

Kirby Lonsdale - 1st December 2019

Kirkby Lonsdale is a historic, quaint market town with a growing reputation for high quality independent shopping (it was runner-up in the 2016 Great British High Street Awards), as well as excellent restaurants, cafés and bars there are local and riverside walks. Today we have two coaches from Darwen and Nelson. The coaches will rendezvous at Ingleton for our comfort stop before travelling together via the A65 to Kirby Lonsdale.

Walks Information

B walk Tony Culverhouse 9 miles Moderate

Alight at Devils Bridge. We follow the River Lune north and then climb some steps to St Mary's Church and then walk along Fisherty Brow towards Home Farm. After passing through the village of Kearstwick we follow the road then a track to Mansergh Church. A bit more road walking then a path taking us past Terrybank Tarn and Tarn Wood brings us to Tosca Farm. Passing Fleet Farm we join a bridleway to Gallowber Lane and on to Hollin Hall Farm. Winding through some limestone knolls to the ancient settlement of Kilner Foot brings us to High Biggins. A field path takes us to Low Biggins and a short road to Kirby Lonsdale.

C walk Paul Brown 7 1/2 miles Moderate History in the landscape

First drop off on the A65. Please be ready. We leave the coaches in Cowan Bridge and begin by looking at a former school building with Bronte connections. We then walk to the hamlet of Overtown, cross Leck Beck by footbridge, then continue on field paths to reach, and cross, the A65 road. We cross a disused Victorian railway, follow the north - south route of a Roman road for over a mile then walk eastwards to join a track, Fellfoot Road, which we follow northwards to Tuplot Wood – along the way there are several preserved boulders which may be from the last Ice Age. We then change direction to walk south along country lanes, pass under the disused railway, then reach Casterton village. After walking through the village we follow tracks and field paths to the coaches parked near Devil's Bridge. Good views of the Barbon fells, muddy, rocky, and wet in places.

D walk Derrick Fielding 6 Miles Moderately Easy

Alight at Devils Bridge. Join Laithes Lane track, passing pods (not peas) to the hamlet of High Casterton. Following paths and byways, and crossing a Roman Road, we reach a bridleway on the fell which we follow for about one and a quarter miles, from where we have fantastic views towards the lak

es and forest of Bowland etc. We descend to Casterton, and follow a woodland track past Casterton Hall, Cross the A 683 with care and follow the track back to Devils Bridge.

Drop-off, Pick-up Times and the Return Journey

C walkers will be dropped off first on the A65. Everyone else will be dropped off at Devil's Bridge which is about 0.75 miles out of the town.

1700 – Devil's Bridge car park, Kirby Lonsdale – Assemble at 1650 please. Drop off Clitheroe first Blackburn coach and Clayton-le-Moors first for the Nelson/Burnley coach.

Our next 2020 Destinations - Leaders Needed

2020 Leaders are needed for destinations and walks. Previous routes can be supplied to potential leaders. Please contact Barbara by email – babsinarrod@gmail.com.

BOOK TODAY during the outward journey please. In future, if you are paying on coaches, please can you have the correct amount of £15 in paper money or pay by cheque. The bank will not accept cash! Today and future trips PLEASE BOOK EARLY and PAY IN ADVANCE to reserve your seat/s and to avoid feeder coaches or disappointment. Please do not put your name on the list and reserve a seat for Bowness/Windermere or Marsden unless you are paying today.

We need to reserve the next coaches within one week of the last coach ramble! Phone Christine Tormey on 01254 236068 for the Blackburn Coach or Margaret Boothman on 01282 692901 for the Burnley coach BETWEEN 6:00pm and 9:00pm PLEASE and pay in advance to secure your seat.