

# Guided walks and events in 2018/19

## Key

- Family friendly
- Steep climbs
- Rough terrain or off-path walking

Please meet our Walk Leaders at Marsden railway station at 10am unless otherwise stated. The walk durations listed are approximate and actual walk times may vary.

Most of our guided walks are free, but please help us look after this special place with a donation.

## Guided Walks

### March

**Saturday 10 March, 10am**  
**Hail Caesar**  
10 miles/6 hours  
Discover a hidden Roman road as you follow ancient tracks to the Roman forts at Castleshaw.

**Sunday 18 March, 10am**  
**Aircraft wrecks of Black Hill**  
10 miles/5.5 hours  
A strenuous walk to explore the four aircraft wrecks on the moors. Of interest to serious walkers and aviation or recent history enthusiasts. Meet at Digley Reservoir car park (south, grid ref 109068)

**Friday 30 March**  
**Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt** – see Other Events  
**Plant sales** – see Plant Sales

**Friday 30 March, 2pm**  
**Good Friday family walk**  
3 miles/2 hours  
Enjoy a family-friendly walk to Sparth reservoir and then up the hillside to enjoy views over Marsden.

### April

**Saturday 7 April, 10am**  
**Marsden meander: Bobus**  
6.5 miles/5.5 hours  
A slow paced walk along some lesser known moorland paths with lots of photo opportunities. Ideal for families wanting to explore the moors.

**Saturday 14 April, 9.30am**  
**Ten reservoir walk**  
16 miles/6.5 hours  
A demanding walk taking in 10 reservoirs and enjoying the magnificent area that is Marsden Moor.

**Friday 20 April, 6.15pm**  
**Cuckoo walk**  
2.5 miles/2 hours  
Meet at Marsden Mechanics for a family-friendly moorland walk to hear the legend of the Marsden cuckoo.

**Sunday 22 April, 10am**  
**Routes around the valley**  
7.5 miles/6 hours  
A mostly easy walk around the Colne Valley but with some steep climbs up rough cobbled tracks.

**Thursday 26 April, 7pm**  
**March Haigh evening walk**  
5 miles/2.5 hours  
There are some steep slopes on this moderate circular walk but you'll be rewarded with stunning views.

**Saturday 28 April, 10am**  
**To the Heights**  
11.5 miles/6.5 hours  
See extensive Pennine views as we cross the watershed to the 18th-century Heights Church at Delph and return along Harrop Edge and Pule slades.



### May

**Tuesday 1 May, 6.30pm**  
**Meet the lambs**  
2.5 miles/2 hours  
Bring all the family to meet the lambs you see on the moors and find out how the orphan lambs are looked after. No dogs.

**Saturday 5 May, 10am**  
**Greenfield to Marsden**  
10 miles/5.5 hours  
Meet at Greenfield station and follow ancient routes across the Pennine ridge and down to Marsden. Train: Huddersfield to Manchester or Bus: 184.

**Saturday 12 May, 10am**  
**A walk on the Pennine Way**  
7.5 miles/4 hours  
Explore the historic landscape along the moor's edge with fantastic views from the Pennine Way. Starts at Brun Clough car park, 3 miles SW of Marsden on the A62.

**Saturday 19 May, 9am**  
**Laddow rocks circular**  
21 miles/9 hours  
A strenuous circular walk across the moor tops and valleys from Standedge to Chew Valley, returning by Black Hill.

**Sunday 20 May,**  
**Spring plant fair** – see Plant Sales

**Saturday 26 May, 10am**  
**Marsden meander: reservoirs**  
6.5 miles/5 hours  
A gentle paced walk for all the family visiting five historic reservoirs with lots of rest stops and photo opportunities.

### June

**Sunday 3 June, 10am**  
**Tweeting on the moors**  
8 miles/6 hours  
Join our local expert for an eye-opening trek to discover the important moorland birds on Marsden Moor. No dogs.

**Saturday 9 June, 10am**  
**Merry-go-round**  
7.5 miles/6.5 hours  
A medium circular walk around the Colne valley with moderate climbs and stunning views.

**Sunday 10 June, 9.45am**  
**Over and under adventure**  
5 miles/5.5 hours  
Take a boat trip all the way through Britain's longest, highest and deepest canal tunnel and a fairly strenuous 5 mile guided walk over the moors. Meet at Standedge Tunnel visitor centre, 10 minutes' walk from Marsden station. In partnership with the Canal and River Trust. £22.50, booking essential on 01484 844298

**Saturday 16 June, 3am**  
**Early morning madness**  
7 miles/5 hours incl. breakfast  
Walk on the moor, catch the sunrise and end the walk with a well-earned breakfast. £7, booking essential on 01484 847016.

**Thursday 21 June, 8pm**  
**Summer solstice**  
4 miles/2 hours  
Stroll on the Pennine Way along Millstone Edge to see stunning far reaching views and watch the sun set on the longest day. Meet at Brun Clough car park, 3 miles SW of Marsden on the A62.

**Sunday 24 June, 1.30pm**  
**Secrets of Wessenden**  
4 miles/3 hours  
Amid the beautiful Wessenden valley hear the secrets of the Luddites, a textile dynasty, early farmsteads and the effects of the reservoir construction.

### July

**Sunday 1 July, 10am**  
**Marsden Moor three peaks**  
11 miles/6 hours  
Take in the high points of Marsden Moor and be rewarded with spectacular views. Suitable for any relatively fit walker but does include some steep climbs.

**Tuesday 3 July, 6.30pm**  
**Sheep shearing**  
3 miles/2 hours  
This time of year the hill farmers of Marsden are shearing their sheep. Bring the family to walk to one of the oldest local farms to see how this is done. No dogs.

**Sunday 8 July, 9.45am**  
**Over and under adventure**  
See Sunday 10 June

**Thursday 12 July, 7pm**  
**Stanza stones evening walk**  
4.5 miles/2.5 hours  
Discover the Stanza stones and see the amazing views from Pule Hill.

**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July**  
**Summer plant sale** – see Plant Sales

**Saturday 28 July, 10am**  
**Digley circular**  
8 miles/4.5 hours  
Meet at Digley north car park for a family-friendly walk. You can take a short cut back if you get tired.

**Sunday 29 July, 1.30pm**  
**Pule Hill rocks and Pennine landscapes**  
2 miles/3 hours  
Unlock the secrets of Marsden's landscape and visit a fossil site and gritstone quarry – a hand lens would be useful. Meet at A62/Mount Road junction, 2.3 miles SW of Marsden.

### August

**Sunday 5 August, 9.45am**  
**Over and under adventure**  
See Sunday 10 June

**Saturday 11 August, 9.30am**  
**Black Hill**  
15 miles/7 hours  
A challenging walk to Black Hill on the Pennine Way. Ideal for those who want to test their stamina.

**Saturday 18 August, 10am**  
**Marsden meander: Wessenden**  
6.5 miles/5 hours  
This gentle paced walk is great for getting started with moorland walking with lots of rest stops and photo opportunities in the Wessenden Valley.

**Saturday 25 August, 9.30am**  
**Market to market**  
14 miles/7 hours  
A challenging walk but you'll be rewarded with dramatic views over the sweeping moorland.

### September

**Saturday 1 September, 10am**  
**Way Stone views**  
10 miles/5 hours  
A strenuous walk to the Way Stones to take in spectacular views over the M62 and beyond.

**Sunday 2 September, 9.45am**  
**Over and under adventure**  
See Sunday 10 June

**Sunday 9 September, 9.30am**  
**Long way around Bobus!**  
12 miles/7 hours  
A challenging walk over the southern part of the estate.

**Sunday 16 September, 1.30pm**  
**Marsden heritage walk**  
2 miles/2.5 hours  
Join us for a fascinating story of 15th-century farming, 18th-century handloom weaving, textile magnates and Luddites set amid the story of routes crossing the towering Pennine ridge.

**Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September**  
**End of season plant sale** – see Plant Sales

**Saturday 29 September, 10am**  
**Blackmoorfoot & Deer Hill reservoir walk**  
10.5 miles/6 hours  
A fairly hard walk passing two of the local moorland reservoirs.

### October

**Saturday 6 October, 10am**  
**Jazz walk**  
2 miles/1.5 hours  
Come and see fantastic views over Marsden and drink in some local history before all that Jazz.

**Saturday 20 October, 10am**  
**The Hidden Valley, Dean and Scammonden**  
9 miles/5.5 hours  
Climb to Buckstones Moss to see extensive long range views and then follow the ridge boundary stones to the head of Scammonden valley.



### November

**Saturday 10 November, 1.30pm**  
**What happened to the Barracuda?**  
5 miles/3 hours  
Find out about the Fairey Barracuda that crashed at Redbrook Clough in 1945.

### December

**Weekends in December**  
**Christmas tree sale** – see Other Events

**Sunday 9 December, 11am**  
**Seasonal saunter**  
6 miles/4 hours  
Escape the Christmas preparations and join us for a festive moorland walk with a stop for mince pies and mulled wine.

**Wednesday 26 December, 12noon**  
**Boxing Day walk**  
5 miles/3 hours  
Stretch your legs and burn off some of that Christmas pudding on this invigorating walk above Marsden.

### January 2019

**Tuesday 1 January, 11am**  
**New Year's Day walk**  
5 miles/3 hours  
Celebrate the New Year and enjoy winter views of Marsden on this family-friendly walk.

### February 2019

**Saturday 2 February, 10am**  
**The elusive mountain hare**  
8 miles/5.5 hours  
Take in the views over Wessenden, cross the moorland top and maybe see a mountain hare.

**Saturday 23 February 10am**  
**Water stops brewer's dream**  
10 miles/5.5 hours  
A brewer's family dream of a grouse moor was short lived when Oldham bought the land for water reservoirs.

## Other Events

**Every Monday, 10.15am**  
**Nordic walking**  
Nordic walking uses 90% of muscles but reduces stress on joints. Suitable for novices and experienced walkers, equipment provided. Meet at our Information Room at 10.15am. Phone Graham on 07761 488745 to book.

**Every month: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10.45am**  
**Health walks**  
2 – 4 miles  
Let an experienced walk leader guide you on a relaxed walk around the Marsden countryside. Meet at our Information Room.

**Good Friday 30 March, 10am – 2pm**  
**Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt**  
Hunt for clues to claim your Cadbury prize. Hunt takes about 45 mins. £2

**December weekends, 9.30am – 3.30pm**  
**Christmas tree sale – starts 1 Dec**  
If you buy your Christmas tree from us you'll help us to continue our moorland conservation work.

## Plant Sales

**Fridays from 30 March – end September, 10am – 3pm**  
**Friday plant sales**  
Brighten up your garden with our great value, home-grown garden plants, upcycled wooden planters and bird boxes. This supports our work to look after this special place. On sale next to the Information Room.

**Sunday 20 May, 10.30am – 3pm**  
**Spring plant fair**  
Enjoy a great selection of home-grown plants for sale along with local produce and information stalls. Proceeds from our plant sales help us look after this special place. In the Old Goods Yard car park, free entry.

**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July, 10.30am – 3pm**  
**Summer plant sale**  
Browse our range of good value, home-grown garden plants and wooden planters at our mid-season plant event. Our volunteers will be on hand to help, and proceeds help support our work.

**Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September, 10.30am – 3pm**  
**End of season plant sale**  
Pick up some garden bargains with price reductions at the end of the season.