

# Matlock Bath 07 April 2013



Today we have two coaches for our first ever trip to Matlock Bath. Right on the boundary between the White and Dark Peak, it's a busy but odd little town; often described as "the Blackpool of the Peak District". It's at the edge of our range and it will take a while to get there and back but, hopefully, well worth the trip.

The Burnley and Blackburn coaches will rendezvous at Buxton. From there you need to get on the coach that is servicing your walk (see "Today's Walks" below). This is because the coaches are NOT travelling the same way to Matlock Bath; the couriers will make sure get on the right coach at Buxton.

For those not joining one of the led walks then the larger Blackburn coach, which is travelling down the A6, will be the quickest option for those wanting to get to Matlock Bath but the led walks will, obviously, have to take priority for seats.

## Today's Walks

**A Walk**      **Robert Eccles**      **12 miles Strenuous**  
Starting from Haddon Barn we're up and over Haddon Fields to Alport and Youlgrave. Then we pick up the Limestone Way to Robin Hood's Stride before turning for Birchover. (If time permits we'll visit the Hermit's Cave and Rowter Rocks.) We pay a brief visit to Stanton Moor and the Cork Stone before dropping down to Cambridge Wood and then going straight back up the other side to Wensley. The climb onto Brightgate is a little more civilised but, more importantly, that's all the hard work done. Soon we drop down to Ember Farm and pick-up a path close to the Heights of Abraham to drop down into Matlock Bath. Overall 12 miles with 2250 foot of ascent and, hopefully, good views.

To join this walk you need to get on the **Burnley** coach at Buxton.

**B Walk**      **Trevor Whittaker**      **10 miles Moderate to Strenuous**  
Off the coach at Rowsley we head south to Pilhough and on to Sheepwalk Wood before visiting the early Bronze Age Nine Ladies Stone Circle and Earl Grey Tower; the latter being more 19<sup>th</sup> century than Bronze Age. We follow the ridge with great views into the valley to, if time permits, Rowter Rocks at Birchover before heading south to Winstar where we pick up the Limestone Way to Upper Town via the rather non-descript Luntor Rocks. From here we make for Ember Farm and the steep drop down into Matlock Bath. Expect fantastic views but lots of up's and down's with 1700 foot of ascent

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**C Walk**      **Dave Rawlinson**      **7.5 miles Moderate**  
Starting from Grangemill we pick up The Limestone Way to Leys before turning off to come into Bonsall from the south. Now we'll do a loop through Upper Town, Brightgate and Jughole Wood before returning close to Bonsall. This gives us the chance to take in the panoramic views of this beautiful part of the country. Climbing to Mason Hill we then start the long; initially gradual but later quite steep; descent into Matlock Bath. Expect about 1100 foot of ascent but well worth the effort for the views.

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**D Walk**      **Sue Baxendale**      **5 miles Moderate**  
Leave coach in Darley Dale at junction of A6 and B5057. Follow the B5057 to join the minor road and then track of the Derwent Valley Heritage Way along the side of the River Derwent into Matlock. From here a short but fairly steep climb (but we'll take it slowly) to follow the Limestone Way to meet minor lane towards Greenhills Farm. Follow field paths and then through the wood to go under the cable cars to meet minor road. This path is well defined but is quite undulating and will be muddy due to the snow melt, but again we will have plenty of time. Then take the cobbled alleys and ginnels to give a fairly steep descent into the town of Matlock Bath.

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## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just the one pick-up point.

06:00 PM      Matlock Bath      Station Car Park (by the Midland Hotel off the main road)      Walks: A, B, C and D

Blackburn coach will drop off at Darwen first and the Burnley coach at Padiham. Any additional stops are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.

## Our Next Trips

Today we'll be taking bookings for Keswick / Seatoller (12 May), Middleton-in-Teesdale / High Force (09 June) and Leyburn (07 July). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50.

After today then contact Robert by email ([bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk](mailto:bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk)), telephone (07795 250502 / 01282 798145) or on-line at [www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book](http://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

## Our Group Walks from Matlock Baths to Seatoller and Keswick

Date	Group	Time	Destination
Tue 09 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Edisford Bridge CP
Wed 10 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Blacko. GR850414; Blacko Bar Road
Wed 10 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Wigglesworth (M)
Sat 13 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Hellifield
Sat 13 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	07:30	Haweswater and High Street (A)
Sat 13 Apr	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Cautley Spout and The Calf (A)
Sat 13 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Roddlesworth (C)
Sat 13 Apr	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Norber Stones (M)
Sun 14 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Barden Tower and Appletreewick
Sun 14 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	10:00	Harle Syke (C)
Tue 16 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Cherry Tree Library
Wed 17 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Hurst Green
Wed 17 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Watergrove (M)
Sat 20 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Glasson Dock
Sat 20 Apr	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Dalehead and Beyond
Sat 20 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Harden (C)
Sun 21 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Longridge
Sun 21 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:30	Whernside (B)
Sun 21 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Kinder Scout (M)
Tue 23 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Thornley with Wheatley
Wed 24 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Towneley. GR856313, Rotunda / Riverside CP
Wed 24 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Ribchester
Wed 24 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Bowland (M)
Sat 27 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Hippins and Jumblehole Clough
Sat 27 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Entwistle Moor
Sat 27 Apr	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Sowerby Bridge, Ryburn and Calder Valleys (A)
Sat 27 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Settle (C)
Sat 27 Apr	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Whalley Circular (M)
Sun 28 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:30	Beetham for Gaitbarrow and Deer Park (C)
Sun 28 Apr	OXO Ramblers	08:45	Ashford in the Water (A+B)
Sun 28 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Arncliffe (M)
Wed 01 May	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Standen Hall Lane GR 752 407
Wed 01 May	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Hardcastle Craggs (M)
Sat 04 May	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Pits and Shuttles. GR805341, Gawthorpe Hall CP
Sat 04 May	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Hodder Way
Sat 04 May	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Langcliffe for Wharfe and Oxenber Woods (A)
Sat 04 May	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Ilkley (C)
Sun 05 May	Hyndburn Ramblers	11:00	Rivington for Pike & Castle (C)
Sun 05 May	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Haggside / Winhill Pike (M)
Wed 08 May	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Crown Point. GR848289, Singing Ringing Tree CP
Wed 08 May	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Sawley
Wed 08 May	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Foulridge (M)
Sat 11 May	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Sizergh GR 501 873
Sat 11 May	Pendle Walkers	07:30	Esk Pike over Ore Gap to Bow Fell. (A+)
Sat 11 May	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Helmshore Area (C)
Sat 11 May	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Hutton Roof (M)

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