

North East Lancashire Ramblers - Coach Ramblers

Hathersage Sunday October 1st 2017

Our two coaches will rendezvous at Glossop for a short comfort stop and then continue together to Hathersage. Please make sure you join the correct walk and will independent walkers leave details of your names and routes with your courier on the coach and a mobile phone number if available. "B" walkers leave the coach just after Ladybower Reservoir, the other walks all start from the coach park in Hathersage.

A Walk Leader **Anthony Fleetwood** 12 miles Moderate
From Hathersage head north along Baulk Lane passing through Brookfield Manor and North Lees Hall. Then up through Stanage Plantation onto Stanage Edge continuing north west along the plateau to High Nab and Crow Chin before doubling back along the Sheffield Country Walk. This takes us past the Cowper Stone and on to Upper Burbage Bridge (ice cream available) then carrying on below Burbage Rocks. Then head across Hathersage Moor passing the Bronze Age Carl Wark Fort, north to Higger Tor and then descend into Hathersage. Some strenuous rocky sections.

B Walk Leader **Sue Baxendale** 10.5 miles Moderate/Strenuous
Leave coach just before Bamford village (after Ladybower Reservoir) and continue on minor road through village, along Joan Lane and then Hurstclough Lane (odd muddy patch). Continue up along minor road past Dennis Knoll Woods and then track to finally be on Stanage Edge and some wonderful views (weather permitting). Continue along the edge to trig point, descend to Upper Burbage Bridge and take track along base of Burbage Edge. Striking out across the moors (hopefully on a footpath) we cross the footbridge and up towards Carl Wark, across Hathersage Moor (what footpath) to find track to Callow, fields to Toothill Farm and down into Hathersage via the church yard to see Little John's Grave. The majority of the walk is on minor roads, tracks or moorland, not many grassy fields, so quite hard on knees and feet.

C Walk Leader **Carol Higgins** 8.5 miles Moderate
This walk has something for everyone as it takes you through the history books and into the pages of Charlotte Bronte's novel Jane Eyre and the Robin Hood legend. You can even recreate an 'on location' scene from Pride & Prejudice with some absolutely stunning scenery along the way. Starting from the town centre we head northwards to the aptly named Bronte Cottage before we head west, crossing a small ford via stepping stones, and approach Stanage Edge from Dennis Knoll to take in the breath taking views as we walk east to Higher Tor along the Sheffield Country Walk before returning to Hathersage via Moorseats and Little John's grave. Although the walk has some steep ascents and descents it is easy under foot across well walked valley fields, high moorland paths, woodland paths and tracks and is well worth the effort. There are 2 stiles and a wall stile and I have a photo of the stepping stones involved.

D walk Leader **Roger Haythornthwaite** 6 miles Fairly easy
From Hathersage, proceed in a northerly direction through Cliff Wood to Birley Farm. Along a lane take a path to Thorpe Farm, Shawhay Barn and the edge of Sickleholme Golf Course. Walk across the golf course to Saltergate Lane and turn right onto Station Road, Bamford. Walk along Water Lane to a Quaker community area then through a field to join the Derwent Valley Heritage Way along the banks of the River Derwent to Leadmill Bridge then tracks to Nether Hall and a lane into Hathersage.

Pickup Time for the Return Journey 6.00pm from the coach park on Odd Fellows Road, opposite the swimming baths and cafe. 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 – Grassington on 5th November and Windermere/Bowness on 3rd December. 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)

To continue to offer a choice of 4 walks we need a volunteer for the A walk for Windermere/Bowness on 3rd December. All leaders get a free seat on the day and a donation towards their expenses of reccyng the walk beforehand. Please contact Sue Baxendale if you are available to help and to check the route we will be taking – tel 01254 235049.

Many thanks to all those who came along to our planning meeting for the 2018 programme. Leaflets will be given out on the November coach ramble, and of course all details in the January Area News, and on the web site. **LEADERS NEEDED PLEASE.**

All welcome to a **Quiz Night on Friday 20th October** at Nelson House Burnley starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 including supper from Margaret Clarke on the Burnley coach today or telephone 01282 616838.