



## Marsden, Kirklees – February 2020

Today we have one main coach and a feeder coach. The rendezvous point is Darwen Services – coach transfer only please! The comfort stop will be Birch Services on the M62. Our destination is the pretty village of Marsden in the South Pennines and close to the Peak District. It was an important centre for the production of woollen cloth, focused at Bank Bottom Mill. We last visited in 2013.

**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.*** Our Couriers do not have a float for changing money! 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 booking lists and reserve a seat for Arnside or Ashbourne unless you are paying today.*** We need to reserve the next coaches within one week of the last coach ramble! Telephone booking details are on the reverse side of this leaflet.

### Walks Information

**B walk          Chris Thornley          9 miles          Moderate**

**Marsden** - Starting from Marsden, we follow the Kirklees Way over Slaithwaite Moor to Cupwith Reservoir. Continue to Deanhead Reservoir and the western bank of Scammonden Water. We then cross the embankment, which carries the M62, to the eastern side of Scammonden Water. We then continue along the shore to the sailing club and take a path up Redgate Lane to the A640. We then follow the road a short way and pick up a path along Burnt Plats Lane. We continue to Intake Road and Ainley Place, then drop down Heys Lane into the small town of Slaithwaite. We will then pick up the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and follow it back into Marsden. Quite a lot of the walk is on decent surfaces to try to avoid the mud as much as possible, but inevitably, there are some muddy sections.

**C walk          Frank Mason          7 miles          Moderate**

**Marsden** - We start the walk in Marsden passing the industrial society buildings and through Bank Bottom Mill buildings to Butterley Reservoir Dam then up the steps on to the Kirklees Way. From here we go south to the top of Blakeley Reservoir turning right on to the Pennine Way over Marsden Moor for about 2 miles then go by Redbrook Reservoir along to the Standedge Trail. We cross Mount Road towards Hades Farm taking field paths back to Marsden. Good views, two moderate climbs and muddy in places.

**D walk          Carol Higgins          5.5 miles          Moderate**

A short walk along the canal towpath brings us to the Standedge Visitor Centre from where we cross rough pastureland as we head up to Lower Green Owers and on to Hatter Lee. Here we set out across the moors, following a footpath along the edge of Haigh Clough until we reach March Haigh Reservoir. Turning south we continue across the moors until we reach the old packhorse route which we take to lead us down to the picturesque Eastgate Bridge. From here we pick up the Standedge Trail which leads us back to the canal. With good far reaching views towards Marsden and across the valley the route follows quiet country lanes, tracks and well walked moorland paths which are muddy in a couple of spots. There is one stile. Although the walk is short it takes into account that on the outward walk to the reservoir there are a couple of short uphill sections which we can take our time to do.

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

All independent/self-guided walkers and day visitors (not walking) will be dropped off ***in Marsden*** where the coach will be parked. ***All the guided led walks finish in Marsden. Assemble at 1650 please for the return journey. DEPART MARSDEN 1700*** – Independent/self-guided walkers and day visitors i.e. none walking will need to make their own way to Marsden for the departure time. ***The driver will confirm the pickup point in Marsden.*** After we rendezvous with the feeder coach the main coach drop-off is *Darwen first for Blackburn/Clitheroe passengers and Clayton-le-Moors first for the Nelson/Burnley feeder coach.*

**NOTE ROUTE CHANGE:** ***From 1<sup>st</sup> April (Ashbourne) the pickup points in Great Harwood are Harwood Bar bus stops on Harwood Lane not Nightingales and then the Roebuck bus stops in Rishton. Clitheroe-Darwen route coaches will no longer pick up in Clayton-le-Moors. The Nelson/Clayton-le-Moors coach will continue to pick up in Clayton-le-Moors. Please check your tickets and coach.***