

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

NOVEMBER CIRCULAR 2020

1. 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.
2. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
3. 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'
4. Dogs (on a lead at all times) may only be taken on a walk with prior permission of the leader.



WE'RE STILL GOING (JUST!)



Despite recent changes in the lockdown regulations, we are still able to offer a limited programme of walks, 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.

It is hoped to offer further walks in November, so keep looking at the website and your emails for further information.

There are a few differences to the way walks must 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 make sure you observe Social Distancing.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Please note the item on the final page of this circular relating to a proposed change to the Constitution which requires your action.

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Area	GREEN WITHENS & RISHWORTH MOOR	Start 10.00	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport 30mls
Leader(s)	Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553 540282)				
Park Cars	Large layby 300 yards past White House pub on A58 Halifax Road out of Littleborough. Postcode OL15 0LG.				
Details	Rochdale Way to Clegg Moor, onto Blackstone Edge then Pennine Way to Green Withens Reservoir and returning over Rishworth Moor. Usual Pennines puddles and mud subsequent to heavy rain!				

Area MARPLE **Start** 10.30 **6¼ Miles** **Category** 4/3 **Transport** 15mls
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars Brabyns Park car park, GR SJ963894. A626, past Marple Station, take left into car park by white house near bottom of hill.
Details By canal locks to Marple golf course, then follow Middlewood Way to Chadkirk & Hyde Bank Farm, returning by the canal.

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Area WINDY HILL **Start** 10.30 **9 Miles** **Category** 3/2 **Transport** 30mls
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553 540282)
Park Cars Near Windy Hill transmitter mast. M62 J22. Turn right under motorway and car park is 400 yards on right at top of rise. GR SD983142.
Details Pennine Way to White Hill trig point and Haigh Gutter then via Readycon Dean, Rooden, Piethorne, Kitcliffe and Ogden Reservoirs to Tunshill Lane then round Binns Pasture to cars. November in the Pennines usually finds us walking on muddy paths and wet ground !

Area DUNHAM MASSEY **Start** 10.00 **6 Miles** **Category** 4 **Transport** 5mls
Leader(s) Colin and Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651 (Mob 07972 857468)
Park Cars Trans Pennine Trail Car Park, Henshall Lane, near Junction with Station Road, GR SJ728885.
Details Trans Pennine Trail to School Lane then Bridgewater Canal to Dunham Massey (lunch & toilets) then to Dunham Woodhouses via field footpaths continuing towards Little Heatley before re-joining Trans Pennine Trail back to cars.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Area DOVESTONE RIDGE **Start** 10.15 **10 Miles** **Category** 2/3 **Transport** 23mls
Leader(s) John Capel, 980 2496 (Mob 07866 764187)
Park Cars Dovestone Reservoir P&D Car Park (£1.30), toilets. GR SE013036, Postcode OL3 7NE (nearest). Leave M60 at J23, take A635 through Ashton. After Greenfield Village, turn right down Bank Lane, car park is at road end in one mile.
Details From the CP, the walk will be along Bradbury's Lane to the old mill cottages, then up on to the Oldham Way, under the Dish Stone to the quarry below Chew Reservoir. The walk then follows along the edge, across Charnel Clough, passed the ruined Bramley's Cottage and on to the Fox Stone. The Ashway Cross (memorial to James Platt MP) above the Ashway Gap follows, then the Raven Stones along Dovestone Edge. Return down the steep Birchen Clough (can be difficult walking!) to Greenfield Brook and back along the flat leisurely paths alongside the Greenfield, Yeoman Hey and Dovestone Reservoirs, returning to the car park across dam embankment. On a good day there are plenty of spectacular views, as the walk progresses, of the various gritstone crags and edges. Have a look at the great drone video for the walk area: –
<http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/routeslinkswalks/dovestone-reservoir-walking-route>

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Area DUNHAM LOOP **Start** 10.30 **6.5 Miles** **Category** 4 **Transport** 2mls
Leader(s) Edward and Zoe Spark, 07765 027605
Park Cars Corner of Bradgate Road and Dunham Road, Postcode WA14 4QU.
Details We shall walk across the golf course, along canal bank, Trans-Pennine Way, through Dunham Park, golf course and back to cars. One stile, may be muddy in places.

WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Area STOODLEY PIKE **Start** 10.00 **11 Miles** **Category** 3/2 **Transport** 30mls
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)
Park Cars Free car park on left of A58 just before the White House Hotel at Blackstone Edge. GR SD968179 Post Code OL15 0LG.
Details Along Pennine Way to Stoodley Pike, down to White Clough Reservoir, round its West end then up Deep Slade to join White Holm Drain near Cloven Stone. The Drain is then followed to White Holm Reservoir, round to its southern corner then over the moor back to the cars.

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Area HEALEY DELL & WATERGROVE **Start 9.45** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 28mls**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 233 0483 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Car park at the end of Station Road (or on the road itself), Broadley, Whitworth. GR SD879165, Postcode OL12 6BG. This is located just off the A671, north of Rochdale. Please note that there is also a Station Road in Whitworth.
Details Starting with a crossing of the ridge to Watergrove Reservoir Dam, then along the Pennine Bridleway to above Summit before climbing up onto the hills. Return via Crook Hill, Rough Hill and Brown Wardle Hill before dropping down to Whitworth.

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

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	Les Stockton, Tel 980 1600

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We regret to announce the death of member, Bill St. Leger, who passed away during the weekend of 3rd/4th of October. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

David White has decided to step down from organising the Wednesday short walks after 7 years. He will be succeeded by Les Stockton from 1st Nov. (see above). David would like to wish Les every success and to say "Thank you to all the leaders who have supported me by organising walks for the past 7 years. The future success of the club relies upon your continued efforts." We should like to thank both David and Liz for all their efforts over the 7 years and hope they enjoy many more years leading and participating in Club walks.

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NOTICE OF MOTION to Amend the Constitution to Introduce a Force Majeure Clause

In accordance with Clause 9 of the ADRC constitution, I hereby give notice that on behalf of the committee I will move the following motion to be adopted by the members. As we are unable to 'meet' due to Covid restrictions, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be effected by a vote conducted on-line and via posted voting slips. Members whose votes are received by 6.00 pm on Monday, 23 November 2020 will have been deemed to have been present. The result will be determined by a simple majority. For voting by email, see website.

EXPLANATION

Dear Member, your Committee has been struggling to keep ADRC walking and solvent. As we are unable to hold an AGM, your committee has come to the unanimous conclusion that we urgently need to amend the constitution with the following addition. Please respond promptly to the motion as your urgent response is necessary to keep our Club functioning effectively.

MOTION 1

That the constitution be amended by the addition of Clause 12 as follows:

If during a period of Force Majeure, or other exceptional circumstances, over which the committee have no control, when an AGM or EGM cannot be held, the committee shall assume such authority as is required to manage the club on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership.

MOVED BY

Monica Beardmore
ADRC General Secretary

On behalf of the ADRC Committee

Please give your assent or dissent to the proposal by Monday, 23 November 2020.

I AGREE / DISAGREE that the proposed amendment to the constitution be adopted.

Member 1: Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Member 2: Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Return to: Monica Beardmore, 41 Alexander Drive, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 6NF

Any votes received after 6.00pm Monday, 23 November 2020 will not be counted