



ASHBOURNE, WHITE PEAK – 8th MAY 2022

Today we have one main coach (Colne to Darwen) and a feeder coach (Clitheroe to Darwen). The rendezvous point is Darwen Services, and the comfort stop is at Buxton. There are three drop-off points as two of the walks are linear so make sure you are ready to depart the coach quickly. Self-guided walkers must use one of the official drop-off points. DAY VISITORS will be dropped off at the coach park in Ashbourne.

Thank you to Denise Berry, Coach Courier on the Blackburn Coach and Kath Egbo assistant courier who stepped in at short notice when Coach Rambles returned after Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. Welcome to Lynn Bourke who is taking over as Blackburn Coach Courier on the 8th May. Lynn is new to the role so please be kind and supportive.

WALKS INFORMATION FOR ASHBOURNE

We have one circular walk and two linear led walks Ashbourne. On the walks -- You must not walk in front of the leader. There may be safety instructions during the walk which you need to be aware of. The Leaders pioneer and risk assess each route, but their experience may mean they need to respond to changes on the day and you must be able to hear their instructions. **At the comfort stop please ask the leaders about their walks if you are unsure which ramble to select.**

A/B WALK Leader: Tony Culverhouse 11 miles A-Moderate/B-Strenuous

THIRD OFF - We head south-west out of Ashbourne through muddy-slippery fields (the pioneer walk was done just after it had been raining!) meeting Bradbourne Brook which we follow to its confluence with the River Dove just outside the village of Mayfield. We then climb a lane to the quaint village of Upper Mayfield and then continue west to meet the Limestone Way which we follow north. Out northward route continues over Marten Hill before descending to Coldwell Bridge over the River Dove. We then climb to the pretty village of Thorpe, then head east to meet the Tissington Trail which we follow south back to Ashbourne. A good number of stiles and some uphill sections. This is a circular walk.

B/C WALK Leader: Michael Counter 9 miles B-Easy/C-Moderate

FIRST OFF - This is a linear walk. After alighting the coach at Alsop Station Car Park, we head to Green Lane and onto field paths across Shining Tor, before dropping down to Milldale Bridge. The route now follows good footpaths through Dove Dale, passing Ilam Rock and Lovers Leap to arrive at the stepping stones. (Don't worry we do not cross the stepping stones). We then climb the path up Lin Dale to the village of Thorpe. The Limestone Way is followed for a short section to Coldwell Bridge. The route now goes alongside the River Dove again and on to the village of Mapleton, before the climb to the caravan park and down onto the final leg back to Ashbourne along the Tissington Trail.

D WALK Leader: Michael Bates 6 miles Easy

SECOND OFF - The Tissington Trail is a former railway line running between Buxton and Ashbourne. We will be walking the six-mile section between Tissington and Ashbourne. We will access the trail close by this enchanting village for this linear, easy walk. If time permits, it is the intention to spend a little time here to explore its many lovely features and to take lunch at a nearby picnic area. The route follows the railway track bed through attractive, undulating Derbyshire countryside all the way to the outskirts of Ashbourne. Please be aware that the trail is shared with cyclists.

If you want to do a SELF-GUIDED WALK, then you must tell the Courier or Coach Secretary. You will be given a coach ramble contact number. It is important for safety reasons that independent walkers leave details of your names, a brief route or map and a contact mobile number with the Coach Secretary or Coach Courier as we need this information in case of an incident.

Return Journey - There are NO TOILETS at the Clifton Road Coach Park! The coach will **leave at 6.00pm prompt** from the Clifton Road coach park DE6 1AA/DE6 1RR. **Grid Reference SK177463.** **What3Words** ///name.waltz.start. Please arrive 15 minutes early and be **settled in your seats by 5.55pm.** The rendezvous with the feeder coach is Darwen Services.

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