

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 lense 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 13 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