

Leeds YHA Walking Group

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Spring / Summer Programme 2005

... one of the fastest-growing YHA walking
groups in the country ...

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... a 71% increase in membership last
year alone ...

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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 weekend day walks and a weekend away in a Youth Hostel.

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, which are managed by the National YHA.

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 arrange a lift if you need one.

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 welcome to suggest or 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 hostel with walks organised on the Saturday and Sunday. Weekends away are popular so you need to book with the organiser two months in advance.

Weekend day walks

We generally start at **10.30am** from the specified location and stop for refreshment on the walk. Bring a packed lunch for a midday break. We usually finish at a teashop/pub.

Grade 1 - A gentle, fairly flat walk of about 5 miles.

Grade 3 - A brisk walk of about 10 miles, taking most of the morning and afternoon, and involving some hill climbing.

Grade 5 - A full-day mountainous walk of 10-15 miles over rough, hard and steep terrain e.g. Snowdon or Helvellyn.

Safety: Please consider your ability when attending each walk. Some walks 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. Bring 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.

Participation in any event on this programme is at the individual's own risk. Leeds YHA cannot accept responsibility on events. If you are unsure about the event or the equipment you need, please contact the event organiser.

MAY

Weekend 29 April-2 May – Carol takes us to Stratford upon Avon for a cultural/ walking bank holiday weekend. 269 0356.

Tuesday 3 – Join Stuart (268 2680) for a 4-mile walk, from the Harewood Arms, exploring Wike and Hollin Hall ponds.

Saturday 7 – Elaine (252 1318) takes us on a 13-mile grade 4 route combining the delights of Wharfedale with the ancient hilltop mines of Grassington and limestone scenery of the Dales Way. Meet at Burnsall village car park. (GR 030610)

Tuesday 10 – Meet Sandra (261 9077) at the New Inn pub, Eccup, for a gentle stroll around this North Leeds reservoir.

Tuesday 17 – A canal-side walk through the lesser-known areas of Calverley with Nick (269 7893). Meet at the car park by the Railway Pub, Rodley.

Friday 20 – Wetherby's riverside car park is the starting point for Dave's bike ride of around 15 miles. (01977 551 104)

Sunday 22 – Meet Paul (228 6620) at Summerbridge post office (GR 201624) for a varied 14-mile grade 4 walk taking in different sections of the Nidderdale Way and Brimham Rocks.

Tuesday 24 – Michael (261 3485) leads a short walk from Ilkley (GR 100473) up Herber's Ghyll to the moors. Meet on Herber's Ghyll Drive, by the beck, just after Premiere Park.

Weekend 27-29 - Wilderhope Manor is in Longville-in-the-Dale, Shropshire. The grounds of the manor house have extensive views across the Hope Valley. Try out "Canadian canoeing" along with the usual walking. Michael on 261 3485.

Tuesday 31 – A tour of the West Yorkshire "Lake District", taking in Fairburn Ings nature reserve, from Ledsham village. Meet Dave (258 2615) at The Chequers Arms, Ledsham, GR 456297, at the slightly earlier time of **7.15pm**.

... 150 members so far in 2004-05 ...

JUNE

Saturday 4 – A leisurely bike ride with Martin (279 1851) along quiet roads within the Harrogate-Ripon-Boroughbridge triangle. Starting from Ripley village car park at **1pm**.

Sunday 5 – Carol (269 0356) leads a short grade 1 stroll from Aberford through historic parkland and along the course of an abandoned mineral railway. A succession of architectural gems, fragments of industrial archaeology, specimen trees and wild flowers pack this walk with interest. Meet at **10.45am** at The Swan Hotel car park, on the old Great North Road, at the junction with Barwick Road. There will be the option to have lunch at The Swan Hotel after the walk.

Tuesday 7 – Golden Acre Park and Breary Marsh. Meet Dave (275 6579) at Golden Acre car park, on the Otley Road, for a varied walk through the countryside to the north of Leeds.

Weekend 10-12 – Rachel (01422 846342) takes us to YHA Kildale, a listed camping barn and former wheelhouse in the farmyard at Park Farm in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. The Cleveland Way is on the doorstep as well as many local walks. Please bring your own camping mat and sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are located in an adjacent building.

Tuesday 14 – As part of Leeds Bike Week, Nigel (269 8440) leads a 2-hour cycle ride from the Lawnswood Arms car park, on the Otley Road, travelling approximately 15 miles north east to Harewood and Eccup reservoir. Some parts will be on good bridleways. Leaving at **7.15pm** prompt.

Sunday 19 – The Group heads for the West Pennine Moors for the first time this millennium as Martin (279 1851) leads a 12+ mile grade 4 walk from Ramsbottom Old Market Place. (Less than an hour from Leeds via the M62+M66.)

Tuesday 21 – A walk from Lindley reservoir with Michael (2613485). Meet at the car park on the viaduct (GR 209 500).

Sunday 26 – Meet Andy (225 2190) in Settle market place for a choice of three walks. These Oxfam fund- and awareness-raising walks will be approximately 5, 9 and 14 miles in length, with Andy leading one of the longer two.

Tuesday 28 – Meet at the Saville Arms, Hunsworth, for a walk through Drub, Gomersal and East Bierley. From Leeds, take the A58 through Birkenshaw, heading towards Chain Bar but, before then, turn right onto Hunsworth Lane. The Saville Arms is about half a mile on the right. Cherry (01924 470976).

... one in five members introduced by an existing member ...

JULY

Sunday 3 – A Leeds Walking Festival 7-mile grade 2 walk starting from Hebden Bridge railway station. Sue (274 3090).

Tuesday 5 – A walk from Golden Acre car park on the A660 Otley Road. Paul (228 6620). A Leeds Walking Festival event.

Saturday 9 – Graham (01422 832627) leads a 38-mile cycle ride to Bolton Abbey. Meet at Horsforth railway station.

Tuesday 12 - Meet Nigel (269 8440) at the Arabian Horse pub, Aberford for a stroll heading east past Hazelwood Castle.

Weekend 15-17 – A joint weekend with the Sale Group at Eskdale in the Lake District. Nestling among the fells and set in its own extensive grounds, the purpose-built hostel is a good base for exploring this quieter corner of the Lake District. Some of the local attractions include riverside trails, Hardknott Roman Fort, Muncaster Castle and a miniature gauge steam railway. Dawn on 268 6678.

Tuesday 19 – Meet Pat (01943 878910) at the “Surprise View” car park opposite The Royalty pub (GR 204442) for a walk over Otley Chevin.

Friday 22 – Fancy a gentle bike ride? Steve (228 8562) is your guide, starting from the Red Lion pub in Whinmoor.

Sunday 24 – Paul (269 3369) takes us to Digley reservoir for a 14-mile grade 4 walk. Meet at the reservoir car park, 3 miles south west of Holmfirth.

Tuesday 26 – A short but energetic 3.5-mile walk from Huby (Weeton railway station) to the top of Almscliff Cragg, with 150m of ascent, and back. Refreshments at The Hunter’s Inn afterwards. Paul on 228 6620.

Saturday 30 – To Beamsley Beacon with Karen (298 360) on an 11-mile grade 3 walk meeting at Ilkley railway station.

AUGUST

Tuesday 2 – Meet Janice (285 7427) at the Fox and Hounds pub, Bramhope, for a walk round the open countryside on the edge of Leeds.

Sunday 7 – Dave (275 6579) takes us on a 9-mile grade 2 walk along the ridge of Ilkley Moor, dropping down to Addingham Moorside before returning along the river Wharfe. Wonderful views over Wharfedale and good footpaths. Meet outside Ilkley railway station.

Tuesday 9 – The Old White Bear in the delightful village of Norwood Green (GR 140269), between Bradford and Halifax, is the starting point for a walk taking in glorious beech woods and a short section of the Calderdale Way. Martin 279 1851.

Saturday 13 – Join Gaynor (262 0214) for a 10-mile grade 2 walk from Upper Poppleton, near York, crossing fields to the confluence of the rivers Nidd and Ouse before returning through riverside meadows. Parking opposite the Co-op!

Tuesday 16 – Starting from The Myrtle pub, Meanwood, Peter takes us on a pleasant amble through Meanwood Ridge and surrounding areas. 274 7456.

Weekend 19-21 – A rent-a-hostel weekend at the small, quiet retreat of Ninebanks. Originally a 17th century miner’s cottage, the hostel stands in the valley of Mohope Burn in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Secluded countryside, wild moorland and industrial archaeology are all on the doorstep. Contact Andy (225 2190) for further details.

Tuesday 23 – A fine “wine walk” with a return visit to Leeds’ very own vineyard for a tour, talk and tasting. Meet at **7pm** at Leventhorpe vineyard, Bullerthorpe Lane, Woodlesford. Booking essential at a cost of only £3.50. Andy (225 2190)

Saturday 27 - Join Paul (274 2848) for a 14-mile grade 4 walk, starting from the main car park in Horton-in-Ribblesdale, with an earlier start time of **10am**.

Tuesday 30 – Meet at The Dexter pub, on Wigton Lane, near the junction with Wike Ridge Lane, to walk the surrounding area with Paul (269 3369).

... a 122% increase in membership over the past five years ...

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3 – Liz (270 2806) leads a 6-mile grade 2 walk from Honley railway station passing through Farnley Tyas and Castle Hill, Huddersfield. Meet at the later time of **11am**.

Tuesday 6 – Starting from the Canal Gardens, opposite the Roundhay Fox pub, Elaine (252 1318) takes us on an easy expedition around Soldiers’ Field and Roundhay Park. Please

bring torches.

Friday 9 – A short bike ride starting from Garforth railway station with Melvin (286 5155). Meet at **7.15pm**

Saturday 10 – Meet Ollie (232 8293) at Brimham Rocks’ car park for an 8-mile grade 2 walk.

Tuesday 13 – Step back in history as we take a trip into the heart of Leeds the way the 19th Century boatmen did, only without the boat! Meet at Kirkstall Bridge Inn, with torches, for a **7.15pm** prompt start. This is a linear walk, but there are frequent buses back to the start. Chris on 368 2607.

Weekend 16-18 – Tim (07967 367095) takes us to Coniston Holly How for a weekend walking in the hills or around the lake. Alternative attractions include museums, pony trekking and boat trips, along with the usual tea shops and pubs.

Tuesday 20 – Melvin (286 5155) leads a walk from Garforth railway station. Please bring torches for a **7.15pm** start.

Sunday 25 – Graham (01422 832627) leads a 12-mile grade 3 walk over Wolfstones. Meet at Gooseeye (GR 029407) near Keighley.

OCTOBER

Sunday 2 – Join Michael (261 3485) for an 11-mile grade 3 walk starting from The Angel Inn at Hetton.

Tuesday 4 – Join Sukky (01977 551104) for a fascinating journey to India. Slide show at Headingley Community Centre.

Weekend 7-9 – A return visit to the walled Welsh town of Conwy. This modern hostel is an ideal base for Snowdonia National Park and the North Wales coast. Sue on 274 3090.

Saturday 15 – Ollie (232 8293) leads an 8-mile grade 2 walk from the main car park at Newmillerdam, near Wakefield.

Tuesday 18 – A Neighbourhood Watch Officer gives practical advice on crime prevention in the home at Headingley Community Centre. A small, free, very useful gift to all attendees! Book a place with Dawn on 268 6678.

Saturday 29 – Join Nick for a 14-mile grade 4 linear walk following the Dales Way through Lower Wharfedale. Meet at Ilkley railway station for a **10.15am** start. We’ll take in Ilkley Moor, Otley Chevin and the Harewood Estate before finishing at the Harewood Arms for refreshments and the No 36 bus back into Leeds. 269 7893

AUTUMN/WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Weekend 11-13 Nov – Steve (277 2806) takes us to Grinton Lodge, a former shooting lodge standing high on heather-clad grouse moors in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Tuesday 13 Dec – Back by popular demand - an evening of ceramic painting from **7.15pm** at Headingley Community Centre. Contact Carol on 269 0356 to book a place.

Weekend 31 Dec – 1 Jan – Welcome in 2006 at York YHA! A Victorian house in spacious grounds only a short stroll from the many attractions of the city. Contact Carol on 269 0356.

... a majority of members aged 35-54 ...