

Leeds YHA Walking Group

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Winter/Spring Programme 2009/2010

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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 a 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. **Please note the earlier start of Spring walks at 7.15 pm prompt.**

Weekends away

These usually involve Friday and Saturday nights at a Youth 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

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 about 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

These take place at **10.30am** on weekends, unless otherwise specified.

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 as long as they are kept on leads whilst passing over farm land.

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 165 members in 2009 ...

** 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

Sunday 8 – Grade 2 walk to explore the Nidderdale Way to the North West of Gouthwaite Reservoir, visiting Scar House Reservoir. Meet at car park in Middlesmoor, North West of Pateley Bridge. David Blackmore on 252 4958.

Friday 13 - Join Carol 269 0356 and the Water Melon Men, for a Jazz & Blues evening at West Park Hotel at 8pm with special guests Michael Sutton and Frank Brooker. Entrance £3.00 on the door.

Saturday 14 - Join Rachel 01422 846342 for a 9 mile grade 2 circular walk exploring Thieveley Pike and Cliviger gorge. Meet at post office, Portsmouth (GR 901 261) on A646 between Todmorden and Burnley.

Tuesday 17 - Annual General Meeting at New Headingley Club, St Michaels Rd, Leeds starting at 7:30pm. Please attend if you can; the group relies on you to make suggestions for the activities of the group and it will need new committee members - some are retiring!

Friday 20 - A weekend away at Hathersage hostel. A place with lots of history, walks and shops. Small rooms, meals available or self catering. Only £11.95/night. Mike Strover on 07846 738927

Saturday 28 - Meet Pat 01943 878910 at the Visitor centre (in main car park) in Malham for a 12 mile Grade 3 walk over the surrounding hills

December

Tuesday 1 - A visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse to see The Secret Garden with a Community Network party starting beforehand at 6pm. Tickets £8.50 must be booked in advance with Carol 2690356.

Sunday 6 - A 9 mile grade 2 walk with Andrew Bernard 266 8672. Meet at car park in Ripley, just as you enter on south side from A61, on the left hand side not long after the roundabout. We'll follow the Nidderdale way from Ripley to Hamphthwaite & Birtswith, then back via Burnt Yates & High Rails Farm.

Sunday 13 - Meet Ollie near Strikes Nursery just off Wetherby road for grade 2 walk to Thorner and thereabouts. Mince pies afterwards - Ollie 232 8293.

Sunday 20 - Meet Carol 269 0356 in the Weetwood Hall Car Park on Otley Road at 11am for a short 4 mile walk to work up an appetite for lunch at 1:30pm, or just meet at the hall for lunch. 3 course Carvery with Vegetarian Option £15.95 per head. For Menu see www.weetwood.co.uk.

Saturday 26 - A festive walk with Paul Jagger 07767 736448. Meet 10:30am at Greyhound Inn, Killinghall village, NW of Harrogate for a 9 mile grade 2 boxing day jaunt.

Thursday 31 - New Year dinner and party celebration at Haworth YHA, a newly refurbished hostel on the edge of this famous village. Great area for walking and visiting. 2 nights - Thurs & Fri. Dave Wood 275 6579.

January

Sunday 10 - Meet at Fountains Abbey for an EARLY 10:00am start so we get back in daylight after a 12 mile grade 3 hike David Blackmore 252 4958

Sunday 17 - Meet Martin Forster 01422 372326 in Stainland car park next to Red Lion Pub for a 9 mile grade 2/3 Calderdale/Kirklees wonder walk

Monday 18 - Northern College Barnsley are running a free navigation course from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th January which may be of interest to those who do not work or can take time off mid week. Contact Janice 285 7427 for further details.

Friday 22 - A weekend at Osmotherley YHA hostel North York Moors. Close to pubs & village and great walking area. Contact Steve Mathews 277 2806

Sunday 31 - Meet at Wetherby bus station for a 9 mile grade 2 circular walk via Spofforth. Janice 285 7427 or 07859 020819.

February

Sunday 7 - Meet in car park at Stonehouse Inn on Greenhow Hill Rd, NE side of Thruscross reservoir for a 6 mile grade 1 walk. Arrive back in time for late lunch at the pub. Please

phone Sarah Barnes 261 9212 in advance to estimate lunch numbers.

Friday 12 - Weekend at a lovely independent hostel (see www.westviewbarn.co.uk) great for yorkshire peaks, local falls & Ingleton. £30 for weekend, self catering, with good local pub & nearby takeaways which deliver. Places limited so book early with Elizabeth Snow 268 9996.

Tuesday 16 - Meet Ollie 232 8293 for a meal at Efes Turkish restaurant. Bring own drinks. Booking essential as it's only small.

Saturday 20 - Meet Jane Fellows 01484 609503 at West Yorkshire Sculpture Park for a 6 mile grade 1 walk towards Cawthorne and Cannon Hall where we'll stop for a cuppa. From junction 38 on M1 take signs to Huddersfield meet at bottom free car park on left soon after this roundabout.

Tuesday 23 - Join Phil and Elizabeth Snow at O'Neills bar to see slides of Trekking in Peru and also a visit to the Galapagos Islands. Contact Phil 268 9996

Sunday 28 - Meet Mary 228 6766 for a not too strenuous grade 2, 9 mile walk starting from White Wells car park Ilkley, off Wells Rd. A double crossing of the moor near its high points between Whetstone Gate & Ashlar chair. Lunch in picturesque village of Micklethwaite.

..one in four members are introduced by an existing member

March

Friday 5 - A weekend in Keswick, a great riverside hostel with large lounge and self catering kitchen. Endless choice of walks or shop till you drop - all for only £21.95 per night including buffet breakfast. Tel Sue-Lee 07949 647959.

Sunday 14 - Meet David Blackmore 252 4958 in Haworth town centre, near the church at top of the hill opposite the post office. 10 miles grade 3 moderate walk, exploring the paths around Haworth and Oxenhope.

Saturday 20 - Explore an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with river scenery, moorland countryside, and meadows. Grade 2 walk with Karen 275 5353. Meet Scar House reservoir car park, NW of Pateley Bridge SE070766.

Saturday 27 - 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 on 285 7427.

Sunday 28 - Join Phil 268 9996 for a 10 mile grade 3 walk from Burley in Wharfedale railway station car park, exploring the beautiful areas of Burley Woodhead and the moor.

April

Friday 2 - Spend the 3 night Easter weekend at Wooler, Northumberland arranged by Dave Wood 275 6579. This is

the most northerly hostel in England, close to the Cheviots, the Northumberland National Park and Lindisfarne.

Saturday 10 - Shane 07967 238222 leads a 16 mile grade 4 mixed terrain route around Calderdale's unexplored beauty spots. Meet at Todmorden train station.

Saturday 17 - Meet at Thirsk railway station for a 35-40 mile cycle ride along country lanes; short cut available. Frequent trains from Leeds. If torrential rain forecast, will change to Sunday. For lift + bike tel Stephen 368 0417.

Sunday 18 - Join Paula 266 0818 for a scenic 8 mile grade 2 amble from Settle market square to Giggleswick scar.

Tuesday 20 - Meet Melvin and Brenda 286 5155 at Garforth Railway station at **7.15pm** for a walk through Parlington Park.

Friday 23 - Northern College Barnsley are running a free weekend navigation course for anyone wanting to brush up on their navigation skills. Contact Janice 285 7427 for further details.

Saturday 24 - Meet Edna 272 0196 at Wilderness carpark NE of river Wharfe bridge off A661 route into Wetherby for a circular 9 mile grade 2 walk with optional Mango Indian restaurant meal afterwards.

Tuesday 27 - Meet Cherry 01924 470976 **7:15pm** at The Black Bull PH Liversedge - Take Junction 27 (Ikea Birstall) off M62 then A62 Huddersfield Rd, turn right at 2nd set of lights onto Halifax Rd and park on road near pub. The walk follows some of the Spen Valley Greenway.

May Highlights

Monday 3 - Join Carol 269 0356 on May bank holiday at **4.30pm** at the Fleece in the village of Addingham for a 5.5 mile walk around the River Wharfe and Chelker Reservoir, with optional meal afterwards in Addingham.

Friday 14 - Join Ollie 232 8293 for a weekend at the National Trust basecamp in the grounds of Fountains Abbey. Self catering but on Saturday a 3 course evening meal will be provided by Ollie (meat or veg option).