HELMSLEY – 3RD APRIL 2022



Today we have one main coach (Blackburn) and a feeder coach (Burnley). The rendezvous point is Barnoldswick and the comfort stop is at Ripon. There are three dropoff points as all the walks are linear so make sure you are ready to depart the coach quickly. It would be appreciated if we all sit down quickly after getting on the coach, make the comfort stop a quick visit (this, in theory, is just a brief stop), be ready to alight at the walk drop-off points and be ready to get off at our stops on the return journey. **DAY VISITORS SEE REVERSE FOR DROP OFF at Rievaulx/Helmsley**

WALKS INFORMATION FOR HELMSLEY

We have three linear led walks at Helmsley. 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.

B walk Leader: Tony Culverhouse 9.5 miles Moderate (some uphill & 11 stiles)

SECOND OFF - We leave the coach at Rievaulx Abbey car park to head north-west to Bow Bridge. We continue along the River Rye to join a track to Tylas Farm. We then turn south-west along a track passing Tylas Barn, then field paths to the village of Old Byland. We descend a track through woods and fields to join the Cleveland Way, which follows Bridge Road. We continue through Quarry Bank and Whinny Bank Wood following the Cleveland Way east of Helmsley. The walk is mostly along the Cleveland Way with some uphill tracks, eleven stiles including ladder stiles and the pace will be that of a faster B walk to allow plenty of time to enjoy Helmsley.

C walk Leader: Frank Mason 8.5 miles Moderate

FIRST OFF - Be ready to alight at the top of Sutton Bank at the National Park Visitor Centre. We set off through the forest to the Cleveland Way, passing a mountain bike trail, racing stables, a medieval village (Cold Kirby), fields of sheep and crops and a conservation area to Rievaulx Bridge, then on to Quarry Bank and into Helmsley. There **may** be time for a diversion to the abbey. The Cleveland Way starts/finishes from a sculpture next to the car park, behind the toilets, adjacent to Helmsley Castle. There are some wonderful long-distance views on this walk towards the Yorkshire Dales and south across the Howardian Hills to York. Towards the end of the walk there is a good view to the walled gardens and Helmsley Castle. The walk is mainly downhill.

D walk Leader: Michael Counter 6 miles Moderate

SECOND OFF - Easy with two steady hill climbs. The walk starts from the car park at Rievaulx Abbey heading in a northerly direction to follow the valley bottom. The route then climbs up through Ashberry Woods (a panoramic view of the Abbey is obtained from this section) to reach the minor road where the Cleveland Way is then joined. The Way climbs steadily up through Quarry Bank Wood to reach Griff Lodge. At this point the route now leaves the Cleveland Way and the path through the Duncombe Park Estate is taken, walking through woodland which opens out onto rolling parkland. After walking besides the 18thC house and down the driveway we pass Helmsley Castle before entering the town of Helmsley.

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 The automatic lock on the Cleveland Way car park toilets will close at 6pm. The coach will leave the Cleveland Way Long Stay car park Helmsley (YO62 5AT) at 6.00pm prompt. What3Words ///chaos.piston.bibs. Please arrive 15 minutes early and be settled in your seats by 5.55pm. The rendezvous with the feeder coach is Barnoldswick.

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