

DalesBus Ramblers

Free Guided Walks by DalesBus

March/April 2024



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

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 [About Friends of DalesBus](#)

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 guides 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: www.dalesbus.org.

Sunday 3rd March 2024 – “Bell Busk for Malham”

An easy five-mile stroll from Airton along the old green way to Bell Busk, once site of the railway station for Malham; then along Mark House Lane, the old Kendal road to Gargrave **Outward** - catch Cravenlink bus 864 from Bradford Sunbridge Road 0925, Shipley 0940, White Cross Bradford Road 0950, Burley 0958, Ilkley 1015 (connection on DalesBus 874 from Leeds and Otley) or Skipton at 1045 to Airton. **Return** from Gargrave at 1512 on Cravenlink bus 864 to Skipton or at 1702 on Cravenlink bus 864 to Skipton, Ilkley and Bradford. Walk Leader: Colin 07722 162957

Sunday 17th March - Burnsall to Grassington via Yarnbury Top

Moderate – 8 miles From Burnsall we'll make our way to the pretty village of Hebden then head up the side of Hebden Beck and past the old mine workings, and across to Yarnbury. From here we'll follow the walled lane out towards Burrows Pasture, then head past Bare House through several pastures and join the Dales Way by Banks Lane, where we'll head into Grassington and finish the walk **Outward** - catch bus 874 from Wetherby 0835, Leeds 0915, Otley 0950 or Ilkley 1015 (connection from Bradford Bridge Street on bus 864 at 0925); arriving Burnsall at 1045. **Return** from Grassington on bus 874 at 1700 for Ilkley, Leeds and Wetherby with onward connections. Walk Leader: Muppett (no phone)

Sunday 24th March - Two Reservoirs, a Ruin, a Cross, a Pinnacle and a White Doe with some fabulous views. Starting at the Strid Wood Tea Rooms and finishing at the Devonshire Arms in Cracoe. About 9.5 miles and quite strenuous. The walk starts from the Tea Rooms at 1035 and we climb upwards following a right of way to Lower Barden Reservoir and then onwards and upwards to Upper Barden Reservoir where we will cross the dam wall enjoying the views down the valley. Next, we join the path from Bolton Abbey to Rylstone which legend has it was followed by Emily Norton and the White Doe fabled in William Wordsworth's poem of 1808. This path leads to a wall from where the ruins of Norton Tower can be seen. Next, we follow the wall to the right to Rylstone Cross, built to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo and then along Rylstone Edge to Cracoe Pinnacle, constructed to remember the fallen in World War I. We then descend to Fell Lane leading to Cracoe and the Devonshire Arms. The expected finish time is about 1530. **Outward** catch bus 874 from Wetherby 0835, Leeds 0915, Otley 0950, Ilkley 1015, arriving at Strid Wood at 1035. **Return** from Cracoe on the 72 bus which can be caught to either Skipton (leaving Cracoe at 1605 and arriving in Skipton at 1622 for the 864 to Ilkley & Bradford at 1720) or Grassington (leaving Cracoe at about 1542 and arriving in Grassington at 1550 for the 874 to Ilkley and Leeds at 1700). Walk Leader: John on 07906 105272 or john00waterhouse@gmail.com

Easter Sunday 31st March - Yorkshire Dales Strollers walk – Airton to Malham

In search for the source of the River Aire Easy 5 miles - From Airton, we'll head down to the banks of the Aire and follow it up stream, to Aire Head, we'll then follow Malham Beck into Malham and the end of the walk. **Outward** catch bus 864 from Bradford Bridge Street 0925, Shipley 0940, White Cross Bradford Road 0951, Burley 0958, Ilkley 1020 (connection off buses 874 & 875 from Leeds) and Skipton 1050 to Airton arriving at 1115. **Return** from Malham on bus 864 at 1440 or 1640 for Skipton, Ilkley and Bradford with onward connections. Walk Leader: Muppet (no phone)

Sunday 7th April - Malham to Kilnsey via Janet's Foss and Mastiles Lane.

Moderate 7 miles. A classic walk along one of the great green roads of the Yorkshire Dales; the iconic Mastiles Lane. **Outward** catch bus 864 from Bradford Bridge Street 0925, Shipley 0940, White Cross Bradford Road 0951, Burley 0958, Ilkley 1020 (connection off buses 874 & 875 from Leeds) and Skipton 1050 to Malham arriving at 1125. **Return** on bus 874 from Tennants Arms Kilnsey at 1642 to Grassington, Ilkley and Leeds. Connection for Skipton (72) at Grassington, for Shipley and Bradford (864) at Ilkley. Walk Leader: Colin 07722 162957

Sunday 14th April - Buckden Circular via Yockenthwaite - All Creatures Great & Small Country

Moderate 8 miles . We head off along the Dales Way into Langstrothdale, passing the church at Hubberholme, then after 3 miles or so we climb up past Yockenthwaite Farm (used in the TV series, All Creatures Great & Small) and then follow the pathway through several pastures, passing Scar House Farm along the way, to the hamlet of Cray. Here we cross the road and the beck and climb up the hillside and follow the path down Buckden Raikes and finish off at the Buck Inn. **Outward** catch bus 875 from York 0825, Leeds 0920, Guiseley 0950 & Ilkley 1020, arriving at Buckden 1128. **Return** from Buckden at 1625 or 1725 to Grassington, Ilkley and Leeds with onward connections. Walk Leader: Muppett (no phone)

Sunday 21st April - West Burton to Starbotton via Walden.

10 miles. This beautiful, classic walk begins with the waterfall at West Burton followed by a gentle climb up the Walden Valley to the shoulder of Buckden Pike, passing quite close to the Polish fox war memorial, before descending down Walden Lane to Starbotton with fabulous views all round. Finishing at the Fox and Hounds in Starbotton with time for a nice pint of Lamb (brewed in Littondale and much recommended) as we will be right next to the bus stop. Estimated finish time around 1700 and there are no short cuts, so we will need to keep an eye on the clock. The walk starts in West Burton 1155. **Outward** catch bus 875 from York 0825, Leeds 0920, Ilkley 1020, Grassington 1100 (connection from Skipton on 72 at 1030). **Return** on bus 875 at from Starbotton at 1730 with onward connections at Grassington (1800) and Ilkley (1835). Walk Leader: John on 07906 105272 or john00waterhouse@gmail.com

Sunday 28th April - Yorkshire Dales Strollers Walk – Linton to Grassington via Hebden

Moderate 4 ½ miles. We head off from the bus shelter at Linton Crossroads along the road into Linton. From there we follow a path through several fields and follow a back lane into the hidden hamlet of Thorpe. From here we'll head down to the Grassington road and head through the fields down to Hebden Suspension Bridge and head up to Hebden. From here we'll head through the fields, passing through the wildflower meadows in the former grounds of Hebden Hospital, then head along High Lane and finish in Grassington. **Outward** catch bus 874 from Wetherby 0835, Leeds 0915, Otley 0952 & Ilkley 1020 (connection from Bradford 0925), arriving at Linton lane end bus stop at 1100 . **Return** on bus 876/874/875 from Grassington at 1600, 1700 or 1800 to Ilkley and Leeds with onward connections. Walk Leader: Muppett (no phone)

Maximum single fare on all DalesBus services is £2.

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