



# Hawkshead 02 April 2023

Today we are travelling to Hawkshead in the Lake District. Hawkshead is a truly historic and wonderfully picturesque village characterised by its cluster of whitewashed houses, archways and alleyways, courtyards and squares.

## Today's Walks:

**A/B Walk      Tony Culverhouse      9.5 miles moderate/strenuous**

We set off North out of Hawkshead to climb steeply to the top of Latterbarrow, giving us panoramic views of Coniston, Langdale and the Howgill Fells. We then head south along forestry tracks, passing Moss Eccles Tarn, to Far Sawrey. We loop north to follow the shoreline of Windermere to Bass Rock where we climb inland. A quite stony and muddy forestry track descends to Colthouse and on to Hawkshead

Spectacular views and scenic vistas (it is the Lake District!)  
Some quite steep sections. Some muddy spots.

**C/D Walk      Jane Cordingley      6.5 miles easy with a couple of short uphill sections**

From the coach park we head out on well-made paths and field tracks to Birkwray Farm. From there we pass through High Tock How to take the north side of Bletham Tarn, with far reaching views of the Lakeland fells, to arrive at Low Wray and on to Wray Castle. Following the shore path for a short while, we then head back towards Hawkshead via gently undulating field paths (muddy) to rejoin our outgoing path, Scar House Lane, again enjoying superb views of the surrounding hills. Hopefully returning to Hawkshead with time to explore the village, visit a pub or take the 0.5-mile extra walk to Colthouse on the east of Hawkshead to visit one of the oldest Quaker Meeting Houses in Cumbria.

2 short road sections, 4 stiles. Total ascent: 570 feet

## 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 Hawkshead car park, Main Street, Hawkshead, LA22 0NT – W3W ///choppers.lizard.clipped – and will leave at 5:30pm 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 **Ingleton on 14 May 2023**. Tickets are £18 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>

Telephone bookings will be available from Monday 03 April 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.

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

## **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>

**Rosendale Ramblers:** <https://rosendale-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.