

# Leeds YHA Walking Group

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## Spring / Summer Programme 2008

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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 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 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.**

### May

**Sunday 4** - Meet in Thixendale village where there is roadside parking for an 8 mile grade 2 walk through the steep sided valleys of Yorks Wolds with superb views across the Vale of York. Contact Bron 2889166

**Monday 5** - Meet Carol at the Busfield Arms in East Morton north-east of Keighley for this bank holiday walk commencing at 5.00 p.m. There will be an optional meal after the walk at 7.30 p.m. Contact Carol on 2690356.

**Tuesday 6** - For a walk with good panoramic views meet at Weeton (Huby) train station for a walk over Almscliff Crag. Paul on 2686678

**Sunday 11** - Meet at the Fleece, Addingham for a 10 mile, grade 3 walk, taking in Beamsley, Storiths, & Bolton Abbey. Dave 07806 557353

**Tuesday 13** - Meet at Garforth railway station for an evening walk. Melvin 2865155 for more details.

**Saturday 17** - Meet Rachel 01422 846342 at Hebden Bridge railway station at 10am for a hard grade 3 moorland walk taking in the Luddenden valley. A small section of route will be over rough pathless terrain.

**Tuesday 20** - Meet Cherry 01924 470976 at the Railway Inn in Drighlington for a walk through Oakwell Hall Country Park & Birkenshaw.

**Friday 23** - Join Janice 2857427 for a weekend at Greenhead hostel which is a converted Methodist Chapel on Hadrian's Wall, close to many Roman heritage sites.

**Tuesday 27** - Meet at Austhorpe primary school on Austhorpe Lane Whitkirk GR SE373336. Parking on road near the school. Ollie 2328293.

... over 165 members in 2008 ...

## June

**Sunday 1** - Andy Brown 2252190 will lead a grade 4, 40 mile cycle ride going north towards the Burnsall area. Leaving at 10am from Moortown Library close to Sainsbury by the Ring Road, Leeds .

**Tuesday 3** - Dave 07806 557353 leads an evening Cycle Ride starting from Temple Newsam. Meet at Elm Walk car park for a 7.15pm start. Bring bike lights.

**Sunday 8** - Meet in Brimham Rocks car park for 10am start. A grade 4 walk of approx 14 miles with a steep climb up onto Guise Cliff and taking in parts of the Nidderdale Way. Ollie 2328293.

**Tuesday 10** - A walk over Collingham Moor across fields passing through Compton, a rarely visited side of Collingham. Meet at the beckside car park on the Linton road, Collingham. Dave 2756579.

**Saturday 14** - Carol and Paula will lead a grade 1 15 mile bike ride on a cycle track between Harrogate and Knaresborough. Meet at 12 noon outside Harrogate just off the A661 GR325547. Carol 2690356.

**Tuesday 17** – Meet Stephen 07981 701364 at Grid Ref SE378280. Park on Fleet Lane next to the sewage works just east of Oulton (east of Rothwell) for a wander taking in some of the Leeds Country Way.

**Friday 20** - Join Jon at Kings hostel which is a country house in riverside grounds with views to Cader Idris near the estuary at the southern end of the Snowdonia National Park. Contact Jon 07731 448924.

**Tuesday 24** - Meet at the Elm Walk car park for rounders and BBQ at Temple Newsam (weather permitting!). Pay Brenda 2865155 £3.00 in advance.

**Sunday 29** - Meet Graham 01422 832627 at Blake Dean scout hut GR958314 on the Hebden Bridge to Widdop road for a fairly hard grade 3 moorland walk of approx 13miles.

... an active group, with increasing membership ...

## July

**Tuesday 1** - Michael 2613485 takes us around Lindley Reservoir, starting from the viaduct.

**Saturday 5** - An easy grade 2 ride of approx 26 miles on minor roads/cycle tracks, mostly flat suitable for novice and infrequent cyclists. Meet near cafe on the Thorp Arch Trading estate nr Wetherby. Andy 2610153.

**Sunday 6** - Meet at Otley bus station for a grade 2 10 mile walk taking in part of the Dales Way. Geoff 2167081.

**Tuesday 8** - Meet Sarah 2619212 at the car park at the junction of the A659 Harewood-Colingham Road and the road to East Keswick. A walk towards Sicklinghall on field paths crossing the River Wharfe.

**Friday 11** - Navigation for walkers weekend residential course at Northern College south of Barnsley for anyone who would like to improve their map reading and walk planning skills. For more info and application form contact Janice 2857427.

**Tuesday 15** - A walk in the Eccup reservoir area with Gen 2176699. Meet at the junction of Alwoodley Lane and The Avenue

**Saturday 19** - James 01274 521474 leads a 16 mile grade 4 march, along the Pennine Way, from Marsden to Hebden Bridge. A public transport walk - leaving Marsden train station at 10.00am prompt.

**Tuesday 22** - Meet at the White Hart car park Pool in Wharfedale for walk led by Doris 01423 523833

**Saturday 26** - Meet at the Visitor's Centre of the Anglers Club Country Park, Winterset, Wakefield for a 9 mile grade 2 walk. Karen 2755353.

**Tuesday 29** - Meet Jan 2582615 at The Fleece in Addingham for a walk up Beamsley Beacon.

... a majority of members aged 35-55 ...

## August

**Saturday 2** - Stephen Mc 3680417 leads a 35-40 mile grade 3 bike ride. Start in centre of Thirsk, 40miles from Leeds on A1 & A168. Quiet, scenic route through picturesque villages with few hills, passing close to banks of River Swale. Railway stn is 1mile from Thirsk – regular trains take 50mins.

**Sunday 3** - Join Elaine 2521318 on a grade 4, 17 mile circuit from Settle market place taking in Malham Tarn.

**Tuesday 5** - Meet in the top car park Golden Acre Park on Arthington Road for a walk through the park towards Cookridge led by Mary 2286676.

**Friday 8** - A return to Arnside hostel in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Morecambe Bay coast. Hopefully the weather will allow us to walk the Bay this time (cost £7), with alternatives around the hostel or in southern Lakeland. Call Tim on 01756 700698 for details. Booking deadline is end of May.

**Tuesday 12** - Meet at Woodlesford train station for a walk led by Jon 07731 448924.

**Sunday 17** - Meet Paula 2660818 for an undulating grade 2, 10 mile walk around the north of Threshfield. Meet at the car park Grassington, starting at 11am.

**Tuesday 19** - Meet at the Brown Cow and Dragon pub in Whitkirk for a walk in the Temple Newsam area with Jane 07726 558215.

**Sunday 24** - A 10 mile walk along the Nidderdale Way returning through Middlemoor. Meet at the church Ramsgill, led by Dave 2793876.

**Tuesday 26** - Meet at Oakwood clock for a walk taking in Roundhay Park. Please bring a torch in case of a finish in the dark. Damien 2661094.

## September

**Tuesday 2** - Meet at Calverley Bridge, off Horsforth New Road for a walk along the canal and area with Colin 2561556.

**Sunday 7** - Martin 07949 896093 leads a 10 mile grade 3 walk taking in open access land on Ilton Moor. Start from the Druids Temple car park, Ilton, south of Masham (GR 177 786)

**Tuesday 9** - Come and join us at 8pm for a buffet at Spice Quarter, Millenium Square, Leeds which was found to be popular last year. Book a place with Dave 2756579.

**Sunday 14** - Haw Blimey! Join Tim to tackle the peaks around Skipton - Pinhaw, Ramshaw, Roughaw and Sharpaw. This will be a tough 18-mile grade 4/5 walk so expect a fast pace and an early start time of 10am from Skipton Railway Station. Contact Tim 01756 700698.

**Friday 19** - A weekend at Bransdale Mill on the North York Moors, self catering but Ollie will do a 3 course evening meal on Saturday - ideal for walking or mountain biking from the door. Ollie 2328293.

**Tuesday 23** - Join Ollie 2328293 for a jive night at Pudsey civic centre. Beginners and experienced dancers are well catered for.

**Sunday 28** - Meet at Haworth main car park for a 9 mile walk around the beautiful Oxenhope and Haworth moorland. Contact Bron 2889166.

## October

**Sunday 5** - Meet at Bolton Abbey roadside car park for a 10 mile grade 2 walk with a tea shop at the end. Pat 01943 878910.

**Tuesday 7** - Tim 01756 700698 is holding one of his famous beer tasting evenings at the New Headingley Club, St Michael's Rd.

**Saturday 11** - Paul 07849 437676 leads a 10 mile grade 3 moorland circular walk passing through Marsden. Meet at Slaithwaite station

**Friday 17** - Join Ann 01422 311808 at Shackleton Lodge near Ambleside. Self catering accommodation exclusive to us (new in 2000) excellent walking area 1 mile from Ambleside [www.brathayexploration.org.uk/accom1.htm](http://www.brathayexploration.org.uk/accom1.htm)

**Tuesday 21** - Join Martin 2659310 at Moor Allerton Sports and Social club for a quiz night.

**Sunday 26** - Join Dave 2756579 for an 8 mile grade 2 walk around Swinsty and Fewston reservoirs and the nearby area. Meet at the car park by Blubberhouses Church on the Harrogate/Skipton Road at the junction with the road to Otley.

## Winter Highlights

**Tuesday 18 Nov** - AGM to be held at New Headingley Club starting at 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 31 Dec** - Spend the New Year at Haworth Hostel close to open countryside and famous villages. Arranged by Dave 2756579.