

# Conwy 03 August 2014



Today we two main coaches plus one feeder for our first every trip to this popular North Wales town. The Burnley feeder will meet the Clitheroe main coach at Clayton; thus Blackburn will start its pick-ups at Accrington. The two remaining coaches will meet at Chester services.

Conwy is a fantastic place but it will take a while to get there and back. I've done all I can to try and ensure the drivers don't run out of time but, again, it would be appreciated if we sit down quickly after getting on, make the services a quick visit and be ready to alight before our stop when near home. Finally, I think our drivers would appreciate us leaving the coaches as tidy as possible; it's one less job for them at the end of a long day.

## Today's Walks

**A Walk      Robert Eccles      12 miles Strenuous**

Starting from Conwy, we're through the town to pick up field paths to Craigyfedwen. Turning south we head for Maen Penddu [standing stone] with views of the Afon Conwy before climbing through the disused quarry to Tal y Fan (609.98m, 2001 feet; thus just a mountain) for hopefully great views over the rest of Snowdonia. Now we're north, looking over the estuary and Puffin Island, to pick up the North Wales Path to Echo Rock. Finally it's up and over Conwy Mountain to (surprise) Conwy.

Expect reasonable paths, seriously fantastic views (weather permitting) but about 3,000 foot of ascent.

**B Walk      Dave Rawson      9.5 miles Moderate**

Starting from the coach park in Conwy, we're soon on the North Wales Path to the Butterfly Jungle. Leaving the estuary we start to climb Conwy Mountain (don't panic, it's not a proper mountain). Breaking away from the North Wales Path we climb to the ridge for fantastic panoramic views. Then, keeping the views, it's on to Penmean-bach before dropping down to Pen-pyra. Unfortunately it's now straight back up to the hill fort on the top of Alltwen (255m) before straight down to Echo Rock. Finally we're through the nature reserve / park to the Lodge before field paths to the posh house and a minor road to town.

Weather permitting; expect fantastic views that are well worth the effort.

**C Walk      Trevor Whittaker      7 miles Moderate**

[NB this is not a copy-paste error, the B and C walks are similar.]

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There is quite a bit of ascent on this walk but it will be at a leisurely pace and worth it for the views.

**D Walk      Paul Brown      5 miles Moderate**

We leave the coaches in Conway and begin with looking at the castle and the 3 bridges over the Conway estuary, and learning about their history. We then walk alongside the estuary for about a mile to the marina (first ¼ mile is a promenade), plenty to see including the smallest house in Britain. We then walk southwards, cross the railway by footbridge, then climb steadily for about ½ mile along the lower slopes of Conway Mountain for the views.

We then descend along tracks and country lanes past Bryn Rhedyn to Hendre, returning to Conway through Gyffin.

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

06:00 PM      Conwy      Coach park by the town walls      Walks: A, B, C and D

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

Reeth (07 September), Hathersage (05 October) and Ambleside (02 November). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today or to book beyond November then contact Robert by email at [bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk](mailto:bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk), telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at [www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book](http://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

## Social Trip: Quarry Bank Mill.

Sunday 10 August; organised by Burnley and Pendle Ramblers. Total cost is £21.50 and tickets are available from Margaret Clark (Clitheroe coach). National Trust members will be reimbursed on the day for the entrance fee on production of a current membership card.

## Walking from Conwy: Our Group Walks between Now and September

Date	Group	Time	Destination
Tue 05 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Abbeystead GR 564 544
Tue 05 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Downham (C)
Wed 06 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Langho
Wed 06 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Abbeystead (M)
Sat 09 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Barden Bridge
Sat 09 Aug	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Dunsop Fell / Croasdale from Slaidburn (A)
Sat 09 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Dunsop Bridge (C)
Sat 09 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Barrowford (M)
Sat 09 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Group	14:00	Barrowford (M)
Sun 10 Aug	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:30	Tacklers Trail from Sunnyhurst (C)
Sun 10 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Kettlewell (M)
Tue 12 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Burnley Way 5 of 6. Meet Towneley Golf Club, GR 847313
Tue 12 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Marles Wood
Tue 12 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Historic "Barlic" (B)
Tue 12 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Cracoe (C)
Tue 12 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Group	19:00	Sunnyhurst (L)
Wed 13 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Nick of Pendle. GR 772385
Wed 13 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Whalley
Sat 16 Aug	Pendle Walkers	07:30	Arnside, Silverdale and Carnforth; 13, 17 or 22 miles (A / A+)
Sat 16 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Helmshore (C)
Sun 17 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	13:30	Barley Sculpture Trail
Sun 17 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Clitheroe circular
Sun 17 Aug	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	Slaidburn (C)
Sun 17 Aug	OXO Ramblers	08:45	Ilkley (A, B, C)
Tue 19 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Kettlewell to Burnsall
Tue 19 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Carlton and Winterburn Reservoir (B)
Tue 19 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Eldwick (C)
Wed 20 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Dean Clough GR 323 717
Wed 20 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Carr and Cragg Moor (M)
Sat 23 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Laycock & Goose Eye
Sat 23 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Burnsall
Sat 23 Aug	Pendle Walkers	07:30	Scafell Pike from Langdales; option of post walk food. (A+)
Sat 23 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Ribble Valley circular (B)
Sat 23 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Firber House (C)
Sat 23 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Monks Road, Arncliffe (M)
Sun 24 Aug	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:00	Pateley Bridge (B)
Sun 24 Aug	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	Barnoldswick (D)
Tue 26 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Bolton by Bowland
Tue 26 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Great Saucer Stones from Wycollar (B)
Tue 26 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Ilkley; Heber's Ghyll (C)
Tue 26 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Group	19:00	Bold Adventure (L)
Wed 27 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Towneley - Rotunda, Riverside car park. GR 854309
Wed 27 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:30	Chester Ave car park
Wed 27 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Lawkland (M)
Sat 30 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Ribchester
Sat 30 Aug	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:15	Accrington Train Station for Rail Ramble to Halifax (B)
Sat 30 Aug	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Kinder and Lantern Pike (A)
Sat 30 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Gargrave (C)
Sun 31 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	13:30	Pendle Heritage Centre