

Leeds YHA Walking Group

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Summer/Autumn Programme 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.

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 135 members in 2010 ...

** 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

Saturday 1 Walk with Edna 2720196 from Hebden Bridge to Todmorden. A linear walk approx 7 1/2 miles Grade 2. Meet at the railway station and return by train.

Monday 3 Join Carol 2690356 on 'May Day' for this 5 mile circular walk taking in Chelker Reservoir. Meet at the Swan Inn on Main Street, Addingham, LS29 ONS at 4p.m. A optional meal at 7.30 p.m. in The Swan. Please book in advance.

Tuesday 4 Meet Dave 07806557353 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 start at The Chequers Inn, Ledsham GR SE455297 for steady walk to the village of Fairburn and round the Fairburn Ings RSPB reserve.

Sunday 9 Join Andrew 2668672) for a grade 2 walk starting in Hetton, which is just off the B6265 north of Skipton. There is limited parking in Hetton so please car share.

Tuesday 11 Meet at the corner of Alwoodley Lane and Goodrick Lane for a walk around Eccup Reservoir and the area around. Led by Mary 2286766

Friday 14 Join Ollie 2328293 for a weekend at the National Trust basecamp in the grounds of Fountains abbey. Self catering but Ollie will provide a meal on Saturday night.

Tuesday 18 Meet at Canal Gardens gate on Old Park Road for a walk through the top of Roundhay Park to Shadwell and back. There is parking on Old Park Road and surrounding streets or at the tram car park on Princes Avenue. Andrew 2668672

Saturday 22 Join Rachel 01422 846342 for a 7.5 mile grade 3 circular walk exploring Ickornshaw Moor one of the wilder stretches of moorland in the South Pennines including 3 miles across rough open country. Meet at post office, Cowling village (GR 973431) on A6068 between Keighley and Colne.

Tuesday 25 Meet Jon (07731 448924) at Headingley train station for a walk alongside the canal into town

Sunday 30 Celebrate bank holiday with a grade 2, 9 mile walk around Norland with Martin Forster 01422 373 326 . BBQ after with the proceeds to DEBRA. Book with Martin by 23/5/10, cost for food £5. Meet at west vale traffic lights car park.

JUNE

Tuesday 1 Meet at the main car park Golden Acre on Otley Road for a walk towards Eccup then past Downham Farm towards Bramhope and returning through the woods. Led by Dave 2756579.

Friday 4 Andy (07963453213) has organised the Bill Gurney Bike Ride weekend in Scarborough. This is in dedication to Bill who helped devise the route taken for the Saturday cycle ride. You should note, this is very strenuous ride of up to 50 miles so only keen cyclists should attempt. Weekend open to all to sort own walk or short ride.

Tuesday 8 Meet Cherry 01924 470976 @7.15pm at The Black Bull PH Liversedge. Take Junction 27 (Ikea Birstall of 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. (Note the earlier start.)

Friday 11 Northern College Barnsley are running a free weekend navigation skills course for anyone new to or wanting to brush up on their map reading skills. Contact Janice 2857427

Tuesday 15 Meet Natasha 07758 807618 at the Bracken Fox pub in Scarcroft for a local walk

Sunday 20 Meet Tim Quantrell 01756700698 in Blubberhouses car park just off the A59 at the top of Fewston Reservoir for 12 miles walk, with a fair bit of ascent so grade 3/4, going along the old Roman Road to Beamsley and then back along the other side of the A60.

Tuesday 22 Meet Jan 07806556512 at the Fleece, Addingham for a walk up Beamsley Beacon.

Sunday 27 Meet Karen 2755353 at Wharram Percy car park for a walk in the Yorkshire wolds to the most famous deserted village in England. 8.5 miles Grade 2.

Tuesday 29 Meet Janice 07859020819 at Kirkstall Abbey car park for a walk towards Newlay and back along the canal. 5.5 miles so prompt 7.30 start.

JULY

Friday 2 Enjoy a camping weekend in Kettlewell village, near Gt Whernside. Hillwalking & Bike ride (Sat) will be on offer. If you want a YHA bed, please book immediately & independently. Stephen 307 3956 (daytime).

Saturday 3 Meet Pat 01943 878910 at Buckden National Park car park for a 12 mile grade 3 walk over Birks Fell Ridge to Littondale and back. Two climbs, a river walk and some lovely dales villages make for a varied days walking.

Tuesday 6 Meet Pat 01943 878910 outside Ilkley railway station for a summer walk

Saturday 10 Meet Carol and Paula at Ilkley train station for a gentle 18 mile cycle ride along the river Wharfe, taking in Bolton Abbey. Paula 2660818 / 07821 887738

Sunday 11 Meet David 2524958 for a 10 mile grade 2/3 walk around the Fountains abbey area. Meet in the village of Markington GR SE288659

Tuesday 13 Meet Paula 266081 at 7.15pm at the car park on Fink Hill, Horsforth for a walk through Horsforth Hall Park, through the fields and open land towards Rawdon and back through Cragg Wood. (Note the earlier start.)

Friday 16 Join Graham 01422 832627 for a weekend at Keld Bunkhouse. We have exclusive use of a cosy self catering hostel at junction of Coast to Coast and Pennine Way in upper Swaledale. Bedding & towel provided. Small capacity but also camping on site (book in advance with hostel). Costs £15 per night - hostel , £5 per night camping. Visit www.keldbunkhouse.com

Tuesday 20 A countryside walk around Boston Spa finishing along the river on part of the Ebor Way. Meet at St Mary's Church (the first on the left as you enter the village) on the High Street. Paul 268 6678

Saturday 24 Join Ollie 2328293 for a 12 mile grade 3 walk meeting at Shipley railway station taking in canal, river, Baildon moor, woods - something for everyone.

Tuesday 27 Meet Sarah 2619212, 07834 390277 in Ledsham Village for a five mile walk around Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve. The reserve is now under the stewardship of the RSPB and the walk is on good paths and tracks. Parking in Cut Road near to the Three Horseshoes Pub.

Friday 30 A weekend at an independent hostel in Dolgellau, southern Snowdonia at the foot of Cader Idris. The hostel is in the centre of town, close to pubs and restaurants and has self catering facilities. It is also close to the Coed-y-Brenin Forest where the more adventurous can tackle a Go Ape experience. Contact Darren on 2707507 or Janice 2857427

AUGUST

Tuesday 3 Meet Natasha 07758807618 at the Fox and Hounds Pub in Bramhope for a walk through Poole-in-Wharfedale and Otley Chevin.

Sunday 8 Join David Blackmore 2524958 outside Hebden Bridge Railway Station at 10.30, for a good grade 3, 12 mile, figure of eight walk with Stoodley Pike monument right in the middle of it; so just in case you forget what it looked like by lunch time, you will have another chance to see it in the afternoon!

Tuesday 10 Join Karen 2755353 for a 4 mile walk through a little rural oasis and see some of the finest georgian architecture in Yorkshire. Meet at the Bankhouse Inn Fulneck, Pudsey.

Sunday 15 Meet at post office in Meltham nr Huddersfield for a 10 mile, grade 3 walk visiting West Nab and Pule Hill. Contact Graham Hill 01422 832627

Tuesday 17 Meet Neil 2669051 @ 7pm at the Fox and Hounds Pub in Bramhope for a 5 mile circular walk through Bramhope and Arthington. (Note the earlier start.)

Saturday 21 James leads a 14 mile grade 4 circular of the Calderdale moors from Walsden station. Contact James 01274 521474 for details/train times.

Tuesday 24 Meet Mary 2286766 for a walk through Golden Acre Park and Cookridge. Meet in the main car park on Otley road.

Friday 27 August Bank Holiday weekend in Kettlewell. A 3-night break exploring the delights of Upper Wharfedale in the Dales with fantastic walks right from the hostel in this pretty village. For the adventurous there is a chance to be winched into Gaping Gill for a thrill-ride. Contact Tim 01756700698.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5 Meet Janice 2857427 or 07859020819, outside the church at Horton Bridge, Horton in Ribblesdale for a 9 mile grade 3 walk including the ascent of Pen-y-ghent, one of the Yorkshire 3 peaks.

Tuesday 7 A short trip down memory lane. Bring your photos taken this year and show them off to all the others at O'Neill's, St George Street. Contact Mike 07846738927

Friday 10 Join David 2524958 for a weekend at Helvellyn Youth Hostel. 0.75 mile up a track from the village of Glenridding, the hostel is in an isolated and peaceful spot, 900 feet above sea level. Enjoy a hike up Helvellyn or the surrounding peaks or, for less

strenuous walking, try the lakeshore paths or Steam boat trips on Ullswater.

Saturday 18 Join Rachel 01422 846342 for a 11.5 mile hard grade 3 circular walk to Buckden Pike and the peaceful little known Walden valley. Some boggy moorland walking. Meet National park car park, Bucken village (GR 942773). Possible overnight camping option.

Saturday 25 Meet Stephen (0113 3680417) at Menston railway station at 10:30am for a bike ride northwards to Summerbridge and back (approx 35 miles). Taking quiet roads and enjoying the scenery around Fewston & Thruscross reservoirs.

Tuesday 28 Social evening at O'Neill's pub. Come and meet other members of the group. Opportunity for people wanting to join the group to come along and find out a bit more about what goes on.

OCTOBER

Friday 1 A weekend at Grinton Lodge provides exceptional views from its location high on the south facing slopes of Swaledale. The Yorkshire Dales Cycleway, the Herriot Way, various waterfalls and the picturesque market town of Richmond are just some of the nearby attractions. Contact Steve 2772806

Sunday 10 Join Andrew 2668672 for a grade 3 walk up and down Cracoe Fell. Up via Sun Moor Hill along to the cross and the war memorial and down via Threapland Fell and Fell Lane. Meet at Rylstone, there is parking next to the village pond or at the bottom of Mucky Lane.

Tuesday 12 Join Darren 2707507 or 07877 457117 for an evening quiz at O'Neill's bar St George Street. £1 entrance with a prize for the winning team.

Sunday 17 Meet Darren 2707507 or 07877 457117 at the maypole in the centre of Barwick in Elmet for a 10 mile grade 2/3 walk around the kingdom of Elme. GR SE399374

Friday 22 A weekend at Edmundbyers hostel, a former inn dating from 1600 with beamed ceilings and a cosy open fire 1/4 mile from Derwent Reservoir. Mike 07846738927

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Sunday 31 Join Mike 07846738927 on a 10.5 mile grade 3 walk going through Bramham park and Hazlewood castle.

Next programme highlights

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 16 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.

DECEMBER

Friday 31st Our very popular New Year break, possibly at the very high quality Whitby hostel where we'll have a party along with walks and visits in the area. Dave 2756579