

North East Lancashire Ramblers – Coach Ramblers

Windermere/Bowness Sunday 3 December 2017

Our two coaches will rendezvous at Burton in Kendal services for a short comfort stop and then continue on together to Grassington. 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. Due to the recent wet weather there will be a lot of mud and slippery surfaces today so please do take extra care and be aware of the conditions whilst walking.

A Walk Leader **Tony Culverhouse** Moderate 11 miles

Today we head north from Bowness, through Tayrigg Wood to the town of Windermere. From the town we head up an access road and woodland path to the spectacular viewpoint of Orrest Head (700ft). Then continue via fieldpaths to Far Orrest and a series of tracks and country lanes leads us gradually up hill to Limefitt Park campsite. We then start to descend past Dubbs reservoir and follow the road for about a mile then along a track which crosses the railway and joins the Dales Way. We then start to climb to the summit of School Knott (more fine views) before descending back into Windermere. Please note: Because of time limits it may be necessary to shorten the route.

B Walk Leader **Chris Thornley** Moderate 9 miles

We leave the coach at the village of Ings on the A591 and take minor road to Grassgarth then head north to High House and High Borrans. Then down Borrans Lane to Manor Howe, along Moorhowe Road to Dubs Road, up to Garburn Road. We then take Lomgnire Road to Allen Knott and on to Far Orrest, Howe Hill and down to High Hay Wood. Along Elleray Bank and into Windermere. Wonderful views throughout the walk.

C Walk Leader **Paul Brown** Moderate 8 miles

Starting from Windermere we climb to enjoy the views from Orrest Head; the same views which in 1930 so inspired Wainwright's lifelong love of the Lake District. Descending from the viewpoint we walk towards The Causeway Farm, then eastwards to Broadgate Farm, Grassgarth, and then to Ings to cross the A591 road. We walk under the railway, on to Whasdike, through Schoolknott Plantation, then climb to the viewpoint on School Knott. After descending from School Knott we walk northwards then turn southwards to eventually join the Dales Way, before descending steeply into Bowness where the walk ends. Terrain varies - road walking, country lanes, tracks, field and woodland paths, very muddy in places, smooth rock at ground level, some stiles, so care is needed. Lovely lake and mountain views from the viewpoints.

D Walk Leader **Roger Haythornthwaite** Easy 4.5 miles

Leaving the coaches at Windermere Station we walk downhill to the parish church of St Mary's. Take a walled path followed by track by waterfall to Low Middleground on the banks of Lake Windermere. Proceed along a lakeshore path and leave it near Rayrigg Hall. Take Rayrigg Road to Bowness. Walk through the town and along the promenade to reach Cockshott Point and the car ferry. Retrace our steps slightly along a good path and lane to coach park.

Pick up time for return journey. 4.45 pm from the coach park at Bowness. 5.00pm from the station/Booths supermarket at Windermere. Please do not ask the driver for extra stops on the way home as this can be dangerous and make the return journey longer for everyone. Blackburn coach to drop off at Darwen first on return journey.

Book today for our next two coach rambles – **Hollingworth Lake on 7th January** and **Ingleton on 4th February**. After today telephone Kathleen Parker on 01254 396894 (6.00pm and 9.00pm) for the Blackburn coach, or Margaret Boothman on 01282 692901 (6.00pm to 9.00pm) for the Burnley coach. **Please note: We need at least 80 bookings to cover our costs so we have increase our ticket price to £15 for adults and £7.50 for children from 1st January. (Our last price increase was in 2009) Our coach parking alone for today is £60.**

Leaders needed We still need B and D leaders for Ingleton on 4th February and A and B leaders for Grange over Sands on 4th March. Plus other dates throughout 2018. If you are willing to lead at any time just let me know, or want more information give me a ring. Tel No 01254 235049. Thanks to all our leaders and helpers. Sue.