

## **UK CHAPTER OF THE COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS**

Here are the details of our proposed walks in the UK during the summer months. Please support the leaders who have gone to the trouble of setting these up for you by getting in touch with them to confirm your attendance as soon as you can.

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Leader – Ann Price – 10am start.**

Long Mynd Circuit – Start point:- Lat: 52.545651, Long: -2.821968 and post code is SY6 6JG. Park at the National Trust Carding Mill, Church Stretton, Shropshire - good cafe, shop and toilets. Parking fee for non National Trust Members.

For people looking for accommodation there are a number of places in Church Stretton and then there is Shrewsbury which is about a 30 min drive away , or Ludlow which is another very pretty town.

9.67 Miles, total ascent about 550m. Time about 4.30 to 5 hrs including banana and lunch stops (guesstimate)

This walk begins and ends in the market town of Church Stretton at the National Trust Car Park, at the foot of the Long Mynd. The circuit sees a moderate climb for the first hour or so, but the terrain levels out before too long. Pole Bank provides views of many of the Shropshire Hills on a clear day, and the second half of the walk and descent back down to Church Stretton takes you past the Midland Glider Club,

Contact Ann to confirm your attendance on:- Tel 07932 516 473 Mobile or Home 01547 530 490. Email to priceyam@gmail.com

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Leader – Martin Dunkley**

Upper Hulme, near Leek and just off the A53 between Stoke and Leek.. Meet at Hen Cloud Lay-by ST13 8UA, SK005615, Lat: 53.1509, Long: -1.99246.

The Roaches, Gradbach woods, Hen Cloud. Brilliant views across Cheshire. Lovely cafe at end of walk. 16.5km 457m. **10am start.**

Contact Martin to confirm your attendance on 07966466175 or at midunkley@aol.com

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Leader – Ralph Phipps or Sue Bonser. 10am Start.**

This walk, in the Staffordshire/Derbyshire area will pass the famous beauty spot of "Three Shires Head".



An optional picnic lunch spot will be on top of Shutlingsloe (500m). (Picnic at a lower level for those not attempting the hike up). (NB: The option for Shutlingsloe will add 230m asc. and 3km onto the walk).

The start point and parking is as follows:  
Park at:- The Roaches Car Park, Gradbach.

**Please note – there is no phone signal at Gradbach car park**

OS grid reference SJ998662. Lat 53.192958, Long: -2.002815 Postcode SK17 0SU (approx. location only)

This is a free public car park beside the River Dane on the Staffordshire/Cheshire border close to the Mill at Gradbach.

At the end of the walk there is an option for afternoon tea at Gradbach Mill.

<https://www.gradbach.co.uk/about/location/>

The moderate walk which will be lead by Sue Bonser and Ralph Phipps, will be approximately 5 hrs., 380m asc., 11km. for the shorter option and 610m and 14km for the longer option. We will finish all together. All are welcome. If you are planning to come along will you please let either Ralph Phipps or Sue Bonser know as an indication of numbers would be useful. (Tel numbers in Spring Programme) Or contact Ralph at [phipps.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:phipps.ralph@gmail.com) and Sue at [bonserm@gmail.com](mailto:bonserm@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Leader – Colin Ayrton – 10am start.**

The walk can be found on **OS map OL21 - South Pennines**

Meet at National Trust Car Park (pay & display unless a member) at Hardcastle Crags - Grid Ref 988 292 for 10am start. Lat: 53.758715, Long: -2.018871

Follow the A6033 from Hebden Bridge for approx.1km then fork left - Signed for Hardcastle Crags, follow this road for another 1km until you reach the entrance to the NT site. We will try and park in the first car park on the right, there should be enough room mid week, if not there are 2 larger overspill car parks available.

The proposed walk is approx 11/12 km on mostly good paths and tracks (dependent on the weather of course) with a few short stretches of tarmac.



Lumb Hole waterfall

From the start we have gentle climb up the side of Crimsworth Dean before dropping down to the beck to take in Lumb Hole Waterfall, we then continue onto Grain Water Bridge re cross the beck and follow the Calder/Aire link path up a short steep climb, over open moorland and through the small Hamlet of Walshaw before cutting across to Hebden Dale and following the river course through Hardcastle Craggs back to the car park. There is a NT cafe at Gibson Mill (Old Cotton Mill) in Hardcastle Craggs which may be open but please don't rely on it)

After the walk If any one is interested (and has the time) we could have a meal at a local pub in Hebden Bridge - If possible let me know on this one prior to the day.

Contact Colin to confirm your attendance on: 07899 841592 or email to [colin.ayrton@gmail.com](mailto:colin.ayrton@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Leader – Caroline Martin – 10am start.**

This walk starts in Rosedale Abbey, <https://goo.gl/maps/jYewikmtEkTvXqP9>.

There are 2 tea shops at least 1 pub, a caravan park/campsite and other accommodation.

In North Dale (nearby) there are some Andy Goldsworthy ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy\\_Goldsworthy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Goldsworthy)) installations, which last year weren't open to the general public, but if you are in 'the know' they can be viewed. If I can I will get the keys and the route to view these sculptures.

The walk is about 7 miles (11.2km) climb isn't more that 400m If this is of interest then I will try and persuade the art expert in my UK walking group (North York Moors walking group) to lead the walk with me so everyone can benefit from his knowledge, otherwise you'll get the shortened version i.e what I can remember of his explanations.

Contact Caroline to confirm your attendance by txt or send a whatsapp to 07505498853 or email to [carolinemartin275@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemartin275@gmail.com) in the first instance **no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June**