

DalesBus Ramblers

Free Guided Walks by DalesBus

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Join us on a guided walk with an experienced leader in the Yorkshire Dales. All are welcome.

For all walks, please wear boots, carry a packed lunch and drink, rainwear and warm clothing. Distances and routes may vary depending on weather conditions and walk leaders retain the right to ask people not to join the walk if they have inadequate footwear/clothing.

Details of which bus to catch and start/finish points are given for each walk. You can also contact the walk leader using the phone number or email address given if you would like more information or advice, but there's usually no need to book in advance. For full details of all bus times, connecting services and tickets see the [DalesBus timetable](#) or visit: friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/

You don't have to be a member of Friends of DalesBus to join the walks, but we warmly welcome you as a member if you want to support our work and become a regular walker with us – visit friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/

Please note that the DalesBus Rambler walks have been regraded. Details of the new gradings follow at the end of this document.

Please check the friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/ website and Facebook pages for late updates on walks. There are times when we have late information about issues including weather conditions (winter), road closures for summer events etc.

February 1st Low Laithe to Brimham Rocks ending at Patley Bridge A moderate walk mostly following Nidderdale way starting at village of Low Laithe up to Brimham Rocks- an amazing collection of weird and wonderful Millstone Grit rock formations, sculpted over centuries by ice, wind and rain - and then descending the Panorama Walk into Pateley Bridge.

Expect muddy footpaths- if weather is good we can linger at Brimham Rocks to explore & take photos.

(Note: No toilet at Low Laithe so take the opportunity to use public toilets in Harrogate if possible.)

7.5 miles Moderate

Out We need to be in Harrogate early to catch the 24 Pateley Bridge bus to Low Laithe at (1015) from Harrogate Bus Station. Options for travel to Harrogate: from Leeds Bus station: catch bus 36 (0910) arrives Harrogate (1010) NB If you pay for the bus it will be worth getting a £7.50 **Yorkshire 1** day ticket which can be used on 36 & A2.

or from Bradford catch A2 (0815), Apperley Bridge station (0841) Yeadon (0852) arrives Harrogate (0937). Trains – (0906) Leeds to Harrogate train arrives H'gate at (0941) (Harrogate train stn is next door to the Bus Station)

RETURN: on 24 bus leaving from Pateley Bridge (1630) arr Harrogate at (1722). Connections in Harrogate for Leeds & Bradford using the 36 at (1730) or A2 Flyer (1755) back towards Bradford.

Led by Amelia Letima tebs 0113 amelialetima@hotmail.com

February 8th Starbotton-Kettlewell Walk linked to the Music session at the Racehorses in Kettlewell.

3 Miles – Easy

Out Catch bus 874 bus from Wetherby (0835) Leeds (0910), Otley (0950) Ilkley (1020) connection from Bradford on 864; connection at Grassington from 72 bus from Skipton, arr. Starbotton (11 33).

Return Bus 874 from Kettlewell (1635) to Ilkley, Otley and Leeds and Wetherby (connects to 864 at Ilkley (1750) for Bradford).

Led by Colin Speakman Colinspeakman799@gmail.com 07722 162957

February 8th Starbotton to Kettlewell via Arncliffe. To arrive at the Racehorses in Kettlewell for part of the Music session.

6 miles Moderate / Strenuous

Out Catch bus 874 bus from Wetherby (0835) Leeds (0910), Otley (0950) Ilkley (1020) connection from Bradford on 864; connection at Grassington from 72 bus from Skipton, arr. Starbotton (11.33).

Return Bus 874 from Kettlewell (1635) to Ilkley, Otley and Leeds and Wetherby

Led by Nigel Galloway nigel_galloway@yahoo.com

February 15th Bolton Bridge to Ilkley via Haw Pike, Addingham and Windgate Nick with views of Chelker Reservoir and the Wharfe Valley. A great walk with fabulous views and many points of interest and a great place to finish at around 1530 with plenty of time for a meal/ shopping/drink/further exploration at the end.

10 miles Moderate / Strenuous

Out Catch bus 874 Leeds City Bus Station (0910) Headingley Opp Shopping Centre (0925) Otley Bus Station (0950) Ilkley Bus Station (1020), alighting at Bolton Bridge (1032). **OR** catch bus 864 from Bradford (0925) Shipley Market Place (0940) Ilkley Bus Station (1020) changing to the 874. **Return** is via either the 874 or 864 from Ilkley (1750) depending on your destination.

Led by John Waterhouse John00waterhouse@gmail.com 07906 105272

February 22nd Hebden Ghyll & Capplestone Gate A pleasant route starting along the riverside from Burnsall, before ascending along the pleasant Hebden Ghyll to Yarnbury, then following moorland paths and tracks via Capplestone Gate to finish in Kettlewell.

10.5 miles Moderate / Strenuous

Out Catch bus 874 bus from Wetherby (0835) Leeds (0910), Otley (0950) Ilkley (1020) connection from Bradford on 864; arrive Burnsall (1050) **Return** on 874 from Kettlewell, depart (1635) to Ilkley, Otley and Leeds and Wetherby. (connects to 864 at Ilkley (1750) for Bradford).

Led by Paul Wood paul_wood91@hotmail.co.uk

DalesBus Ramblers - Walk Gradings.

EASY

These walks are for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty. Walks are on clear maintained paths & any river crossings are on bridges. Walking is mostly on the flat, there are gates rather than stiles.

Comfortable shoes or trainers can usually be worn but if bad weather, winter boots may be more appropriate.

Distance- 3-5miles

EASY-MODERATE

If you have a bit of experience walking in the countryside and a reasonable level of fitness these walks will be suitable for you. They may include unsurfaced rural paths, open countryside and some stiles. They may include some small hills.

We recommend you bring walking boots and warm & waterproof clothing suitable for the season.

Distance 5-8miles

MODERATE

These walks may be in open countryside and include some steep paths, stiles, or small crossings without bridges. Walks may be at a brisker pace so you will need a decent level of fitness and some experience of walking in the countryside. Walking boots and warm & waterproof clothing essential.

Distance 7-9miles

MODERATE-STRENUOUS

These walks may be in open countryside with hills & steep paths, stiles or small crossings and some rough terrain. They will be at a brisk pace so are recommended only for experienced walkers with good levels of fitness.

Walking boots (or trail shoes) and warm & waterproof clothing appropriate for the season are essential.

Distance 8-10miles