

# Leeds YHA Walking Group

Leading the way...

## Summer/Autumn Programme 2011

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One of the most active YHA groups in the Country

Committee members:

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Dave Wood

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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 an 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...

### \*\*Events 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.

**May**

**Tuesday 3** - Join Ollie 07930 809216 for a walk from Sainsburys car park in Colton. Meet near the petrol pumps.

**Saturday 7** - Cycle ride. Meet Stephen McC 01943 884609 or 07981 701364 at Thirsk train station (1 ml W of Thirsk). Approx 40 mile circular route eastwards to Helmsley hills -shortcuts possible.

**Sunday 8** - Meet Dave 07806 557353 at The Fleece pub Addingham to walk 10-12 miles (G3), with an opportunity to take part in The National History Museum annual bluebell survey.

**Tuesday 10** - Meet Jon 07731 448924 for a circular walk from Horsforth train station finishing at the Fox and Hounds Pub

**Sunday 15 - 9am** start in the main riverside car park in Wetherby for a navigation/treasure hunt with York and Wakefield groups. We shall be fielding a number of teams in this fun event and need an idea of numbers before end of April. Contact Janice 2857427 or 07859 020819 [janice.bairstow@bt.com](mailto:janice.bairstow@bt.com)

**Tuesday 17** - Meet Janice 2857427 or 07859 020819 at the Fox and Hounds Bramhope for a walk towards Cookridge.

**Sunday 22** - Tim 07967 367095 leads an 11-mile grade 2 walk from the Bronte's birthplace in Thornton along the Bronte Way and taking in the viaducts on part of the Great Northern Trail.

**Tuesday 24 - Earlier start time 7pm.** Join Margaret, 07570 85058, for a riverside and canal walk. Meet at the Boat Pub/Inn car park. Main Street. Allerton Bywater. WF10 2BX

**Friday 27** - Spring bank holiday in the Lakes. Join us for a 3 day weekend at Elterwater hostel organised by Tom Farrell 01287 660132

**Tuesday 31** - Join Mary, 07989511684, for a walk starting from the main Golden Acre Car Park on Otley road.

## June

**Sunday 5** - Join Jane Milner 262 5898 07745 754119 for a 10 mile walk starting from car park western end of Fewston reservoir-A59 Skipton/Harrogate Rd. NOT SUITABLE for DOGS

**Tuesday 7** - Join Paul 2686678 for a countryside walk around Boston Spa. The walk will finish along the river on part of the Ebor Way. Meet at St. Marys church , the first on the left as you enter the village on the high street.

**Friday 10** - Meal out at Samis, Chapel Allerton, on Harrogate Road. Fine Moroccan Cuisine. 3 courses for £12. fresh cooked to order. Bring your own drink . Please contact Jane 2625898 or 07745 754119, by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to book. If you have any queries regarding the menu, please call Samis 2621676.

**Saturday 11** - Meet Rachel 01422 846342 at main car park, Clapham for an 11 mile hard grade 3 circular walk (Approx 7 hours) to Ingleborough and returning via Sulber Nick. Excellent limestone scenery.

**Tuesday 14** - Join Cherry 01924 470976 at Lillibets on the A62 at Liversedge WF15 6HX for a walk incorporating the Spennings Greenway Cleckheaton and the Spennings Greenway.

**Saturday 18** - Meet David 07923589446 for a 13 mile walk starting from Dacre Banks and exploring Nidderdale, taking in Pateley Bridge, Yorkes Folley and Abraham Craggs. Grade 3 circular.

**Tuesday 21 - Earlier start time of 7pm.** Join Paula 07821887738 for a 5.5 - 6 mile walk from the Fox Pub in Thornor. The walk will include Thornor Moor and the woods and fields of Bramham Park.

**Friday 24** – A weekend at Grinton Lodge, an impressive former gentleman's shooting lodge located in picturesque Swaledale, cost £18.40/night. Camping pods also available but need to be booked independently. Organised by Sue Lee 07949 647959

**Tuesday 28** - Join Jan 07806 556512 for a walk around Beamsley Beacon. Meet at the Fleece pub in Addingham.

## July

**Saturday 2** - Martin hosts 9 mile grade 2/3 walk taking in a deer park. Meet at car park in front of Andy Thorntons architectural antiques B6113 crossroads with B6112 at West Vale .Finish with BBQ for charity

DEBRA, FOOD AND FIRST DRINK PROVIDED @ £5. To book your food contact Martin 01422 372326

**Saturday 2 - 2.30 start.** Join Carol 2699356 for a 5 mile walk from Fox and Hounds Bramhope . Part of the Otley walking festival.

**Tuesday 5** - Meet Bel 07745822116 at Fox and Hounds pub Bramhope

**Saturday 9** - Meet Shane 07967 238222 for a **10am start** at Peckettwell nr Hebden Bridge. 13 mile grade 3/4 walk taking in Midgley Moor, Lumb Falls and some hidden gems of Calderdale- finishing at pub in Peckettwell

**Tuesday 12** - Meet Doris 2686090 at the Harewood Arms Pub. Enjoy the panoramic views over Wharfedale taking in part of the Harewood estate & surrounding farmland.

**Friday 15** - Navigation, map reading and compass skills course at Northern College including practical experience on a walk. Excellent value at £39 for 2 nights inc full board. Contact Janice 2857427 or 07859 020819 for more details.

**Tuesday 19** - Meet Andrew 2668672 for an easy walk around Roundhay Park. Meet at the gates on Princes Avenue opposite the bus stop.

**Saturday 23 – 10.15 start.** Meet David 07923 5849446 at Golden Acre park, Otley Rd for a 14 mile walk taking in Harewood grounds

**Tuesday 26** - Meet Mike 07846738927 at Victoria park Calverley for the Calverley circular a great mix of open land, river and woodland walk.

**Saturday 30** - Camping weekend in Grizedale forest -£6 pppn .

[www.grizedale-camping.co.uk](http://www.grizedale-camping.co.uk) Good pub with good food in village. Lots of forest walks and hidden tarns and a fab sculpture trail, also great for mountain biking trails around forest. Organised by Shane 07967 238222.

## August

**Tuesday 2** - Join Jan 07806 556512 for a walk taking in Fulneck Moravian village. Meet at the Greyhound pub in Tong.

**Saturday 6** - Join Rachel 01422 846342 for a 6.5 mile grade 3\* (Approx 4 hours) circular walk exploring the plateau behind Boulsworth hill \*Includes rough moorland walking. Meet at the car park at Clough Foot, Widdop (GR 947323). Limited car parking. Opportunity to practice navigation skills.

**Tuesday 9** - Meet Karen at free car park near Colton Rd entrance for a walk round Temple Newsam area.

**Sunday 14** - Meet Jane 07745 754119 in the market place in Otley for a grade 2, 8 mile walk over Weston Moor.

**Tuesday 16** - Meet Dave 2756579 Start at The Stables car park, outer Headingley. The walk includes Meanwood Beck and The Hollies. Bring a torch.

**Saturday 20 - Meet at Halifax train station 10.15 am.** James 01274-521474 leads a grade 4, 14 mile moorland traverse from Halifax to Hebden Bridge, via Warley, Midgley moors, Crow Hill.

**Tuesday 23** - Meet Sue-lee 07949 647959 at the Library in Otley. Walk across Otley Chevin then down the steep descent to the town finishing in the new Wetherspoons for a pint / snack .

**Friday 26** - August Bank holiday in the Berwyn Hills .3 days at a well appointed independent hostel, possibly our highest ever base above sea level near Glyn Ceiriog in North East Wales [www.atspringhill.co.uk](http://www.atspringhill.co.uk) Self catering, bedding provided. Contact Graham 01422 832627

**Tuesday 30** - Meal out at Akmal's Tandoori 235 Woodhouse Lane LS2 3AP. You can take your own drinks. To book your place contact Sue-lee 07949 647959

## September

**Saturday 3 - 10am start.** Meet David 07923589446 at Hardcastle Craggs car park for a 14 mile circular taking in Walshaw Dean lower reservoir & Top Withens ruins.

**Sunday 11** - Join Mike 07846 738927 for a lovely walk in the Dales. Meet at Austwick village on the main street. 8 miles grade 2 walk

**Sunday 18** - Join Dave 2756579 for a 10 mile, Grade 2 walk starting at Blubberhouses and going towards Timble and over Blubberhouses Moor.

**Friday 23** - Join Mary 07989 511684 for a week end in Kirkby Stephen. We will be staying in a converted methodist chapel. This is a self catering hostel but there are plenty of local shops and pubs.

## October

**Sunday 2** - Graham 01422 832627 leads a walk starting from Mytholmroyd station via Cotton Stones & Withens Clough approx 11 mile Grade 3.

**Sunday 9** - Tim 07967 367095 leads a 10-mile grade 2 walk from Steeton & Silsden railway station along the side of the Aire Valley and Leeds & Liverpool Canal to Kildwick

**Tuesday 11-** Darren 07877 457117 will be hosting a quiz night in central Leeds- venue to be confirmed nearer the date –see messageboard.

**Saturday 15 - 10am start to allow use of train.** Meet Janice 07859 020819 or 2857427 at the Railway Inn Marsden for a 12 mile grade 3 fine moorland walk including old turnpike roads and packhorse trails with views into both Yorkshire and Lancashire.

**Friday 21** - Join Janice 2857427 and Darren 2707507 for a weekend in an independent self catering hostel close to the Hill Inn between Ingleborough and Wharfedale.

**Sunday 30** - Meet Jon 07731 448924 in Malham main car park for an 8 mile grade 2 walk via Janet's Foss.

## Forthcoming events

**November 15** – Annual AGM, venue yet to be arranged.