

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

SEPTEMBER CIRCULAR 2020

1. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to Altrincham Rambling Club.
2. It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed to the relevant walks organiser.
3. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
4. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the document 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'
5. Dogs (on a lead at all times) may only be taken on a walk with prior permission of the leader.



WE'RE BACK



On the 13th August, the ADRC committee agreed to an immediate start to group walking in accordance with our published Open-up Guidance, and the Government's advice (including the Greater Manchester lockdown situation) regarding Organised Outdoor Events. A copy of the Open-up Guidance is available on the Website either through the News or Documentation sections.

There are a few differences to the way walks will be conducted at present and to the information provided in the Circular:

1. There will be **NO meet up** at Altrincham Railway Station.
2. The **start time** given in the circular is **the time the leader(s) will start the walk**. Please try and be at the start at least **15 minutes beforehand**.
3. Try not to share transport. When it is necessary to do so, face masks should be worn, and passengers should not sit facing each other.
4. The transport distance from Altrincham is provided for estimating journey time to the start of a walk.
5. There will be a **limit of 30 people**, including leader(s), on any walk. Individual leaders may set a lower limit at their discretion or the walk may be split in two with separate leaders starting 30 mins apart.
6. Participation in a walk must be booked with the leader **by 6pm on the day prior to the walk** and will be on a "first come, first served" basis.
7. Please let the leader know if you are subsequently unable to participate in a walk.
8. Should the walk require to be cancelled, possibly due to a late local virus 'flare-up', the walk leader will attempt to contact all walkers, possibly the night before, so please watch your emails and text messages.

Enjoy your walking and stay safe.

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Area	STALYBRIDGE	Start 10.15	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport 18 miles
Leader(s)	Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)				
Park Cars	Car park on Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge (B6175), Postcode SK15 2QA, GR SJ968986. The car park is located about 100m from the junction with A6018, Stalybridge-Mottram road. Meet at 10.00 for 10.15 departure				
Details	Starting with a climb via Stalybridge Country Park to Higher Swineshaw Reservoir, down to Carrbrook and then follow Moor Edge Road to north of Mossley. Then drop down to the canal for return to the cars. There is an optional canal tunnel on this route.				

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

- Area** BLACKSTONE EDGE **Start 9.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 30 miles**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Roadside parking by mast on Windy Hill where the Pennine Way crosses the A672 near J22 on M62, GR SD983142.
Details Starting with a descent to Hollinworth Lake, then Pennine Bridle Way to Lydgate followed by a climb to White house pub with return along the Pennine way over Blackstone Edge.
- Area** MARTON **Start 11.00** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 20 miles**
Leader(s) Muriel Lowther & Heather Wykes, 01625 618782.
Park Cars Park cars at Marton Church, GR SJ850680. Meet behind Marton Tearooms. Take the A34 from Alderley Edge to Monks Heath continue towards Congleton. Church is on left just after Davenport Arms pub on right.
Details Lovely easy walk across fields and paths near the Capesthorpe Estate. Tea Shop at the end.
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WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

- Area** LONGNOR & THE DRAGON'S BACK **Start 10.00** **8 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport 32 miles**
Leader(s) John & Jill Jagger, 980 6364 (Mob 07444 813545, 07850 580966)
Park Cars Longnor Market Square or on Church Street (all free), GR SK 088649, Postcode SK17 0NT. The walk will start at 10:00. Can walkers be at the start point (Longnor Market Square) at least 15 mins before the scheduled start time. Follow Cat & Fiddle road (A537), then A54. Before Buxton at T junction with A53, turn right then soon after left onto road for Harpur Hill (Grin Low Road) then fork right in village, continue to B5053. Turn right and continue through Glutton Bridge to Longnor.
Details From Longnor the walk passes through fields and tracks to the fine ridge of Parkhouse Hill and Chrome Hill, known as the Dragon's Back because of its resemblance, from a distance, to the scaly plates on the back of a stegosaurus dinosaur. The ridge walking is challenging (category 2/3) with two steep climbs and several very short but extremely steep descents that require particular care. The rewards, however, amply repay such diligence. Pole(s) recommended. The walk continues through farmland, tracks and lanes with fine views back to the ridge as we pass through the hamlet of Hollinsclough and return to Longnor.
- Area** TARPORLEY **Start 10.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 23 Miles**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 9287087
Park Cars Car park behind Rising Sun PH, High St., Tarporley, GR 554626. Follow A49, then local Tarporley signs to town centre. The Rising Sun is on the right-hand side of the High St.
Details Field paths and quiet lanes via Birch Heath, Pudding Lane, Shropshire Union Canal, Sandstone Trail and back to Tarporley.
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SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

- Area** MAM TOR TO PEAK FOREST **Start 10.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 27 miles**
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)
Park Cars We will meet at the NT Car Park near Mam Nick, GR SK124832, ready for a 10.30 walk departure. There is parking on the road for those who do not have NT membership.
Details Over Mam Tor to Hollins Cross then down to Castleton. From Castleton we take the Limestone Way until we meet Old Dam Lane which is then followed to Old Dam. We then return to the cars via Eldon Hole, Eldon Hill and Oxlow House.
- Area** GAWSWORTH **Leave 10.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 20 miles**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and Church, GR. SJ 886692.
Details An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm, along the Macclesfield Canal to North Rode, then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles
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WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

- Area** MANIFOLD VALLEY **Start 10.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 40 miles**
Leader(s) Steve & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07717 506408)
Park Cars In Wetton Village near Ye Olde Royal Oak pub: follow signs to right to "Wetton Car Park" with free parking by toilets on right-hand side of road, GR SK109552, Postcode DE6 2AF.

Details A varied circular walk around the Manifold Valley from Wetton to Weags Bridge, Throwley Hall, Rushley, Ilam Park, Castern and back to Wetton; includes fine views, Thors Cave, a ruined hall, a National Trust hall in parkland, and a nature reserve.

Area **WHITEGATE** **Start 10.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport 23 miles**

Leader(s) Les Stockton, 07815 293161

Park Cars The Plough Inn, Beauty Bank, Whitegate, Postcode CW8 2BP.

Details The walk will commence at 10.30 from the Plough Inn car park. Leaving the Plough, we head towards the Whitegate Way to the River Weaver, along the Weaver to Vale Royal Locks (lunch stop) returning to the Plough via Vale Royal Golf Club. There are some slight slopes and several styles, but nothing too strenuous.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Area **RUDYARD LAKE** **Start 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 25 miles**

Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)

Park Cars Staffordshire Car Park at rear of Knott Inn, Station Road, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625, Postcode SK11 0QU.

Details From old railway track climb through farms to Barns Lee, follow trail to Horton, east to Harpers Gate and from Rudyard Lake along Staffordshire Way to cars.

Area **BOWDON VALE TO DUNHAM MASSEY** **Start 10.00** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport -**

Leader(s) Jenny Rydell, 942 6847 (Mob 07789 191055)

Park Cars Meet at the Co-op, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon Vale, Postcode WA14 3BE.

Details Bow Green Farm down to the river, where we cross the A56, where we will have to be careful and patient to cross. We follow the riverbank which could be muddy and we might come across a herd of brown cows. Kingfishers have also been seen here and there is generally a lot of bird life. We will have lunch at Dunham Massey and return via Charcoal Lane, Barry Rise and Stanhope Road. Could be muddy in places.

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Area **DOVE HOLES** **Start 10.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 25 miles**

Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)

Park Cars Dove Holes Station Car Park or roadside, GR SK074781, Postcode SK17 8DH. At traffic lights in Dove Holes on A6, turn right into Station Road, car park 200m on left. Free, no toilets.

Details From lane through fields then climb to Castle Naze, follow Combs Edge ridge and descend to White Hall Leisure Centre, then tracks and fields to Rye Flatt and Chapel Station and onto driveway and fields to cars.

Area **NETHER ALDERLEY** **Start 10.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport 12 miles**

Leader(s) David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443 394622)

Park Cars Nether Alderley Mill, Congleton Road, GR 844763, Postcode SK10 4TW. One and a half miles south of Alderley Edge on the east side of the A34.

Details From Nether Alderley Church across to Monk's Heath and then Birtles Hall. Gentle climbing towards the Edge and then back to Nether Alderley. Lovely walk with distant views, good paths and very few stiles.

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Area **WINTER HILL** **Start 9.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 21 miles**

Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093 & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742 613309)

Park Cars Barrow Bridge Car Park, Barrow Bridge Road, Postcode BL1 7NH, GR 687117. M60, M61, A666, A6099 / Halliwell Rd. Follow brown signs towards Smithills Hall. Cross the A58, turn left at the school down Smithills Croft Road then right at a sharp bend onto Barrow Bridge Rd. Pass the 1st car park on the left for Moss Park. Barrow Bridge car park is on the left, just before a row of stone cottages on the right, just beyond post code BL1 7NH.

Details Barrow Bridge to Smithills Hall. Towards Green Nook then a long gradual climb to Scotch Man's Stump and the masts on Winter Hill. Two Lads Hill, Wilderswood, Burnt Edge, Walker Fold and down the 63 steps back to Barrow Bridge.

Area PENNINGTON FLASH & LIGHTSHAW MEADOWS **Start 10.30 6 Miles Category 4 Transport 15 mls**
Leader(s) Sue & John Peel, 07876 753877
Park Cars Pennington Flash Main Car Park, £1.50 per day (Card payment only at the Golf Kiosk on a recent visit), GR SJ644989, Post Code WN7 3PA. Travel through Dunham Massey and over the Warburton Toll Bridge. Turn right onto A57. Left at lights onto Glazebrook Lane, A5212. Right at mini roundabout onto A574 (passing Bents). Left at roundabout onto East Lancs Road, A580. Right at lights onto A579. Left at lights where you will find the entrance, opposite Robin Hood PH. Follow the road through to the Main car park.
Details On leaving the car park we will follow a trail up to the Leeds Liverpool canal towpath. This is the start of a pleasant flat walk along bridle ways, woodland and field paths and Lightshaw Meadows Nature Reserve, returning back to the car park via Pennington Flash.

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Area SINGING RINGING TREE **Start 10.30 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport 39 miles**
Leader(s) John Capel, 980 2496 (Mob 07866 764187)
Park Cars Towneley Riverside Car Park (entering the park from Todmorden Road, A671, travel through park and keep left where road splits. Car park on right just before the Garden Centre. GR SD 857313, Postcode BB11 3RQ (nearest).
Details Starting at the car park, walk to Towneley Hall (facilities), then to The Kilns, Burnley Golf Course, Crown Point, to Singing Ringing Tree (Panopticon), Burnley Way, Stumps Cross, Newfield Farm, to Towneley Park and cars.

Area HAZEL GROVE/HAPPY VALLEY **Start 10.30 5.5 Miles Category 4 Transport 15 miles**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644.
Park Cars Small car park at the corner of Poynton Lake, GR SJ923E847. Turn left at Poynton town centre, taking the A523 towards Hazel Grove. Immediately after Poynton Lake, turn right into Anglesey Drive where there is a small car park on the right. If full, it should be possible to park on Anglesey Drive.
Details Lovely walk by Ladybrook, through farmland and woods, with only one short climb and some lane walking. There are a few stiles (one tricky) and it can be muddy in places. In two places the walk will take us very close to the new link between the A6 and Manchester Airport (A555), and our route may vary at one point depending on whether a new footpath has been completed.

LEADERS WANTED

Anyone offering to lead a walk should contact the appropriate Walks Organiser as follows:

For Sunday Long Walks	Phil Worsley, Tel 777 6013
For Sunday Short Walks	Heather Wykes, Tel 01625 618782
For Wednesday Long Walks	John Capel, Tel 980 2496
For Wednesday Short Walks	David White, Tel 980 8605

Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on your walks to Phil Worsley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Since the last circular in April, we regret to announce the deaths of Honorary Member Alan Thorpe, of Ken Thorley and of Sally Ferrans. We send our condolences to all friends and family. We understand that, when possible, there will be memorial services for all three. Details, when available, will be published on the website and in the circular.

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