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North East Lancs Area

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COACH RAMBLER TO CONISTON via TORVER 7TH MARCH 2010

The first excursion to the Lake District in 2010 takes us to Coniston. Rendezvous will be at Burton Services M6 as usual. Bookings will be taken for April 11th to Masham in Wensleydale, May 9th to Appleby and June 6th to Hathersage in the Peak District. Please encourage your friends to join us particularly on the Burnley coach. Please make cheques payable to Ramblers Association Coach Account. Note that telephone bookings will require a stamped self addressed envelope.

Masham our next excursion has more to it than sheep. It is home to The Black Sheep and Theakstons (hourly tours here) breweries situated at opposite ends of the town. Both have tours costing approximately £5.75 but Black Sheep require pre booking. For those who wish to visit the Black Sheep Brewery which is close to the main square the opening hours are 10.30am to 4.30pm with a bistro for lunch and a shop to stock up with your favourite tipple. Tel 01765 680101

More volunteer leaders are **URGENTLY** needed to support the programme. Please think about giving your time for at least one walk. Current vacancies are: - 'A' and 'B' at Masham on April 11th, 'A' at Appleby on 9th May and 'A' and 'D' at Hathersage on 6th June. Speak to Paul Brown or Hazel Dean for more information. Map purchases will be reimbursed.

COACHES RETURN FROM CONISTON AT 5.30 PM

'A' PARTY 10 MILES STRENUOUS LEADER CHRIS THORNLEY
Alight at Torver and follow bridleway to Scarr Head then continue to Walna Scar Road, then west to Brown Pike and ascend Buck Pike, Dow Crag, Goats Hause and up to Coniston Old Man. Descend to Low Water, Crowberry Haws and Miners Bridge, and then walk back into Coniston. Route may change subject to weather.

'B' PARTY 9 ½ MILES MODERATE LEADER FRANK WALKER
Alight at Lowick Bridge GR and follow field paths to Subberthwaite Bank and the Cumbria Way to Beacon Tarn, Tottle Bank then Torver Common. Continue through Torver Wood and Lakeside back to Coniston.

'C' PARTY 8 MILES EASY LEADER SUE BAXENDALE
Alight on A5084 after Water Yeat at GR 287905. Take Paths and a minor road to climb towards Stable Harvey farm. Follow the path along the wall to Coats Hill - (gentle climb with plenty of time), past Tyson Wood and down to cross the river at Sunny Bank. Continue along the road for short while then a bridleway to Mill Bridge and cross A593 to go into Torver then lanes to Low Torver Park. Re-cross Torver Beck to take field paths to Brackenbarrow Farm. Continue down through Torver Common Wood to lakeside. Follow path along lake side to camp site, then pass Coniston Hall and into Coniston village. Good tracks or minor roads all the way with one or two possible boggy bits to add to the fun.

'D'PARTY 7 MILES FAIRLY EASY LEADER ROGER HAYTHORNTHTWAITE
Alight at first car park, at the southern end of Lake Coniston, opposite Park Nab GR 287905. Take paths to near Stable Harvey and then Sunny Bank. After a short road walk follow the Cumbria Way to Lake Coniston shore and follow, passing Bellman's Hole, Moor Gill Foot, Hoathwaite Landing and Coniston Hall reaching Lake Road and the Lake then following permissive path to Coniston Village.

INDEPENDENT WALKERS – PLEASE PROVIDE A WRITTEN ROUTE, YOUR PARTY AND A CONTACT NUMBER

PLEASE WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS WHILST THE COACH IS IN MOTION