

Leeds YHA

Walking Group

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Spring / Summer

Programme 2009

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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 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 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

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.

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.

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.

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 150 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.

May

Sunday 3 - Meet David Blackmore at Todmorden station for a grade 3 walk of approx 10 mile contact David 252 4958.

Monday 4 - Meet Carol for a 6 mile grade 1 walk starting at 4.30pm from Stanley Ferry Marina along the canal - an optional meal afterwards at Mill House Bar - contact Carol 269 0356

Tuesday 5 - Meet Ollie 232 8293 or 07930 809216 outside the In-Store shop - Colton/Sainsburys car park for a walk around the very outer edge of Temple Newsam on some lesser known paths.

Friday 8 - Brimham Rocks basecamp weekend. Self catering, but 3 course evening meal Saturday will be provided by Ollie: 232 8293

Tuesday 12 - A walk around the two lakes in Roundhay Park with Andrew Bernard 266 8672. Meet at the park gates on Princes Avenue, just along from the Roundhay Fox pub. Parking available at the tram car park.

Sunday 17 - A grade 3 walk of 10-12 miles along the river over Appletreewick pasture to Simon's Seat with Mike Strover 07846 738927. Parking on side of road next to river at Barden Bridge Grid ref SE053574.

Tuesday 19 - Meet Dave Bell 01977 551104 at Bingley Arms PH Bardsey, just off the A58 on the way to Collingham. A walk around Hetchell Woods.

Saturday 23 - Dave Leaf 07806 557353 leads a moderate cycle ride of approx 35/40 mile from Pannal station starting at 10am. Take the train from Leeds or park at the station.

Tuesday 26 - Meet Janice 2857427 or 07859 020819 at the car park at the junction of A65 and A658 in Rawdon for a walk towards the airport taking in Rawdon Billing.

Saturday 30 - Meet Edna 2720196 at Hebden Bridge railway station for a linear 10 mile grade 3 walk to Todmorden.

June

Tuesday 2 - Meet Natasha 07758 807618 at the Fox and Hounds pub in Bramhope for a walk through parts of Pool-in-Wharfedale and Otley Chevin.

Saturday 6 - Meet Sophie 07985 647211 at Sandal & Agbrigg train station (Leeds train arriving 10:07). A cycle ride heading

south - approx 30 miles. Traffic free route on the trail; return along minor roads.

Sunday 7 - Prompt 10.00am start from car park just below the White Horse of Kilburn GR SE516810 a 15 mile grade 4 hard circular walk from the White Horse to Rievaulx Abbey. Turn off the A170 Thirsk to Helmsley road signposted Gliding Club. Contact Neil on 266 9051 or 07803259362

Tuesday 9 - Meet Cherry 07855 052776 at the Greyhound Inn, Tong Village GR SE2230, west of Leeds, for a walk taking in part of the Leeds country way.

Friday 12 - Navigation Course weekend at Northern College Barnsley. Contact Janice 0113 2857427 to book a place. This is a subsidised course and therefore extremely good value and was really enjoyed by the people who attended last year.

Saturday 13 - Join Paula 266 0818 and Carol 266 0818 for an easy cycle ride of approx 15 mile to Saltaire as part of National Bike Week. Meet at Calverley Bridge near the canal.

Sunday 14 - Up & down Dale. Join Martin 01422 372326 for a 9 mile grade 2/3 walk to Scammonden Dam via Crumlin. Meet at West Vale Car Park opposite Andy Thornton's building.

Tuesday 16 - Meet Colin 256 1556 at Calverley Bridge on the A6120, 1/2 mile north west of Rodley. Grid ref SE223367. The route heads towards Kirkstall.

Saturday 20 - An 18 mile night hike to see the sunrise over the Skipton fells with a meal in Skipton at 7pm before the walk. Join for the social bit even if you don't want to see the sunrise on the 21st. Contact Tim on 01756 700698

Tuesday 23 - Meet Doris 01423 533833 at Denton Bridge, on A65 approx 1 mile east of Ilkley. Grid ref SE136481.

Sunday 28 - A hard grade 4 moorland linear walk of approx 12 mile - Prompt 10.00am start at the Transpennine trail car park at Dunford Bridge and finishing at the old Woodhead station tunnel end. A car will need to be left at the end to ferry drivers back to the beginning - Graham 01422 832627

Tuesday 30 - Join Belinda, 07745 822116 at Lindley reservoir Bridge, 3 miles north of Otley on the B6451. Limited parking either side of the bridge.

July

Sunday 5 - Carol leads a 9 mile walk, meeting and starting 11.00am at the Town Hall Market Place Wetherby - park in free riverside car park. Optional meal at Scotts Arms Sicklinghall afterwards. Booking for meal essential contact Carol 0113 2690356 or 07708 230333

Tuesday 7 - Meet Stephen 0798 170 1364 at Station Rd, Arthington, half way between Pool and Arthington on the A659 to Harewood. Grid ref SE269445.

Friday 10 - A weekend at Lockton nr Dalby forest and the North Yorks moors. An old school refurbished to become an Eco-hostel; great opportunities for walking and cycling. Contact Dave on 275 6579

Tuesday 14 - Meet Mike 07846738927 at Weeton railway station for a walk round Armscliff crag area.

Saturday 18 - Meet Jane Fellows 01484 609503 at Mirfield train station for a Grade 1 walk of approx 6 miles.

Sunday 19 - Steve Royen 01347 810147 leads a hilly bike ride of approx 35 mile starting from Easingwold Market Place. See www.thornvilleho.fsnet.co.uk for details of ride.

Tuesday 21 - Meet Dave 07757 253040 at the car park GR SE362454 at the corner of Crabtree Lane and the A659 for a walk on the paths and fields through Sicklinghall & Woodhall.

Sunday 26 - Starting from the entrance to the Pateley Bridge park over the bridge join David 252 4958 on a 10 mile, Grade 3 towards Gouthwaite Reservoir & surrounding Nidderdale.

Tuesday 28 - Meet Pat 01943 878910 outside Ilkley railway station for a summers walk.

... all ages welcome ...

August

Sunday 2 - A 10 mile grade 2 walk led by Sarah 0113 2619212, 07834 390277 from Gargrave on ancient lanes towards Airton. From Skipton travelling on the A65 turn right at the Old Swan, Gargrave, follow road past the shop Dorothy Ward. Meet in the car park on the right.

Tuesday 4 - Meeting Dave 275 6579 at the New Inn, Eccup for a walk over the fields in the Eccup and Harewood area

Sunday 9 - Meet Karen 275 5353 for a 9 mile, Grade 2/3 walk through Wharfedale and up Trollers Gill. Meet in the car park in Burnsall.

Tuesday 11 - Join John for a stroll round Horsforth area; meet at the train station: 0773 1448924

Friday 14 - A weekend to Idwal Cottage North Wales - self catering only. Situated at the base of Tryfan and the Glyders - Mike 07846738927

Tuesday 18 - Meet Sarah 261 9212 or 07834 390277 at Bingley Arms PH for walk from Bardsey on footpaths through Hetchell Wood to the historic earthworks at Pomocali returning via the Leeds Country Way.

Saturday 22 - A tried and tested classic 15 mile grade 4 Pennine crossing from Burnley station to Hebden Bridge. This is a public transport walk. Led by James; for details ring 01274-521474.

Sunday 30 - A 10 mile, Grade 3 walk with Shane 07967 238 222 over fairly easy terrain taking in lesser known parts of Calderdale, starting at Millbank pub, Millbank, GR SE037215, 2 miles SW of Sowerby Bridge; refreshment stop at a country inn en-route.

September

Sunday 6 - David 252 4958 will lead a 10 mile, Grade 3 walk starting at car park of Leighton Reservoir close to Ilton near Masham. It will take in Roundhill Reservoir & Masham Moor

Tuesday 8 - Join Mike 07846 738927 @ 7.30pm at O'Neills, Gt George St:- photo and slide show evening looking back at the last year. Pls bring your photos too.

Saturday 12 - Join Pat 01943 878910 for a 12 mile grade 3 circular walk over Ingleborough. Meet at the main car park in

Clapham village GR SD745692

Friday 18 - A weekend at the Patterdale hostel in the Lake District. Fairfield, Helvellyn and the High Street range are all on the doorstep with plenty of opportunities for walking or cycling Call Tim on 01756 700698

Tuesday 22 - Meet Ollie 232 8283 at 7.45 at Pudsey Civic Centre for an evening of dance - beginners and those more experienced all welcome

Saturday 26 - Meeting in the Cavendish Pavilion car park at Bolton Abbey, Gwynneth 07743 496675 leads a 9 mile, Grade 2 walk through the Valley of Desolation, up Simon's Seat

October

Saturday 3 - Join Paul 07767 736448; a 10 mile, Grade 3 walk by Wadsworth Moor beyond Haworth, close to Forest of Trawden. Meet at 1st car park after Watersheddies reservoir on the main road to Wycoller from Oxenhope GR 936394.

Tuesday 6 - A fun and games evening learning map and compass skills, meet in Leeds @ O'Neills, Gt George St 7.30pm. Mike Stroker 07846 738927

Saturday 10 - Meet Paula on 266 0818 or 07821 887738 at Burnsall village car park for a 9-10 mile walk grade 3, taking in Dibble's Bridge, Grimwith Reservoir & back along river Wharfe

Sunday 18 - Meet Bill 07737 516250 for an Autumnal walk. Meeting in the car park at West Tanfield this 9 mile, Grade 2 walk will be along part of the Ripon Rowel and passing by Hackfall Gorge and woods. 10am start!

Tuesday 20 - Join Ann for a superb buffet at the Spice Quarter, choice of Indian, Chinese, Italian, Thai or a little of each. Cost £12.95. Booking essential Ann 01422 311808

Friday 23 - Join us for a weekend at Boggle Hole a notorious smuggler's haunt!. The fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay is just 1 mile to the north. Walking will be along the Cleveland Way. Contact Carol on 269 0356.

Saturday 31 - Join Carol 269 0356 at The New Headingley Club, St. Michael's Road, Headingley for a spooky Halloween Evening, with a Quiz, Quest, Treasure Hunt, and other surprises. £2.00 entrance incl. light refreshments & prizes.

November

Sunday 1 - An 8.5 mile, Grade 2 walk 'close to home': Harewood and Wike along some of the Leeds Country Way. Meet Dave 275 6579 at the Harewood Arms car park.

Tuesday 17 - our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the New Headingley Club, St Michael's Road, Leeds, starting at 7.30pm. Bar available. 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 to keep the group up and running efficiently!

December 31 - Join us for New Year celebrations at Haworth. This is a newly refurbished hostel; there will be a party! Lots of walking nearby. Contact Dave 275 6579