

GREATHER MANCHESTER AND HIGH PEAK AREA



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PROGRAMME of AREA WALKS and LOCAL GROUP CONTACTS

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The Area Executive meets four times per year at the Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester at 6.30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend as observers. The dates for 2017/18 are: **24th October,**
23rd January

GROUPS

The Area has the following 13 Groups. You are welcome to walk with any of the Groups listed in this booklet. You will receive the walks programme of your local Group. Please contact Group secretaries below for further information.

Note: The Coach Rambles Group, The MAD Walkers and Manchester Weekend Walkers cover the whole Area.

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AREA WALKS

Important information

Non members are welcome to join the Ramblers as guests on up to three occasions, though if they walk with a Group regularly they will be expected to join the Ramblers Association

Sunday Walks:

0161 766 4683

Wednesday Walks:

Longer walk:

0161 439 9359

Shorter walk:

0161 973 3859

Public Transport

Walks will NOT take place if for any reason the intended transport is cancelled.

Please always check the transport times near the date of the walk.

Special note: changes are likely to the times of many train services after 11th December.

Dogs

Only guide dogs are allowed on coaches.

Dogs may be taken on Area walks but must always be on a lead. Some landowners forbid dogs during the bird breeding season, usually March to July.

Please be aware that cows with calves can become aggressive when they see a dog.

Other notes

Members of walking parties are asked to walk behind the leader.

SUNDAY WALKS

Please use public transport if possible.

See Special Note on Page 6.

Always check transport times near the date of the walk with the walk leaders or by calling:

BUSES AND TRAMS 0161 228 7811

TRAINS 08457 484950

12th November 2017

Wilmslow to Alderley Edge

Moderate

John Nicholson – 0161 971 4986

9.30 train Piccadilly

(please ring leader re. best tickets if in doubt)

7th January 2018

Entwistle circular

Easy to moderate

Mark Jones – 0161 228 6379 or

07754588058

10.03 train Victoria

26th November

Entwistle circular

Moderate

Ian Berry 0161 230 7652

10.03 train Victoria

21st January

Bamford circular

Moderate

Ian Berry – 0161 230 7652

9.22 train Piccadilly

10th December

Disley circular

Moderate

Pauline Brooke – 0161 448 1821

9.50 train Piccadilly

4th February

Hebden Bridge circular

Moderate

Frank Heywood – 0161 881 6935

10.15 train Victoria

31st December

Cheadle Hulme to Disley

Moderate

Jeff Lewis – 0161 766 4683

10.06 train Piccadilly

18th February

Whaley Bridge circular

Moderate

Ralph Davenport – 0161 798 9077

9.50 train Piccadilly

SUNDAY WALKS

Cont'd

4th March

Hope to Hathersage

Moderate

Jeff Lewis – 0161 766 4683

9.22 train Piccadilly

15th April

New Mills Central to Hayfield

(via Lantern Pike and Kinder Reservoir)

Moderate

Roger Bolsover – 0161 998 2152

9.22 train Piccadilly (to arrive New Mills Central 10.00 a.m.)

18th March

Walk in N.W. Derbyshire area – for full details please contact leaders or check website (likely train time 9.15 – 9.30 from Piccadilly)

Moderate

Elizabeth Irving & Paul Smith –
0161 459 3931

29th April

Todmorden to Hebden Bridge

Moderate

John Nicholson- 0161 971 4986

10.15 train Victoria

1st April

Gathurst to Parbold

Moderate

John Nicholson – 0161 971 4986

9.35 train Piccadilly

WEDNESDAY WALKS

There are short and long walks weekly. Short walks are moderate grade and do not exceed 8 miles. Long walks may be more strenuous and longer than 10 miles, where stated. Walks will not take place if for any reason the intended transport is cancelled. Please check transport times near the date of the walk. Any queries please contact either Sue Daber 0161 439 9359 or Gordon Campbell 0161 973 3859.

Longer walk

1st November

Adlington (Cheshire) to Macclesfield
9.46 train Piccadilly
Jessie Campbell

8th November

Marsden circular
9.57 train Victoria
Ann Hillier

15th November

Glazebrook to Atherton
10.15 train Oxford Road
Sean Dunne

22nd November

Adlington (Cheshire) to Alderley Edge
9.46 train Piccadilly
John Rattray

29th November

Bromley Cross to Adlington (Lancs)
10.03 train Victoria
Anne Jones

6th December

New Hey circular
Walk starts 10.35 New Hey Metro
Elly Curran

Shorter walk

1st November

Greenfield circular
9.57 train Victoria
Martin Riley

8th November

Whaley Bridge circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
John & Sylvia Wilson

15th November

Mossley to Stalybridge
9.57 train Victoria
Margaret Betts

22nd November

Prestwich to Radcliffe
Walk starts 10.30 Prestwich Metro
Jim Watson & Tony Nelson

29th November

Todmorden to Hebden Bridge
9.48 train Victoria
Frank Heywood

6th December

Disley circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
Judy Wilson & Tom Quilliam

WEDNESDAY WALKS cont'd

Longer walk

13th December

Alderley Edge circular
10.04 train Piccadilly
Neil Anderton

20th December

Heaton Chapel circular
9.39 train Piccadilly
Wade Cooper

27th December

Buxton circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
Sue Daber

3rd January

Bromley Cross circular
10.03 train Victoria
Lesley Kenworthy

10th January

Wilmslow circular
9.39 train Piccadilly
Peter Capon

17th January

Bury circular
Walk starts 10.15 Bury Metro
Pamela Jackson

24th January

Appley Bridge circular
9.46 train Victoria
Graham Winstanley

Shorter walk

13th December

Heaton Chapel circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
Wade Cooper

20th December

Littleborough circular
9.56 train Victoria
Jim Watson & Tony Nelson

27th December

Mersey Valley circular
Walk starts 10.30 at Dane Rd Metro
Pauline Campbell

3rd January

New Hey circular
Walk starts 10.30 at New Hey Metro
Gordon Campbell

10th January

Bromley Cross circular
10.03 train Victoria
Frank Heywood

17th January

Walkden to Monton
10.46 train Victoria
Janet Costello

24th January

Whaley Bridge circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
Ralph Davenport

WEDNESDAY WALKS cont'd

Longer walk

31st January

Altrincham circular
Walk starts 10.30 Altrincham Metro
Rosie Warburton

7th February

Broadbottom circular (11 miles)
9.46 train Piccadilly
Tony Littler

14th February

New Mills Newtown circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
David Woods

21st February

Slaithwaite circular
9.57 train Victoria
Howard Brierley

28th February

Stretford to East Didsbury
Walk starts 10.15 Stretford Metro
Margaret & Peter Slater

7th March

Glossop circular
9.46 train Piccadilly
Nobby Towse

14th March

Furness Vale to Whaley Bridge
9.49 train Piccadilly
Simon Cleverley

Shorter walk

31st January

New Mills Central circular
9.49 train Piccadilly
Judy Wilson & Tom Quilliam

7th February

Adlington (Lancs) circular
10.23 train Victoria
Alan Leader

14th February

Stalybridge circular
9.57 train Victoria
Jim Watson & Tony Nelson

21st February

Broadbottom circular
9.46 train Piccadilly
Tony Littler

28th February

Entwistle circular
10.03 train Victoria
Imelda Wood

7th March

Heaton Park circular
Walk starts 10.30 Heaton Park
Metro
Diane Kirk & Angie Wiseman

14th March

Bamford to Hathersage
10.49 Piccadilly
Marie Critchley

WEDNESDAY WALKS cont'd

Longer walk

21st March

Congleton circular
9.46 train Piccadilly
Imelda Wood

28th March

Leigh circular
9.36 or 9.50 VI bus St Peter's
Square (alight at Tesco store)
Meet 10.45 Tesco store Leigh

4th April

Littleborough circular
9.56 train Victoria
Beryl Royston & Beryl Cox

11th April

Altrincham to Irlam
10.17 train Piccadilly
Margaret Lohan

18th April

Glossop to Marple
9.46 train Piccadilly
Tricia Hewson

25th April

Littleborough to Shaw & Crompton
9.56 train Victoria
Philippa Sharp

Shorter walk

21st March

Altrincham circular
Walk starts 10.50 Altrincham Metro
Peter & Margaret Slater

28th March

Irlam circular
9.44 train Oxford Rd Station
Margaret Lohan

4th April

Middlewood to Disley
9.49 train Piccadilly
John & Sylvia Wilson

11th April

Bromley Cross circular
10.03 train Victoria
Joyce Davenport

18th April

Marsden circular
9.57 train Victoria
Gordon Campbell

25th April

Grindelford circular
10.49 train Piccadilly
Marie Citchley

Manchester and District 20s & 30s Walking Group

MAD Walkers



WALKERS

Our walks programme of at least two walks per week takes advantage of the excellent walking country surrounding Greater Manchester and other much loved areas for walking e.g. Lakes, Peak District. Many of our walks each month use the rail network, making the final pub stop much more enjoyable!

For non-public transport walks, we car-share from a city centre Meet Point. We also have a busy social side to the group with trips to theatre, weekends away and exploring Manchester's extensive places to eat and drink! So if you want to meet like minded people and keep fit in beautiful surroundings, check out our website for the latest walks and socials!

Website - www.madwalkers.org.uk

Email - info@madwalkers.org.uk

MANCHESTER WEEKEND WALKERS

The Manchester Weekend Walkers is a Ramblers' walking group set up at the beginning of 2013. We wanted to fill the gap between the very successful walking groups aimed at those in their 20s and 30s and the local Groups where many people are free to walk during the working week. Therefore although we would welcome anyone of any age to join us on a walk, we aim principally to suit people in the 40 – 50 age range who are in the middle of their working lives.

As our name suggests, the aim of MWW is to organise activities for the weekend and we usually arrange several walks every month as well as regular reasonably-priced weekends away, staying in hostels and bunk houses so we can visit the Peaks, Lakes, North Wales and further afield. We also arrange short evening walks from late Spring to early Autumn and meet mid-week for drinks and social activities all year round!

For all the latest information and details of all walks, socials and weekend away please visit our website at www.mwwalkers.org.uk where there is also a link to our Facebook page. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact us on info@mwwalkers.org.uk

MANCHESTER & SALFORD GROUP

The Manchester and Salford Group organised walks are on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of every month. All local urban area walks are approximately 5/6 miles, circular and 10.30 am start unless otherwise stated. There will be some additional long walks out of the area. We are also involved in footpath clearing in the Manchester and Salford areas and so far have been successful in doing this. The Salford Trail is now available with some great short walks. You can get further information on our website or visit Salford website. Details of all walks are given on the Manchester and Salford Ramblers website and facebook page: www.manchesterandsalfordramblers.org.uk

Please contact the walk leader for further information or Margaret Metcalf on 0161 839 3865 sec.mandsramblers@gmail.com

MANCHESTER COACH RAMBLES GROUP

For tickets contact : Brenda Parkinson, Secretary of the Group, 141 Claremont Road, Manchester, M6 8NL. Tel no. 0161 736 8710. Seats must be booked in advance from Brenda, not later than the Monday before the event. When booking by post, please make cheques payable to: 'RA Manchester Coach Rambles Group' and send SAE.

Further information from Brenda Parkinson or contact Joyce Davenport, email rjdavenport1@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website - www.manchestercoachrambles.org.uk

Coaches leave Chorlton Street, Manchester at 8.50.

5th November 2017
Ambleside
Via Prestwich £14

19th November
Conway
Via Altrincham £14

3rd December
Rivington
Via Prestwich £12

17th December
Grassington
Via Prestwich £13

14th January 2018
Hayfield
Via Stockport £12

28th January
Grange over Sands
Via Prestwich £14

11th February
Hoylake
Via Altrincham £13

25th February
Kettlewell
Via Prestwich £14

11th March
Ashbourne
Via Stockport £13

25th March
Grasmere
Via Prestwich £14

8th April
Barley
Via Prestwich £13

22nd April
Hutton le Hole
Via Prestwich £15

At the end of each coach trip, tickets for the following trip go on sale.

BOLTON GROUP

Coach rambles take place on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. Places on the coach can be booked by phoning 01204 849229. Coach pick-up points for both Saturday and Sunday are 7.45am at Chequerbent and 8.00am at Spa Road (Bolton Lads Club).

Local Footpath Walks explore the network of footpaths around Bolton. These are held on the second Sunday of each month beginning at 2.00 p.m. Footpath Walks (3-4 miles in length) are also held on Thursday mornings. These start from Horwich Leisure Centre at 10.30 a.m. and are taken at a more brisk pace than the Sunday Footpath walks. On the 4th weekend of each month there is an 8-10 mile walk within a 20 mile radius of Bolton town centre.

Full details of all our walks can be found :

1. by looking at our website: www.boltonramblers.org.uk
2. in the Walks Finder on the main Ramblers' website: www.ramblers.org.uk

All correspondence should be sent to the Bolton Ramblers e-mail address, and we will circulate to the appropriate member.

BURY GROUP

The group organises walks on Sundays throughout the year. These are mainly within the range 7 – 13 miles. On some Sundays there is a choice of walks. Occasionally one of these is a 'Welcome Walk'; a walk of around 5 – 6 miles in length aimed at potential members who are new to walking. The destinations for most of our walks lie within Lancashire, West Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Dales, Derbyshire and Cheshire. On occasional weekends we organise a coach trip which may go to a more distant location such as in the Lake District or North Wales. In the summer the group provides local 5-mile Wednesday evening walks, commencing at 7pm.

Details of all the walks are given on the Group website: www.buryramblers.com

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NEW MILLS & DISTRICT GROUP

The Group, which was set up in 1972, offers a wide variety of walks in terms of both distance and terrain, mainly in the Peak District. We organise longer walks on Sundays and shorter walks on at least one Saturday or Wednesday per month. Car share is available and we occasionally offer walks that are accessible by public transport.

The Group also provides a programme of social events including talks, coach trips and meals out. Each Spring and Autumn we organise a week end or short break away in country places that offer something for walkers of all abilities. Details of all our walks are shown on our website www.newmillsramblers.co.uk

Contact: Lesley Robertson
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OLDHAM GROUP

- Two walking groups on a Sunday – easy or moderate
- Two walks will be offered on most Wednesdays
- Regular social activities
- Occasional Coach Excursions and Hostel Weekends, for members
- Liaison with local authorities on footpaths and on matters concerning walkers. Non members are very welcome on our walks. Just turn up and introduce yourself at the start point of the walk.

SUNDAY WALKS:

B Grade: 10 to 12 miles, moderate to strenuous
C Grade: 6 to 8 miles, easy to moderate

WEDNESDAY WALKS:

WEDNESDAY EASY WALKS : UP TO 5 MILES

WEDNESDAY SHORT PUB WALKS : 5-6 MILES

WEDNESDAY GRADE C WALKS : 6-8 MILES

WEDNESDAY GRADE B WALKS : 10-12 MILES

For more information see our web page at - www.ramblers.org.uk

ROCHDALE GROUP

The Group organises walks on a weekend and on alternate Thursdays throughout the year and on Thursday evening during the summer period. There is usually a meeting point for those wishing to car share on the weekend walks, details of which are in the current walks programme. On the first Saturday of every month there is a short leisurely walk, see walks programme or website for further details. The Thursday walks start at 11 a.m. Further information can be found on the walks programme or website. Thursday evening walks start at 7pm: see website for further details.

Most of the walks are in and around the South Pennines area, and are usually between 5 – 12 miles in length: see walks programme for further details. The walks programme is available on the Ramblers Association website.

Further information about the Group is available on the website www.rochdaleramblers.co.uk or contact Jane Jones, Publicity Officer, Jane_kosovo@hotmail.com
Telephone 01706 352976/ 07795523826.

STOCKPORT GROUP

We have a wide range of walks in our programme to suit most abilities, and these take place mainly in the Peak District, but anywhere where we can get, usually by car, in an hour and a half from Stockport.

Weekend walks

Saturdays always include a B walk (moderate) of 10-12 miles, but we often also offer C walks of between 6-8 miles and/or an A walk which can be anything up to 20 miles.

Tuesdays

There is a B walk (moderate) of 10-12 miles every alternate Tuesday. Pub Walk – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays every month. 4-5 mile walk followed by a pub lunch.

Mid-week Evening Walks

Leisurely walks of approximately 4 miles, early May to early August.

Weekends away

There are three weekends away each year, in spring, summer and autumn, alternating between youth hostels, B & B and hotels.

Social events

Two "Hot pot walks" in winter and summer when the walks are followed by a hot pot at a local pub. There is also a Christmas Social in early December at a local restaurant, and an evening meal in May/June.

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Please visit our website (www.stockportramblers.org.uk) for up-to-date information.

TAMESIDE GROUP

Our group was formed in 2013. Our walks vary in length and degree of difficulty and take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, plus occasional evening walks in the summertime.

In addition to several social events, we also have two walking weekends away each year in Spring and Autumn. We also carry out some footpath clearance work.

Details of all walks, contact details of leaders and our current newsletter, can be found on our website : www.tamesideramblers.org.uk
You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter @tsramblers.

Grade A - strenuous 14 – 17 miles

Grade B - moderate 10 –12 miles

Grade C - leisurely 5 - 8 miles

TRAFFORD GROUP

The Trafford Group offers a programme of walks to suit all ages, energy levels and interests. Walks are organised on midweek and Sundays throughout the year. Our walks programme is produced quarterly with full details of all walks and social events available on our website.

Short, local stroller walks are provided on alternate Saturdays throughout the year. The aim is to encourage new members to join the Ramblers and to provide a range of easy walks accessible to all.

The Group is keen to forge strong links with other local Groups who share our values about access to the countryside. Joint walks with other Ramblers Groups and local interest groups are encouraged.

We have an active footpath team inspecting and reporting on Rights of Way in Trafford. Footpath Secretary: June Mabon; 0161 928 3437
rtgmembership@yahoo.co.uk

For general enquiries about the Group and its activities contact:

Web page : www.ramblers-trafford.co.uk

Email : rtgmembership@yahoo.co.uk

Group Secretary : Judith Hunter 0161 748 0089 juhunt2btinternet.com

WIGAN AND DISTRICT GROUP

Coach Rambles : First Saturday of each month departing around 9 am and returning between 5 pm and 6 pm : There are two walks available, one of approx. 8 miles and one of approx. 4 miles.

Local Walks: Third Saturday of each month : 4 – 4.5 mile walk using local footpaths.

Special Walks: Three annual walks varying between 11 miles and 15 miles staged between Easter and November

For information and bookings on Coach Rambles, Local Walks and Special Walks Contact Geoff Stanley 01257 482799 before 9.00 p.m.

Web: www.wigananddistrictramblers.org.uk

Copy of programme available from Membership Secretary:

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**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

will be held on

Saturday 24th March 2018

at

Methodist Central Hall (Collier Room)

Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

at 2 p.m.

followed by
tea and coffee

*Before the AGM a walk will take place
Details to be arranged*

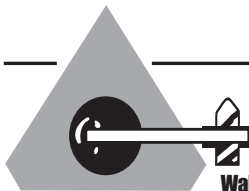


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Greater Manchester and High Peak Area

The Ramblers are at the heart of walking in Britain. If you walk, the Ramblers are for you. They work to make it easy for everyone to walk, whether in countryside, cities, hills, coasts and on or off the beaten track.

The Ramblers comprise a grass roots network of over 12,000 volunteers who work tirelessly for a walking Britain. For 75 years the Ramblers helped build and protect Britain's 150,000 mile long path network. They run over 28,000 walks a year, and campaign for better walking routes and more walking opportunities.



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