

Parish Walk – Leadmines Loiter + Pikestones & Roundloaf

Saturday 18th June (9ish miles)

Meet 10am The Royal Car-Park Tockholes BB3 0PA

The meeting point is the Ramblers Café / Roddlesworth Information Centre

Leadmines Clough:

We will take lesser used scenic paths through Tockholes Plantation, over to Slipper Lowe and out at Piccadilly. Crossing the A675 we will take a short-cut access path up to Adam's Delf, climb steadily to Redmond's Edge. Here we will drop down by Standing Stones Hill to the main path through the beautiful area around Sam's Pasture where we will pause for the views and a drink stop. Heading down to Simms ruin, we will veer off the main path to the woods of Leadmines Clough and wind up-stream to view the 'secret' middle waterfall.

Pikestones:

Back to the bridge there will be a short climb past the Polish War Memorial where we will emerge in the field and track, heading towards Jepson's Gate. We will take a right turn on the access land up past the 'dying' forest until we reach our lunch stop at Pike Stones, a Neolithic burial chamber. Here there are amazing views of Winterhill, Rivington, the coast and on a clear day, the Welsh mountains. After lunch we will walk around the forest below Rushy Brow where we'll join the Limestone Brook which flows into Leadmines Clough.

Roundloaf

Winding our way up another 'hidden' trail, Limestone Clough, we'll come out onto Anglezarke moor and find our next discovery, Roundloaf, another historical gem and Neolithic burial mound. We will then cross the moor towards Great Hill farm and rejoin the path from Great Hill. We will pause for a brew and view at Great Hill shelter and then drop down past Pimms Farm, down towards Rocky Brook and back through another hidden trail to the arched 'Cathedral' of trees back to The Royal.

This is a varied walk with lovely views and 3 specific places of historical interest. Our regular walkers will have no problem, but please note there are a number of access paths on open moorland which are less stable, so walking poles may be helpful. Bring packed lunch, water and wear layers suitable for mixed weather.

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