

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

APRIL 2013 CIRCULAR

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham station Car park at the rear of station. When submitting a walk indicate the mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.
5. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

****WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH – GOYT VALLEY & CATS TOR - Change to driving instructions :** Ignore the left turn into Bank Lane and stay on Erwin Lane, following the signs to The Goyt Valley.

The full new directions are: From Macclesfield take B5470 to Rainow. After Rainow and Ginchlough turn right into Smith Lane then onto Erwin Lane following the signs to The Goyt Valley and onto The Street to Errwood Reservoir. Stay on this West side of the reservoir to the car park about a mile on the right, overlooking the reservoir, and free. Ignore the small Disabled Only car park near the reservoir dam road junction. Note: the road to the south of the car park is one way (south only) so there's no direct access from the A537.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL - PRESTATYN

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leaders Tony Davies, 969 5962, Beverly Harrison 928 1039 & Pauline Glover 928 0644 mob. 07708432105
Park Cars: N.T.car park Craig Fawr. O.S.265 064 801.M 56 west to end. Onto A550 then A548 Flint and Prestatyn. Just Before Prestatyn half left onto A547 to Meliden. Through Meliden (0.4 miles) to cross roads, (Dyserth Falls on far left corner). Turn left onto Allt-y-Craig Continue up hill to 'Y' junction. Car park is on the left.

From car north to join Offa's Dyke towards Prestatyn. Onto St.Elmo's, Clwydian Way and Tyddy Uchat, Marian, Pentre-mawr, Tyddyn-y-Cyll. Return to car on Offa's Dyke path.

- PLUMLEY AND HOLFORD HALL

Leave 0945 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.20
Leaders Jan Williams & David White 07913441664
Park Cars: Turn left on to Plumley Moor Road off the A556 Chester Road at The Smoker. The 'Golden Pheasant' is just after the bridge on the right-hand side.

Easy walk, fairly level through farmland and woodland. Few stiles.

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL - HEN CLOUD AND THE ROACHES

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £6.40
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013
Park Cars: The pay and display car park (cost to be shared) at Tittesworth Reservoir, off the A53 Buxton Road at GR SJ993602.

This anti-clockwise circuit will initially travel generally north via Benthead and Windygates before climbing to cross Hen Cloud and The Roaches. Descending now to Bearstone Rock and Lud's Church we will then continue to Hanging Stone before turning to walk above High Forest and complete the circuit by way of Clough Head, Roche Grange, Newsett Farm, Rose Cottage and Meerbrook.

MONDAY 8TH APRIL - CLUB TOUR WITH ALFA TO ILFRACOMBE

The Coach will leave Sale M&S at 0830. Please be at your pick up point in plenty of time.

Don't forget your packed lunch. We expect to arrive at Ilfracombe about 1630.

PLEASE NOTE - PICK UP POINTS

No 3 is the Bus Stop Park Road / Brookfield Drive No 5 is Altrincham Interchange.

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL - OGDEN VALLEY

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60

Leader Ian Stenhouse : 926 8446 Mob No: 07713030118

Park Cars: Car Park at Ogden Reservoir GR: SD 953123

Leave M62 at J21, right onto A640 (Shaw). At Newhey turn left with A640. After about 1 mile (on sharp lefthand bend) turn left at sign for 'Bulls Head'. Straight ahead to carpark on left at Ogden Reservoir.

The walk will head north from Ogden Reservoir to Tunshill Farm. After crossing the M62, we shall drop down towards Hollingworth Lake and then back under the M62 viaduct on the Pennine Bridleway to pick up the Rochdale Way past Piethorne Reservoir and then round Rodden Reservoir back to the cars via Higher and Lower Ogden.

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL - EDALE

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport 5.80

Leader John Brownhill 980 1774

Park Cars: The National Trust car park on the A625 3 ½ miles East from Chapel-en-le-frith near Mam Tor Grid Ref-SK124833 Return to Cars: 4.00:

A Partial Edale Skyline. Mam Tor, Hollins Cross, Edale, Ringing Rodger, Top of Grindsbrook, Crowden Tower, Swines Back, Brown Knoll and back to the cars along Rushup Edge

- WILMSLOW & BOLLIN RIVER

Leave 10.00 6.5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.60

Leader Alison Wilkes 962 9352

Park Cars: Public Car Park behind Wilmslow Leisure Centre. Map Ref 109 : 848809.

Directions to Start : 1. Take A538 to Wilmslow. 2. At traffic lights in centre of Wilmslow, turn left.

3. Turn right beyond garage to reach public car park - free on a Sunday.

Wilmslow, River Bollin, Mottram Bridge, North Cheshire Way, Wilmslow

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL - PEAK DISTRICT SNAKE INN

Leave 0900 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leader John Brownhill 9801774

Park Cars: Parking on the left of the A57 200yards past the Snake Inn Grid Reference- SK114904

Up Fair Brook to Kinder Edge, West along the edge to meet the Penine Way, then back to the cars down the

Snake Path Return to Cars: 3.45

- ANGLEZARKE AND RIVINGTON

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £5.20

Leader Norman Felton 0161 748 3493

Park Cars: Great House Barn, Rivington. SD 629139. Sat Nav BL675B where leader will meet.

Leave M61 at junction 6. Take the A6027 towards Horwich for 1.1 miles then turn left at the Beehive roundabout.

Go 1.8 miles to the next roundabout (The Crown). Go left then immediately right along Lever Park Avenue for 1.4

miles. The barn is on the left with toilets and a cafe. Return to Cars: 3-30

An undulating walk around four reservoirs. Well made paths for most of the way.

- ASHLEY & BOWDON BOLLIN

Leave 0945 5 ¼ miles Cat.4 Transport 50p

Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087

Park cars Layby on Ashley Mill Lane (GR 769 859). Take Ashley Road (B5357) through Hale Village. Ashley Mill Lane is on right of Ashley Road after passing over the river Bollin.

From the layby, we drop down to the Bollin and reach Bowdon Vale. A short village walk takes us to the Priory and fields back to the Bollin and on to Ryecroft farm and over the M56. We return to our cars via Ashley Hall.

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL - STOODLEY PIKE AND HEPTONSTALL

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.2 Transport £6.80

Leader Jonathan Wilkinson 928 4838

Park Cars: OL21 GR SD955246. Lobb mill Picnic Area. From Todmorden town centre follow A646 Hebden

Bridge road for about 1.4 miles. Car park on left at end of railway arches. If full, parking about 200 yards further on the right.

Lumbutts, then to Stoodley Pike. Rake Head. Hebden Bridge. Hebden Bridge. (Descent into Hebden Bridge rough in places) Heptonstall. Calderdale Way. Hippens. Jumble Hole. Then back to cars walking by the Rochdale canal. Weather permitting there should be excellent moorland views.

- **WINTER HILL**

Leave 09.00 8.1 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00

Leader Norman Felton 0161 748 3493

Park Cars: At Smithills Coaching House, Smithill Dean Road. GR SD697117. Sat Nav BL1 7NR.

M60, M61, and then onto the A666 for 3.6 miles. (Watch out for the brown signs to Smlthills and follow them.) After the 3.6 miles and still on the A666, turn right at the T junction. After 250 yards, at Motor World, go left onto the A6099 for 1 mile. Cross the A58 and go 700 yards.. The entrance to the coaching house is down the drive on the right. Park at the back where the leader will meet. Return to Cars: 15-30

An easy walk up Winter Hill (height 456 m) and all downhill on the way back. Walk includes Burnt Edge and Barrow Bridge with 65 steps down but no stiles. Paths a bit rough in a few places

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL - MILLER'S DALE & MONSAL HEAD

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport : £7.

Leaders Veronica Dunkley, Elizabeth Downie & Graham Peake
928 4629 (mobile on day 07780 914 773 or 0780 1054 139)

Park cars: Wormhill Car Park (Miller's Dale Station) with toilets. P&D £3.60 OL24 GR 137 733. From B6049 in Miller's Dale, turn West uphill signposted to car park.

Start with steep climb out of Miller's Dale. Along to Priestcliffe, Taddington, Taddington Field, Monsal Dale beside pretty River Wye and up to Monsal Head. Down to Cressbrook, Water-cum-Jolly Dale, Litton Mill and back along Monsal Trail.

- **BOLLINGTON & POTT SHRIGLEY**

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.3/2 * Transport £3.40

*(pavement/road walking at beginning then mostly hill walking circa. 200 mtrs).

Leaders Keith Wykes (01625 618164) &; Anna Bainbrigge (07786 796261 on day)

Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP(Toilets) opp.Vale Inn, Adlington Rd, Bollington,GR SJ931781 (or opp. Sports Centre if CP is full); where leaders will meet at Rangers' Office.

Drift through the past follow the 'Montgomery Mole' Symbol to be transported back in time; walk in the steps of the miners as they dig for coal and fireclay during the Industrial Revolution (spotting the relics of adits, spoil heaps, soughs, gin circles and bell pits):Harrop Valley; Bakestonedale Moor; Macclesfield Canal returning via Styperson Pool. N.B .As well as an outside lunch stop, possibility of inside refreshments along the way.

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL - BOSLEY CLOUD - BIDDULPH PARK

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leader Harry Hewlett 962 4869 Mob No: 07950 689777:

Park Cars: Staffordshire Way CP, Rushton Spenser. GR. 936624

CP/Wormhill /Gritstone – Staffordshire Way to Bosley Cloud / Cloud side / Brook House farm / Overedge / Dial Lane farm / Biddulph Park / Longedged farm / Lane End / Church / CP.

- **BUGSWORTH – ECCLES PIKE**

Leave 0945 6(ish) miles Cat.3 Transport £4

Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782

Park Cars: Navigation Inn, Bugsworth. GRSK023821.Take A6 thro to Disley then Furness Vale. Watch for B6062 indicating Chinley & Buxworth. Turn sharp left and continue for approx one mile. At the crossroads with the primary school ahead of you, turn right for the Bugsworth Basin into Brookside and continue to The Navigation Inn where we park.

Canal paths-tarmac-Fields and farm tracks to the foot of Eccles Pike, Whitehough Head and back to cars.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Phil Worsley 777 6013 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).

C' walks - Anne Macaulay

WEDNESDAYS

MAY 1st 'C' walk, 15th 'C' walk, 22nd 'B' walk, 25th 'A' & 'C' walks Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 5TH MAY - MORECAMBE BAY CROSSING

Walk across the Bay from Arnside to Kents Bank with Cedric Robinson. Approximately 3 ½ hours.

Book now with Edna Adderley 980 7753 - 2, Wellgreen Close, Hale, Cheshire. WA15 8PT. Cheques £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Priority will be given to those crossing the Bay but others who

would like to come may also book and fill the coach. Please indicate if you intend joining the Bay walk. Also where you will be joining the coach. More details later.

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO APPLEBY

'A' walk - 11 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Leader Phil Worsley

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3 Leaders Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge

'C' walk - 6 ½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader Alison Wilkes

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) 2 Hawthorne Cottages, Hawthorne Road, Hale, Cheshire WA15 9RQ
With a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will join the coach, Please note that the coach will only stop for a 15 minute comfort stop at the services so please bring your own drink or buy a takeaway.

SUNDAY 19TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE

'A' walk - 10 ½ miles Cat.2/3 Leader Ian Stenhouse

'B' walk - 8 ½ miles Cat.3 Leader Frank Dockry

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leaders Edna Adderley and Beryl Hunwick

Book with Edna Adderley, 2, Wellgreen Close, Hale, Cheshire. WA15 8PT. Cheques £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will be joining the coach. Please note that there will be a coffee stop at The Old Stone Trough, Foulridge.

NB: The Riddings Road pick-up stop has now been moved to the bus stop on Park Road, opposite Meadow Bank

Would all coach trip leaders let Anne Macaulay have details of your walks before 11th April please.

SUNDAY 'B' WALKS ORGANISER

Derrick Hamer has given notice that he does not wish to continue in the role of Sunday 'B' Walks Organiser after the 2013 AGM. We therefore require a volunteer to take over this position. If any member wishes to volunteer for this post, or wants to discuss the matter further then they should contact Phil Worsley who will provide any assistance required.

VERNON HILL LEGACY

How the Vernon Hill legacy should be spent has been discussed in the Committee Meetings. We have received several suggestions but we ask for further suggestions from the General Membership to be submitted, in writing please, to the Chairman or to the General Secretary. The aim is that a short list of proposals be brought to the AGM so that a final decision is agreed by the Membership at that meeting. It should be noted that in addition to the legacy left to our Club Vernon also made provision for monies to be left to various Mountain Rescue Organisations. It is suggested that we do not repeat such donations.

TRAVELLING COST

It appears that there is confusion with some Members regarding the calculation of Travelling Cost. It is reconfirmed that the cost is 20p per mile and the mileage used in the calculation is from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The note at the start of the Circular is amended to reflect this.

MEMBERS DISCOUNT

Basecamp in Stockport are willing to offer a 10% discount off any non-sale items to members of Altrincham Rambling club on production of current membership card. They are located at 89 Lower Hillgate, Stockport. A link to their website showing details of their product range on the Club Website.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The club sends it's best wishes to Keith Wykes following his recent stay in hospital. We hope to see you out with us again soon Keith. Keith would like to thank all who sent messages and Get Well cards.

Janet Blinkhorn would like to thank members for their cards and messages following her foot operation.

Joyce Hausaman also wishes to thank members for the Get Well cards and messages and is pleased to report that she is doing well.

We welcome Sheila Waite and Jerry Warner who have recently joined our Club.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 7th May at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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