

SATURDAY 17 April 2010 - Marple & Goyt Valley

C WALK - COOMBES EDGE 12 miles moderate

Alight Marple return Glossop.

Marple - Marple Locks - Upper Watermeetings Farm - Compstall Bridge - Etherow Country Park - Martin Clough - Beacon Houses - Idle Hill - Lowend - Bothams Hall - Cown Edge Way - Chew - Holehouse - Coombes Edge - Cown Edge Rocks - Sitch - Whiteley Nab - Glossop.

Leader: Hilary Bell.

E WALK - MARPLE TO WHALEY BRIDGE 7.5 miles easy

Alight Marple return Whaley Bridge

Marple Locks - Goyt Way - Strines - New Mills - Waterside - Whaley Bridge.

Leader: Geoff. Sherrocks.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL1-The Peak District Dark Peak Area.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Marple departs Piccadilly at 0945. Connections from Blackpool North at 0744, Preston 0812 or 0817 or 0847, Chorley 0822 or 0833 or 0856, Clitheroe 0740(change at Bolton), Blackburn 0803 or 0832(change at Bolton), Colne 0650(change at Blackburn and Bolton or come by bus).

Return from Glossop at 09 and 39 past each hour: or from Whaley Bridge at 44 past each hour.

SATURDAY 15 May 2010 - Tissington & White Peak

C WALK - DOVEDALE 10 miles moderate

Alight and return Buxton

Buxton - bus to Crosslow Lane (fare extra) - Coldeaton Bridge - Gipsy Bank - Alstonefield - Stanshope - Hall Dale - Dovedale - Thorpe - Tissington - bus to Buxton.

Leader: Mike Codd.

WELL DRESSING

The origins of well dressing remain something of a mystery and may date back to Celtic times. It was banned by the church who deemed it to be nothing more than water worship. Tissington village first revived the custom in 1349. Find out why this custom has survived almost exclusively in Derbyshire. Find out how such intricate and detailed pictures can be produced using only berries, flowers and leaves. Enjoy this easy walk and then visit Tissington's six dressed wells.

E WALK - THORPE TO TISSINGTON 6 miles easy

Alight and return Buxton

Buxton - bus to Thorpe(Dog and Partridge) - Ilam - Dovedale - Thorpe Village - Tissington - bus to Buxton.

Leader Stuart Leese.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24-The Peak District, White Peak Area.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Buxton departs Piccadilly at 0852.

Connections from Blackpool North at 0702(change at Preston), Preston 0747, Chorley 0756, Clitheroe 0707 and Blackburn 0729(change at Bolton). It may be easier to go by bus to Manchester from Burnley area rather than catching the 0540 from Colne or the 0657 from Burnley Mcr. Road and changing at Blackburn and Bolton.

On the return journey we will aim to catch the 1630 from Buxton.

SATURDAY 19 June 2010 - Furness and its Islands.

B WALK - KIRKBY MOOR 12 miles moderately strenuous

Alight Kirkby in Furness return Ulverston

Kirkby in Furness - Bank End - Well Wood - Great Burney - Kirkby Moor - Ulverston. Leader: John Barnes.

E WALK - FURNESS ISLANDS 8 miles easy

Alight Roose return Barrow.

Roose Station - Roa Island - Ferry to Piel Island (fare extra) - Walney Shore - Biggar Bank - bus to Barrow.

Leader: Stuart Leese.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL6-The English Lakes South Western Area.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The train to Barrow and Kirkby in Furness departs Preston at 0842, Lancaster 0902. Connections to Preston depart Blackpool North 0744, Chorley 0811, Leyland 0808, Bamber Bridge 0749, Clitheroe 0707(change at Blackburn), Blackburn 0735, Colne 0650.

Return from Barrow at 1517 or 1617: from Ulverston at 1540, 1634 or 1738.

SATURDAY 17 July 2010 - Chipping

C WALK - FAIRSNAPPE 10 miles moderate

Chipping - Fish House - Fell Foot - Parlick - Fairsnape (520M) - Beasley's Steady - Burnslack Fell - Burnslack - Ginney Hey - Berry's Chair Works - Chipping.

Leader: Mike Codd.

Past Landscapes No.76 Chipinden, Chepyn, Chipping.

In Domesday Book 1086 an ancient settlement containing three carucates of land (as much land as could be ploughed in a year by three teams of eight oxen, each pulling one plough), on the edge of the medieval hunting forest of Bolland, a land of pastoral farming, an important centre of the recusants who held on to the "old faith" and eventually suffered for it, with its abundant water power and outcropping iron and coal beds it became an early centre of the Industrial Revolution in Lancashire. There have been seven or maybe eight mill sites, now only three survive, and only one is active, and only one is active as Berry's Chair Factory. Tweeddale's foundry closed in 1974 and the site has been obliterated.

Today Chipping lies amidst the farms in the Loud Valley surrounded by the dairies of the revived Lancashire cheese industry, and it is renowned as a tourist spot.

E WALK - 6 miles easy

Chipping Kirklands - Explore Chipping Village - Leagram Hall - Leagram Park - Knott Barn - Lickhurst - Stanley High Barn - Burnslack - Saddle End - Wolfen Hall - Saunders Rake - Kirk Mill - Chipping.

Leader: Howard Hammersley.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL41-Forest of Bowland and Ribblesdale.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

From Preston - Stagecoach service 4

0940	Preston bus station	1530)
1018	Longridge opp. P.O.	1452) Every Hour
1020	Longridge P.O.	1450)
1032	Chipping Kirklands	1456)

From Blackburn - JS Travel Service 3

0910	Blackburn Boulevard	1625
0942	Longridge opp. P.O.	1550

From Clitheroe

Although Clitheroe and Chipping are both in the Ribble Valley District, since November 2008 there has been no direct bus service between Clitheroe and Chipping nor is it possible to make a reasonable connection at Longridge so you may have to use your own transport to chipping.

In all cases both walks will start at 1040 from Chipping Kirklands bus stop.



GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME APRIL TO OCTOBER 2010



LANCASHIRE RAIL RAMBLERS - WHO ARE WE?

We are a diverse and friendly group of people who enjoy walking in the beautiful countryside of north west England. As our title suggests, we are particularly keen to use public transport to reach our destinations and we have been promoting this idea for over thirty years.

We are not a walking club as such, we don't have a membership fee and we are open to all. Our supporters obtain one of the walks programmes or find details of our activities on the internet, catch the relevant train and join us at the station where our walks start. One of our leaders will be there to meet the party. Some of our supporters are regulars, some are occasional and all who turn up are made to feel welcome.

Our activities and walks are co-ordinated by a group of walks leaders who are all members of the Ramblers Association. Our walks vary in length and difficulty to suit all needs and graded as below:

A & B walks :- **Strenuous** - walks may be rough, steep, lengthy or against the clock.

C walks :- **Moderate** - no scrambling - suitable for experienced energetic walkers.

D walks :- **Moderately easy** - a generally easy walk that may include steep climbs.

E walks :- **Easy** - a slower pace than for moderately easy walks with short rest periods.

F, G, & H walks :- **Easy stroll** - suitable for those not accustomed to walking in the countryside.

Should you have any doubts about your capabilities then avoid strenuous grade walks. For all walks you should have strong footwear, warm clothing and rainwear. On most walks stops are made for lunch or tea, so remember to bring your own food and drink with you.

If you enjoy walking in interesting places and want to discover more of our region without using your car the Rail Ramblers are the ideal way to do so. For further information visit www.railramblers.com or send a sae to Craig Ward, 19 Hollowhead Avenue, Wilpshire, Blackburn BB1 9LD Tel. 01254 240526.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks.

DALESRAIL 2010

If you would like to use public transport to get to the Yorkshire Dales, Eden Valley and the North Pennines and have a scenic ride, then why not use the DalesRail service which runs from Blackpool to Carlisle via Preston, Blackburn, the Ribble Valley and Settle to Carlisle Railway.

A full programme of guided walks is organised from the train. DalesRail runs on Sundays during the summer months starting from Easter. A brochure will be available in late March 2010. Pick up a brochure from manned stations, Clitheroe Interchange or tourist offices or visit www.dalesrail.com.

* GMPTE Wayfarer tickets must be purchased in advance from manned stations within the Manchester area, Broomley Cross, Chorley or Clitheroe Interchange. The tickets cost £10.00 for adults or £5.00 for over 60s and others are available for children and groups. The tickets are of the scratch card type and must be validated before travel with the date of travel.

Tickets can also be ordered by post from: Wayfarer Ticket Sales, GMPTE, Wythenshaw, Manchester M22 5RG. If ordering by post please send a cheque payable to GMPTE.

NOTE RE. TRAIN TIMES:

The train times shown in this leaflet are based on the timetables current at the time of going to press. Please check our website for any changes consequent upon the timetable changes due in May.

FUTURE DESTINATIONS - 2010 and 2011

13 Nov. 2010	WILMSLOW
27 Nov. 2010	THE LOST LANDS OF LANCASHIRE
18 Dec. 2010	PAST LANDSCAPES
8 Jan. 2011	HEBDEN BRIDGE
22 Jan. 2011	KENDAL
5 Feb. 2011	MACCLESFIELD FOREST & THE CHESHIRE DOLOMITES
19 Feb. 2011	LITTLEBOROUGH

SATURDAY 14 August 2010 - Skipton

C WALK - CROOKRISE & SHARP HAW 13 miles strenuous

Alight and return Skipton Station

Skipton - Skipton Woods - Embsay - Embsay Reservoir - Crookrise Crag - Hellifield Crag - Sun Moor Hill - Rylstone - High Croft Plantation - Flasby Moorside - Sunter Gill - Flasby Fell - Sharp Haw - Tarn House Farm - Skipton.

Leader: Chris Thornley.

E WALK - SKIPTON TO GARGRAVE 7 miles easy

Alight and Return Skipton Station

Skipton - Niffany - Stirton - Tarn House - Crag Wood - Flasby - Eshton Bridge - Leeds and Liverpool Canal - Gargrave - bus or train to Skipton.

Leader: Bob Sanderson.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL2-Yorkshire Dales South.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Travel by the 280 bus service from Preston Bus Station at 0845. It calls at Whalley at 0918, Clitheroe 0934, Barnoldswick 0957. Alight Skipton Station.

Connecting trains to Preston depart Blackpool North at 0744, Chorley 0811, Leyland 0808, Bamber Bridge 0749.

Return from Skipton Bus Station at 1525 or 1630, two minutes later from the Railway Station.

SATURDAY 18 September 2010 - Chorley and the West Pennine Moors

C WALK - WINTER HILL 12 miles mod strenuous

Alight Adlington return Darwen.

Adlington - Horrobin Lane - Rivington - Rivington Pike - Pike Cottage - Winter Hill - Belmont - Higher Pasture House - Witton Weavers Way - Darwen Moor - Darwen Tower - Bold Venture Park - Darwen.

Leader: Tessa Rowe.

E WALK - RIVINGTON 7 miles easy

Alight Chorley return Adlington.

Chorley - White House - Grey Heights Wood - Anglezarke Reservoir - Yarrow Reservoir - Rivington - Rivington Hall Barn (refreshments) - Horrobin Lane - Adlington.

Leader: Craig Ward.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 287-West Pennine Moors.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

Travel on the 0820 from Blackpool North which calls at Preston 0849, Leyland 0854. Connections to Preston depart Clitheroe 0740 (change at Blackburn), Blackburn 0814, Colne 0650, Bamber Bridge 0749. From Manchester direction catch the 0822 from Victoria which calls at Bolton at 0840. The walks will not start until both trains have arrived.

Return from Chorley - there is a frequent service.

From Darwen trains to Blackburn/Clitheroe at 1549 or 1630; to Bolton at 1510 or 1558.

SATURDAY 23 October 2010 - Forest of Bowland

C WALK - WHELP STONE CRAG 13 miles strenuous

Alight and return Clitheroe.

Clitheroe - bus to Tosside - Bailey Lane - Heath Farm - Whelp Stone Crag - Gisburn Common - Resting Stone - Lawkland Fell - Bowland Knotts - Pike Side - Catlow - Parks Clough - Lock Bridge - Kenibus - Eak Hill - Lane Side - Shay House - Slaidburn - bus to Clitheroe.

Leader: Chris Thornley.

D WALK - AROUND STOCKS 9 miles moderately easy

Alight and return Clitheroe.

Clitheroe - bus to Slaidburn - Holmehead Bridge - Hammerton Hall - Stocks Dam - Reservoir side to the causeway - New House - Copped Hill Clough - Eak Hill - Board House - Shay House - Slaidburn - bus to Clitheroe.

Leader: Geoff Sherrlocks.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL41-Forest of Bowland and Ribblesdale.

TRAVEL DETAILS:

The bus to Slaidburn departs Clitheroe at 0925.

The train to Clitheroe departs Bolton 0820, Blackburn 0852. Connections to Blackburn depart Blackpool North at 0744 (change at Preston), Preston 0822, Bamber Bridge 0830. From Chorley use the 0758 to Preston which calls at Leyland at 0808 or catch a bus to Bamber Bridge.

Return from Clitheroe at 1640 or 1709 or 1809.

