

North East Lancashire Coach Ramblers

**** All members are reminded that it is our Area AGM on Saturday 11 February at Briercliffe Road Church, Briercliffe Road, Burnley BB10 3DX starting at 11.00am. Please do come along ****

Glossop 5th February 2017

Our two coaches will rendezvous at Darwen services today and then continue together towards Glossop. The D walk starts at Woolley Bridge fairly soon after the end of the M67 motorway so please be ready to depart if you are going on this walk.

A Walk Leader Chris Thornley 11 miles Moderate/strenuous

Starting from Glossop we go through Old Glossop and take the bridleway to Mossy Lea Farm. Continue to Doctor's Gate and then climb to the Pennine Way. Follow this to cross the Snake Pass to Featherbed Moss and on to Mill Hill. Continue to Harry Hut then down off the moor to Shaw Moor Plantation. Back into Glossop via Gnat Hall.

B Walk Leader Michael Counter 9 miles (Moderate with one steep climb)

We alight the coach in Glossop and wind our way through the streets, to the next section which includes a steep steady climb up to Whitley Nab and then across to Cown Edge Rocks. The Pennine Bridleway is then followed crossing the open moorland plateau to drop down to the A624 Glossop Road via Knarrs Farm. The walk now follows the stone pavement that climbs across the open moorland to Burnt Hill (1535ft) and then traverses Chunal Moor to arrive at the trig point known as Harry Hut. We continue downhill, passing the impressive Worm Stones to Gnat Hole. The final section follows field paths and minor roads into Glossop. This walk offer extensive views over to Manchester, the Cheshire plain and Kinder Scout

C Walk Leader Tony Culverhouse 8.25 mile (Moderate with a hill climb)

Alighting the coach in Glossop we head out of the town towards Dinting Vale where we join up with the Trans- Pennine Trail near to the town of Gamesley. The trail now takes us onto Boardbottom, where we find and follow the Tameside Trail through the historic mill site in the Etheron Valley. (An option here for a stop at the garden centre tea rooms). We then head off south to the village of Chisworth and then south-east towards Coombes Tor (its all been pretty level until this bit of a climb up Coombes Tor). This is the highest point on the walk with good views. The route now goes north-east as we traverse Coombes Rock to another view point, Whiteley Nab, overlooking Glossop. We now descend to Simmondley and on to Glossop.

D Walk Starts before we get to Glossop Leader Paul Brown 7 miles Fairly easy

This walk takes us into the Longdendale Valley to the north of Glossop, where in 1847 work began to build a chain of 5 reservoirs to supply water to the increasing population of Manchester and Salford. We alight at Woolley Bridge, walk to Tintwistle Bridge and Tintwistle village, then continue along the north side of the valley. After crossing to the south side on the dam between Rhodeswood and Torside reservoirs, we walk westwards to join the Longdendale Trail along the route of the former Manchester to Sheffield electrified railway. The walk ends at Hadfield station from where we take a very short train ride into Glossop, (the rail fare is covered by your coach ticket). The walk follows mainly tracks and valley side footpaths; some road walking, no stiles, muddy stretches in places.

Pickup Time for the Return Journey 5.00pm from the coach park. On the return journey please do not ask the drivers for extra stops. This can be dangerous and will also make the return journey longer for everyone.

Book today for our next two coach rambles – **Arnside on 5th March** and **Masham on 2nd April**

Or after today telephone Margaret Boothman for the **Burnley** coach on 01282 692901. (NOT after 9.00pm) or for the **Blackburn** coach telephone Kathleen Parker on 01254 396894 (between 6.00pm and 9.00pm)

Leaders needed to continue to offer a choice of 4 walks we need volunteers for the C walk at Arnside on 5th March, A and B walks at Masham on 2nd April and A and B walks for Pooley Bridge on 7th May. All leaders get a free seat on the day and a donation towards their expenses of recceing the walk beforehand. Please contact Sue Baxendale if you are available to help – tel 01254 235049. Lots of leaders needed for 2017!!!!

Web Site – thanks to Michael Counter you can now go onto our coach rambles web site. Go to spanglefishcoachrambles and North East Lancs Coach rambles will come up on screen. Many thanks Michael.