

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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JULY 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).

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



Coach Trip News

Our last coach trip of the year couldn't be a better one; Grange-over-Sands. We last went to Grange in July 2018 and it was a good trip. Grange is well known as a retirement town, but there is a lot more going on there and walking down the esplanade and promenade should not be underestimated, with the redeveloped Lido at one end and the ornamental gardens at the other. Holker Hall and gardens are 3m to the west and the famous village of Cartmel, with the 12th century Priory, racecourse and the sticky toffee pudding shop, just 2m to the north. As always, we have 3 great walks laid on - see you on the coach.

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY, Coach Trip to Kirkby Stephen. There will be no local walks today

SUNDAY 5 JULY, North of Standing Stone, 10 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)

Time Walk Start Time 09:45

Leader(s) Phil Worsley, Tel: 07971 514369

Meet At Standing Stone car park – which is above Trentabank – on Charity Lane, GR SJ977714. The nearest postcode is SK11 0AR (use only as a guide). No toilets.

Details This anti-clockwise circuit, to the north of Standing Stone, will initially travel via Clough Brook and Chest Hollow to reach the A537. Continuing via Stake Farm, the route will visit Shining Tor before descending to Lamaload Reservoir from where it continues west to Snipe House and Berristal Road. Turning south and then south-east the circuit is completed via Gulshaw Hollow, Walker Barn, Charity Lane, and Macclesfield Forest. The walk has two climbs and a few of the usual countryside undulations. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

SUNDAY 5 JULY, Appleton Thorn, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 12 Miles (£3.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30

Leader(s) Jeanne Gregory & Lesley Short, Tel: 0161 9808439, 0161 9801041, or 07962 141613, 07976 652248

Meet At Postcode WA4 4RT. A50 towards Warrington, first left after the Bear Paw PH on Swineyard Lane. After 3miles, turn left onto the B5356 Appleton Thorn. Pass the Thorn Inn PH Grappenhall Road and after the Appleton Thorn village hall, Stretton Road and the lay by is on the right, where leaders will meet.

Details From Appleton Thorn village, over fields through the Lumb Brook Valley, including the Dingle, Grappenhall Heys and woods. Returning through Wrights Green and back to the cars. No stiles, but some road walking. After the walk, all are welcome to call in at the church school rooms in the triangle at High Legh. Car park is on the left opp the entrance to school rooms for Tea/coffee and homemade cakes. Bookings: jeannegregory@btinternet.com

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY, Buxton to Whaley Bridge, 9 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 19 Miles (£4.75)

Time Walk Start Time 09:30

Leader(s) Pauline Glover & Beverly Harrison, Tel: 0161 928 1093, or 07742 613309

Meet At Whaley Bridge railway station, Market St, SK23 7AA, with a single ticket from Whaley Bridge to Buxton; it's cheaper to buy in advance. We catch the 9.35am train from Whaley Bridge to Buxton, then walk back. Station car park costs £2.40, or free parking on the A5004 alongside the station.

Details A varied and scenic linear walk from Buxton back to Whaley Bridge, including Buxton Pavilion Gardens, Cavendish golf course, Watford Farm, The Bent, Cromford & High Peak Railway, Burnsall Top, Fernilee Reservoir, Taxal, Toddbrook Res. Bookings: psglo2017@gmail.com, beverly_harrison@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY, Bollington, 7 Miles, Cat' 3/4, Transport 15 Miles (£3.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30

Leader(s) Judy Bailey, Tel: 07401 519951

Meet At Holehouse Lane car park, Whiteley Green Postcode SK10 5SR, GR SJ927789, What3Words ///physics.spearing.ripples. A555, right A523 Poynton Relief Road for approx 2.5ml, left Brookledge Lane, after 1.2ml right Sugar Lane, 0.7ml right Holehouse Lane, right Rushmore Close and CP.

Details Canal walk to Bollington, from where we start the slow climb up to White Nancy. This is steep in places and will be taken slowly with frequent stops as necessary. There are good paths, the final section being steps. At the top, we are rewarded with extensive views. We follow the Saddle of Kerridge, before gently dropping down to Swanscoe Hall. Field paths back to rejoin the Macclesfield Canal, Middlewood Way and the car park. Bookings: judith.bailey5@gmail.com

SUNDAY 12 JULY, Hathersage to Edale Linear, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 27 Miles (£6.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10:10

Leader(s) John Capel, Tel: 07866 764187

Meet At Edale Railway station, GR SK123854. What3Words ///pram.dodges.squirted. Please meet on platform 2 (East) with a single ticket (£6.60 via Northern Trains app, £4.35 with a railcard) to Hathersage, for the 10.17 train. Allow plenty of time for parking, getting a ticket and boots on, as the next train is at 11.31!

Details From Hathersage station we pick up the River Derwent, which we follow for 3m to reach Bamford. From here we head along the River Noe for 2.5m passing Brough, before we reach Hope. We then start to head uphill towards Lose Hill before joining the Great Ridge, then dropping down at Hollis Cross back to Edale. Overall, there is 375m (1225ft) of ascent, but we should be rewarded with scenic views all day. Bookings: john@capels.net.

SUNDAY 12 JULY, Trans Pennine Trail/Bridgewater Canal, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 3 Miles (£0.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30

Leader(s) Margaret Sadler & Edna Brownhill, Tel: 07565 159046

Meet At Trans Pennine Trail car park directly at the end of Atlantic Street, Broadheath. Past Aldi and Asda. The car park is rather small, but you can park on Atlantic Street. GR SJ752888. Postcode WA14 5PP

Details We set off along the trail and turn onto Station Road to Dunham Woodhouses, then across fields to Dunham Park for lunch. We cross the park and continue along the tow path of the Bridgewater Canal, then back to the cars. A couple of stiles, but nothing difficult. Bookings: margaret@thesadlers.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, Hathersage & Padley Gorge, 8.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 35 Miles (£8.75)

Time Walk Start Time 09:30

Leader(s) Sue Allen, Tel: 07443 654793

Meet At At Oddfellows Road car park, Hathersage, Postcode S321DU (£6.60), What3Words ///spillage.paraded.faster. Suggest you park then pay, it's very busy. Other parking on Oddfellows Road, or under railway bridge on Dore Lane. Free public toilets available close to car park.

Details A pleasant walk along the River Derwent, with a gentle climb to Grindelford, passing Padley Chapel. We then follow stoney woodland paths, up through Padley Gorge to emerge at Burbage Brook. The walk is then on open moorlands to the Iron Age fortification of Carl Wark and onto a short scramble up Higger Tor. We make our way back towards Hathersage via the gravestone of Little John in the Parish churchyard. A reasonably gentle walk, with an opportunity to extend the walk slightly, dependant on weather and motivation of walkers! Bookings: spba62@hotmail.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, Grappenhall, 6.2 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 12 Miles (£3.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10:45

Leader(s) Mike Jones, Tel: 0161 941 1634, or 07596 845748

Meet At Stockton Lane, Grappenhall. GR SJ629862, What3Words ///park.slimy.enjoyable. Follow A56 through Lymm and Thelwall and cross A50 at traffic lights. At next traffic lights, turn left over canal bridge and take first on right (Stockton Lane). There is a road closed sign, but this just means no through road. Pass houses and park at roadside near to the sports ground.

Details Through Grappenhall outskirts and woods to reach Grappenhall Hays walled garden. Return via Fords Rough, the Dingle and Lumb Brook Valley. Bookings: alderjones@yahoo.co.uk

SUNDAY 19 JULY, South & East of Hayfield, 9 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 21 Miles (£5.25)

Time Walk Start Time 09:45

Leader(s) Phil Worsley, Tel: 07971 514369

Meet At The Sett Valley Trail P&D car park, Hayfield, which is just off the A624 at GR SK036869. Postcode SK22 2ES. Toilets available.

Details The walk will initially travel via Stones House and the Pennine Bridleway to contour under Mount Famine and South Head, before eventually reaching Shireoaks and then Breckhead. The route then turns north and returns to the start via Dewsnaps, Andrews Farm, Highgate Road and possibly The George Hotel for refreshments. The walk has the usual countryside undulations, plus some fine hill scenery on a good weather day. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

SUNDAY 19 JULY, Pickmere Lake, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 10 Miles (£2.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30
Leader(s) Andree Lambert & Gill Brooks, Tel: 07515 545236
Meet At In the parking lot of the Red Lion, Park lane, Pickmere (where leaders will meet), WA16 0JX
Details An easy walk with few styles from Pickmere village to Great Budworth church for lunch then return via Pickmere Lake. Bookings: andree.lambert@icloud.com

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, South West of Meltham, 10 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 32 Miles (£8.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10:15
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, Tel: 0161 969 2407, or 07553 540282
Meet At Wessenden Head, roadside parking, A635, GR SE077072, What3Words ///proud.salary.mixture. M60 J23 towards Ashton, then A635 to Mossley, then follow Holmfirth, then five miles after Dovestone Reservoir look for a left fork signed Meltham and park by this junction on either side of the road.
Details Pennine Way over Binn Moor, to follow Deer Hill conduit to the reservoir of the same name. We then take the old Catchwater Drain to Royd Edge to ascend Magdalen Road then follow the Kirklees Way back to cars. Eight tall 'stepped' stone stiles [but with metal supports for assistance] alongside the drain, one ladder to descend at the old waterworks and a dodgy stream crossing subsequent to heavy rain. No dogs please. Bookings: nigel.gartside@uwclub.net

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, Lymm, 5.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 7 Miles (£1.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10:45
Leader(s) David & Liz White, Tel: 0161 980 8605, or 07721 422762
Meet At Crouchley Lane car park. A56 from Altrincham to Lymm. Turn left just before the dam. CP Immediately on right.
Details Local easy walk around Lymm area. Taking in Lymm Dam, the Dingle, Lymm village and the Bridgewater canal. Good paths and from memory only one stile. Bookings: eldestbruv@gmail.com

***FRIDAY* 24 JULY (Ambler Walk), Clifton Park, 3.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 14 Miles (£3.50)**

Time Walk Start Time 11.00
Leader(s) Alan Key, Tel: 07761 624521
Meet At Clifton Country Park visitor's centre, Clifton House Road, Swinton M27 6NG. M60 to M61, right onto A666/Bolton. Stay in left lane, take exit for A6053 towards Kearsley/Farnworth (3rd exit on Roundabout. Follow for 1.8 miles, turning sharp left (opp brown sign for the park) follow steep round to CP.
Details This ambler walk is around the lake and is flat and very easy. The visitors centre has a small cafe and toilets. No booking required.

SUNDAY 26 JULY, Rivington Pike/Winter Hill, 8.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona, Tel: 07549 630227
Meet At Great House Barn Car Park (free) at Rivington near to the Go Ape Cabin. Toilets, Cafe. Nearest Postcode BL6 7RZ. What3words ///cares.stall.graceful. OS Explorer Map 27.
Details A circular Walk at a Leisurely pace > Rivington Hall Barn > Pigeon Tower > Rivington Pike > Winter Hill > Two Lads > Pike Cottage Cafe > Japanese Gardens > Hall Barn > the Cars. Total Ascent approx 1,400 ft. Excellent Panoramic Views on a clear day. Mainly Good Paths, no Stiles. Could be muddy after inclement weather. Bookings: bmarybailey1946@gmail.com

SUNDAY 26 JULY, Alderley Edge, 7 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 12 Miles (£3.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10:15
Leader(s) John Beardmore, Tel: 0161 904 7448, or 07767 782338
Meet At Wizard CP OS268 GR SJ859773 NT members free, others £7, or park on road. Meet in CP towards cafe/toilets. In Alderley Edge, turn left onto Macclesfield Road B5078, CP is approx. 1mile on the left.
Details North and down to Findlow and Faulkners farms, across Mottram GC and along North Cheshire Way, Edge Farm to CP. Muddy areas in fields and along the river Bollin. There are several stiles and footbridges, possible cattle and horses in fields. We will include the View Point on a fine day. Bookings: johnb41@uwclub.net

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY, Burwardsley/Bickerton/Maiden Cstle, 10.3 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 34 Miles (£8.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10:15
Leader(s) Steven Taylor, Tel: 07810 631566
Meet At Sandstone Trail car park, Burwardsley. CH3 9PD. What3Words ///breached.pythons.garden. The drive distance is based on using the A49 route taking around 60mins. (not the M56 route that may be very slightly quicker).
Details Our route joins the Sandstone trail via Musket's Hole, then via Bickerton to reach Maiden Castle hill fort. Our return route passes through Harthill village. The walk uses good trails, lanes and fields with some short, steep-ish climbs. No unusual hazards, but mud and farm animals a possibility. The Pheasant pub

is available for those who may wish to partake at the end of the walk. Total ascent is around 1,400 feet.
Bookings: steven-taylor@talktalk.net

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY, Turton Bottoms/Jumbles Country Park, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 18 Miles (£4.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10:30
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey, Tel: 07549 630227
Meet At Jumbles country park. Take M60 then M61. Keep right on A666. Approx 3.7 miles at lights turn right onto A673. At next lights turn left onto A676. Straight on and look for sign Bromley Cross B6472 and turn left onto Turton Road. At railway bridge turn immediately right onto Chapeltown Road, carry on and opposite Haydock Lane on left turn right at brown Jumbles Country Park sign. Do not go to the bottom car park where the cafe is. There is plenty of parking. Nearest postcode BL76 6AJ.
Details Past golf course, walk along good paths. We then cross the road and enter the country park. There are ups and downs, but nothing too difficult. Mainly good paths and not much mud. Bookings: bmarybailey1946@gmail.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.

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.

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

COACH TRIP NEWS

KIRKBY STEPHEN COACH TRIP, Wednesday 1st July. Revised details: the shorter C walk to Nateby & River Eden, will be an undulating 6.5 miles with lovely views led by Beryl Hunwuck and Frank Dockry.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS COACH TRIP, Sunday, 6th September 2026

Charge £25.00 per person. Bookings for members is available on release of this circular, then open to others on 9th August 2026. Please book with the CTO Pauline Glover. Email: psglo2017@gmail.com, Tel: 07742 613309, Address: 4 Littlemere Court, 42 Ashley Road, Altrincham WA14 2LZ.

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 **GS** in the bank reference box. Then email Pauline and say: **who has paid, names of any others, the amount paid and your pick-up point(s)**. Only then will Pauline 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 GS will be 6 p.m.** Further walk details will be provided on the coach.

Longer walk: John & Jill Jagger, woodland, limestone ridges, sea views & the Promenade, 8.5 miles 1300 ft.
Intermediate walk: Judith & Dave Burns, Flookburgh via Cark, Cartmel and Hampsfell, good views 7.5 miles
Shorter walk: Colin Tierman, Grange-over-Sands and Eggerslack Wood circular walk, 6 miles"

OTHER NEWS

Beverly would like to thank everyone who contributed to her 'fringe' activity fund, in celebration of her 80th birthday. A belated happy birthday to Beverley as well, from the whole club.

I'm thinking of creating a 'Walkers Tale' section in the circular. I'm generally thinking of walkers here not leaders, who have enough to do, but can contribute if they are inspired. So, if anyone has a 'short and concise' tale that happened on a walk, that may inform or humour other members, please send me your scrip. I'll even consider fake news!