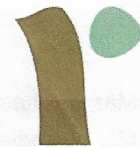


Hayfield 08 March 2015



ramblers
at the heart of walking

Today we have just the one main coach for our trip to the High Peak. The Burnley feeder and Blackburn main coach will meet at Darwen Services. There is no official morning stop the facilities at Darwen Services and Glossop can be utilized if required.

As always when we have just the one coach could those getting on the Blackburn coach leave the front seats free for the couriers and a block of seats free for people joining from the Burnley coach.

After much battling with trigonometry I've managed to add altitude profiles for our walks to the web site. Use the mountain icon next to the walk details to view. I now know far more than I ever wanted to about coordinate systems and the definition of height!

A Walk Robert Eccles Off first at Glossop 14 miles Fairly Strenuous

Starting from Glossop we work our way randomly to Old Glossop. Then Doctor's Gate [where the 1932 mass trespass onto Kinder kicked off] takes us close to Snake Pass. Turning north we use the Access Land across Alport Low to visit the trig point at Higher Shelf Stones, the wreckage of Over Exposed, the Hern Stones to finally reach the Pennine Way. Turning south we cross Featherbed Moss to Mill Hill; that will take longer than it reads. Down William Clough [where the Manchester Ramblers had their little skirmish with the game keepers] and then over to Little Hayfield. Finally it's fields and a park into Hayfield.

Expect a mixture of good and dodgy paths with 720m of total ascent over the whole walk.

B Walk Trevor Whittaker Off Second at Hayfield 10½ miles Moderate

Alight (i.e., get off) at Hayfield and head south to Ridge Top and Phoside Farm. A steady climb alongside Foxholes Clough and through the quarries to Chinley Churn where the views suddenly open out to the west. (The trig point at 451m though is just out of reach of the path.) Drop down to Buxworth and the river Goyt. Follow the Goyt Way to New Mills and The Torrs, Archimedes Screw and Millennium Walkway before returning to Hayfield via the Sett Valley Trail.

The day starts off with a 200m climb out of Hayfield but then it's mainly downhill or on the flat. A lovely mix of the High Peak's views and heritage.

C Walk Michael Counter Off second at Hayfield 8 miles Moderate

The walk starts from the main car adjacent to the Information Centre and winds its way through the streets of the Hayfield village, passing the house where Arthur Lowe from Dads Army fame, once lived. A bridleway leading on to the Snake Path is now followed, climbing its way up to Middle Moor, before dropping down to Tom Heyes Farm and the Glossop Road. Great views are obtained of Kinder Scout from along this path. We climb again passing Intake and then follow the road to Charlesworth for a short distance, before picking up the route of the Pennine Bridleway. This section of the walks gives a panorama view of the Coombes Rocks. The last short climb of the day is to the top of Lantern Pike, before descending to following the Sett Valley Trail back into Hayfield.

Stiles 4, Gates - many, Hills climbed 4, Breath-taking Views - numerous

D Walk Paul Brown Off second at Hayfield 6 miles Moderate

We leave the coaches at the main car park in Hayfield and follow the Sett Valley Trail (former New Mills to Hayfield railway, closed 1970) to Thornsett. We follow Thornsett Brows northwards, then turn eastwards to climb steadily for about ¼ mile passing Apenshaw Hall, then continue northwards again to reach the Pennine Bridleway. We follow this southwards, then make the short climb to the monument on Lantern Pike for the day's best views. After descending from Lantern Pike to rejoin the Pennine Bridleway, we walk downhill along a minor road towards Hayfield, then through a small park and across the river Sett (by footbridge) back to the coaches.

This walk is mostly along tracks and lanes, no stiles, good views, but mud in a few places.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

06:00 PM	Hayfield	Sett Valley Trail car / coach park	Walks: All
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Our Next Trips

Grasmere / Langdales (12 April), Richmond (10 May) and Castleton (07 June). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond June, then contact Robert by email at bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk, telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book.