

Barnard Castle Ramblers Walks/Events Programme March 2014 - June 2014 - Revised 18th March 2014

Walks and Events - General Information

Everybody is welcome to attend the walk, but you must have appropriate footwear and clothing. For day long walks, bring enough food and drink for 5-6 hours. Most of our walks start at 10:00, but there is more variation in Winter - unusual start times are highlighted. At Weekends & Bank Holidays the normal Barnard Castle meeting place for car sharing is the Health Centre, Richardson Fields, off Victoria Road. **NB:** as members don't all live in Barnard Castle there is no guarantee that anyone will be at the Health Centre. Therefore unless you have prearranged a lift from there (see: [Walk Notes](#)) you should be prepared to make your own way to the walk location if required.

For the latest information and contact details visit our website at: barnardcastleramblers.org.uk

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Saturday - 1st March 2014 - Masham. [9 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre at 09:00, meeting the leader in the square in the centre of Masham **GR:SE225807** for 10:00 start. A walk of 9 leisurely miles past the brewery, across the golf course and along the River Burn to Swinton and Nutwith Common, Returning via Hack Fall and Ripon Rowel Walk Leader: Chris_B. mobile on the day: 07729 633419

Saturday - 8th March 2014 - Kirkby Stephen. [9 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre at 09:15 for 10.00 start at Kirkby Stephen main car park (next to Cattle Mart.) **GR:NY773089**. Walk via Waitby nature reserve - Smardalegill viaduct - Greenriggs. 9 moderate miles. Leader: Jean. Contact on day of walk - Richard: 07932 180575.

Saturday - 15th March 2014 - Wolsingham [8 Miles]

Leave Health Centre at 09:00 for 10:00 start at Wolsingham Railway Station (**GR:NZ076368**)- plenty of parking. Walk starts down river along Weardale Way, then through Black Bank Plantation, Howlea Lane, across fields back to Wolsingham. 8 moderate miles mainly on tracks and lane. Leader:Allan. mobile on day:07833 921334.

Wednesday 19th March - West Auckland - Dere St. [7 Miles]

Meet the leaders near the sculpture on West Auckland village green (**GR:NZ180263**) for a 10am start. Burnhouse Lane, Bildershaw, Dere St., West Thicklely, Brussleton Incline, Hagg Lane. 7 moderate miles of fields and tracks, with a steady climb up to Dere St. (Bring a packed lunch).

Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel. 01833 637825. Mobile on the day. 07745 451198.

Saturday - 22nd March 2014 - Ramblers Association NYSD AGM Barnard Castle [5/6 Miles]

Barnard Castle Ramblers will be hosting the North Yorkshire/South Durham Area AGM this year. Venue: United Reformed Church Hall, Queen Street, Barnard Castle **GR:NZ051164**. starting at 14:00.

Walk before the meeting: Start outside United Reformed Church Hall at 10:00, 5/6 leisurely miles along the River Tees to East Holme House returning via The Teesdale Way. Good tracks along and above the river bank for most of the way and may be shortened if required. Walk will include short coffee stop at half way so bring refreshments. Leader: Richard. tel:01833 660780. mob:07932 180575.

Sunday - 23rd March 2014 - Upper Teesdale [9 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre at 09.00 for Hanging Shaws car park on the B6277 Middleton in Teesdale - Alston Rd (**GR:NY867298**). Walks starts at 09:45, 9 moderate miles over and around Cronkley. Leader: John-B. tel:01833 650034.

Saturday 29th March 2014 – Aysgarth - Thoraby [9 Miles]

Meet the leader at Aysgarth village (**GR:SE003884**. Postcode DL8 3AD) at 10.00 for a walk of 9 moderate miles to Gayle Ing, Thoraby, Eshington Bridge, and Hestholme Bridge involving one steep descent and one steep ascent. May be amended due to weather/conditions. No dogs please. Leader: Lynda. tel:01833 640258. mob:07813 697906 on the day.

Wednesday - 2nd April 2014 - Slide Show - New Zealand

Dave Williams will give a slide show of his journey around New Zealand. 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Barnard Castle. Please use main door. Admission £3 including refreshments. Further information from Judith Tel 01642 700062.

Saturday - 5th April 2014 - Clay Bank top - Wain Stones [9 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre at 08:45 to meet the leaders in the Car Park at Clay Bank top (**GR:NZ 572036**.) for 10:00 start. Walk of 9 moderate miles (500m total ascent/descent some quite steep) and some rough going but with views to make it worthwhile - Broad Ings, East Bank Plantation and Seave Green returning via Cold Moor. May be lengthened to include Wain Stones on return (9.5 mls) if conditions permit and walkers feel like it. Leaders: Richard. Tel: 01833 660780. mob:07932 180575.

Saturday - 12th April 2014 - Newbiggin on Lune - 2 Walks [10/8 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre at 09:00 for 10:00 start at Newbiggin-on-Lune **GR:NY704052**. (Please park with consideration at the west end of the village.)

"A" Walk: 10 Miles. Smardale Bridge - Ash Fell Edge - Ravenstonedale moderate.

Leader: Jean. Contact on day of walk - Richard: 07932 180575.

"B" Walk: 8 Miles Walk with the "A" walk to Smardale Bridge, then Smardale Fell, Smardale Hall and Nature Reserve. leisurely.

Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel.01833 637825. Mobile on the day. 07745 451198. Finish off with Afternoon Tea at Lune Springs Garden Centre

Wednesday 16th April 2014 - Copley - Cowley [5 Miles]

Meet the leaders for a 10.30 start at the small car park below Copley Chimney. **GR:NZ087250**. Please car share if possible as limited parking. Cowclose Plantation, Lynsack, Brass Sides, House and Holme, Cowley and the Steel Road. 5 moderate miles of fields and woodland tracks. Bring a packed lunch.

Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel.01833 637825. Mobile on the day. 07745 451198.

Easter Saturday - 19th April 2014 - Newbiggin (Teesdale) 2 Walks.

A-Walk 9 mls. - Meet the leader at Bowlees picnic site for 10:00 start. Walk via Dirt Pit, Ettersgill, Dale Cottage, Hill End, Low Knott, East Force Garth, High Force, Pennine Way back to Low Force. Leader: Richard. tel:01833 660780. Mob:07932 180575.

B-Walk 6 mls. - Meet the leaders at Bowlees picnic site for 10:30 start. Hood Gill, Newbiggin, Brockers Gill, Stonygill Head, Riverside, Scoberry Bridge, Low Force. 5/6 moderate miles of fields and riverside. (Steady climb to the top of Brockers Gill and a steep descent from Stonygill Head). Bring a packed lunch. Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel. 01833 637825. Mobile on the day. 07745 451198.

Monday - 21st April 2014 - EASTER MONDAY - Upper Teesdale Challenge Walks

No walk by Barnard Castle Ramblers today. As an alternative you may like to try one of a selection of graded walks around Middleton in Teesdale. Full details will be available in local press and at <http://www.teesdalechallengewalks.net> Contact Lynda. tel:01833 640258. mob:07813 697906:

Saturday - 26th April 2014 - Hamsterley - Weardale Way [10 Miles]

Meet leader at Hamsterley Village Green (**GR:NZ120310**) near church at 10.00. Walk via High Shipley, Low Harperley, Weardale Way and Witton-le-Wear. 10 moderate miles, mostly field paths. Leader: Mike-C. tel. 01642 321205

Sunday - 27th April 2014 - Walks for busy people - Staindrop circular. [4 Miles]

A Sunday afternoon stroll for those who would like to walk but haven't time to organise their own routes. A good walk for visitors to 'try out' Ramblers. Stout shoes and warm clothing are advised, including waterproofs if necessary. Start 2 p.m. in Staindrop on the village green **GR:NZ127206**. 4 easy miles. Estimated finish approximately 4.30 p.m. but we won't rush. Leaders: Jenny and Gordon. 01833 908089.

Monday April 28th to Friday May 2nd 2014 - Dalegarth.

Group visit to Dalegarth, Buttermere. - Fully Booked. Contact Judith (tel:01642 700062) if you wish to be placed on the reserve list in case of cancellations.

May 2014

Saturday 3rd May 2014 - Cotherstone to Barnard Castle [10 Miles]

Meet the leaders at 09:45 in Galgate (near Age UK) to catch the 09:55 No.96 Middleton bus to Cotherstone for a linear walk back to Barnard Castle via High Shipley, Windy Hill, Holdsworth, Becksides, Harmire Bridge, Flatts Wood. 10 moderate miles. Bring Bus Pass if you have one. Please ring the leaders, check website or check bus times on Scarlett Band Website beforehand in case of change. Leaders: Jenny and Gordon. tel: 01833 908089.

Saturday - 10th May 2014 - Richmond - Applegarth [7.5 Miles]

Leave Health Centre 09:00 to meet the leaders at 10:00 in car park on Hurgill Road, Richmond **GR:NZ165013**, if car park full park along Hurgill Road. 7.5 easy miles to Whitecliff Wood, Applegarth, below Applegarth Scar, on road Clapgate Bank to Deepdale Tree, Whitecliffe Scar, High Lees with possible extension to 8.5mls. Leaders: Doug and Rachel. tel: 01325 359584

Wednesday May 14th - Egglestone Abbey - Whorlton [6 Miles]

Meet the leaders at the Egglestone Abbey car park for 10.30am start. Paradise Woods, Meeting of the waters, Mortham Towers, Whorlton, Sledwich. 6 moderate miles of fields and tracks. (Bring a packed lunch). Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel. 01833 637825. Mobile on the day.07745451198.

Saturday - 17th May 2014 - Sunbiggin Tarn [10 Miles]

Meet the Leader at Sunbiggin Tarn (**GR:NY 675078**) for a 10:00 start. Walking via Kinmond - Grange Scar - Potts Escarpment - Little Asby - Potts Valley. 10 moderate miles. Maximum of 1500ft of ascent. Some off path walking on stony rough ground. Leader: Walter. Tel: 01833 640307. mobile on the day 07796 393111

Sunday - 18th May 2014 - Walks for busy people - Forest in Teesdale - Storywalk. [4 Miles]

A Sunday afternoon stroll for those who would like to walk but haven't time to organise their own routes. A good walk for visitors to 'try out' Ramblers. Stout shoes and warm clothing are advised, including waterproofs if necessary. Start at 2pm in Hanging Shaw car park, Forest in Teesdale. **GR:NY867297**. 4 easy miles finish around 4.30 p.m. but we won't rush. Leaders: Jenny and Gordon. tel:01833 908089.

Saturday - 24th May 2014 - Barningham [9 Miles]

Meet the leader at 10:00 on the rough parking at the edge of the moor at West end of Barningham – **GR:NZ079100**. Walk is 9 moderate miles of quiet roads and good tracks. Route may vary on the day but will probably include East Hope, How Tallon and Badger way Stoop. May be extended to 10.5 miles by return around perimeter of Barningham Park if conditions permit. Leader: Maggie. telephone in advance and on day: 07759 033088.

Monday - 26th May 2014 - Spring Bank Holiday - Cautley Spout [11 Miles]

Leave Health Centre at 09:00 to meet the leader near the Cross Keys on the A683 Kirkby Stephen - Sedbergh Road (**GR:SD 698969**) for 10:00 start. Parking available on road side north of Cross Keys. Walk of 11 strenuous miles with steep climb past the spectacular Cautley Spout (care needed!), The Calf, Brant Fell, Crook, Sedbergh, return along the River Rawthey valley. Opportunity for shorter less strenuous walks in the area - contact the leader for details. Leader:Richard. tel 01833 660780. mob.07932 180575. Note: The Cross Keys is a Temperance Inn but does excellent tea and cakes.

Saturday - 31st May 2014 - West Witton - Penhill. [8 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre 09:00 to meet the leader at 10:00 in West Witton (**GR:SE 066885**), park in lay-by on A684 at East end of village . Some on street parking available in the village opposite the Fox and Hounds. Walk to begin at the Capple Bank footpath opposite the bus stop. Capple Bank, Melmerby, Penhill. 8 moderate miles and 1150 feet of ascent. Exposed and may be windy. Leader:Sean tel:01325 251106. mob:07582 859356.

Wednesday- 4th June 2014 - Slide Show - Patagonia Part 2

Jenny and Gordon will continue the slide show of their backpacking trip to Patagonia. 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Barnard Castle. Please use main door. Admission £3 including refreshments. Further information from Jenny and Gordon 01833 908089.

Saturday - 7th June 2014 - Coach Trip - Coniston - 3+ Walks

Coach will Leave Charles Dickens Lodge, Barnard Castle at 8am. There will be 3 led walks from Coniston starting at about 10:00:

A-Walk: Leaders: Jenny and Gordon. A strenuous walk up Coniston Old Man. exact route to be decided,

B-Walk: Leader: Allan. A Mid Level Walk to Yewdale Cragg, Holme Fell, Hole Rake. 1500ft of ascent. moderate 6/7 Miles.

C-Walk: Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. A 5 mls moderate walk from Coniston to Tarn Hows with some uphill climbing. Although this is the shorter walk, it is not easy, boots are essential, but the pace will be slower.

OR ELSE: No Leader. Alternatively you can walk the short distance to Coniston Lake, take a steamer trip or visit Brantwood House. As the coach route is via Ambleside, there is the option of spending the day there. For more options, or more details about the walks, ring the walks leaders. Jenny and Gordon: 01833 908089, Joan-M and Ian-M: 01833 637825, Allan: 07833 921334. Cost of the coach will be no more than £10 per person, depending on exact numbers. Names to Richard (14 places still available on 17/03/14) with £5 deposit by Saturday May 31st. Tel. 01833 660780. mob: 07932 180575. or bcramblers@gmail.com (Also - with an indication of which walk you are interested in) We are not booking a group meal for after the walks. Instead we will be leaving Coniston at 17:00 arriving in Ambleside at 17:30 where there is a selection of places for a drink or a meal. NOTE: We MUST leave Ambleside by 19:15 due the coach driver's operating hours.

Saturday - 14th June 2014 - Yarm - Tees Barrage - with River Cruise [10 Miles]

Meet after 09:00 at Talpore Hotel, near the Tees Barrage, Stockton on Tees. ([GR:NZ462193](http://www.barnardcastle-ramblers.co.uk). Post Code: TS17 6QB.) for coffee.

Walk to Tees Barrage (20-30 mins) for the 10:15 Teesside Princess sailing to Yarm (arrive 12:00) and walk back along the river. 10 moderate miles, no stiles. Note: Start time is provisional pending the publication of the Teesside Princess Summer Timetable. Please check this website or ring leader nearer the date. Cost of River Cruise(04/02/14) is £7.95 single or £9.95 return (if you do not wish to walk back). Also option to disembark at Preston Park (£5.00) for shorter walk back - along your own route. Leader: Judith. tel: 01642 700062. Mobile on day 07587 539229.

Sunday 15th June 2014 - Walks for busy people - Hamsterley Forest. [4 Miles]

A Sunday afternoon stroll for those who would like to walk but haven't time to organise their own routes. A good walk for visitors to 'try out'. Ramblers. Stout shoes and warm clothing are advised, including waterproofs if necessary. Starting at 2 p.m. in Hamsterley Visitors Centre car park ([GR:NZ092312](http://www.barnardcastle-ramblers.co.uk).) for one of the Forestry Commission Bedburn Walks of 4 moderate miles. Finish around 4.30 p.m. but we won't rush. Leaders: Jenny and Gordon. 01833 908089.

Saturday - 21st June 2014 - Middleton in Teesdale [10 Miles]

Meet leader at Middleton in Teesdale W.M.Club [GR:NY947254](http://www.barnardcastle-ramblers.co.uk). car park at 10.00am. Walk via Pennine Way to Scoberry Bridge, Newbiggin, Hudeshope and Skears Quarry. 10 moderate miles of field and rough moorland paths. Leader: Joan-C. tel. 01642 321205

Wednesday June 25th - Reeth - Helaugh [7 Miles]

Meet the leaders in the centre of Reeth ([GR:SE 038993](http://www.barnardcastle-ramblers.co.uk).) for 10am start. Castle Farm, Low Cringley, Thirnswood Hall, Helaugh. 7 leisurely miles of fields and moorland. Can be lengthened to 8.5 miles via Grinton. (Bring a packed lunch).

Leaders: Joan-M and Ian-M. Tel. 01833 637825. Mobile on the day 07745451198.

Saturday - 28th June 2014 - Hawes - Mossdale [11 Miles]

Leave the Health Centre 08:45 to meet the leader at 10:00 in the public car park at the Western end of Hawes [GR:SD890897](http://www.barnardcastle-ramblers.co.uk). An interesting circular walk of 11 moderate miles from Hawes to Cotterdale and Mossdale with some significant uphill climbs and through wild flower meadows Leader: Judith. tel: 01642 700062. Mobile on day: 07587 539229.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday - July 12th 2014 - Annual Barbeque at Cotherstone

Wednesday - August 6th 2014 - Slide Show - Details to Follow

Wednesday - October 1st 2014 - Slide Show - Details to Follow