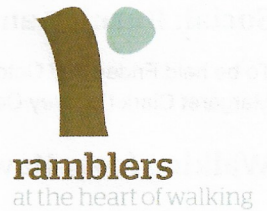


# Hawkshead 04 October 2015



Today we have two coaches for our trip to this picturesque village in the South / Mid Lakeland. The Blackburn and Burnley coaches will rendezvous at Burton-in-Kendal Services and travel together via Ambleside to Hawkshead.

Depending on numbers we may redistribute people between coaches so that one coach can service the A and B walks whilst the other coach services the C and D walks; direction will be given at the services.

Finally, some sad news: Tony Walbank (Blackburn coach) has died quite suddenly. He was a regular walker with us, Hyndburn Ramblers and the OXO. As one person said: "Sad news as I often walked with him on the C walks and he was good company".

## Today's Walks

- A Walk**      **Harvey Thompson**      **12½ miles Strenuous**
- Church Bridge to Troutbeck Bridge With a 'Coach Swerve' we start at Church Bridge (NY413027) with a steady climb to Garburn Nook. From here we continue rising to the summit of Yoke (2316ft). Passing Star Crag and Rainsborough Crag we soon reach Ill Bell (248ft /757m) our highest point of the day. Next we summit Froswick (2360ft). Just beyond here we start a steep descent of Park Fell and onto pass The Tongue. Through the valley we pass above our start point and soon reach Troutbeck Bridge and The Sun! (Hotel that is!)
- It is 12½ miles long, with 2754ft (840m) of ascent and on recognised paths. With one steep descent.
- B Walk**      **Robert Eccles**      **10½ miles Moderate**
- Starting at Ings we head south west via School Knott to pick up the end of The Dales Way. Then it's on to Bowness to cross Lake Windermere. (Speedos, bikinis and money are thankfully not required for this part of our journey.) Once we get across the largest lake in England we head to Far Sawrey and then north to Moss Eccles Tarn, Wise Ean Tarn to Long Height. Turning West we simply drop down to Hawkshead.
- Steady climbs and steady descents over the whole walk with 500m of total ascent and a boat trip.
- C Walk**      **Trevor Whittaker**      **8½ miles Moderate**
- Starting from Pull Wyke we head north west to Skelwith Fold and on to Skelwith Bridge. The Cumbria Way takes us to Colwith Force and Stang End. Turning south now we visit the disused quarry at Hodge Close. Then it's up and over Holme Fell before climbing to Tarn Hows. Following the tarns round to Rose Castle we start the homeward journey. Heading south east through Hawkshead Hill we follow field paths to Hawkshead.
- A good mix of walking in this beautiful area with 540m of ascent over the whole walk.
- D Walk**      **Carol and Derrick Fielding**      **7 miles Moderate**
- Leave Hawkshead via the Grammar School. Climb a grassy track to Hawkshead Hill then field paths to Kripe Fold. We then join a stone Public Byway, climbing all the while, past Limestone Hill, then descend to Tarn Hows; follow path along the eastern side to make another descent on a stone track back to Hawkshead.
- There are lots of UPS and DOWNS - we are in the Lake District remember - but we have wonderful views most of the way - well worth the effort!

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have two pick-up points:

18:00	Hawkshead	Main Car Park	Walks: B, C, D
18:20	Troutbeck Bridge	Sun Inn / Pedro's	Walks: A

Any additional stops on the return journey 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 will be taking bookings for Nidderdale (01 November), Windermere (06 December) and Kirkby Lonsdale (10 Jan). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond January, then contact Robert. NB: for Windermere coaches will drop off in pick-up order; if you're first on then you'll be first off.