

# Leeds YHA Walking Group

Leading the way...

## Winter/Spring Programme 2010/2011

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... One of the most active YHA groups in the country ...

### Committee members:

Mike Strover	Chair
Janice Bairstow	Treasurer
David Blackmore	Secretary
Darren Turnor	
Dave Wood	
Mary Massey	
Elizabeth Snow	
Phil Snow	

### Hello there!

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy walking and outdoor activities.

### How do I meet the Group?

Please feel free to speak to the event organiser or one of the committee members identified as 'contacts' on the front cover.

### Is there a membership fee?

Yes, but you are welcome to try a few events before being asked to join. The subscription is currently £8 per year and we offer a 50% reduction if you are a student or unwaged.

### Do I also need to be a member of national YHA?

No, but if you want to go on a YHA hostel weekend, you need to be a member of the Leeds Group, which has group membership.

### How do I get to events?

We encourage car sharing. Use the website *message board*. Weekend organisers may be able to assist in arranging lifts.

### Who runs Leeds YHA Walking Group?

An elected committee, co-ordinates the Group's activities which are then run by individual members. All members are actively encouraged to organise events.

### Tuesday evenings

Walks and social events are organised on Tuesday evenings usually starting at 7.30 pm.

### Weekends away

These usually involve Friday and Saturday nights at a hostel with walks, occasional cycle rides or other outdoor/social activities organised on the Saturday and Sunday. Weekends away are popular so you need to book and pay the organiser two months in advance.

### Weekend day walks/cycle rides

Unless otherwise stated we start at **10.30am**. We stop for refreshments on the walk; bring a packed lunch for a midday break. We usually finish at a teashop or pub.

Grade 1: A gentle, fairly flat walk of up to 6 miles.

Grade 2: An undulating walk of about 7-9 miles.

Grade 3: A walk of 10-13 miles with moderate ascent

Grade 4: A walk of 14-16 miles - moderate to significant ascent

Grade 5: A challenging fast-paced walk of 17+ miles.

### Cycle rides

Grade 1: A gentle fairly flat ride, up to 15 miles.

Grade 3: A moderate ride with some hills, up to 40 miles.

Grade 5: A more challenging ride with moderate to significant ascent/descent, up to 70 miles.

### Safety

Please consider your ability when attending any walk. Some are designed to be more strenuous to give a challenge to the stronger members of the Group.

For weekend and full-day walks, you should come equipped for all weather conditions i.e. with walking boots,

waterproofs and warm clothing. Trainers and jeans are NOT suitable. If you arrive without appropriate clothing, the walk leader may ask you not to participate for the Group's and your own safety.

Please note that dogs are welcome on walks but must be kept on leads, unless the walk leader agrees otherwise, and under close control at all times.

**Participation in any event on this programme is at the individual's own risk. The Group will not accept responsibility on events. If you are unsure about the event or the equipment you need, contact the event organiser.**

... around 145 members in 2010 ...

### \*\* Event Changes \*\*

Occasionally an event date or time is changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The webpage will be changed & details sent to Members by group email. However, if you are not on email & unable to check the website, then we suggest you either arrange an "email buddy", or phone the organiser, or a group contact before travelling a long way to an event.

### November

**Saturday 6** - Meet Rachel 01422 846342 at the car park at Clough foot, Widdop (GR 947323) for a 6.5 mile walk exploring the plateau of Boulsworth Hill including Dove Stones and Great Edge. Grade 3 as includes rough moorland walking. Hot fruit punch at Rachel's house in Hebden Bridge afterwards.

**Saturday 13** - Join Peter Hatton Tel 07734342575 for a 9.5 mile grade 3 walk starting from Settle market place. We take an immediate climb out of Settle and head toward Attermire Scars. The walk will also take in Victoria and Jubilee Caves and Catrigg Force Waterfall.

**Tuesday 16** - Our Annual AGM will be held at O'Neill's, Gt George Street, starting at 7.30pm. Please attend if you can, the group relies on you to make suggestions for the activities of the group.

**Sunday 21** - Meet at the entrance to Conyngham Hall car park for an 8 mile Grade 2 walk from Knaresborough. Entering Knaresborough from the Harrogate side on the A59 park in Conyngham Hall car park (£2 charge) or the vicinity. Contact Jane 0113 2625898 or 07745754119

**Friday 26** - Join Janice 2857427 and Darren 2707507 at Earby hostel S of Skipton just over the border into Lancashire. We have sole self catering use of this lovely cottage hostel and there are also 3 pubs serving food in the village. Close to the Pendle Way, Pennine Way and Lancashire Cycle Way this is a great, little visited area.

**Tuesday 30** - Social evening at O'Neill's pub. Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on.

## December

**Sunday 5** - Tim (01756 700698 or 07967 367095) leads a 12-mile grade 3 walk along the Bronte Way taking in the viaducts on part of the Great Northern Trail. Meeting place is the house called Bronte Birthplace in Market Street, Thornton, Bradford. Postcode BD13 3HF, grid ref SE 100 327

**Sunday 12** - Meet Martin 01422 372326 at Sowerby Bridge railway station for a linear walk doing a loop at Luddendenfoot ending in Hebden Bridge, a grade 2/3 walk of about 10 miles with nice views.

**Tuesday 14** - Social/meal evening at O'Neill's pub from 7.30pm. Come and meet other members of the group.

Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on. need to book meal place by 5th Dec. Contact Liz on 2689996

**Saturday 18** - Meet Ollie 2328293 at Arabian Horse pub at Aberford for 10am start - it will be about 7/8 mile and fairly easy around the area of Hazelwood Castle and visiting Lead church.

**Sunday 19** - Join Carol 2690356 at 11.15am for a 4 mile walk from the main car park at Golden Acre park followed by lunch at the refurbished Lawnswood Arms at 1.30 p.m. Please book for the lunch. (£5 deposit required). Total cost £11.95 for 3 course meal.

**Sunday 26** - Meet Paul (07767 736448) at 10.30am by The Maypole, Barwick in Elmet for the Boxing Day walk taking in Aberford and Scholes.

**Friday 31** - The New Year weekend will be held at York YHA where we have a room set aside for a party - there'll be an optional fancy dress theme of 'Wild West'. There's lots to do in the city centre and a great deal of walking in the surrounding area. Contact Dave 2756579.

## January

**Saturday 8** Join Ernest 07963 908462 at 11 am outside The Library (pub) Woodhouse Lane for a 7 mile grade 2 linear walk along the Meanwood Valley Trail, finishing at Golden Acre Park.

**Tuesday 11** - Social evening at O'Neill's pub from 7.30pm Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on.

**Saturday 15** - James (01274 521474) leads a grade 4, 14 mile circular walk from Ilkley rail station up onto Beamsley Beacon and Round Hill. Leaving the station at 10.30am

**Sunday 23** - Meet Andrew 2668672 at Roundhay Park gates (near Roundhay Fox) at 13.30 for a gentle grade 1 walk and then back to Andrew's for tea and cakes. Please contact Andrew before the event if you would like to attend the tea party.

**Friday 28** - Yorkshire Dales weekend at The Old School Bunkhouse, Bishopdale Valley, Wensleydale which we have for our exclusive use. This self-catering hostel has full central heating and there is a pub nearby. Contact Elizabeth or Phil 0113 2689996

## February

**Sunday 6** - A 12 mile grade 3 circular trek from Addingham (car park in centre) heading out west along High Edge, possibly having lunch at Embsay. Contact Stephen McCann 01943 884609 or 0798 1701364

**Tuesday 8** - Meal at Shabab by train station 7.30pm. Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on. You need to book a place for meal by the 30th Jan with Sue-lee 07949 647959

**Sunday 13** - Join Martin Tel. 07518 835808 for a Greetland/Norland Moor circular 10 mile grade 3 walk. Watch out for the Llamas on the way!! Meet at Sowerby Bridge train station.

**Sunday 20** - Join Graham 01422 832627 for a 10 mile circular walk from New Delight near Hebden Bridge taking in Hoofstones and Great Rock. PLEASE NOTE: early start at 10 am.

**Tuesday 22** - Social evening at O'Neill's pub from 7.30pm Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on. Mary and David B. from the committee will be around during the evening.

**Friday 25** - A return visit to Ravenstor YHA in the Peak District a great place and area for walking. To book a place phone Mike 07846 738927

## March

**Saturday 5** - Join David Blackmore 252 4958 at the car park of Ogden Reservoir for an 11 mile grade 3 circular taking in Oxenhope and surrounding areas. Please note an earlier start of 10:00.

**Sunday 6** - Join Neil 07540 175060 for a 6 mile moderate grade 2-3 walk through a moorland and valley landscape from one of Yorkshires highest villages. Walk starts from the car park at Toft Gate, Lime Kiln on the B6265 Pateley Bridge to Greenhow Road. Grid Ref. SE 128643

**Tuesday 8** - Meal at Tong Palace 7.30pm. Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on. You need to book a place for meal by the 28th Feb with Sue-lee 07949 647959

**Saturday 12** - Join Edna 2720196 for a 6 mile grade 2 circular in the Hebden Bridge area. Meet at the train station.

**Sunday 13** - Join Tom 07718 904527 for a 10 mile grade 3 walk. The walk starts from White Wells car park G/R. SE116471 and will take in the Cow and Calf, Carr Beck, Intake Gate, Toils Farm and the 12 Apostles.

**Friday 18** - Join Ollie 232 8293 for a self catering weekend away at Hardwick Hall National Trust basecamp SK458633 (OS map no. 120). Ollie will provide a three course meal on the Saturday evening. Whole cost (inc. meal) £25 - £30 depending on numbers.

**Saturday 26** - Join us for our annual charity Ceilidh at St Chad's Parish Hall, Headingley. Tickets are £8 in advance from committee members or £9 on the door and include supper. Contact Janice 2857427 or 07859 020819.

**Sunday 27** - Join Andrew 2668672 for a grade 2, 7 mile circular walk in the Trawden/Wycoller area, starting from the car park just to the west of Wycoller below Bracken Hill. PLEASE NOTE 11 a.m. start.

## April

**Saturday 2** - Public Transport Linear walk; Join Carol 269 0356 for this 6.5m walk from Roundhay Park to Temple Newsam with a lunch stop in Primrose Valley. Start time is 11:00 a.m. Meet at the Roundhay Park Gates(near Roundhay Fox). Frequent buses from T. Newsam to Leeds Centre.

**Sunday 3** - Meet Karen 275 5353 for an 8 mile grade 2 circular walk from Hebden Bridge train station, taking in Hardcastle Craggs.

**Saturday 9** - Meet Joe 2581394 @ 10:30 a.m. at Garforth train station for a 55 mile bike ride to York via Barwick in Elmet, Thorer, Bramham, Tadcaster, Healaugh and Askham Bryan. Pub lunch in York; return journey via Fulford, Naburn, Cawood, Sherburn in Elmet and Aberford. Plenty of parking for those travelling to Garforth by car.

**Sunday 10** - Join Margaret 232 0238 for a 10.5 mile grade 3 walk from Skipton. Meet at the parish church at the top of Skipton High Street. The walk takes in a climb onto Flasby Fell and a gentle return journey along the Leeds - Liverpool canal.

**Sunday 17** - Join David Blackmore 252 4958 for a 10 mile circular from Kettlewell, heading south on the Dales Way and taking in Conistone Pie. Lovely views down the valley. Meet main car park in Kettlewell.

**Tuesday 19** - The start of the Tuesday evening walk season. Join Dave 2756579 at Calverley Bridge, off Horsforth New Road for a walk alongside the river/canal and through Bramley Fall Woods.

**Friday 22** - 3 night Easter weekend at Eskdale in the heart of the Lake District. Within walking distance of Scafell Pike or the much less strenuous area around Copeland/Ulpha Fell. Arranged by Dave 2756579

**Tuesday 26** - Join Mike 07846738927 at Farnley Hall car park for a walk with some great views.

**Saturday 30** - Meet Ernest 07963 908462 at Mytholmroyd train station for an 8 mile grade 2/3 linear walk. The route takes in Cragg Vale, Withens Clough reservoir, Lumbutts village and finishing in Todmorden.

## May

**Monday 2** - Join Carol 2690356 at 4.30pm in Kirkstall Abbey car park for this traditional May Day Bank Holiday walk around the Kirkstall Valley. The walk which is 4.5 miles includes a stretch of the canal and an attractive area of woodland. Optional meal at 7.00 p.m. at the Vesper Gate.