

N. E Lancashire Ramblers – Coach Ramble to Garstang on Sunday 4th November 2018

After a rendezvous at Darwen/Blackburn services on the M65 for a comfort stop we continue on towards Garstang. It is important for safety reasons that independent walkers leave details of your names and routes, and a mobile telephone number if possible, with the courier on your coach.

A Walk Leader Anthony Fleetwood 12 miles Easy

We leave the coach at Garstang following the Wyre Way over the motorway. Then it's on good pathways through woodlands to Grizedale reservoir. From here it's our only climb of the day up to Nicky Nook (215m). Following this we head north to Lea Green via Wyresdale Park, returning to Garstang on the Wyre Way visiting the village of Scorton. Good paths all the way but unfortunately a bit of road walking.

B Walk Leader Tony Culverhouse 10 miles Easy

This is a "B" walk based on distance rather than height climbed – indeed it is pretty level, although there are some stiles to climb! We follow the Lancaster canal a short distance out of Garstang, then take field paths by the River Wyre to Cross House Farm. Then a track to Kirkland Hall and on to the village of Churchtown and St Helens Church. We then follow the River Wyre to Tanacre Lane, then Humblescough Lane and on through Poplar Grove and Humblescough Farm. Along Longmoor and Kilcrash lanes a short distance to carry on north across fields past Nateby Hall and on to Winmarleigh Hall. Then returning to the canal and gently meander back to Garstang.

C Walk Leader Barbara Sharples 8 miles Moderate

This circular route from Garstang follows roads, farm tracks, fields, footpaths and a bridleway. The terrain is largely flat with a couple of short hills. There are stiles, gates, footbridges and steps, and paths can be muddy at times after rain. We leave the town along the river Wyre passing through the Millennium Green, fields and woodlands along the Wyre Way to Snowhill Lane, Scorton. We climb slowly up to the trig point on Nicky Nook and descend to Grizedale Reservoir and the valley bridleway before returning to the Millennium Green. Do not let the climb and descent put you off. Easy for C walkers and the views are terrific.

D Walk Leader Michael Bates 6.5 Miles Easy

This pleasant walk is virtually flat taking in riverside, fields, a wood with a little road walking. Paths are generally in good condition but may be a little soft underfoot in fields especially after rain. It should be noted that we have to cross a railway line via a footbridge and to do so there are some steep steps to ascend and descend. We set off in a northerly direction following the river Wyre eventually reaching the pretty village of Scorton. Subject to reasonable progress having been made we will take our lunch break here hopefully having sufficient time to visit the village shop for those who wish to do so. We then turn in a south westerly direction following the road and river before eventually meeting the path we took on the outward leg before returning to the start.

Pick up time for return journey. **Returning Home: 5.00pm from Garstang.** Book today for our next two coach rambles **Knaresborough on 2nd December (Christmas markets and firework display)** and **Morecambe on 6th January.** After today telephone Kathleen Parker on 01254 396894 (6.00pm to 9.00pm) for the Blackburn coach, or Margaret Boothman on 01282 692901 (6.00pm to 9.00pm) for the Burnley coach.

Leaders for 2019. Our band of leaders needs some new blood to help provide four walks every month. Please do consider leading, if only once, next year. If you want to go out with a leader to help reccy a walk, or plan a walk do contact me. Are you a car driver? Would you be willing to take a leader to reccy a walk as I know it is not easy to drive to a far flung destination, reccy a walk and then drive home again. Please do consider helping in any way you can.

Christmas Party Friday 7th December at St Cuthberts Church Hall, Burnley, at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Margaret Clark or ring her later on 01282 616838