposite the Blue Bell Inn. GR SJ 523 454. 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.

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - BLACKSTONE EDGE AND CLEGG MOOR

Leave 0915 9.2 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £7.00
Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175
Park cars Car Park just below White House pub. SD 969 180
M62 exit J21 to Littleborough then right up A58 Halifax road and pub is on left hand side, free parking no toilets. Leader will meet. Return to Cars: 3.30

Blackstone Edge, Clegg Moor, Rakewood,Syke, Whittaker and Lydgate back to cars. One steepish ascent from Lydgate up to White House.

RIVER MERSEY

Leave 0930 6.9 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.00
Leaders Norman Felton 748 3493
Park Cars: Park at the Atlas Bathroom car park on Newton Street opposite the Stretford Mall on Chester Road. Sat Nav M32 8LS. GR SJ 797 943 Return to Cars: 2-30

The walk will start from the car park at 10-15. Get there by tram, bus or even walk. This is a flat walk. We walk canals, rivers, babbling brooks, lakes and ponds. Bird life in abundance and a hide. Two nature reserves and wild flower meadows. Benches tables toilets and waterfowl at the lunch stop. The paths are wide, well made and there are no stiles.

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.80

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 9446 Mob No: 07713030118

Park Cars: Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ 989966. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again and then park on verge at RHS of road opposite quarry.

Mottram Rise, Walkerwood Reservoir, Higher Hydegreen, Swineshaw Reservoirs, Arnfield, Devil's Bridge, Hollingworthall Moor, Wild Bank Hill and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - ECCLES PIKE AND COMBES

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.00

Leader Colin Turner 973 7770

Park Cars: Whalley Bridge CP GR 012815 turn sharp left opposite the station and follow the road round to the free public car park Return to Cars: 3-30 approx.

Via Buxworth to Eccles Pike then on to Combes village. Climb to Thorney Lee and Wythen Lache before descending into the Goyt valley and Taxal then back to the cars

- **BOSLEY**

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £4.80

Leader Keith Wykes 01625 618164

Park Cars: Timbersbrook Picnic Area CP (GR SJ 895 627)(Postcode CW12 3PP).To Wilmslow & A34 S. to Rood Hill t/lights Congleton. L.A54 leading to A527 S.P.Biddulph.Turn left at t/lights into Reades Lane & ahead to left turn onto Under Rainow Road passing Coach & Horses PH. At Timbersbrook Village sign L.into Weathercock Lane. CP 100 yds. on R. (where leader will meet)

Key Green; Park Farm; Macclesfield Canal; Bosley Works; Toftgreen Cottage (where stile S. for Cat. 3. circa 530' 1 ml. climb to summit of The Cloud - superb views over the Cheshire Plain). Descend to Congleton 82, the Bridestones and 'missing link' newly opened F.P. courtesy of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society; Bridestones Burial Chamber (may be wet/muddy hereabouts); easy descent to CP.

- **ASHLEY**

Leave 10.00 5.5 miles Cat 4 Transport 40p

Leader Liz White 908 8605 Mob No: 077106961974

Park Cars: Bow Lane, Bowdon Vale. Langham Road, Bowdon, turn left into Vicarage Lane. This soon becomes Priory Road. Eventually Priory Road bends sharply to the right and changes to Bow Lane. GR.757858

A pleasant walk across fields, River Bollin towards Ashley and passing the Tatton Estate Area and Ashley Hall

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

At the Plaza Cinema. Stockport. Spectacular film - Banff (Canada) Film Festival, This is a must for everyone if you enjoy the active outdoors. 7.30 pm Just turn up at cinema.

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - LYME PARK

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.20

Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 Mob No: 07970742311

Park Cars: SJ936817 At Adlington traffic lights turn left on to A523 towards Poynton and then first right on to Street Lane. Keep left then right. Park on Wood Lane West on verge opposite houses - just before Furlane Ends.

Macclesfield Canal; Green Farm; Elmhurst Cottage; Bollinghurst Bridge; Bowstones; Bakestonedale Moor; Lockgate Farm. Could be muddy in places.

HAZEL GROVE / HAPPY VALLEY

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.60
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 Mob No: 077900634856
Park Cars: Brookside Garden Centre, on A523 through Poynton. GR924849

Lovely walk over field paths to Ladybrook, through woodland where path takes us up some steps. We then follow field paths and tracks to Poynton Pool on return to garden centre. Café and toilets.

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - SOUTH AND EAST OF HAYFIELD

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 in equal measure Transport £4.20
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369
Park Cars: The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield. Just off the A624 at GR SK 036869. Cost to be shared.

This walk, generally to the East and South of Hayfield, will initially follow the course of the River Kinder to Booth and Farlands. Turning here south-east and then south we climb steadily to pass under Kinderlow End and South Head to reach Beet Farm, beyond where we turn west and then north to complete the circuit via Dewsnaps, Monks Meadows, Far Phoside and Meadows Farm.

- RUSHTON SPENCER

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.00
Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park Cars : Gritstone Trail CP by Knott Inn Rushton Spencer GR 935 624 on right off the A523 Macclesfield – Leek road soon after crossing the River Dane.

A nice walk. Not too hilly though one short sharp climb. If its been wet there will be mud.

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2014 TIMPERLEY VILLAGE CLUB

7.45 pm A film show on the Kinder Mass Trespass by Keith Warrender. A must for all walkers.
£4 including light refreshments. If you need a lift contact Heather on 01625 618782.

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - SPARROWPIT AND DISTRICT EASTWARDS

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.80
Leader Brian Billington. 0161 485 4119
Park Cars: Sparrowpit. Travel A6 towards Buxton. Turn left A623 towards Baslow. At the acute right hand bend at Sparrowpit turn left and continue uphill to the top. On the right hand side there is an area which is unmade with sufficient parking. GR. SK087807. (where leader will meet)

We travel East to North Barn, Slitherstone Mine, Hurd Low. Then west to Oxlow rake, Old Dam, Middle and higher Barmoor Farms, and return. Return to Cars: 4p.m.approx

- WEST OF ANGLEZARKE

Leave 0900 7.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.40
Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 Mob No: 07970742311
Park Cars: SD620161

Leave M61 at Junction 6. Go past Reebok stadium. Turn Left on to A673 through Horwich then Right at the pub 'The Millstone'. In 1.5 miles bear Right signposted Anglezarke. Cross the dam. Car park on left.

Limbrick; Nab Wood; Reservoirs; White Coppice Farm then back to car park.

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY - POYNTON

Leave 0915 9.5 miles Cat. 3 Transport £3.20
Leaders Brenda Bailey and David Bona 900 9177 Mob No: 07549630227
Park cars Grid reference SJ925842 Post Code SK12 1BR Small car park to the east of Poynton Lake where leaders will meet

Along side of the lake turning into Beech Field towards the Macclesfield Canal. Along canal to Hawk Green into Crown Edge Way and then onto Middlewood Way. Down Middlewood Way turning into the Ladybrook Valley Interest Trail and back to the car park

- **LYMM**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.00

Leaders Edward and Zoe Spark Mob No: 07765027605

Park Cars: Travel from Altrincham on A56 to Lymm roundabout. take the Lymm Road, A56 and travel 1.8 miles then turn right down Warrington Lane. Continue straight down Warrington Lane until you come to the Barn Owl pub, (sat nav WA13 0SW) park on the lane outside the pub, where leaders will meet for the start of the walk.

Walk includes Spud Wood, Lymm Dam, Wishing Bridge, Lymm Village, Slitting Brook, Canal Bank. There is a little road walking, some steps, but no stiles.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS March 2nd 'C', 9th 'B', 16th 'B', 23rd 'B', 30th 'B' & 'C'.

'A' walks and 'B' walks above 8 miles Contact: Phil Worsley Tel: 777 6013

'B' walks up to 8 miles and 'C' walks Contact Alison Wilkes Tel: 962 9352

Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward details of numbers on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil Worsley

WEDNESDAYS

March 5th 'C', 12th 'B', 19th 'A' and 'C', 26th 'B'.

Contact Alan Key 941 4359 'A' walks, David White 980 8605 'B' and 'C' walks

FUTURE EVENTS

Coach Trips –

Wednesday April 30 – The Langdales

Sunday May 18 – Kettlewell

Wednesday June 18 – Ambleside

Sunday June 08 – Burnsall

Wednesday July 23 – Ruthin

Sunday July 13 – Social –National Arboretum

Wednesday Sep 10 – Grassington

Sunday Aug 03 – Hawes

Sunday Sept 21 – Bala

(If you would be prepared to lead a walk on a coach trip and have not yet been approached, please contact Martin Ostick 01625 532645)

VERNON HILL LEGACY

The picnic table agreed at the AGM has been ordered. The President [Dean Edwards] hopes to lead a dedication walk to Lymm Dam on Wednesday 16th April 2014. The VH sub-committee consisting of the Chairman [Judith Wainwright], the Treasurer [Steven Glover] & Phyllis Stuffins agreed to a request to replace 14 old maps of the areas that we walk regularly. Chris Sadler is now the map custodian & will be happy to lend them out when needed. If you have suggestions for spending the Vernon Hill legacy, please send details, including the cost, to me – Judith Wainwright - for discussion at our next meetings.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please check that your card shows Mike Jones's phone number as 0161 941 1634 as a printing error has omitted the last "4" on some cards. If this is so on your card, please hand-write the missing "4" onto the card".

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 4th February at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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