

TAMESIDE RAMBLERS: WALKS PROGRAMME AUGUST 2026 v.3

WALK GRADES

D Fairly Easy, usually 4 to 5 miles. Varied terrain, mostly good paths with perhaps a few uphill sections.

C Leisurely, usually 5 to 8 miles. For reasonably fit people with some country walking experience. Varied terrain, usually with uphill sections.

C+ Similar to C, but may be hillier, harder or slightly longer.

BL Walks that follow a B grade route **but at a slower pace and with more rest stops**.

B Moderate, usually 10 to 12 miles. For people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include steep paths, open country and at a brisker pace.

B+ Similar to B but may be hillier, harder or longer.

A Strenuous, usually 14 to 17 miles. For experienced country walkers with an above-average level of fitness.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU, AND ANY GUEST, ARE FIT ENOUGH FOR THE INTENDED GRADE OF WALK (SEE ABOVE DEFINITIONS). YOU SHOULD ALSO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. IF IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE WALK LEADER DIRECT.

SATURDAY WALKS

It is helpful to inform the walk leader of your intention to join their walk. Where booking is required, it will be stated in the walk description. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the designated start time.

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Date / Walk Leader	Grade	Walk Description	Meeting place / start of walk
Sat 1 Aug Cath Metcalfe 07828 476649 Start time: 10.30 am UPDATED	C+	<u>Hobson Moor and the reservoirs</u> 7 miles, 1411 ft ascent We begin with a steady climb from Hobson Moor Road to Wildbank Trig and then head down the moor to Walkerwood reservoir. We will then make our way to Stalybridge country park and back up to Hobson Moor Road.	Hobson Moor Rd, Stalybridge SK14 6SG Parking on the road. No toilets at walk start Optional drink at The Wagon & Horses
Sat 8 Aug Stewart 07714445118 Start time: 11:00	C	<u>Manchester Green Trail - LINEAR walk</u> <u>Public transport walk / 5.25 mile / 400ft ascent / Easy</u> An easy and pleasant walk along Section 4 of the Manchester Green Trail, passing through Boggart Hole Clough, Bailey's Wood, Plant Hill Park, Tweedle Common, Blackley Cemetery (lunch stop) and Heaton Park. There are toilets at three points along the way. There are a couple of short, easy uphill sections. No stiles. Estimated finishing time: 2.30 pm	Start: Boggart Hole Clough main gate on Rochdale Road, Blackley. Buses 17 & 18 from Shudehill Interchange or 163 from Piccadilly Bus Station. Alight at Old Road and walk down or at Charlestown Road and walk back up to the entrance. Grid ref: SD 859025 What3Words: wiring.visits.cheat Nearest postcode: M9 8BR Finish: Heaton Park Metrolink, for trams to the city centre. Toilets and refreshments along the way. Dogs allowed No stiles
Sat 15 Aug Mary 078408 99545 Start time: 10:30 am	C	<u>Round a Reservoir / 7 miles / 650 ft ascent / Leisurely</u> Walking up towards Padfield, we pass the football ground and cemetery, on good paths and through fields to Bottoms Reservoir. Having circled the reservoir we walk back through Bankswood Park, passing the communications tower, through Howard Park back to the station. Great views all round. Estimated finishing time: 3 pm	Glossop Train Station Norfolk St SK13 7AQ Free parking in side streets up hill from station Toilets nearby at start Well behaved dogs on leads allowed Some stiles
Sat 22 Aug Diana Horrocks 07721 667689 Start time: 10 am	B	<u>Joint walk with Stockport Ramblers in the Goyt Valley</u> <u>9.5miles / 2 ascents totalling 1500 ft / Moderate</u> Whaley Bridge /Taxal /Fernilee/ Wythens Latch/ Combs / Eccles Pike/ Buxworth and canal back to start	Canal Wharf Car Park in Whaley Bridge Tom Brads Croft, Whaley Bridge, High Peak SK23 7LX Free parking Toilets available at start/finish Cafes and pubs in Whaley Bridge No dogs Some stiles
Sat 29 Aug Cathryn 07908 494 281 Start time: 10.00 am - earlier due to Bank Holiday weekend	C+	<u>Cartworth Moor / 6 miles / 1,247ft ascent / Leisurely</u> A walk through woodlands, farm fields with great views of the Holme Valley. A couple of steep inclines but taken at a steady pace. Estimated finish time: 2 pm	The Boshaw Trout Penistone Road Hade Edge Holmfirth HD9 2JG Parking on road and in carpark opposite the pub on the other side of the road Optional drink in pub after the walk Toilets in pub No dogs 6 stiles

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WEDNESDAY WALKS

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Weds 5 Aug Pamela Johnson 07743 986832 Start time: 10.30 am	C+	<u>Greenfield to Dovestone Reservoir Circular / 8 miles / 1351 ft ascent / Leisurely</u> From Greenfield we walk along hilly paths, tracks and lanes to Dovestone Reservoir, returning along similar paths. Estimated finishing time: 3.15 pm	Roadside parking on Chapel Road (A6051), off Chew Valley Road, Greenfield. Meeting point is halfway down Chapel Road. Grid Reference: SD993049 Postcode: (Not given because it takes people to the wrong place.) What3Words: showering.grin.dare Toilets at Greenfield Tesco and Dovestone Reservoir Dogs allowed on a short lead Some stiles
Weds 12 Aug Cathryn 07908 494 281 Start time 10.30 am	C+	<u>Lose Hill / approx 7.3miles / 1,737ft ascent / Moderate</u> Leave Castleton to climb up to Lose Hill. Walk the Great Ridge over to Hollins Cross and Mam Tor, Returning to Castleton via Cave Dale. Limestone rocks can be slippery when wet, so good footwear essential and poles recommended. Estimated finishing time: 3.30 pm	Castleton Visitors Centre Car Park (parking fees £6.80 by coins, card and the PayByPhone app , parking in village also available) Buxton Road Castleton S33 8WN Toilets in Visitor Centre No dogs Some stiles
Weds 19 Aug Pamela Johnson 07743 986832 Start time: 10.30 am	C+	<u>Farnley Tyas to Castle Hill Circular / 7 miles / 1056 ft / Leisurely</u> A hilly walk from Farnley Tyas, through fields and woods to Castle Hill, on which stand the remains of an iron age hill fort and the imposing landmark of Victoria Tower. Estimated finishing time: 3 pm	Dartmouth Recreation Ground, Thurstonland Road, Farnley Tyas. Roadside Parking on Thurstonland Road, alongside the recreation ground. Postcode: HD4 6UB (nearest) Grid Ref: SE 161 125 ///What3Words: shin.lungs.trail At the end of the walk, refreshments and toilets at the Golden Cock pub. No dogs Some stiles
Weds 26 Aug Geoff Greaves 07871 991 909 Co-Leader: Eddie Clift Start time: 11 am	D	<u>A walk around the reservoirs in the Piethorne Valley, Newhey / 3.25 miles / 325ft ascent / Fairly Easy</u> A pleasant walk along good paths, fields and lanes. Estimated finishing time: 1 pm	Bulls Head car park Lane Bottom Ogden Lane Newhey OL16 3TD Meet at 10.45pm for an 11am start. No dogs Some stiles Geoff and Eddie will be eating in the Bulls Head after the walk. Welcome to join us. No need to preorder.

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THURSDAY EVENING WALK

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Thurs 13 Aug Geoff Greaves 07871 991 909 Co-Leader: Eddie Clift Start time 18.30pm	D	<u>Roaches Lock Evening Walk / 3 miles / 300 ft ascent / Fairly Easy</u> An evening walk around Mossley and Grasscroft, taking in the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, Quick, Grasscroft and Tame Valley Way. Through fields and along good paths Estimated finishing time 8 pm	Roaches Lock Pub car park 387 Manchester Road Mossley Ashton-under-Lyne OL5 9BB Meet at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start. No dogs Some stiles Optional drinks in the Roaches Lock pub afterwards