

# Leeds YHA Walking Group

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## Winter/Spring Programme 2008/2009

... one of the most active YHA local  
groups in the country ...

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### Hello there!

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy walking and outdoor activities. We also hold other social events throughout the year. Every month we have several weekend day walks, occasional cycle rides and a weekend away in a Youth Hostel or, occasionally, a camping barn.

### 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?

You don't need to be a member of the YHA to come on most of our events, except for weekends in Youth Hostels, when national membership is encouraged.

### How do I get to events?

We encourage car sharing which helps the environment and keeps the costs of attending events down. Weekend organisers may be able to help attendees with car sharing.

### 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.

### What are the Group's activities?

#### Tuesday evenings

Walks and social events are organised on Tuesday evenings which all start at **7.30pm prompt** unless otherwise stated.

#### 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

We generally start at **10.30am** from the specified location and 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 with moderate to significant ascent.

Grade 5: A challenging fast-paced walk of 17+ 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 reserves the right to ask you not to participate for the Group's and your own safety.

### Cycle rides

These take place at **7.30pm** on Friday evenings or 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.

Off-Road: Please contact the event organiser as this will be more strenuous and may require specialist equipment.

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**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, please contact the event organiser.**

...over 170 members in 2008 ...

### Friday 31 October 7.45 p.m. 'Halloween Party'.

Join us for a Halloween Party, Indoor Treasure Hunt and Halloween Quiz at Moor Allerton Social Club, Stonegate Road, Moortown. Entrance including light refreshments and prizes £2.00 (pay on the door). Fancy Dress welcome. Carol on 269 0356.

### November

**Sunday 2** - Meet outside the Royal Oak pub at Oak Lane, Dacre Banks GR SE 197619 for a 10 mile grade 3 walk along the Nidderdale Way, climbing up to Abraham Craggs and then Yorke's Folly. Contact David 252 4958.

**Tuesday 4 November 7.15 p.m.** Join Carol for a visit to H.W. Martin, Parkside Lane, off Dewsbury Road in Beeston, and find out what happens to your re-cycled rubbish after it leaves your green bin. There will be an interactive workshop, talk and tour of the factory. Free event. Tel: Carol 269 0356

**Thursday 6** - A night of Jazz with your favourite Fish'n'Chips at Bryans, Headingley 7:00pm - 2 courses, starter and main with choice inc 'veggie (Drinks extra) £10.50. Booking essential. Ann 01422 311808

**Saturday 8** - An 11 mile grade 3 circular walk from Jerusalem Farm car park nr Halifax (GR SE037278) via Ogden and Oxenhope. Moderate/difficult with dramatic variations in terrain. Contact Rachel 01422 846342. Mob 07944 784103

**Sunday 9** - Join Andy for a grade 3, 35 mile road ride from Pannal station. Meet 10am. 225 2190 or 07963 453213.

**Sunday 16** - Join Ruth for a 6 mile grade 1 gentle ramble around Middlesmoor and Nidderdale. Meet at the village institute car park in Lofthouse. Contact 07763 226789..

**Tuesday 18** – Our annual AGM will be held at New Headingley Club, St Michael's Rd starting at 7.30pm. It is open to paid up members only, the bar will be open and nibbles provided. Contact Dave 275 6579

**Weekend 21-23** - Join Jane & Stephen (368 0417) for a weekend at Ravensthorpe in the Peak District National Park.

**Tuesday 25** - A visit to Leeds Playhouse to see Peter Pan which starts at 7pm - there is a pre-play social, starting at 6pm - ring Carol 269 0356 for details and to book a place.

**Sunday 30** - Start at the car park in Wells Road, Ilkley, GR SE117472 for a 9 mile grade 2 walk over Ilkley Moor, to Micklethwaite. Contact Neil 266 9051, mob 07803 259362.

## December

**Sunday 7** - Invigorating 10 mile grade 3 walk from Halton Gill up to Firth Fell and then along Birks Fell. Meet opposite the green in Halton Gill (B6479). Contact Caroline 07967 340483.

**Tuesday 9** - Meet at the Roundhay Fox at 7.30 for a haunting walk in Roundhay Park - torches essential. Contact Paul 07767 736448

**Sunday 14** - A Grade 3 walk of 11 miles exploring the Pennine moors near Marsden. Start from the car park at Brun Clough (SE018095). Contact Elaine 252 1318, mob 07930 312335.

**Sunday 21** - Ollie's mince pie walk - meet at Truckers' car park Ledston Luck on A656 for 8mile grade 2 walk to Fairburn lngs via Ledsham. Contact 232 8293 or 07930 809216.

**Friday 26** – Meet 10.30 am for a festive 10 mile grade 3 walk from Harwood Inn, Station Road, Pannal taking in Almscliffe Crag. Post walk - social / drinks. Paul on 07767 736448

**Wednesday 31** – Celebrate the New Year at Malham hostel arriving on New Year's eve for a 1 or 2 night stay. We have a separate room booked for our party and will be eating the hostel meal together.

## January

**Sunday 4** - 8-10 mile grade 2 walk from Bolton Abbey roadside car park in upper Wharfedale, taking in neighbouring hills. Contact Martin 224 9784.

**Sunday 11** - Tim (01756 700698 or 07967 367095) leads a 12-mile grade 3 walk starting from Cononley railway station near Skipton and heading to Lothersdale and Cowling.

**Tuesday 13** – Beer and curry night in Bradford. Meet at Wetherspoons above the Alhambra from 7pm. Contact Andrew 01274 420001 or 07976 374996

**Sunday 18** - Meet at Marsden Station for a 10.00am prompt start to a grade 4 walk across the moors. Contact Dave 07806 557353

**Weekend 23-25** - A weekend at the National Trust basecamp at Brimham Rocks - self catering only but 3 course evening meal Saturday provided by Ollie contact 232 8293 to book a place

## February

**Sunday 1** - Come and practice your navigation and map reading skills with Pat & Janice. Bring along a compass and map for a walk over Ilkley Moor from the Cow & Calf cafe car park, nr Ilkley. Janice 285 7427 or Pat 01943 878910

**Sunday 8** - Dot leads us on an 8 mile grade 2 Calverley Millenium walk. Meet by the Railway pub at Calverley Bridge

**Weekend 13-15** - Join us for a weekend at Youlgreave hostel (an ex Co-op with interesting room names) in the Peak District. Contact Steve 277 2806 to book a place

**Saturday 21** - Come and have fun and support our charitable causes at the annual Ceilidh at St Chad's Parish Hall Headingley. Tickets are £8 in advance from committee members or £9 on the door. Contact Janice on 285 7427.

**Tuesday 24** - Our buffet curry night at the Shabab, which this time will be at the Shabab Express on Bishopsgate Street by the railway station (NOT the Eastgate restaurant). Reservation essential; contact Nick on 269 7893

## March

**Sunday 1** Meet at Darton station on the Hallam line at 11am; can get train from Leeds. Slow walk focussing on map reading skills; bring Sheffield & Barnsley map explorer 278 and a compass. Contact Claire 225 2190

**Saturday 7** - Linear walk meeting at Steeton railway station for 10am prompt start. 14 mile grade 4 traverse from Steeton to Skipton - contact James 01274 521474

**Tuesday 10** – Meet at 7:30pm Domestic Street (by Salford Van Hire) for a beer and a browse around the Leeds micro brewery in Holbeck, followed by a "cultural stroll" into the Urban Village, taking in a Water Lane watering hole or 2! Pls ring Andy 225 2190 before so he knows visitor numbers.

**Sunday 15** - Meet at Hebden Bridge railway station for an 8 mile grade 2 walk taking in Stoodley Pike. Contact David on 2524958

**Friday 20** - Weekend at Capel Curig hostel near Betwys y Coed North Wales for some spectacular mountain walking - contact Elaine 252 1318 to book your place.

**Tuesday 24** - Join Carol for an evening of Jazz at the West Park Hotel, 19 West Park, Harrogate, HG1 1BJ starting 8.30p.m. £3.00 entrance (pay on the door). Contact Carol for further details on 269 0356.

**Sunday 29** - A 10-12 mile grade 3 walk from Hellifield visiting a quieter part of the Yorkshire Dales - meet in car park at Hellifield on left of A65; contact Martin 07949 896093

**Tuesday 31** 'Extremely trivial outdoor & hosting quiz' at 7.30 pm at O'Neills on Great George Street, Leeds (immediately behind the Town Hall).

## April

**Sunday 5** - Elaine leads a 17mile grade 5 walk over the moors around Ladybower reservoir in the Peak District - meet at main car park GR SK203860 - contact Elaine 252 1318

**Friday 10** - Join us for a weekend in the Lakes at Coniston Holly How hostel, an ideal location for mountain and lakeside walking as well as sampling the Bluebird ale. Contact Janice 285 7427 to book a place.

**Sunday 19** - Meet Bill at Stainforth car park for a 10/11mile grade 3 walk taking in Smearsett scar, Feizor and Giggleswick scar - contact Bill on 07737 516250

**Tuesday 21** - Join Pat (01943 878910) for an evening walk around Otley Chevin. Meet at Suprise View Car Park opposite 'The Royalty' pub SE205440.

**Saturday 25** - Meet Graham at Mytholmroyd Railway station for a linear 11 mile grade 3 walk to Halifax via the Calderdale Way and Shibden Glen. Contact Graham on 01422 832627

**Tuesday 28** - Meet Dave (275 6579) at the main car park Golden Acre Park for a walk towards Eccup and Lineham Farm

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

## Next programme highlights

**Monday 4 May** - Join Carol (0113 2690356) on this Bank Holiday Monday for a 6 mile walk from Stanley Ferry Marina Car Park with optional meal afterwards. An easy walk along flat canal tow paths towards Altofts and Kirkwood, then Mill House Bar and Restaurant at Stanley Ferry where you can watch the boats go by.