

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

MARCH CIRCULAR 2026

ADRC Leaders and Members should note the following matters:

Club Leaders. For 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.

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.

SUNDAY 1 MARCH, Hayfield Circular, 8.75 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45

Leader(s) Peter & Susan Darby Tel: 0161 980 3908 or 07837 345297

Meet At Sett Valley Trail P&D Car Park (£7 / PayByPhone App) Station Road, Hayfield, just off the A624 at GR SK036869. Nearest Postcode SK22 2ES. Toilets available.

Details A very undulating walk, up, over, down and round hills around Hayfield on mostly good paths and tracks, woods and farmland, including part of the Pennine Bridleway. Two good steady climbs, total ascent approx. 1600 ft. Great views all day, Weather permitting! Route: Ridge Top, Peep O'Day, under Mount Famine, Kinder Reservoir, Middle Moor, Little Hayfield, Birch Vale. Bookings: psjd117@gmail.com

SUNDAY 1 MARCH, Styal/Handforth, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 6 Miles (£1.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Les & Chris Stockton Tel: 07815 293161

Meet At Quarry Bank Mill car park, Styal Road close to the visitor centre (free parking for all), nearest Postcode SK9 4HP, GR SJ83595 83088.

Details A flat easy circular walk around Styal, Handforth and Moss Nook. We will be walking along established paths through fields and Styal golf course with some walking along quiet lanes. There are a few stiles all in relatively good condition. Booking: les200@sky.com

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH, Whaley Bridge & Eccles Pike, 9 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00

Leader(s) John & Jill Jagger Tel: 07444 813545 or 07850 580966

Meet At Leave A6 after Furness Vale at roundabout, onto A5004 towards Whaley Bridge. Park on A5004 roadside as close to Whaley Bridge Station as possible (Avoid marked 1-hour restricted zones). Toilets available in front of station. GR SK012815, Postcode SK23 7LR.

Details Leaving Whaley Bridge, we pass by the infamous Toddbrook Reservoir, our route determined by progress with repairs to the dam. We pass Taxal Church, descend to cross the River Goyt, continuing on to Fernilee hamlet, Overhill farm and Wythen Lache. Contouring round Ladder Hill, we descend to Tunstead Minton before ascending to the viewpoint from Eccles Pike, down to the Buxworth canal complex and Whaley Bridge. Mainly on good tracks with an overall ascent of 1700ft. Bookings: johncgjagger@aol.com

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH, Northwich River Weaver Circular, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 13 Miles (£3.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Jenny Rydell Tel: 07789 191055

Meet At Memorial car park, Brockhurst St, Northwich in the town centre, behind the big blue building, CW9 5QJ

Details A circular walk from Northwich town centre via Hunts Locks on river paths, to have lunch at Royal Vale locks we pass an interesting old boat yard, we return via a nature reserve and the River Dane. We pass 47 railway arches near the town centre, a very interesting walk with good paths and no stiles. Bookings: jrydell@outlook.com

SUNDAY 8 MARCH, The Goyt & Foxlow Edge, 9 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45

Leader(s) Phil Worsley Tel: 07971 514369

Meet At The free public car park at the bottom of 'The Street' adjacent to Errwood Reservoir. No toilets. GR SK013757. What3Words ///dries.sends.vertical.

Details A walk of contrasts, with outward leg being at a lower level in the valley and return leg being at a higher level. The route has a mix of good tracks, footpaths and quiet lane walking, and has some excellent views, weather permitting. There is approx' 1,600 feet of ascent across the 9 miles, but with plenty of time being taken on the climbs. The walk will travel via Fernilee Reservoir, Overton Hall Fm, Windgather Rocks, Foxlow Edge, Shooter's Clough and Errwood Reservoir. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

SUNDAY 8 MARCH, Little Budworth, 6 Miles, Cat' 4/3, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Stella Lewis Tel: 07923 469796

Meet At Little Budworth Country Park car park, Coach Road, CW6 9BN

Details A leisurely circular walk. We walk around the boundary wall of Oulton Park. Pass through large farms (there are a few stiles), woodland and Mill Pond before returning through the country park. There may be some mud! Bookings: stellalewis01@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH, Old Glossop, 8.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.15

Leader(s) Nigel Gartside Tel: 0161 969 2407, 07553 540282

Meet At Bus turning circle, top of Shepley Street, Old Glossop, GR SK045948, SK13 9SA, What3Words ///verbs.river.princely. Parking free outside houses, offices, factories; make your way to the start point.

Details From the start the initial steepish ascent of 900 feet takes us to the trig point on Cock Hill at 1,450 feet [1.5 miles] then we continue on a clear track over Glossop Moor towards the Pennine Way at Clough Edge noting the final 200 yards are wet, rough and have peaty mounds. We then need to take care to follow this rocky and bouldery track [NOT suitable for walkers who are nervous of heights] initially flat then quite steeply down to Reaps and onto the Longdendale Trail where we head to Padfield village, Swineshaw Reservoir and Cat Wood back to cars. NB Sorry but this walk may not go ahead in very windy/foggy conditions! No dogs please. Bookings: nigel.gartside@uwclub.net

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH, Beeston, 7 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 28 Miles (£7.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Frank Dockry & Beryl Hunwick Tel: 07599 557690

Meet At The Shady (pub), Bate's Mill Lane, Tarporley. GR SJ532 602. Follow A556 to the left turn onto the A49, then follow the A49 until a right turn on to Huxley Lane and follow this lane until the left turn into Bate's Mill Lane. Follow this lane until the left turn into the pub's car park, just before the humpback bridge.

Details We walk down the canal for 1.58 miles, turn south through the countryside, then east, then north to and around Beeston Castle and back to the cars. Bookings: frankdockry@googlemail.com

SUNDAY 15 MARCH, Wildboardclough, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 23 Miles (£5.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00

Leader(s) Mike Gregory Tel: 07967151905

Meet At Brookside layby, 500 metres south of the Crag Inn, Wildboardclough GR SJ 980681 What3Words ///pencils.epic.birthdays. P&D charge £6.60 coins only, or Ring Go 51732.

Details Clough Brook, Hammerton Knowle Farm, Hammerton Farm, Danebridge, Dane Valley Way, Gradbach, Manor Farm, Bennettshitch, Leech Wood, Firs Farm and back to Brookside layby. Two gradual climbs and several undulations totalling 1200 ft. Bookings: mikegregory814@btinternet.com

SUNDAY 15 MARCH, Marbury County Park, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 16 Miles (£4.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick Tel: 0161 928 3644, 07950 094203

Meet At Main car park CW9 6AT P&D £2.50 Toilets nearby. Exit M56 at Junction 10, A559 through Frandley and turn right onto Gibb Hill, which follow until left turn after Marbury Hall Nurseries into the park. Well signposted from the motorway exit and at all junctions.

Details We start by walking alongside Budworth Mere before crossing the canal and following the path to Neumann's Flash, through Carey Park to Anderton Visitor Centre where we will have lunch. The visitor centre should be open as it is Sunday. We then follow the canal crossing at Marbury Lane, through Hopyards' Wood and back to the car park. Easy walk, mostly flat and on good paths, no stiles. Bookings: bhunwick@sky.com

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH, Walk Leader Training, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 12 Miles (£3.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45
Leader(s) David Bishop Tel: 07796 426641
Meet At Nelson Pit Car Park, Lyme Road, Higher Poynton. GR SJ 945 833. What3Words ///sues.happen.exams. Pay and Display (£4.00?). There are toilets.
Details The intention is to demonstrate planning of the walk and route creation in the Visitors' Centre, found in the car park. The walk will be a 'C' walk along good paths and tracks just outside and within Lyme Park itself. There is likely to be a couple of stiles to negotiate. The walk will involve some basic map-reading, making it helpful for both beginners and those looking to enhance their skills. Bring a 1:25000 scale map of the Dark Peak area (OL1), if you have one. Bookings: john@capels.net

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH, Whitegate, 6 Miles, Cat' 4/3, Transport 21 Miles (£5.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Lesley Short and Jeanne Gregory Tel: 0161 980 1041, 07976 654248
Meet At We will meet in the car park, behind the house on the right, after main car park at The Plough, Beauty Bank, off Dalefords Lane, CW8 2BP.
Details Walking down to Foxwist Green, over fields to Whitegate village and church & into Church Wood. Rookery Wood, Along River Weaver to golf course, back to Foxwist Green and fields to The Plough and car park. Several stiles; could be muddy. Quite strenuous in places. Bookings: l.short0874@gmail.com

***FRIDAY* 20 MARCH (Ambler Walk), Lindow Moss, 3 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 7 Miles (£1.75)**

Time Walk Start Time 13.30
Leader(s) Phil & Pam Grundy Tel: 0161 973 8854, 07952 564884
Meet At Lindow Common Car park. Post code SK9 5NQ. Grid ref. SJ835814.
Details A walk round Lindow Moss Heritage Trail (incl Lindow Pete site). Flat trails and little road walking. At the finish, with time, a visit to Morley tea rooms. Bookings: pamphilg@gmail.com

SUNDAY 22 MARCH, Marple/The Cross/Mellor Church, 8.75 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 17 Miles (£4.25)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona Tel: 07549 630227
Meet At The large Trinity Street Car Park in Marple, which is Pay & Display (free on a Sunday). Nearest Postcode SK6 7AR. What3Words ///punctured.meal.plotted. OS Explorer Map OL1. Take the M60 to Stockport and come off at Junction 27 and take the A626 to Marple. In Marple turn right in front of the Nationwide Building Society into the Car Park.
Details We will walk at a leisurely pace down to and past the Roman Lakes to Windy Bottom Farm. Then a long climb up past the Banks to the high wooden Cross. This climb is both moderate and serious in parts. We then go to Mellor Church and back down past Linnet's Clough and Bottom's Hall to Marple Bridge. Then back up along the canal to the Car Park. Mainly good paths, but there could be some mud, no stiles. A total ascent of approx' 1,633 feet. Bookings: bmarybailey1946@gmail.com, or 07549 650227.

SUNDAY 22 MARCH, Sale Water Park to East Didsbury, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 4 Miles (£1.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Dave & Judith Burns Tel: 07740 593045
Meet At Park at the park & ride car park and meet at Treetops cafe Sale Water Park M33 2LX (J6 off M60)
Details Starting at Treetops we follow the Mersey river & walk through Kenworthy Lane Woods & around the Northenden area, before walking through Didsbury park, to end at East Didsbury tram stop. We return by tram so remember your passes. Flat walk with no stiles, but some steps. Bookings: 13judithb@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH, Axe Edge Moor/Goyt Valley, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)

Time Walk Start Time 09.30
Leader(s) David Bishop Tel: 07796 426641
Meet At Derbyshire Bridge Car Park. A537 from Macclesfield, 200m after Cat and Fiddle, 1km down lane on left. GR: SK 018716. What3Words ///spins.hardening.spin
Details The aim is to develop good practice and standardise procedures in leading walks. There will be some practice of advanced map-reading skills and of hazard appraisal, but this walk will also include 'what if' scenarios, emergency procedures and points of interest. The route will be on Axe Edge Moor and in the Goyt Valley area. The terrain is open moorland, farmland and some deep valleys. Some pathless moor will be negotiated, which will be muddy, but otherwise it is on paths, bridleways, through woodland and some lanes. Bring a 1:25000 map of the White Peak area (OL24) and a Silva type compass if you have them. Bookings: john@capels.net

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH, Macclesfield Forest, 7 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 18 Miles (£4.50)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Andree Lambert Tel: 07515 545236
Meet At Free parking lot near Bottom's reservoir, at the end of Hole House Lane, off main road Langley.
Details A walk climbing through Macclesfield Forest, to emerge at St Stephen's Forest chapel. Beautiful views, a few uphill walks, then downhill all way back to the cars. Bookings: andree.lambert@icloud.com

SUNDAY 29 MARCH, Todmorden to Charlestown, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 28 Miles (£7.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45

Leader(s) Suzanne Caulfield Tel: 0161 928 4838, 07546 044417

Meet At Lobb Mill Picnic Area. GR SD955246. From Todmorden Town Centre, follow A646 Hebden Bridge Road for about 1.4 miles. Car park on the left at end of row of railway arches. If full, additional parking on the road 200 yards further on the right.

Details Lumbutts, Gadding's Dam, Langfield Edge, 'coffin route' to Withens Clugh Reservoir, Stoodley Pike, Pennine Way, Callis Wood, Charlestown. Return to cars along the Rochdale Canal path, through Eastwood. Bookings: hsc1922@gmail.com

SUNDAY 29 MARCH, Danebridge, 7 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 23 Miles (£5.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Heather Wykes Tel: 01625 618782, 07543 657837

Meet At Past ship inn, Wincle SK11 0QU

Details Gentle climb up to Gradbach and Luds church for lunch. We then continue up to the Roaches end and return by Hanging gate farm, back down to Danebridge. Bookings: nannywykes@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 any date where no leader has been identified. Walk Organiser details can be found on Club membership cards and please involve them on all walks.

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

Walks and other contributions for the **April** circular must be submitted by **10 March** to john@capels.net.

OTHER NEWS

Please note the following important dates regarding the Club's 70th anniversary celebrations: -

Sunday 13th September '26 - A choice of 3 Walks & Party in Lyme Park

Thursday 5th November '26 - Celebratory Lunch at Ringway Golf Club

Wednesday 16th December '26 - Traditional Christmas Tatton Park Walk

Friday 1st January '27 - New Years Day Walk at Sale Water Park

Tuesday 2nd February '27 - Late Afternoon Get Together for Takeaway Fish & Chips & Quiz at Timperley venue

Friday 26th March '27 - Good Friday Walk at Chatsworth

Wednesday 4th August '27 - President's Walk (2) at Sale Water Park followed by refreshments at The Boathouse