

## N. E Lancashire Ramblers – Coach Ramble to Castleton on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

After a rendezvous at Darwen Services we will use one coach take us all to Castleton. 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**      No volunteer

**B Walk**      **Leader** **Tony Culverhouse**      **9 miles**      **Quite strenuous**

We head out of Castleton up the impressive, though very stony, Cave Dale with Peveril Castle perched above us. Eventually the stones give way to an easier rising green track across fields to Dirlow Rake Lane which then joins Rowter Lane. Field paths and stepped paths leads us up to the trig point on Mam Tor. Then a bit of rising and falling along the scenic ridge takes us to Hollins Cross and Lose Hill –all three owned by the National Trust. (It is not hard to see why!). Now with all the uphill bits behind us we start to descend to Losehill Farm and the village of Hope. A footpath which follows sections of the delightful Peakshole Water leads us back into Castleton. This is a quite strenuous walk only the distance disqualifies it from an 'A' walk.

**C Walk**      **Leader** **Carol Higgins**      **8 miles**      **Moderate**

Setting off from Castleton we walk along side Peaksholme Water, through fields to the site of Navio Roman Fort on the outskirts of Brough. Here we turn northwards and climb upwards to Twitchill Farm, along a narrow surfaced lane and track, where we can see towering above us Win Hill. Our walking turns south here, down to Kilhill Bridge before we make our way back to Castleton, with a view of Lose Hill in front of us and the sight of Peveril Castle as we arrive on the edge of Castleton. An easy walk in the main, the only bit of noticeable climb being to Twitchill Farm. Good for reaching views across the valley bottom and the surrounding hills.

**D Walk**      **Leader** **Caroland Derrick Fielding**      **6 miles**      **Moderate**

We alight in Hope Village and take the field paths CLIMBING at an easy pace through pastoral scenery. Through Losehill Farm and on through Brocket Plantation. We continue along Barker Bank, enjoying views over to Edale where the famous mass trespass of Kinder Scout took place on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1932 marking the birth of THE RAMBLERS. At Hollins Cross we begin our descent passing Mam Farm and Odin Mine then Treak Cliff Cavern and Speedwell Cavern. (You may wish to visit one of these and make your own way back to Castleton down the road). We will then continue along more field paths to Goosehill Farm and Castleton. Fantastic views all the way, weather permitting.

**E walk**      **No leader.**      **2 miles**      **Easy**

Alight from coach at Hope, turn up by the Woodruff Arms, onto Pindale Road. Take a path on the right at the footpath signs and continue through fields by Peakshole Water into Castleton. Turn left towards the village – and maybe still have time to visit one of the caves.

**Pick up time for return journey.**    **Returning Home: 6.00 pm from the car/coach park in Castleton**

Book today for our next two coach rambles **Hawes on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Keswick on 7<sup>th</sup> July.** 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** Offers please for A and B at Keswick and all walks at Denbigh on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Everyone invited to a walking treasure hunt and meal based around Colne on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Tickets cost £2 and available from Margaret Clark today or ring her on 01282616838.