

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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APRIL 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.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL, Danebridge/The Roaches, 10.6 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 24 Miles (£6.00)

Time Walk Start Time 9.30

Leader(s) David Bishop Tel: 07796 426641

Meet At Park on road on or near bridge across the River Dane, opposite Wincle Brewery. SK11 0QE, GR SJ965652, What3Words [///lower.healthier.flippers](#). There is some more roadside parking on hill below The Ship Inn. Car parking is fairly limited, so it would be useful if people can organise shared lifts.

Details A circuit taking in the Upper Goyt Valley, Hanging Stone, the Roaches' highest point and Lud's Church. The walk offers a variety of terrain and scenery, from heather moorland to wooded valleys and there should be great views across the Staffordshire Moorlands and beyond. Some short steep ascents and potentially some mud; slippery in Lud's Church, but mainly on good, well-defined paths. Bookings: davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL, Darwin, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 24 Miles (£6.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Brenda Bailey Tel: 07549 630227

Meet At Crookfield Road car park, Postcode BL7 8BG. Take M60 and at junction 15 take the M61 exit. keep right and continue on A666. At the end of the A666 go onto A6099. Stay on this road and when you see ASDA on the left go thru the lights and take the next left on to the A675 signed Belmont. Continue for roughly six miles and you will see a sign for Ramblers Country Cafe where you will turn right onto Crookfield Road. The car park is on the left.

Details This is an undulating walk with nothing too difficult. We go through woods and over moors. There is only one stile, which we go over twice. Bookings: bmarybailey1946@gmail.com

***FRIDAY* 3 APRIL, Chatsworth, 7.5 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 40 Miles (£10)**

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) John Capel Tel: 07866 764187

Meet At Park in the large main car park (£7.50) at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR SK261703, What3Words [///elect.pioneered.snowstorm](#). Please share cars and costs wherever possible. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard, where toilets are available.

Details This is our traditional Good Friday walk at the beautiful Chatsworth House; this version last undertaken in 2017 and lead by Judy Bailey and Josie Stenhouse. We shall start with a short, fairly steep climb up to Stand Wood and the Hunting Tower (c0.5m), then along Dobb Edge to Robin Hood. From there we go along Birchen Edge to Nelson's Monument and the 'Three Ships' and then on to Wellington's Monument and Baslow, before entering the Park again to return to the cars in time for tea and scones! This walk will be taken at a relaxed pace, so as many members of the club can come and enjoy it. Bookings: john@capels.net

SUNDAY 5 APRIL, Great Hill & Belmont, 8.75 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 26 Miles (£6.50)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45
Leader(s) Phil Worsley Tel: 07971 514369
Meet At The free car park on Crookfield Road, which is just off the A675 at GR SD 665191. No toilets. Travel through Belmont on the A675 and after approx. 2.5 miles turn right (signed Tockholes). After a short way, the car park can be found on the left.
Details The route makes its way to the ruins of Hollinshead Hall, before crossing the A675 at Piccadilly and then climbing steadily to reach the summit of Great Hill at 1,250 feet. Turning south, the walk continues by way of Redmond's Edge and Spillers Edge to reach Hordern Stoops and Rivington Road. The road is then followed for just a short time, before it is left for the walk to continue via Hoar Stones Brow to reach the southern outskirts of Belmont. The circuit is then completed by turning north and utilising a section of the Witton Weavers Way on the east side of Belmont Reservoir. Note that some of the ground may be wet and muddy, particularly following any rainfall. Bookings: philworsley25@gmail.com

SUNDAY 5 APRIL, High Legh, 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 8 Miles (£2.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Les & Chris Stockton Tel: 07815 293161
Meet At The large lay-by opposite the Bears Paw on Warrington Road, Postcode WA16 0RT. If possible, to increase available space, park end on rather than parallel to the road.
Details An easy flat walk towards Arley and back. We will be walking through fields and along tracks, with some road walking along very quiet country lanes, with views of the Cheshire countryside. There are only a few stiles. Bookings: les200@sky.com

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL, Biddulph & Congleton Edge, 10.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 24 Miles (£6.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00
Leader(s) Steven Taylor Tel: 07810 631566
Meet At Biddulph Country Park car park (free, possible toilet if open), Postcode ST8 7SB, What3Words [///sues.treaty.salads](https://www.what3words.com/sues.treaty.salads). Travelling south on the A527 reaching Biddulph, turn left onto Grange Road. Follow the brown sign to "Country Park and Visitors Centre", driving past the entrance on the right to The National Trust "Biddulph Grange Garden". Biddulph Country Park is 300yds further on the right.
Details Ascend through Biddulph Country Park and then lanes, fields and woods to Knypersley Reservoir. We pass the outskirts of Knypersley town and then ascend Congleton Edge. Some road walking along a section of the edge, to then descend and return to Biddulph Country Park. Some muddy sections possible. Approx 1,000ft ascent. Bookings: steven-taylor@talktalk.net

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL, Marbury and Anderton Park 6.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 15 Miles (£3.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Jenny Rydel Tel: 0778919105
Meet At Marbury Country Park car park, CW9 6AT (£2.50 parking). M56 junction 10 through Comberbach.
Details A pleasant flat walk no stiles, through woodlands, canal paths, river side and flashes. Lunch at The Salt works and we finish near Great Budworth mere. A good walk for bird watching, last time we saw a Kingfisher, and it should be very pretty in the Spring. Bookings: Jrydell@outlook.com

SUNDAY 12 APRIL, Monyash, 10 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 35 Miles (£8.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00
Leader(s) Mike Gregory Tel: 07967151905
Meet At Monyash CP, Chapel Street, GR SK150666, Postcode DE45 1JJ, What3Words [///equality.hexes.transmit](https://www.what3words.com/equality.hexes.transmit). (Honesty box for donations).
Details This 10-mile walk, 800 ft ascent, heads east from Monyash to the western end of Lathkill Dale (Toilets available). Entering the Dale, the path is initially narrow and rocky, but after 0.5 miles becomes wider and flatter as we follow the River Lathkill to Over Haddon. After a steep climb out of the valley to the top of the village, we cross the B5055 to Magpie Mine. The route back to Monyash is across fields via Sheldon. At the end of the walk there is the opportunity to enjoy refreshments at the Old Smithy café, or Bulls Head PH. Bookings: mikegregory814@btinternet.com

SUNDAY 12 APRIL, Astbury, 6 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 23 Miles (£5.75)

Time Walk Start Time 10.30
Leader(s) Heather Wykes Tel: 01625 618782, or 07543 657837
Meet At Glebe Farm, CW12 4RQ, on the A34 Congleton to Newcastle Road.
Details Fields, paths, canal to little Morton Hall and return to the farm by (muddy) fields. Refreshments available at the end. Bookings: nannywykes@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL, Eyam & Two Dales, 10 Miles, Cat' 3, Transport 34 Miles (£8.50)

Time Walk Start Time 09.45

Leader(s) John Capel Tel: 07866 764187

Meet At Parking at Hawkhill Road Car Park (Free Toilets), Eyam, GR SK 217767, What3Words [///paler.outreach.refers](#). The car park is behind the P&D, park in the top right corner.

Details A circular walk south of Eyam, taking in Stoney Middleton, Coombs Dale, Wardlow, Cressbrook Dale and Foolow (Bulls Head Inn!). Oasis and other tales in Stoney Middleton, a couple of short sharp climbs/drops. Overall, 1,100ft of ascent, otherwise an easy longer walk. Bookings: john@capels.net.

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL, Club Walking Holiday at Melrose. No Shorter "Local" Walks Today

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WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL, Lingmoor Fell & Great Langdale, 8.5 Miles, Cat' 2, Transport 97 Miles (£10.00)

Time Walk Start Time 09.30

Leader(s) David Winterburn Tel: 07796 178517

Meet At National Trust Car Park at Old Dungeon Ghyll, Great Langdale, Ambleside, GR NY285062, What3Words [///responses.visions.pram](#). Free for NT members, or £8.50 all day for non-members. Toilets nearby. To minimise our environmental impact, we will be taking a minimum number of cars.

Details This is a moderate Lake District fell walk, over Side Pike (362m) and Lingmoor Fell (469m), with a total ascent of 591m. Starting at ODG, the walk ascends a good zig-zag path up towards the road pass to Blea Tarn. The route up to Side Pike/'The Squeeze' is rocky and steep, but it is optional. The ascent up to Lingmoor follows a wall, steep in places with a short rocky section. The descent off Lingmoor is rocky and uneven, before descent through woodland and into Elterwater. Here the walk turns back along the floor of the Great Langdale valley along the Cumbria Way, back to the car park. The usual amount of care associated with fell walking is needed, as some parts of the route are rocky, uneven and steep. However, weather permitting the views are spectacular. Bookings: dwinter1963@msn.com

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL, There Will Be No Walk Today

***FRIDAY* 24 APRIL (Ambler Walk), Lymm, 3 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 6 Miles (£1.50)**

Time Walk Start Time 11.00

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

Meet At Spud Wood, Stage Lane, Lymm, WA13 0SL. From Dunham Road, turn right onto Charcoal Road, continue passed Dunham Massey to the Rope and Anchor where bear left. At T-junction turn left onto Bent Lane, continue after La Boheme onto Mill Lane and turn right onto Stage Lane.

Details An easy walk from Spud Wood, into Lymm and along the canal. The Barn Owl is near the end of the walk. If anyone would like to have lunch there, please let me know before 10th April, so I can make a booking. Bookings: bhunwick@ky.com

SUNDAY 26 APRIL, Disley/New Mills, 9.5 Miles, Cat' 3/2, Transport 16 Miles (£4.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.00

Leader(s) Terry Clarke Tel: 0161 980 4283, or 07742 888349

Meet At Disley station approach, Grid Ref. SJ 97319 84594, Postcode SK12 2AE It is no longer free to park on the station approach. You can park using RingG0.

Details From the station approach we cross the A6 and ascend Jacksons Edge Road to make our way to the canal via Widowhurst. We leave the canal and descend to Strines, then to the Roman Lakes via Whitecroft farm and Windybottom Farm. We make our way to Mellor Golf Club and cross New Mills Golf Club via The Banks and Shaw Farm. The route then descends to New Mills and over the Millenium Walkway to Hague Bridge and the canal. We recross the A6 to return to the start point. Bookings: clarket66@outlook.com

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

Time Walk Start Time 10.30

Leader(s) Andree Lambert Tel: 07515 545236

Meet At Nether Alderley Mill car park, Congleton Road, Macclesfield, SK10 4TW

Details Starting at Nether Alderley church, across fields to Alderley Edge and Squirrels Leap, a short climb towards the edge and the Wizard for lunch (hot drinks and snacks available at the cafe). Then downhill towards the cars. No stiles. Bookings: andree.lambert@icloud.com

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL, Hope Valley & Win Hill, 9 Miles, Cat' 2, Transport 27 Miles (£6.75)

Time Walk Start Time 9.30
Leader(s) Jane Henderson Tel: 07798 650638
Meet At Castleton Visitors Centre P+D Car Park, Hope Valley, toilets, café, GR SK149830, What3Words ///eggplants.island.walked
Details We walk into Castleton Village, then cross fields following the Peakshole Water, through the Hope Valley. Coffee break at St Peters (14th century) Church in Hope village. Continuing our walk, through fields and over / through styles and gates, until we start our steep climb up to Win Hill summit (462m), where 360-degree views await. A lovely place for lunch or, if windy, dropping down slightly to a more sheltered spot. Return along Hope Brink, Hope village, Spring House Farm and back to the cars. Overall, 1,150 of ascent. Bookings: Janehenderson1@btinternet.com

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL, Morley & Styal, 5.5 Miles, Cat' 4, Transport 8 Miles (£2.00)

Time Walk Start Time 10.45
Leader(s) Heather Wykes Tel: 01625 618782, or 07543 657837
Meet At Lindow CP, opp pub on Altrincham road
Details Annual Bluebell seeking walk. Lunch at Styal Mill and plenty of time here so bring NT card for garden. Return by Twinnies Bridge. 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 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 other Club contributions for the **May** circular must be submitted by **10 April** to john@capels.net.

OTHER NEWS

Club Coach Trips

The Club are running the following coach trips, for which your support and cooperation with the Coach Trip Organisers (CTO), would be greatly appreciated. For the 2026 programme there is a (**new**) 28-day deadline for confirmation and payment, after which the trips will be opened to friends and family should there be any empty seats:

1. Bala - Wednesday 6 May, Payment deadline 8 April, CTO is Gill Brooks
2. Kettlewell - Sunday 7 June, Payment deadline 10 May, CTO is Beryl Hunwick
3. Kirkby Stephen - Wednesday 1 July, Payment deadline 3 June, CTO is Gill Brooks
4. Grange-over-Sands - Sunday 6 September, Payment deadline 9 August, CTO is Pauline Glover

Please note, only payment receipt and confirmation of a vacant seat by the CTO, by the above deadline dates, guarantees a seat, so book early to avoid disappointment. Please pay using the "Faster Payments" (same day electronic payment) bank transfer system, rather than BACS, cash or cheques, as these methods incur the Club with bank charges and the CTOs with additional work. Full details of the three walks planned for each trip will be available on the coach and we hope there will be a coffee/boots-on stop for each trip.

BALA (BA) COACH TRIP, WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026

Charge £25.00 per person. Please book with Gill Brooks. Email: gillbrooks2009@hotmail.co.uk. Tel.07741 285 039. 1 Thorneycroft Close, Timperley, WA15 7NF.

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 **BA** in the bank reference box. Then, email Gill and say; **who has paid, names of any others, BA, the amount paid and your pick-up point(s)**. Only then will Gill send a confirmation email for booked seat(s). Gill will keep a waiting list as required.

Pick-up starts at M&S, Washway Rd, Sale M33 7AD at 8am. Please see the website for other pick-up points. Latest return from BA will be at 6pm.

Leaders Longer Walk: Nigel Gartside, 10 miles, forest trails, above Bala, 750m ascent.
Leaders Intermediate Walk: Steve and Pauline Glover, 7.5 miles, mixed terrain with mountain/lake views.
Leader Shorter Walk: Judy Bailey and Jenny Rydell, 5.2 miles, low level town/lake walk.