

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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MAY CIRCULAR 2026

ADRC Leaders and Members should note the following matters:

Club Leaders. For members advice on all issues for leading walks, including; planning, briefing and post-walk, please refer to the Club's "Guidelines for Leaders of Club Walks" (Issue 1, December 2021), which can be found in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website. Walk grading can be found on the on-line walk submission form and membership card for members and via the 'Walk Category Descriptions' link at the top of the Forward Walks Programme on the website, for non-members.

Insurance. The ADRC Hazard Appraisal Form, and the completion of it by the Club Leaders for their organised walks is not a requirement of the current Club insurers. However, in line with best practice, the Club recommends that this procedure/process is undertaken.

Club Records. In line with Club policy/procedure would all leaders, on completion of their organised walk please compile a list of participants and forward this to Phil Worsley (philworsley25@gmail.com). Any walking accidents to be reported to Beverly Harrison (beverly_harrison@hotmail.com).

Walking Conditions. Walkers are responsible for any personal injury and/or loss during a Club walk. Other stipulations, such as with regard to; guests, dogs on walks etc., are contained within the Club's "Guidelines for Members Taking Part in Club Walks" (Issue 5, November 2021) document, which can be found in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website.

Please continue to check the Club website and your email inbox/spam for current information and advice.



Coach Trip News

Our last trip to Kettlewell was in July 2019, during the buildup to the village's famous Scarecrow Festival; it was amazing. Unfortunately, we will miss it this year as it is being held in August, but the village will still be its normal 'sunny' and sparkling best and a guaranteed good day out on Wednesday 6th May.

We have 3 great walks laid on this year, so if you want to test yourself on the high tops, or find out what a Conistone Pie really is, or more wander around what is a beautiful Yorkshire village after a short walk to Starboston, we've got it covered – see you on the coach!

SUNDAY 3 MAY, Ladybower & Hope Cross, 10 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 36 Miles (£9.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45

Leader(s) Phil Worsley, Tel: 07971 514369

Meet At The pay and display car park at Heatherdene, on the A6013 at GR SK 202859. Postcode S33 0BY. What3Words ///wrist.sizzled.fluid. Toilets available.

Details Initially travelling south, then west the walk will eventually reach Aston. From here we turn north/north-west and continue via Hope Cross and Haggwater Bridge to cross the A57 Snake Road. The route then makes its way to the open ground above Hagg Side from where the path along the top of the forest is followed to reach Bridge-end-Patsure, Toadhole Cote and then back to the car park at Heatherdene. Approx' 1,700' of ascent across the 10 miles, comprising two moderate climbs and some of the usual countryside undulations. Good views weather permitting. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

SUNDAY 3 MAY, Kerridge, 6.75 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 18 Miles (£4.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Heather Wykes, Tel: 01625 618782, or 07543657837

Meet At Church street, Bollington. Travel right through Bollington, on the B5090, then turning right onto Church Street. at the mini roundabout. Postcode SK10 5PY.

Details Gradual climb below Kerridge Hill, then up to and along the ridge. Descending to Bollington, passing through fields and along the canal back to cars. Bookings: nannywykes@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY, Coach Trip to Bala. There will be no local walks today

SUNDAY 10 MAY, The Moors Northeast of Todmorden, 9 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 36 Miles (£9.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45
Leader(s) Suzanne Caulfield, Tel: 07546 044417
Meet At Lobb Mill Picnic Area. GR SD955246. From Todmorden Town Centre, follow A646 east on Hebden Bridge Road for about 1.4 miles. Car park on the left at the end of the railway arches. If full, additional parking 200 yards further on the left.
Details Steady climb from the car park to Todmorden Centenary Way. Bride Stones Moor. Dukes Cut, Colden. Steep and possibly muddy descent through Jumble Hole (bluebell wood). Mulcture Hall. Return to cars along Rochdale Canal. c.1800ft ascent. Many stiles. Bookings: hsc922@gmail.com

SUNDAY 10 MAY, There will be no shorter walk today

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY, Bluebells & Brownies at Danebridge, 9 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 23 Miles (£5.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.15
Leader(s) John Capel, Tel: 07866 764187
Meet At Road parking at bottom of Barlow Hill, opposite Wincle Brewery, Danebridge, GR SJ965652, What3Words ///feared.convinces.earpiece
Details This walk follows the lovely River Dane, crossing from Cheshire into Staffordshire and back, initially upstream along woodland paths. After stopping near Luds Church for refreshments, we cut round the edge of the ridge to Hanging Stone, where we will enjoy the views across the Dane Valley. We then head down passed Swythamley and Gig Halls to the river for lunch. We then follow the river downstream, before crossing at Barleigh Ford Bridge onto the Gritstone Trail. From here we head for Whitelee Farm, Timberhurst Wood and back to Wincle Brewery for a beverage! Bookings: john@capels.net

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY, Didsbury & Fletcher Moss Gardens, 5.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 0 Miles (£0)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Celia Betney & Jenny Rydell, Tel: 0161 928 110 (Celia), or 07789 191055 (Jenny)
Meet At Stenner Lane, Didsbury. Postcode M20 2RQ. 9.30 tram from Altrincham change at Cornbrook, Didsbury tram. Get off at Didsbury village, a short walk to Stenner Lane, we will wait at Didsbury for catch up.
Details We will visit the Parsonage Gardens, as well as Fletcher Moss gardens, then a circular river walk through woodlands. Lunch at a church garden in Northenden, and back along the river to Didsbury. Afterwards you have a choice of a drink in the pub, or tea in one of the many tea shops in the village and a trip round the shops if you wish. Bookings: jrydell@outlook.com

SUNDAY 17 MAY, Darwin Moor/Jubilee Tower, 8.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, Tel: 07549 630227
Meet At Crookfield Road car park, Belmont. Nearest postcode BL7 8BG. GR SD6688418436. M60, at J15 take the M61 following the signs for the A666. After the Asda Supermarket, take the A675 Belmont Road for 6 miles, turn right into Crookfield Road, car park on the left.
Details Down into and through Tockholes Plantation, past the site of the demolished Hollinshead Hall to the Witton Weavers Way. Past Sunnyside Reservoir and then up Darwen Hill to the Jubilee Tower. From the Tower, back over Darwen Moor past Duckshaw Clough to the parked cars. The walk is mainly on good paths with few stiles, but it may be muddy after rainy weather. Bookings: bmarybailey1946@gmail.com

SUNDAY 17 MAY, Bostock Green/Middlewich, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 16 Miles (£4.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Louise Williams & Sue Bracegirdle, Tel: 0161 980 0526, or 0772 707626
Meet At The Hayhurst Arms, just off A533. Postcode CW10 9JP.
Details Easy circular walk mainly along lanes/riverside paths with some road working. No stiles. We leave the picturesque village green, passing through Moulton and Stanthorne. Lunch at Vale Royal Locks. Bookings: susanbracegirdle@yahoo.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, Kettlethulme Skyline, 12 Miles, Cat' 2, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)

Time Walk Start Time 9.00
Leader(s) David Bishop, Tel: 07796 426641
Meet At Pym Chair Car Park (free), at the top of pass between Kettlethulme and the Goyt Valley. SK10 5XL. GR: 994768. What3Words ///rainfall.cured.exploring.
Details A fairly challenging walk. The route keeps to the ridges around the upper Todd Brook valley and Kettlethulme (i.e. 'skyline' and 'watershed'). From Pym's Chair, the route follows the ridge south to Shining Tor; descends to cross Todd Brook to ascend the west ridge to Charles Head and along to Sponds Hill; then crosses the valley again for the ascent to Windgather Rocks and back to the car park. A couple of short, steep ascents and descents with 750m of ascent in total. There is a variety of footpaths and tracks, some of which will be rough and muddy. However, amazing views can be expected along much of the route (weather permitting). Bookings: davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, Higher Poynton/Lyme Park, 4 Miles, Cat' 4/3, Transport 13 Miles (£3.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) John & Sue Peel, Tel: 07876 753877
Meet At Nelson Pit Car Park (P&D now £4.30 per day), Higher Poynton. Nearest postcode SK12 1TH. Take the Manchester Link Road A555 for Poynton. At the crossroads in Poynton Village, take the Park Lane exit. After approx 3/4 of a mile, turn left into Middlewood Road. Turn right at the Anson Engine Museum sign into Anson Road. Cross over the crossroad at the Boars Head P/H, the car park is on the left.
Details Pleasant walk incorporating canal towpaths, woodland paths and moorland. Passing through Lyme Park, where we stop for lunch. Exiting Lyme Park, we cross moorland with far reaching views, returning to the car park via Middlewood Way. A few inclines on the walk, but nothing too strenuous. Also 6/7 stiles on the route, all in good order. Bookings: peel80@tiscali.co.uk

***FRIDAY* 22 MAY (Ambler Walk), The Little Manor, Thelwell, 3 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 9 Miles (£2.25)**

Time Walk Start Time 11.00
Leader(s) Zoe Spark, Tel: 07765 027605
Meet At The Little Manor, Bell Lane, Thelwell, WA4 2SX. Where leader will meet you.
Details A very pretty walk on a good path, steps over canal with steady handrail and return to pub along the canal tow path. The Little Manor has a large outside area, part of which is covered. They serve snacks and lunch. If you require lunch, please let me know for the booking. Bookings: zoespark@hotmail.co.uk

SUNDAY 24 MAY, North & West of Jumbles, 9.25 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 23 Miles (£5.75)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45
Leader(s) Peter & Sue Darby, Tel: 0161 980 3908, or 07837 345297
Meet At Jumbles Car Park, Bradshaw Road, BL2 4JS. Toilets, Cafe (if open), pay meter if in use, (but has not been recently). From M60, A666, turn right onto A676. After approx 1m through Bradshaw, turn left at traffic lights onto Bradshaw Road then left at brown sign for Jumbles Country Park. GR SD 736140
Details A varied walk on mostly good paths through woods, along tracks and across farmland, muddy in places if there has been recent rain. Some paths have been walked only rarely, so may be a little overgrown. Undulating, but no major climbs, one steepish descent. Total ascent approx 1200 ft. Route will include: Turton Bottoms, Wayoh Reservoir, Entwistle Station, Turton Heights, Horridge's Farm, Top of Turton. Bookings: psjd117@gmail.com

SUNDAY 24 MAY, Fernilee & Taxal, 6.25 Miles, Cat' 4/3, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, Tel: 07971 514369
Meet At Park at the large layby approx' 1.25 miles south of Whaley Bridge on the right-hand side of the A5004. GR SK 008798. What3Words ///diverts.surpasses.crescendo. Please note that the parking area can get busy on weekends so, if possible, if you are a driver please fill your car with passengers. Thank you.
Details A very nice walk along both sides of The Goyt and Fernilee Reservoir with the morning section, including a coffee/tea stop at "The Beach", being for the most part category 4, and the afternoon section being the category 3. We will walk on good tracks and paths through pleasant woodland, along a dismantled railway and through the "Hillbridge and Park Wood Nature Reserve". There is nothing difficult on the walk today and good countryside and scenic views are abundant. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, Rowarth/Lantern Pike/Coombes Edge, 10.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.15
Leader(s) Steven Taylor, Tel: 07810 631566
Meet At Rowarth Car Park, Goddard Lane (free, no toilets). Postcode SK22 1EF. What3Words ///stun.twists.lasts
Details From Rowarth, we follow tracks and paths to ascend Lantern Pike with great views. Then good paths and field walking to Coombes Edge. We walk along the striking edge and then descend and return to Rowarth. (approx. 1,600ft Ascent). Bookings: steven-taylor@talktalk.net

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, Siddington Cheshire, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 14 Miles (£3.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Mike Walpeter (aka Wally), Tel: 07767146888
Meet At Redesmere Parking Place {free}. Nearest postcode SK11 9PR. What3Words ///bluff.zebra.polished. GR SJ 8482071303. Follow the A34 towards Congleton, pass Capesthorpe Hall on your RHS and then after about a mile turn left onto Redesmere Lane, the parking area is another 0.2 mile down the lane on the LHS.
Details A flattish walk through the Cheshire countryside, passing through Fanshawe, Hazelwall, Heskey Wood, then onto Martonheath Wood. Then we go through farmland to the historic church of All Saints. From here we head back to Redesmere Lane and back down to the parking area. There are a handful of stiles to negotiate, and it could be muddy in some areas if there has been recent rainfall. Bookings: mike.walpeter@gmail.com

SUNDAY 31 MAY, Clwydian Hills, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 45 Miles (£10.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00
Leader(s) Leo Garner, Tel: 07966 137355
Meet At The car park west of Cilcain. Sat Nav, Cilcain car park. What3Words ///hobbit.thumps.dugouts. GR SJ170652. From Mold, take unclassified road to Gwernaffield-y-Waun & Pantymwyn. Continue to Cilcain. Go straight through the village and take 2nd left after the church. Car parking bays on the right.
Details Climb to Moel Famau, then along Offa's Dyke Path to Moel Arthur. Anti-clockwise circuit round Moel Arthur (including optional summit ascent). Continue via footpaths and fields back to the car park. Total ascent 2,400ft. 7 stiles. Bookings: rlgarner42@gmail.com

SUNDAY 31 MAY, Rushton Spencer to Rudyard, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 27 Miles (£6.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Frank Dockry, Tel: 07599 557690
Meet At Knot Inn, Rushton Spencer (don't use the pub car park). GR SJ 936624. Follow the A523, at Rushton Spencer turn right into Station Lane. A few yards on "directly" after the Knot Inn, turn left into a lane. The car park is a few yards down on the right.
Details We walk to and around the lake (reservoir). At the far end of the lake is seating area and toilets. This is a good place for the break. We could stop again at the sailing club and watch the boats. Nice views of the lake. Bookings: frankdockry@googlemail.com

Submission for Club Walks

Walk Leaders. Please check the 'Forward Walks Programme' on the Club's website <https://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk/forward-walks-programme-2/> and consider offering to lead a walk on a date where no leader has been identified. Involve Walk Organisers in your walk, whose details can be found on Club membership cards.

Please use the on-line 'Walk Submission Form' <https://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk/members-area/walks/on-line-walk-submission-form/>, for all submissions, so that they will be included in the relevant Monthly Circular.

Walk details and **Club contributions** for the **June** circular must be submitted by **10 May** to john@capels.net.

OTHER NEWS

BALA COACH TRIP, Sunday, 6th May 2026, REVISED DETAILS: C walk 6 miles cat 3/4 led by Judy Bailey and Beryl Hunwick. A circular walk of Bala town using river, lakeside, woodland, heathland and field paths. All ascents will be taken at a leisurely pace.

KETTLEWELL COACH TRIP, Sunday, 7th June 2026

Charge £25.00 per person. Bookings open on 11th April 2026. Please book with Beryl Hunwick. Email: bhunwick@sky.com Tel: 07950 094203, 43 Broomfield Lane, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9AS.

Bank Transfer: Faster Payments (same day) is the preferred method of payment. Bank payment details are: Altrincham Rambling Club (Virgin Money Bank), Sort Code 05 02 13, Account number: 42484432. Please state your **surname** and **KE** in the bank reference box. Then email Beryl and say: **who has paid, names of any others, KE the amount paid and your pick-up point(s)**. Only then will Beryl send a confirmation email for booked seat(s).

Pick-ups start outside Delcor on The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2PU at 8 a.m. Subsequent pick-up points: the flyover, Woodlands Road, Altrincham; bus stop on corner of Shaftesbury Avenue & Stockport Road; outside Methodist Church, Stockport Road, Timperley, WA15 7UG; bus stop on Park Road (between Brookfield Drive & Meadow Bank) Timperley; bus stop on Washway Road (between Woodhouse Lane & Forest Drive) and outside "Ashbrooks" furniture Store, Washway Road, Sale, M33 7QY. The return drop-off points are as the above pick-up points, but in reverse. **Note: latest return departure from KE will be 6 p.m.**

Leader longer walk: Phil Worsley, "Great Wernside and Tor Dyke", 9.5 miles, category 3/2
Intermediate walk: Pete & Sue Darby, "Kettlewell Conistone Pie", 8.3 miles, 1,110 ft
Shorter walk: David & Judith Burns, "Kettlewell Starbotton", 5.3 miles, 455 ft linear

FUTURE COACH TRIPS, Wednesday, 1st July, Kirkby Stephen & Sunday 6th September, Grange-over-Sands

SAVE THE DATE, Saturday 27th June, we have a stall at the Altrincham Festival, at the Timperley Showground – pop along for a couple of hours and support the club!!

Club's 70th ANNIVERSARY. Events preparations are proceeding. If members have any good celebration ideas, please contact Sue Allen spba62@hotmail.co.uk