



Castleton 05 March 2023

Today we are travelling to Castleton in the Hope Valley. The village is popular for its show caves and history and is overlooked by Mam Tor and Peveril Castle.

Today's Walks:

B Walk **Tony Culverhouse** **8 miles moderate/strenuous**

We head East from Castleton to Hope. We then head North to the village of Aston and then begin a long and strenuous climb to Win Hill Pike, with panoramic views over the Ladybower Reservoir, the Vale of Edale and the Hope Valley. We then descend to Killhill Bridge and head West past Losehill Hall to Castleton.

Spectacular views. A good number of stiles and a strenuous climb.

C/D Walk **Michael Counter** **C Walk: 7 miles, D Walk 4 miles moderate**

The walk starts from car park in Castleton and winds its way through tiny streets to emerge onto a rocky track that steadily climbs along to Speedwell Caverns. A minor road passing Treak Cliff Cavern is taken which leads to the road damaged by the land slip on Mam Tor. We continue along level tracks passing Woodsears and Only Grange Farm before descending down Hollowford Road. If you only want a 4 mile walk you will now leave us and follow the lane, a short easy route, down into Castleton.

C Walkers continue here, passing the Outdoor Centre and behind Losehill Hall to walk along level field paths towards the village of Hope. After leaving Hope the route will follow paths, crossing the mineral railway track and then besides Peakshole Water to reach Castleton.

The paths can be muddy, only 8 stiles and mostly kissing or swing gates. We will not be climbing to the top of any hills but the views are spectacular down the Hope Valley (Weather permitting).

Self-guided walkers:

Please let Lynn or Elaine know your general route and take a contact number card in case of emergency.

Return Journey:

The coach will be parked on the Hope Valley car park, Cross Street, Castleton, S33 8WH – W3W ///frown.glades.awaiting – and will leave at 5pm prompt. Please be back at the coach at least 10 minutes before this time.

Our Next Trip:

We will be taking bookings today for the next coach trip to **Hawkshead on 02 April 2023**. Tickets are £20 per person for this trip. You can pay by cheque or cash on the coach, or by card through Ticket Tailor (booking fee applies):

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northeastlancscoachrambles>

<https://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/>

Telephone bookings will be available from Monday 06 March 2023. Jane Cordingley is our volunteer for telephone bookings. Her number is 01254 773913 and she will take bookings from 8am-9am and 6pm-8pm, Monday to Friday only.

Walk Leaders Needed:

Please let me know if you would be willing/available to lead a walk on the next or future coach rambles. You must be a member of Ramblers to lead walks for us.

Walking Groups in our Area

Here are the websites of various walking groups in the North-East Lancashire area:

Ramblers Association Groups:

Burnley & Pendle Ramblers: <https://www.burnleypendleramblers.co.uk/>

Clitheroe Ramblers: <https://www.clitheroeramblers.co.uk/>

Hyndburn Ramblers: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/hyndburn>

Rossendale Ramblers: <https://rossendale-ramblers.co.uk/>

RA Affiliated Groups*:

Blackburn Rambling Association: <http://www.blackburnramblers.co.uk/>

Spring Vale Rambling Class: <http://www.springvaleramblers.co.uk/>

Other Groups*:

East Lancashire LDWA: <https://ldwa.org.uk/eastlancashire>

Lancashire Rail Ramblers: <https://railramblers.wordpress.com/>

**Please note that separate membership fees may apply for Affiliated and Other groups.*

Please let me know if you are aware of any other walking groups to add to this list.