

North East Lancashire Ramblers - Coach Rambles

Pooley Bridge Sunday 7th May 2017

Our two coaches will rendezvous at Tebay services for a quick comfort stop and then travel on together. Will independent walkers leave details of your names and routes with your courier on the coach and a mobile phone number if available.

Please note that as there is no coach parking in Pooley Bridge the coaches will have to park outside the village and return at approximately 5.30pm ready to leave at 6.00pm. Take everything you need for the day with you when you leave the coach.

A Walk – OFF FIRST Leader Chris Thornley 15 miles Strenuous.

We alight on the A6 about a mile north of Shap and pick up a byway at Sweetholme. Onto the village of Rosgill. Then field paths to Rawhead, Park Bridge and Thornthwait Force. We then follow the north shore of Hawswater Reservoir. Hawswater was constructed in the 1930's by Manchester Corporation to supply the city with water. Controversially the farming villages of Mardale Green and Measand were flooded when Hawswater was created. The residents were relocated and the valley of Mardale was altered drastically forever. We then strike north west from Hawswater and take a path over Bampton Common to Wether Hill. We then join High Street Roman Road and follow it north to Loadpot Hill, then onto Barton Fell and The Cockpit. Then descend to Roehead, How Hill and into Pooley Bridge. Some very fine views of the Helvellyn range and other lakeland mountains weather permitting.

B Walk OFF SECOND Leader Michael Counter 9 miles Moderate

We alight the coach at Shapbeck Bridge on the A6, north of Shap Village. A bridleway is now followed passing the Out Scar quarry and to Knipe Scar. This limestone ridge is now traversed, eventually dropping down to High Knipe and then onto Hill Plantation. Another bridleway is followed to Whale Farm and to the hamlet of Helton. The way now heads up onto Askham Fell 1100ft and crosses the old Roman road at Ketley Gate, before dropping down into Pooley Bridge. Great views of the northern Lakeland Fells as we descend (once my wish will come true and the weather kind and you will believe me)

C Walk OFF THIRD Leader Hannah Rose 7.5 miles Moderate

Alight at Hackthorpe on A6 and take minor road to Lowther Village then Lowther New Town passing the almshouses and on into the park at Lowther Castle. Pay a visit to the church with its tombs and mausoleum to the Lowther family. Cross the river and into the pretty village of Askham before a steepish climb to Askham Fell. From here there are, hopefully, fabulous views of Ullswater. We cross the fell to the stone circle and then follow paths and minor road into Pooley Bridge.

D Walk Leader Roger Haythornthwaite 6 miles Moderate

From Pooley Bridge, cross by the new road bridge and walk north alongside the River Eamont to DALEMAIN, a stately home associated with marmalade! Proceed along field paths now to DACRE CASTLE and DACRE VILLAGE. Walk through the village then on lanes south to LOW BRIDGE and SOULAND GATE. Follow field paths to the River Eamont again, and retrace our steps to Pooley Bridge.

Pickup Time for the Return Journey 6.00pm from Pooley Bridge. Blackburn coach to drop off at Clitheroe first, Burnley coach to drop off at Clayton le Moors first. 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 – **Llangollen on 4th June and Sedbergh on 2nd July**

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 A and B walks for Sedbergh on 2nd July. 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 and to check the route we will be taking – tel 01254 235049.

Web Site – thanks to Michael Counter you can now go onto our coach rambles web site. Just key in Coach Rambles and North East Lancs Coach Rambles will appear. All information about future trips, pick up times etc.

Social Trip everyone welcome – Sunday 21st May, Family Race Day at Ripon. £20 including admission. Meal on the way home at a cost of £16. Tickets today from Margaret Clark or telephone 01282 616838.