

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

OCTOBER 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 STILL BACK



Despite recent changes in the lockdown regulations, 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 can continue. 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.

AGM

Because of the present restrictions, this year's AGM, scheduled for Thursday 12th November, has had to be postponed. Further details of how this will be resolved will be given in the November circular.

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

- Area** **GLOSSOP TO BLEAKLOW** **Start 9.45** **11 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport 22 mls.**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 233 0483 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Meet at 9.30 for a 9.45 start. Manor Park Car Park, Corn St, Glossop, Postcode SK13 7QT, GR SK039943. This is located just past the centre of Glossop just off A57, Snake Road, on left at a mini runabout.
Details Starting with a climb along access land tracks past Blakemore Plantations and Cock Hill to join the Pennine way. Then head South via Bleaklow to the Doctors Gate path and return down this track.
- Area** **LYMM** **Start 11.00** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 7 mls.**
Leader(s) Muriel Lowther, 01772 316781
Park Cars Pepper Street Car Park, Lymm, GR 684873, Postcode WA13 0JB.
Details A gentle walk on canal tow path, a little lane walking, through fields, taking a path to Lymm Dam, we walk round the Dam to the Village and the Car Park.
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WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER

- Area** **MACCLESFIELD FOREST, SHUTLINGSLOE AND WILDBOARCLOUGH** **Start 10.00** **10 Miles**
Category 3/2 **Transport 21 mls.**
Leader(s) David Bishop, 980 2081 (Mob 07796 426641)
Park Cars Trentabank Car Park, Macclesfield Forest Visitor Centre, SK11 0NS. GR 962711. There is a charge, but plenty of space on road. More on-road parking by Ridgeway Res.
Details Through Macclesfield Forest up to Standing Stone, across the open moor to Shutlingsloe, the Matterhorn of Cheshire, via Buxton Hill. Descend into Wildboarclough and return through Oakenclough and a section of the Gritstone Trail. The walk follows a variety of track: good forest tracks, some tarmac and some sections of muddy paths. There is a couple of short, steep climbs and a steep descent off Shutlingsloe. **Note:** David may be away until just before the walk, so those intending to walk with him should book by email at davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com
- Area** **BOLLINGTON / KERRIDGE** **Start 10.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 3** **Transport 18 mls**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars Car Park on Palmerston Street, Bollington, GR 935779. 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 St. watch out for the Spinners Arms on right, car park is opposite, where leader will meet.
Details Bollington to Ingersley Vale, gradual climb up Kerridge Hill, downhill to Swanscoe Farm, over fields and back via canal.
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SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

- Area** **COOMBES EDGE FROM BROADBOTTOM** **Start 10.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2**
Transport 20 mls.
Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448, (Mob 07391 607460) or email johnb41@uwclub.net
Park Cars On access road to Lyme field Garden Centre, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG, GR SJ994937. Toilets and Cafe if open. From M57/A57 turn right at traffic lights to Broadbottom. Immediately under railway bridge turn right onto side road signed Lyme field Garden Centre. Park on left side where available.
Details From Lyme field Garden Centre, cross river and follow lane/tracks through Higher Chisworth, Brook Bottom to Ayton Farm and Coombes Edge, then descend to cross A626 and rejoin lane to river and cars. An attractive walk with good views when fine, some stiles and muddy by streams if wet weather.
- Area** **BOOTHSTOWN/WORSLEY – THE SALFORD TRAIL** **Start 10.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4**
Transport 10 mls.
Leader(s) Phil and Pam Grundy, 973 8854 (Mob 07952 564884)
Park Cars At, or near, the Public Footpath sign at the end of the Avenue down from Old Hall Lane, GR SD742012, Postcode M28 2FG. Exit the M60 at junction13 onto the A575. Pass the Marriott Hotel entrance and turn left on Old Hall Lane (opposite Woodlands Road) and then down the Avenue.
Details We join the Trail on the Tyldesley disused loop railway, then pass through Ellenbrook and join the Bridgewater Canal at the Boothstown Marina. We continue along the canal (perhaps a sight of the new RHS Garden) and into Worsley and through Worsley Woods back to the cars.
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WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER

Area	DERWENT EDGE	Start 10.30	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport 40 mls
Leader(s)	Beverly Harrison, 928 1093				
Park Cars	Fairhomes Visitor Centre Car Park, Derwent Lane, S33 0AQ, (£4.75) Alternatively park on a free car park before Fairhomes and meet in front of the toilets in the official car park. M60, M67, Snake Pass. Turn first left along the reservoir, signposted Derwent Dams.				
Details	A classic Derwent Edge walk. Alongside the reservoir, gradual climb up Abbey Bank, steeper climb to the ridge, Lost Lad, Back Tor, Cakes of Bread, Salt Cellar, and Wheel Stones Then descent to Ladybower reservoir and car park. The climb is in the morning and we should be rewarded by views of the reservoirs in all their autumnal glory.				
Area	PLUMLEY & HOLFORD HALL	Start 10.30	5.5 Miles	Category 4	Transport 11 mls
Leader(s)	Jan Williams, 971 0507 (Mob 07913 441664)				
Park Cars	The Golden Pheasant Car Park, Postcode WA16 9RX Turn left on to Plumley Moor Road off the A556 Chester Road at The Smoker. The Golden Pheasant is on the right-hand side, just after the bridge. Permission has been granted to park there.				
Details	Easy walk, fairly level through farmland and woodland. Few stiles.				

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

Area	WHALEY BRIDGE	Start 9.45	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport 23 mls
Leader(s)	John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)				
Park Cars	Bugsworth Canal Basin. Please park cars on the road to the right as you arrive, not in front of the Pub, GR SK023821 Postcode SK23 7EW. Through Furness Vale on the A6, then under the railway bridge turn sharp left on to the B6062. After about one mile turn right following the sign to the canal basin				
Details	This is a figure of eight walk. The first loop is up to Cracken edge and Chinley Churn and back to Bugsworth. The second loop is up to Eccles Pike and back to the cars. Both parts of the walk give good views and hopefully we will have better weather than last time we did it and aborted after the first loop.				
Area	GREAT BUDWORTH	Start 10.30	6.5 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport 14 mls
Leader(s)	Andree Lambert, 07515 545236, Louise Williams and Sue Bracegirdle				
Park Cars	On Cock Lane, Postcode CW9 6HP, GR SJ655775, which is off Budworth Lane, about ¼mile off A559.				
Details	A pleasant walk to Budworth Mere, through Kennel Wood and fields to the Anderton Boat Lift for a lunch stop. Then along the Trent and Mersey Canal to Marston and, finally, Great Budworth. There are several stiles and one or two slight inclines.				

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Area	RAMSBOTTOM	Start 10.15	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport 26 mls
Leader(s)	Alan Key, 233 0483 (Mob 07761 624521)				
Park Cars	Nuttal Park Car Park, Nuttal Hall Road, Ramsbottom, Postcode BL0 0AS, GR SK795164.				
Details	Starting with a climb up to Peel Tower then along the top to above Helmshore, before dropping down to the Irwell and return along the Irwell Valley Way.				
Area	ALDERLEY EDGE	Start 10.30	6 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport 7 mls
Leader(s)	Les and Chris Stockton, 980 1600 (Mob 07815 293161)				
Park Cars	At the National Trust car park (next to the Wizard Pub) Alderley Edge, SK10 4UB.				
Details	The walk will commence at 10.30 from the National Trust car park. The walk will be through fields and along woodland trails around Alderley Edge and Mottram St Andrews. There will be some uphill sections and a few stiles but nothing too strenuous. Remember you must book on via Les Stockton on 07815 293161 or email les200@sky.com				

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

Area **TODMORDEN: THE THREE VALLEYS** **Start 9.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 42 mls**
Leader(s) Suzanne Caulfield, 928 4838
Park Cars Car Park 3. Todmorden Sports Centre. GR256922. At Todmorden Town Centre roundabout take A646 Burnley Road. Travel 3/4 mile, past entrance to Centre Vale Park to the second park lodge. Shortly after turn left into Ewood Lane. Car park is the furthest one on the left.
Details A circular walk on the moors above Todmorden crossing each of the three valleys in which the town is situated. Todmorden Edge, Dobroyd, Salford, Lumbutts, Cross Stone, Devil's Rock, Whirlaw. Three climbs during the walk. Good moorland views, weather permitting.

Area **HAZEL GROVE/HAPPY VALLEY** **Start 11.00** **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.

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER

Area **FRODSHAM / HELSBY** **Start 10.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 20 mls**
Leader(s) Wendy Brotton, 07807 937044 or email: wendybrotton@yahoo.co.uk
Park Cars Simons Lane, Frodsham WA6 6HE. M56 west to J12. At the roundabout take the 1st exit on to A557. Turn right on to Sutton Causeway/A56 - continue to follow A56 (about a mile). Turn left on to Fluin Lane, B5394, just after railway bridge. (0.5 miles). Turn left on to Red Lane, B5152 (0.3 miles). Turn right on to Manley Road (0.5 miles). Turn right on to Simons Lane. (0.2 miles). Park on Simons Lane, 200 yards in on the right-hand side in the lay-by. There is room for about 6 cars here but if the layby is full there is a car park just a couple of hundred yards further on, on the right which is free. Meet up at the layby at 9.45 for a 10.00 start.
Details 11 mile walk following part of the Sandstone Trail initially & then climbing up to Helsby Hill & Frodsham Hill in the afternoon. On the walk there are a couple of places with nettles & brambles growing over the path (first 10 minutes & about 20 minutes or so halfway round). The rest of the paths are clear but you may want to wear long trousers.

Area **MOBBERLEY** **Start 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 7 mls**
Leader(s) David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 0744339 4622)
Park Cars On grass verge opposite Mobberley Church, GR 790 802. Take the Ashley road through Hale and follow it. After going under railway bridge keep on this road until you come to the Church on right (just before Church Inn).
Details A shorter variation of our other two Mobberley walks. Pleasant flat walking in lovely Cheshire countryside but quite a number of stiles. En-route there is an old telephone box which has been converted to a free "book exchange". You are welcome to take what you would like and even bring what you have read! (One at a time in the 'phone box please!)

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.

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