

**TAMESIDE RAMBLERS**  
**WALKS AND SOCIAL EVENTS PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 2017 to FEBRUARY 2018**

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<b>SATURDAYS</b>				
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	C+	Glossop circular 6 / 7 miles	Glossop railway station.	Mary Brown 07840 899 545
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	C+	Tinsel & Holly circular 7 miles Starting from Tintwistle & returning via Hollingworth – low moorland walk	Bulls Head PH, Old Road, Tintwistle SK13 1JY	Mark Bennett 07906 502 407
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	C+	Circular walk around the Tame Valley, Jet Amber fields & the Peak Forest canal 8 miles	The Jolly Hatters PH, 155 Haughton Green Road, Haughton Green, Denton, M34 7PW	Anne Brown 07865 688 971
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	C+/B	Grindleford to Higger Tor 6 miles 342m ascent / 10km - woodlands path, open moorlands & gritstone edge taking in views of Grindleford & Hathersage	Grindleford Railway Station SK251 787	Jason Johnston 07964 898 809
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	B	Dovestones circular 7.90 miles	Dovestone main car park OL3 7NE Car park charges in place or free to RSPB members	John Harrison 07758 545 913
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	C	Great Budworth 7 miles, easy walking, mostly level, passing Anderton Boat Lift where there are refreshments, toilets & exhibition.	Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich. (car park £2) Directions: M56 to J10, then left along A559, Gibb Hill, The Avenue, Warrington Road, Marbury Rd. Toilets available. Postcode: CW9 6AT GR: SJ 651 762	Stewart Ramsden 0771 444 5118
THURSDAY Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Social Event	Christmas Drinks: meet at 7.30pm for 8.00 pm meal. Wetherspoons, Smithy Fold, Glossop SK13 8HT for drinks & food – no booking necessary – just turn up & simply enjoy a few hours in good company.		Pete & Ruth Summers 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	C+/B	Lower Bradfield & Dale Dyke 6 miles, 10km 372m ascent. Walk from Low Bradfield taking in Agden & Dale reservoirs	Low Bradfield car park, The Sands, Low Bradfield GR: SK 262 920 Postcode S6 6LB	Jason Johnston 07964 898 809
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>		NO WALK		
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>		NO WALK		

SATURDAY WALKS - Continued				
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 2018	D  Easy walk	<b>11.00 am Roman Lakes, Strines &amp; Peak Forest Canal</b> 4 ½ miles. Easy walking with one steady uphill section which we will take at an easy pace. Suitable for beginners and returners Footpaths & bridleways which can muddy when wet.	Arkwright Road, off A626 Brabyns Brow, Marple (opposite playing fields) GR: SJ963 887 SK6 7DE  <b>Note: later start time of 11.00 am</b>	Lynda Chandler 07974 275 668
<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Event</b>	<b>Meal at El Cuba Libre Restaurant</b> 3 Tapas plus glass of wine £10.95 Meet at 7.30pm for 8.00 pm meal. <b>Please inform Pete or Ruth Summers if you are attending by 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>The Sportsman Inn, 57 Mottram Road, Hyde SK14 2NN</b>		<b>Pete &amp; Ruth Summers</b> 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	B	<b>Castleton, Cave Dale &amp; the Great Ridge</b> 8.5 miles 1,600ft/490m Ascent of Cave Dale, a level walk to the foot of Mam Tor, easy ascent of Mam Tor, then along the Great Ridge to Lose Hill & back to Castleton	<b>Castleton Visitor Centre</b> , by main car park – toilets available. Other parking options nearby. S33 8WP GR: SK 149 829	<b>Stewart Ramsden</b> 0771 444 5118
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	C	<b>Knott Hill/Park Bridge</b> circular 9 miles 300ft ascent – walk from Ashton Railway Station via Knott Hill, Park Bridge & Daisy Nook	<b>Ashton-under-Lyne Railway Station</b> , off Albion Way, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6JP.	<b>Pete Summers</b> 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	D  Easy walk	<b>11.00 am Marple Bridge circular</b> 4.80 miles – easy walking, suitable for beginners & returners	<b>Brabyns Park</b> main car park, Brabyns Brow, Marple SK6 5EX GR: SJ 963 895 (Marple railway station is on Brabyns Brow) <b>Note : later start time 11.00 am</b>	<b>John Harrison</b> 07758 545 913
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	C+	<b>Sett Valley Trail, The Torrs &amp; Ollersett Moor</b> 7 ½ miles.	<b>Hayfield Visitor Centre</b> , main car park behind Kinder Lodge PH, off A624. GR: SK0 346 869	<b>Lynda Chandler</b> 07974 275 668
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	C	<b>Around Rostherne</b> 7/8 miles Circular walk from the Swan PH at Bucklow Hill, across new A556, past Millington Hall to Rostherne & return to the Swan.	<b>Swan Inn PH</b> , Bucklow Hill. Parking in lay-by near the pub. (possible meal after walk) WA16 6RD GR: SJ731 832	<b>Pete Summers</b> 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO WALK</b>		
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	B	<b>Hayfield circular</b> 8.11 miles from Hayfield over Mount Famine & South Head	<b>Hayfield Visitor Centre</b> , main car park behind Kinder Lodge PH, off A624. GR: SK0346869	<b>John Harrison</b> 07758 545 913

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Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	C	<b>Hollingworth Lake circular</b> 7/8 miles – fairly easy walk from Littleborough railway station, along the Rochdale canal, along good paths to Hollingworth Lake & return to Littleborough Station.	<b>Littleborough Railway Station</b> – free parking next to station or on Littleborough to Hollingworth Lake road. OL15 0HA	<b>Pete Summers</b> 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	B	<b>Hayfield circular</b> taking in Lantern Pike 7.46 miles	<b>Hayfield Visitor Centre, main car park behind Kinder Lodge PH, off A624. GR: SK0346869 –</b>	<b>John Harrison</b> 07758 545 913
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	C	<b>Portland Basin to Gibraltar Bridge circular</b> 7/8 miles approx. Little ascent, easy flat walk taken at a leisurely pace. Along Peak Forest canal, Jet Amber Fields & River Tame to Gibraltar Bridge & return on the Peak Forest Canal. Small ascent before we reach the bridge (35 steps up & 29 down). Not buggy friendly dogs on leads.	<b>Portland Basin Visitor Centre/Museum, Portland St. South, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA GR: SJ935985</b>	<b>Alan Lowe</b> 07722 008 685
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	C	<b>Broadbottom circular</b> 8 miles	<b>Broadbottom Railway Station car park, Market Street, Broadbottom SK14 6AX</b>	<b>Eddie Clift</b> 07791 745 541
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	C+	<b>Circular walk of 8 miles</b> from Houghton Green over to Werneth Low & Godley	<b>The Jolly Hatters PH, 155 Houghton Green Road, Houghton Green, Denton, M34 7PW</b>	<b>Anne Brown</b> 07865 688 971
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	C+	<b>Three Brook Bottoms</b> , figure of 8 walk 7 ½ miles A moderate walk on bridleways & footpaths, some steep & some muddy when wet	<b>Mellor Church car park, Church Road, (Off Longhurst Road), Mellor SK6 5LX GR: SJ 982 889</b>	<b>Lynda Chandler</b> 07974 275 668

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Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>D Easy Walk</b>	<b>11.00 am Daisy Nook Country Park circular.</b> A short festive walk of 5 miles, Ashton to Daisy Nook, return along Hollinwood Canal & disused railway track via Woodhouses. Drink & meal (optional) at Ash Tree PH at end of walk (about 1.30 pm)	<b>Ashton-under-Lyne Railway Station, off Albion Way, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6JP.</b>  <b>Note: later start time of 11.00am</b>
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Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C</b>	<b>Daisy Nook &amp; Park Bridge</b> 5 miles/8km Down the Medlock Valley & Tameside trail to Park Bridge. Continue walking clockwise to Holden Clough & return to the Visitors Centre.	<b>Daisy Nook Visitors Centre</b> M35 7WJ GR: SD 92005 <b>Alan James</b> 07748 435267
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>D</b>	<b>Castleshaw circular</b> 5 miles	<b>Castleshaw Reservoir car park,</b> OL3 5LZ (nearest PC) GR: SD 996 093 <b>Eddie Clift</b> 07791 745 541
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C+</b>	<b>Lyme Park figure of 8 boundary walk</b> 8 miles – a varied walk taking in Park Moor & the Bowstones 1,325 ft ascent – muddy sections if wet.	<b>Lyme Park main car park,</b> Disley SK12 2NR Car park charges apply – car sharing recommended Free for members of the National Trust <b>Lynda Chandler</b> 07974 275 668
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>C</b>	<b>Crowden circular</b> 7.5 miles/ 12.1km/ 1,180 ft. Crowden, Longdendale Trail to Torside & Rhodeswood reservoirs, Lads Leap & return to car park.	<b>Crowden car park</b> SK13 1HZ GR: SK 073 994 <b>Alan James</b> 07748 435267
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>B</b>	<b>Alport Castles</b> 8.5 miles 1,950ft/594m. A moderate walk but with a long initial ascent to reach the dramatic Alport Castles rock formation. Spectacular views if the weather is clear.	<b>Fairholmes car park</b> (at the far side of the Snake Pass) below Derwent Dam. Toilets & refreshments available. Pay & Display but f.o.c. options nearby. S33 0AQ GR: SK 172 893 <b>Stewart Ramsden</b> 0771 444 5118
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C+</b>	<b>Circular walk from Haughton Green</b> taking in Tame Valley, Chadkirk Country Park & the Peak Forest canal 8 miles	<b>The Jolly Hatters PH,</b> 155 Haughton Green Road, Haughton Green, Denton, M34 7PW <b>Anne Brown</b> 07865 688 971
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>C</b>	<b>Prestbury circular</b> 8 miles Low level walk around Prestbury & Mottram St. Andrew	<b>Ye Olde Admiral Rodney PH,</b> Prestbury, SK10 4HP GR: SJ 901 772 <b>Ruth Summers</b> 0161 339 0346 07752 765 039
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C</b>	<b>Daisy Nook/Clayton Vale circular</b> 7/8 miles with little ascent. Stroll around Daisy Nook CP extending to Clayton Vale & back through Droylsden. Final route to suite weather conditions. Easy walk with some gentle minor ascents. Not buggy friendly, dogs on leads.	<b>John Howarth Countryside Centre,</b> off Stannybrook Road, Failsworth. OL7 9JY GR: SD921 005 Cafe' free parking & toilets available. <b>Alan Lowe</b> 07722 008 685

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