

# Middleton-in-Teesdale 09 June



Today we have two coaches for our trip to The North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Burnley and Blackburn coaches will rendezvous at Burton in Kendal services and travel together to Brough, Middleton then, if time permits, High Force.

With the B and D walks starting beyond Middleton it's important that the rendezvous stop at Burton is literally just a toilet stop. It is possible that the drivers will run out of time which would compromise the B and C walks.

## Today's Walks

- A Walk**      **Robert Eccles**      **12.5 miles Fairly Strenuous**  
Starting from the bridge at Middleton-in-Teesdale we head north to Snaisgill Plantation and the Hudeshope Lime Kilns. Continuing north we reach Clubgill Allotment and the disused mine workings. Now on Access Land we climb to Hardberry Hill for, in theory, panoramic views of the North Pennines. (It is quite an impressive little view point.) Dropping down into Coldberry Gutter we walk through the limestone hushings before coming to a lovely hidden valley near Hare Hill then hopefully on to Gibson Cave and Summary Hill Force. Now for the more touristy stuff; we head west on the Pennine Way through droves of people to Low Force, Keedholm Scar and High Force. Then we have to double back on ourselves. If time permits we'll come back via The Bands but if not we'll just use the Pennine Way.
- Overall 12-13 miles with just 600m of ascent but there are two streams to cross and a wall to vault (unless I can find the stile this time). Graded as strenuous because of potential time constraints.
- B Walk**      **Trevor Whittaker**      **10.5 miles Moderate**  
Starting from Langdon Beck we head south to pick up the Pennine Way and the river Tees. We follow this essentially south east past High Force, Low Force before picking up the Teesdale Way just south of Middleton. At about Leekworth (or maybe a little further) we'll turn for home.
- C Walk**      **Paul Brown**      **7.5 miles Moderate**  
We leave the coach on the B6276 (Grid ref - NY 917 220) and follow a lane downhill to Grassholme Reservoir. We walk round the north side of the reservoir, cross the dam to the small visitor centre, (lunch stop here). We continue on field paths then along the Tees Railway Walk to reach the pleasant village of Mickleton. From here we walk on tracks and field paths, cross the River Tees by footbridge, then walk along the north bank of the river into Middleton in Teesdale. The riverside walk has a few ups and downs and in places the surface is rocky with tree roots so care is needed.
- Expect some good views of Lunedale and Upper Teesdale.
- D Walk**      **Frank Mason**      **5.5 miles Easy**  
This is an easy 5 1/2 mile walk following the River Tees from High Force down to Middleton-in-Teesdale. On the walk we will try to identify as many wild flowers as possible.

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just the one official pick-up point.

06:00 PM      Middleton      Main Square or Bridge on the Brough road      Walks: A, B, C and D

The coaches will be parked out of town either at High Force or on the Barnard Castle road and only return to Middleton when things have quietened down – probably about 5PM.

Blackburn coach is down to drop off at Clitheroe 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 Leyburn (07 July), Hutton-le-Hole (04 August) and The Sandstone Trail (01 September). 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).

## Excursion Dates 2014

Yes, it's getting to that time of year again. Below are the provisional (and probably final) excursion dates for 2014

05 January	06 April	06 July	05 October
02 February	11 May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	03 August	02 November
02 March	08 June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	07 September	07 December

If anyone spots a mistake or a clash with another event in our area then please let me know.

## Our Group Walks from Middleton in Teesdale to Leyburn

Date	Group	Time	Destination
Tue 11 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Local impromptu
Tue 11 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Mellor history walk
Tue 11 Jun	Spring Vale Rambling Group	19:00	Abbey Village (L)
Wed 12 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Chipping
Wed 12 Jun	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Kelbrook (M)
Sat 15 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Kendal canal
Sat 15 Jun	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:00	Crossthwaite for Gummers How (A)
Sat 15 Jun	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Todmorden (A)
Sat 15 Jun	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Burnsall (C)
Sun 16 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Whalley & River Calder
Sun 16 Jun	Hyndburn Ramblers	11:00	Beacon Fell for Brock Valley (D)
Tue 18 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Austwick
Wed 19 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Victoria Park Nelson, GR852382, Park CP
Wed 19 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Salesbury School CP
Wed 19 Jun	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Newton (M)
Sat 22 Jun	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Croasdale, Whitendale (A)
Sat 22 Jun	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Gargrave (C)
Sat 22 Jun	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Ingleborough (S)
Sun 23 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	13:00	Barnoldswick
Sun 23 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Todmorden
Sun 23 Jun	Hyndburn Ramblers	10:00	Ashworth Valley (D)
Sun 23 Jun	OXO Ramblers	08:45	Barnard Castle (A+B)
Sun 23 Jun	Rossendale Ramblers	08:00	Wetherlam (Lakes) (M)
Tue 25 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Local impromptu
Tue 25 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Sabden CP on Clitheroe Road
Tue 25 Jun	Spring Vale Rambling Group	19:00	Dutton (L)
Wed 26 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Edisford
Wed 26 Jun	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Bronte Country (M)
Sat 29 Jun	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:00	Accrington to Clitheroe. Bus Return (A)
Sat 29 Jun	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Ribchester (A)
Sat 29 Jun	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Midgley (C)
Sun 30 Jun	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Gargrave
Sun 30 Jun	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Horton in Ribblesdale
Sun 30 Jun	Hyndburn Ramblers	11:00	Wheelton (D)
Sun 30 Jun	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Lune Valley (M)
Tue 02 Jul	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Malham
Wed 03 Jul	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Trawden. GR913386, White Lee
Wed 03 Jul	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Waddington
Wed 03 Jul	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Clapham (M)
Sat 06 Jul	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Cartmel for Humphrey Head
Sat 06 Jul	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Malham (M)

Burnley and Pendle Ramblers

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