

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

NOVEMBER CIRCULAR 2014

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.** It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed to one of the walks organisers.
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 NOVEMBER - ROWARTH & MELLOR
Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60
Leaders Colin Turner 973 7770
Park Cars: Free car park Disley Station Approach GR 974 846. Return to cars: 1600

From Disley we walk along the Peak Forest canal then leave to join the Sett Valley trail, cross the Torrs Millenium walkway to Birch Vale. We turn North to Rowarth, Brook Bottom, Hollywood End and Mellor. We then join the Cown Edge Way through Strines and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER - COCK HILL FROM HADFIELD
Leave 0915 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leader Nigel Gartside 969 2507
Park cars Longdendale Trail car park. Hadfield free GR SK026 961
M60 to J24 then M67 to end. Follow A57 down to lights at Gun Inn and turn right then bear left at mini roundabout. Bear second right to enter Hadfield. Follow Station Road to railway station ahead of you bearing left for 200 yards then turning left into CP before old railway bridge.

Longdendale Trail and Heritage Walk to Padfield and Old Glossop, then climbing to Cock Hill (1400ft) then via Pennine Way at Clough Edgedown round Rhodeswood Reservoir back to cars.

REDDISH VALE

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.60
Leaders: Judy Bailey & John Drinkwater 0161 928 1156 Mobile No.: 07401 519 951
Park Cars: Reddish Vale Visitor Centre. Free Car Park & Toilets. GR SJ904934. M60, at J27 take the left hand lane for A626 then at island take right for B6167. In Reddish turn right at traffic lights at brown sign for Reddish Vale, Animal Farm and Riding School, continue straight to Visitor Centre at bottom of hill.

This is a woodland and riverside walk which includes stretches of the Trans-Pennine Trail, Tameside Trail and Peak Forest Canal. It could be muddy in places!

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ON SHUTLINGSLOE
Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00
Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 Mobile No.: 07970 742311
Park Cars: SJ962711 Trentabank CP Macclesfield Forest. P&D £4.50 or free on road.
Through Macclesfield and Langley and turn left past Ridgeway Reservoir. CP on right.

This walk must start at 9.30 prompt at Trentabank to give us time to be up Shutlingsloe by 11am. On leaving Shutlingsloe we then go to Clough House and climb up to Sparbent. Lunch at Three Shire Heads. Past Leech Wood; Crag Inn; Lower Nabbs Farm; Oakenclough; Hanging Gate & then back to Trentabank on the Gritstone trail. Two good climbs in the morning and a nasty flight of steps near the end. The pace of the walk will be dictated by the amount of daylight!!

- **EAST OF THE FOREST**

Leave 9.00 6 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £4.40

Leader Frank Docky 973 661 and Keith Leslie 976 3230

Park Cars: Standing Stones Car Park Macclesfield Forest. Grid ref 978 715

Heading south on the Silk Rd (A523) in Macclesfield turn left at traffic lights by Arighi Bianci for A537 (Cat & Fiddle Rd). At 4.3 miles from the lights turn right at cross-roads for Wildboarclough. Follow lane for about half-mile to turn right just before Stanley Arms. After 0.6 mile turn right down lane (second turn on the right) signed Forest Chapel. Turn right at first junction and the car park is immediately on the left. Return to Cars: 2.30.

Frank will meet at Altrincham.

Starting from this high-level car park at 10am, and without losing height, we take the new concessionary 'scenic path' to Shuttlingsloe. A short ascent takes us to the top where we will pause a moment at 11. Usually on this day a flagpole with a large Union Flag is atop Shuttlingsloe, but this cannot be certain this time. We take the longer but easier route down to Wildboarclough and return to our cars on a mixture of quiet lanes, tracks and field paths passing through Broughsplace and Bottom-of-the-Oven

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Leave 0915 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60

Leader: Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 Mobile No.: 07713030118

Park Cars: Car Park at Ogden Reservoir GR: SD 953123. Leave M62 at J21, right onto A640 (Shaw). At Newhey turn left with A640. After about 1 mile (on sharp lefthand bend) turn left at sign for 'Bulls Head'. Straight ahead to car park on left at Ogden Reservoir.

Tunshill Farm, Turnough, Hollingswort Lake, Syke, Higher Booth, Rochdale Way, Piethorne Reservoir, Rooden Reservoir, Higher and Lower Ogden.

- **MARBURY**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.60 Leader: Beryl Hunwick 928 3644

Park cars Marbury country Park GR 652 764 M56 to J10. Turn sharp left to A559. After 3.5 miles, at Sevenoaks Saddlery, turn right into Gibb Hill and follow brown signs to Marbury Country Park. P&D £2.50.

A pleasant walk around Marbury Country Park, along good paths, with views of Budworth Mere. Neuman's Flash, Wilton Brook and the River Weaver. Park in the main car park, pay and display – share costs. There are public toilets. Drinks/ice creams also available at the kiosk.

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - KERRIDGE HILL AND BILLINGE HILL

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00

Leader Alan Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781

Canal and field paths to Swanscove Hall and onwards to Tegg's Nose via Marsh Farm. Return passing Thornsett Farm, Rainow, Billingehead Farm and Savio House. Some walking on minor roads.

- **LYME PARK AND BOWSTONES**

Leave 0945 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00

Leader: John Beardmore 0161 904 7448 Mobile No.: 07990079292

Park Cars: Nelson Pit CP (free) Higher Poynton GR945834 off A5149. From centre of Poynton cross road to Park Lane, left fork Middlewood Road, turn right by SP "Anson Engine Museum". At Boars Head Pub cross road, CP on left.

From car park cross canal to Green Farm, follow track to East Gate Lodge. Gradual climbs (incl. break) to Keepers Cottage, steady ascent to Dale Top and Bowstones. Descend into Lyme Park, follow road/track to Green Farm and CP for approx. 1445hrs.

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - BURTON IN KENDAL

Leave 0845 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader: John Brownhill 0161 9801774

Park Cars: Free car park between Burton in Kendal and Hutton Roof. Leave M6 at J 35 then A60(M) to A6 North, then 6071 to just short of Burton in Kendal where you turn Right towards Hutton Roof. The car park is on the Left 1.5 miles up this lane. GR SD553762 (SE Lakes Map).

From car park to Hutton Roof Crags, across Uberash Plane then skirt Holmepark Fell to Farleton Knott. Return via Newbiggin Crags and Hutton Roof. A pleasant walk in limestone country with views of the Southern Lakes, Morecambe Bay and The Three Peaks. Return to cars: 4.30 pm

- **DARESBURY & MOORE NATURE RESERVE**

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £2.80
Leader: Jan Williams Mobile no 07913441664
Park Cars: Car park at All Saints Church, Daresbury (the Lewis Carroll Centre).
M56 to Junction 10. At Stretton roundabout take 4th exit on to Tarporley Road A49, left on to Hatton Lane (B5356) and left again on to Daresbury Lane which is a continuation of the B5356.

From the church the walk drops to the Bridgewater canal. From here field-paths and lanes lead through the village of Moore, passing the Red Lion and going north to cross the Manchester Ship Canal. On the far side is an extensive nature reserve with well constructed paths, one being along the course of a disused canal. We then cross meadows that are now community open spaces before the Bridgewater canal is reached again. A short (BUT QUITE STRENUOUS!!) climb over a hill capped by Daresbury Firs brings us back to the car park. The walk is fairly flat, good underfoot and has no stiles.

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns. Subscriptions for 2014/15 are due after the AGM.
Next year's Renewal of Membership Form will be in the December Circular issued in November.

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER - HASLINGDEN GRANE / ACCRINGTON MOOR

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.00
Leader: Harry Hewlett 962 4869 Mobile No.: 09750689777:
Park Cars: Clough Head CP. B6232, Grane Road. GR 751231 – Explorer 287

CP/Rothwell Fold, Higher Warmwithens, Bumper Hall, Hoyle Bottom, Bedlam, Accrington Moor, High Cockham, Rossendale Way, Hutch Bank, Holden Wood Reservoir, Rossendale Way, Rothwell Fold CP.

- **MACCLESFIELD**

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat 3 Transport £3.80
Leader Beryl Hunwick 928 3644
Park cars CP at Teggs Nose reservoir. Route – A523 Leek Road out of Macclesfield. Turn left at traffic lights (Byrons Lane) following signs to Langley, keep bearing left at Church Inn and by church, turn left up narrow lane marked with no through road sign, which leads to car park. Grid Reference SJ94562 71843.

We walk along the east side Teggs Nose reservoir and up fields to Clough House Farm, then across fields and Hacked Way Lane into Macclesfield Forest to Chapel House farm, across moorland and back into the Forest, skirting Buxtors Hill and Nessit Hill, then via part of the Gritstone Trail down to Ridgeway reservoir and by Clarke Lane on south side of Bottom reservoir back to the start. Some steady climbs, giving good views over the surrounding countryside to Alderley Edge, Jodrell Bank and Shuttlingsloe. Some muddy places but no difficult stiles.

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - BELOW PENDLE AND THE STANSFIELD TOWER

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leaders: Chris and Margaret Sadler 01619805007 Mobile No.: 07740777184
Park Cars: In the car park in Barley Village. It is signed with The Brown signs as 'Barley Picnic Site. Explorer Map OL21 SD823 403.

A country walk from Pendle – fields, woods, tracks, and a little bit of quiet road. We follow the Pendle way from Barley to Pendle House then loop down to the Upper Black Moss Reservoir. Then Fibre House, Water Meetings, Noggarth Cottage, Boothmans Wood, and back to the cars. There are no major climbs on this walk but we are up and down from Barley to Pendle House, from the reservoir up past Fibre House, from Water Meetings to Noggarth Cottage, and finally up to Boothman Wood.

- **LYME PARK CIRCULAR**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.50
Leader: Leader: Elsie Edwards 962 3301
Park Cars: Lyme Park Car Park GR 963824 Pay and display £5. N.T Members Free

From the Car Park we make our way to the Main Gate via The Cage. From here we follow field paths to the Macclesfield Canal. Using the tow-path we make our way to the West Gate where we re-enter the Park and return to the cars for 4 pm.

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - WILDBOARCLOUGH

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00
Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars: Brookside layby 400 yards south of the Crag Inn, Wilboarclough. GR SJ 981 681
(where leader will meet). (pto for walk description)

A walk of contrasts between open moorland and wooded valleys, giving a wide variety of views. Wildboardclough – Hammerton Knowl Farm – Wild Boar Inn – Greasey Hollow – Winkle Minn – Danebridge – Gradbach – Bennettsich – Wildboardclough.

- **DISLEY**

Leave 0930 6.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.20. Leader: Derek Hamer 969 3821.
Park cars Longstay public car park accessed via road which runs between Rams Head car park and the A6 Buxton Road West at the traffic lights in Disley. If the car park is full, park on the local roads and assemble to start the walk on the forecourt of the Rams Head. GR. SJ974.846

Leave Disley for Strines and Brookbottom. An update viewing of Rosie's chapel (coffee served). Continue towards canal and back to Disley.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

December 7th, "B" and "C", 21st, "B" and "C", 28th, "B" and "C". All offers of walks - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests attending Club Walks.

WEDNESDAYS -

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

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FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - WALK AND LUNCH

Five mile town and country walk Mickerbrook / Ladybrook with lunch (£11) at the Vinery, Bruntwood Park, Cheadle. Book lunch and menu choice (Beef / Turkey /Lasagne - Christmas pudding, Pavlova or Ice-cream). Send with cheque made payable to The Vinery by 20th November to: Barry Rice, 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, Cheshire. WA15 6AT. Tel. 962 2377.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER - Short walk and Christmas Lunch at Blaze Farm. £12, cash on the day. Book with Heather Wykes, 01625 618782.

NEW YEARS EVE BLACK AND WHITE BALL with the sound of Glen Miller. At Timperley Village Hall, Stockport Road, Timperley. 8 pm to Midnight. Tickets now available at. £8.50 includes supper from Derek Hamer 969 3821. Guests and friends very welcome.

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2015.

BANFF Film Festival. 7.30 pm at Plaza Cinema Stockport. Just turn up.

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015

Manchester Town Hall Tour. 11 am. £5 on day. Book with Heather 01625 618782

INCIDENT TRAINING COURSE (Please see attached details)

This will take place on Tuesday March 17th 2015 at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton. The cost will be £12 per person and the maximum number that they can take is 14. This is a fabulous course - I went on it last year and learnt such a lot. If you are interested please contact me, Judith Wainwright, on 928 8453.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are sorry to report the deaths of two of our members and send our sincere condolences to their families.

Ron Howarth who died on 10th September. Ron's funeral was attended by many members on 22nd September. Ron was an honorary member. For many years he organised the Club Weekend, led walks and served on the Committee.

Shirley Warburton who died 19th September who together with Brian was a very regular walks leader for many years. Shirley's funeral took place on 1st October. 'Brian Warburton and family wish to show their appreciation and thanks for the amazing turn-out at Shirley's funeral and the many cards and donations received which currently run at over £800 for The Stroke Association. Thank you all'.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 21st October at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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