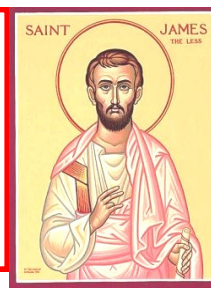


Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Parish Rambling Club

Walking Programme for 2024



Walk 1: Sunday 28th April - Seat Naze

Start Point: St Peter's Church

This walk is approximately 3.5 miles and will take about 1 hour 45 minutes. It can be quite wet and muddy so walking boots or strong shoes will be needed. There are 5 stiles to climb.

The walk starts with quite a steep climb up to the top of Seat Naze. It then levels out as we walk through fields and two pine woods. We then drop down and walk around the back of Marl Pits. There is then a second steep climb before it levels out as we walk through the fields and Bolton Wood. We return to St Peter's church down the public footpath.

Walk leaders: Ann Mulderrig & Margaret Leake.



Walk 2: Sunday 26th May - The Halo

Start Point: St James the Less Church

This walk is approximately 4 miles and will take about 2 hours. It is a moderate to difficult walk. We begin by walking up Prospect Road and at the top, cross the road to follow a gravelly path. At the bend, we go through the gate. Following a path to Cribden End Lane Farm, we go right through a small forest. At the signpost, we veer left, heading onto Cribden End Lane to the Halo. At the Halo, we enjoy the stunning views before heading down a path to Laund Lane/Oakenhead Wood Old, heading to the top of the ski slope. Finally, we continue down the path to Prospect Road and return to St James the Less.

Walk Leader: Bohdan Horbaczewskyj

Walk 3: Sunday 23rd June - Clowbridge Reservoir to Crompton Cross

Start Point: Lower free car park at Clowbridge Reservoir

Walk up to the reservoir, bear right through the gate taking the path around the rear of the sailing club and onto the far side of the reservoir. Follow the path to the far end of the reservoir and through the gate bearing right and following the path upwards, medium to steep climb, towards Crompton Cross. At this point, and to the left of Crompton Cross, pass through the five bar gate taking the path to the left, and onwards following the path down to the next five bar gate. Take a left turn following the downward path through the trees and picnic area, back to the reservoir, completing the full circuit and back to the the car park.

Estimated distance: 3.5 miles Estimated time: 1.5 to 1.75 hours

There is the option of adding on a trek to the Singing Ringing Tree from Crompton Cross if the group would like the experience! Estimated distance: 2.8 miles. Estimated time: 1.5 hours.

Total estimated distance: 6.3 miles Total estimated time: 3.25 hours.

Walk Leader: Noel Hoyle

Walk 4: Sunday 21st July Snig Hole & Ravenshore Gorge

Start Point: Car Park at the Irwell Vale Halt Stop of the East Lancashire Railway

This walk is just short of 3 miles. We will walk along the River Irwell to the viaduct at Lumb Edenfield. Then we will follow the old railway line to Snig Hole at Helmshore. We will return along the River Ogden through Ravenshore Gorge back to Irwell Vale.

The walk at times is relatively flat, but does include an uphill climb to the viaduct and then onto Snig Hole. The path in the Gorge is at times challenging, particularly if it is muddy.

Walk leader: Harry Wormleighton.

Walk 5: Sunday 8th September - Waterfoot Tunnel Walk

Start Point: Car Park at Bottom of Cowpe Road, Waterfoot

The distance is approximately 2.5 to 3 miles. This is a moderately easy walk with one hill. We walk through the tunnels to Blackwood Road in Stacksteads. Proceed up Blackwood Road for approximately 300 yards. Turn right at the end, then sharp left onto Royds Road. The path is now flat with good views of the opposite valley hillside. At the end of Royds Road, we cross a field to meet Cowpe Road which leads us back to the start of our walk.

Walk Leaders: Peter and Sheelagh Tracey.

Walk 6: Sunday 13th October - Stacksteads/Bacup Walk

Start Point: Rose and Bowl Car Park in Stacksteads

The walk is approximately 4 miles and will take around 2 hours. It can be quite wet and muddy so walking boots or strong shoes will be needed. There are no stiles to climb.

From the car park, we will walk up onto Booth Road and then Tunstead Road. From there is a steep climb over the top of Stacksteads. It then levels out as we walk through fields towards Maden Recreation Ground in Bacup. We will then make our way down to Stubbylee Park on New Line. In the park is a Café where we could stop for a drink. From the park it is mainly flat, with a couple of short inclines, as we make our way back past the quarry to the Rose and Bowl car park.

Walk Leaders: Ann Mulderrig and Margaret Leake.

All walks begin promptly at 1.00pm from the starting points listed above. Children and families are very welcome, although all children must be accompanied by an adult. If anyone requires transport to get to the start of any of the walks, please let Father Stamp know so that he can arrange.

Happy Rambling!

