Hawkshead 06 November 2011

Today we have two coaches heading to the Lakes; after a meet-up and brief stop at Burton-in-Kendal services we'll make for Hawkshead for some great walking and hopefully fantastic autumn colours.



Please note the earlier return times due to the demise of Summer Time.

Today's Walks

A Walk Harvey Thompson

13.5 miles Moderate

Tarns, dubs, a water, two rivers and a splendid valley, all starting from Staveley. First we cross the River Eden as we climb to Potters Tarn. Next we pass Gurnal Dubs and Low Taggleshaw before we find Longsleddale Valley. We can fully appreciate this splendid valley as we go up it, following the River Sprint, to Stockdale Bridge. Our final climb, takes us onto Quarter Fell where we see Skeggles Water before descending to our start and pick-up point, at Staveley.

B Walk Chris Thornley

9 miles Moderate

Alight at Outgate near Hawkshead. Take field paths to Loanthwait Lane. Then onto Hawkshead Hall, Skinner How Lane and Knipe Fold. Then take a bridleway to Oxen Fell High Cross. Continue to Yew Tree Tarn and Glen Mary Bridge. Then onto Tarn Hows, Tenter Hill and Hawkshead Hill. Then into Hawkshead.

C Walk Paul Brown

7.5 miles Moderate

We alight at Hawkshead, walk along the road to Colthouse and Gillbank, before climbing fairly steeply (for less than ½ mile) to Latterbarrow for panoramic views of Lake Windermere and the mountains. Then we descend fairly steeply on paths and forest tracks to Belle Grange. From here we follow a good track alongside the lake to High Wray Bay and Wray Church, change direction to walk south past Blelham Tarn to Outgate, then follow field paths, country lanes and tracks to return to Hawkshead

D Walk Frank Mason

6 miles Moderate

Alight at Hawkshead and follow field paths to Keen Ground and Hawkshead Hill. Continue to Tenter Hill, then climb through the forestry area to reach Tarn Hows. We then have a pleasant walk on an undulating path around the lake, before returning to Hawkshead along a minor road, forest and field paths.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

To help make sure no one is left will independent walkers let one of the couriers know which of the four pick-up points they will be at - this is important; don't just dive of the coach when no one's counting! Pick-up times are:

05:30 PM Hawkshead Main Car Park Walks: B. C and D.

05:45 PM Ambleside Waterhead Car Park opposite Wateredge Inn

06:00 PM Windermere Railway Station

06:10 PM Staveley Bus Stop Main Street / Windermere Rd Walks: A

The Burnley coach will drop of in "last on first off" order but the Blackburn coach will return via the M65 as well and drop off in "first on first off" order.

Bookings for the Remainder of 2011 and early 2012

Today the couriers will be taking bookings for:

Ilkley (04 December) Grassington (08 January) Arnside (05 February).

Ticket cost is still £13:00 / £6:50 for each trip but if we can negotiate a better coach price for Grassington then you'll be refunded the difference on the trip. After today book by email (bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk), telephone (07795 250502 and 01282 798145) or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book

Problems, problems, problems

Time on the coach is the big issue when it comes to dissatisfaction with the trips. The solution is simple; the more people we have then the more coaches we can afford and thus the fewer time-consuming pick-up's and drop-off's we need. In the mean-time though I'll see if Rigby's can help with feeder coaches and see if we can slick up our current pick-ups a bit. (Expect a questionnaire soon!) Main point though: I know it's a problem, and I'm trying to sort it.

Today's contact numbers: Robert Eccles 07795 250502 and Chris Thornley 07821 098374

Dates and Destinations for The Diary

Events

04 December: Coach Ramble to Ilkley

Book today with you courier, or later by telephone (07795 250502) or web (www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

09 December: Burnley and Pendle Christmas Party

A buffet supper and dancing to be held at Saint Cuthbert's Church Hall. Tickets are £7:00 per person and available from Margaret Clarke (Burnley Coach).

08 January 2012: Coach Ramble to Grassington

Book today with you courier, or later by telephone (07795 250502) or web (www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

Walking from Hawkshead to Ilkley; our local groups' walks between now and then:

Date 08 November	Group Clitheroe Ramblers	Time 13:00	Destination Highmoor
08 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Chipping
12 November	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	09:30/09:45	Edisford Bridge
12 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Clough to Clough; Sabden Valley; or Cracoe
13 November	OXO Coach Ramble	08:45	Clapham
13 November	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Singing Ringing Tree
15 November	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Gargrave
15 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Gisburn
19 November	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Barrowford
22 November	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Pleasington
22 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Bolton Abbey
26 November	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Embasy Crag
26 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Walverden, Trawden; Haworth, Top Withens; or Wycoller
29 November	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Dean Clough
03 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Wharfdale from Grassington
03 December	Pendle Walkers	09:30/10:00	Greenber Field Locks; Thursden Valley; or Earby

To Join any of the Above Walks then just Contact the Group's Co-ordinator:

Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	Janet Lofthouse on 01282 435352
Clitheroe Ramblers	Jane Donnelley on 01254 248713
OXO Coach Rambles	Hannah Rose on 01254 886105
Pendle Walkers	John Crabtree on 01282 859437