

North East Lancashire Ramblers – Coach Ramblers Bakewell Sunday 6th May 2018

Today the coaches will rendezvous at Buxton for a comfort stop. A, B and C walkers please be ready to leave the coach when we stop at the various starting places on the way to Bakewell.

A Walk Leader Anthony Fleetwood 12 miles Moderate OFF SECOND

We leave the coach at Taddington Wood and start the walk through Deep Dale to the village of Sheldon. From here we go to Over Haddon via Bole Hill our highest point of the day (356 metres) then along the banks of the River Lathkill to Haddon Fields and then into Bakewell via the River Wye. The walk is mostly fields and could be muddy.

B Walk Leader Michael Bates 10 miles Moderate OFF FIRST

The Monsal Trail is a former Midland railway line from Topley Pike, just east of Buxton and Bakewell. We will have nice views along the trail and also walk through tunnels – the longer ones being illuminated. We leave the coaches just 3 miles after Buxton and initially follow the river Derwent, then taking the trail and have lunch at Millers Dale (toilets and often a mobile snack van). Further on we reach Monsal Head where we will climb a short but steep incline to take in the views. Returning to the trail we go through the final tunnel and continue on the trail to pass Hassop Station eventually arriving in Bakewell.

Other than the climb to Monsal Head the walk is on fairly level firm ground and can be done in a decent pair of trainers if desired. As the trail is likely to be busy with other walkers and cyclists it is recommended that we proceed no more than 2 abreast.

C walk Leader Paul Brown 7 miles Moderate OFF THIRD

The walk starts on the A6 road a few miles to the north west of Bakewell (grid ref.SK 158 714), from where we walk uphill along a country lane to the hamlet of Brushfield, then join a track which takes us eastwards to the railway viaduct over the River Wye. From here there is a short but steep climb to Monsal Head , from where we can enjoy the impressive views over Monsal Dale and Upper Dale. We continue to the pleasant villages of Little Longstone and Great Longstone, then follow field paths to reach the Monsal Trail. We follow the trail until it reaches the edge of Bakewell, then leave it to walk into the town. Walk surfaces are rocky and muddy in places so care is needed. Good views and some interesting railway history along the Monsal Trail.

D walk Leader Tony Culverhouse 6 miles Moderate/Easy Starts at coach park

Leaving the coach we head east from Bakewell and a short climb on a footpath through Manners Wood takes us to Ballcross Farm. A lane then leads to a bridleway which descends to the hamlet of Edensor. A footpath leads us on to the famous Chatsworth House. We then follow the River Derwent downstream to Calton Lees. We then climb along a bridleway to Calton Houses and Calton Pastures then descending back through Manners Wood to Bakewell.

Pick up time for return journey. Returning Home: 6.00pm from the coach park. Blackburn coach to drop off in Darwen first, Burnley coach has Clayton le Moors as first stop.

Book today for our next two coach rambles – **Grasmere on 3rd June and Osmotherley on 1st July** 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.

Leaders needed We still need leaders for A and B for Grasmere and A and C for Osmotherley. 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.

Cancellation Policy. If you cancel your booking before the Wednesday lunchtime in the week of the coach ramble you can move your booking on to a future trip. If you cancel after this time you lose your booking and any monies paid and have to re-book and pay for your next coach ramble.