WALKS FREE ARE ALL Important information commitment this programme would not be possible. We're very grateful thanks to the volunteer Guides. Without their support, Groundwork Pennine Lancashire wish to record their commitment. Countryside Guides are of different types and standards from easy to hard. The third Sunday walks are longer with less talking. Most of the walks start where car parking is available nearby and at a place accessible by public transport.

Do I have to bring anything?
These are walks in open countryside, sometimes in quarries, so you will be more comfortable if you wear strong shoes or walking boots for the rougher ground. The weather can change, so bring a waterproof, and don’t forget that Rossendale is hilly, and it can be cooler on the tops, so wear warm clothing. On third Sunday walks you will need to bring a packed lunch and drink.

What about bad weather?
The Guide will be at the start to meet you whatever the weather. Adverse weather doesn’t normally stop a walk, but the Guide may change a route to suit prevailing conditions. All our walks bring you back to the start point.

What about my dog?
We regret that dogs are not permitted on any of the walks, with the exception of guide and hearing dogs.

How do I get involved?
These walks are led and backed up by volunteer Countryside Guides, all give their time freely and are happy to share their knowledge with you. If you like our programme or have an interest in Rossendale’s rich countryside why not become a guide? Ask about the free training - we’re a friendly group.

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Important information

A responsible adult must accompany children and vulnerable adults at all times.

On your first walk you will be asked to provide an emergency contact number and inform the walk leader of any medical condition that may have a bearing on your ability to complete the walk.

The guides reserve the right to refuse to take people who, in their opinion, have unsuitable footwear or clothing, or who would not be able to keep up with the pace or length of the walk. This is for the safety of the person concerned and the safety of the group.

Whilst every effort will be made by the organisers to ensure the safety of participants and their property, please remember that everyone taking part does so at their own risk.

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What if I have further questions?
Please contact Arthur Baldwin on 01254 669060 or email pennine.walks@groundwork.org.uk

for more information about Groundwork Pennine Lancashire visit www.gwpl.co.uk

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More Rossendale walks
Active Spaces sessions are focussed around having fun and are ideal for people who might not take part in regular exercise or perhaps would rather walk in a group than alone.

Tuesday / ROSENDALE ROAMERS
New walkers meet at 09.30am, others meet at 10.00am.
Walk for approx. 1½ hrs, some inclines and stiles. Various locations across Rossendale.
Tel: Jane on 07595 778 327.

Wednesday / CRICKETERS CANTER
Meet at 11.00am, Rawtenstall Cricket Club, Bacup Rd, Rawtenstall for a 45 minute walk. Class A walk (Easy) in the local area.

Thursday / WOODLANDS CLOSE RESIDENTS WALK
A walk of 30 to 45 mins. Meet at 10.30am at the Woodside Crescent Community Centre, Staghill Rd, Rawtenstall for a 45 minute walk. Class A walk (Easy).

Thursday / HEALY DELL WALK
Start 10.30pm walk for approx. 1 hr.
Meet on the small car park of the Sandwich Hut on the A671 Market Street, Whitworth. Medium paced flat walk.

Saturday, once a month, first Saturday in the month / TOR CIRCULAR
10.00am start. Walk for approx. 1½ hrs.
Meet on the main road outside Helmshore Textile Museum, Holcombe Road, Helmshore, please park on the main road. Mud, stiles, steep inclines, fabulous views.

For further information contact Jane on 01254 452381 / 07595 778327 or jane.ingham@groundwork.org.uk

Rossendale walks outside Rossendale

Walks outside Rossendale
These guided walks are part of the Watershed Landscape programme which also include the Rossendale walks marked by . For details of all walks in this programme visit www.watershedlandscape.co.uk

Sun 22 May / WIDDOP AND GORPLE RESERVOIRS
Attractive walk linking three upland reservoirs in striking gritstone and boulder-streem moorland scenery.
Meet guide Derek Southward at Widdop Reservoir (120m East of Dam) on Colne – Hebden Bridge minor rd, OL14 6NX  Grid Ref 937 237
Walk starts at 1.30pm ——— 4.5 miles

Sun 31 July / SHEDDEN LIMESTONE HUSHINGS
One of the best short walks from Hurstwood visits the unusual industrial archaeology of the Shedden limestone hushings.
Meet guide Arthur Baldwin at Hurstwood reservoir car park, Hurstwood (near Worthome), BB10 3LH
Walk starts at 1.30pm ——— 4 miles

Sun 30 October / PACKHORSE WAYS
Discover the distinctive stone ‘causeyed’ packhorse trails that are a rich feature of the Todmorden Landscape, seen here either side of the Walsden Valley.
Meet guide David Humphries at the car park on Myrtle Street off Halifax Rd, Todmorden, OL14 6JW
Walk starts at 12.30pm ——— up to 9 miles

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New Opportunities

1st Sundays  /  3 - 4 Miles

Special introductory walks which are fairly short, easy paced, with lots of interesting things to see. An insight into the countryside and stone heritage for the family with children or those not wishing to go far - suitable whatever your age (some rough terrain especially in quarries).

Valley of Stone

2nd Sundays  /  4 - 6 Miles

Come along and learn about our rich heritage, with information about particular themes or aspects of Rossendale (be willing to be talked at). These walks are at a moderate pace, usually around 2mph (some rough terrain especially in quarries).

Further Afield

3rd Sundays  /  7 - 9 Miles

Longer walks but still at a moderate pace, usually around 2mph, using quieter upland paths and looking at particular themes or views. Please be well equipped with strong boots etc. Bring a packed lunch. Please choose a mileage within your personal fitness limits (some rough terrain especially in quarries).

Sun 1 May / FOSSIL FORAY / 🦈
Seek out fossils on the Pennine watershed of Todmorden Moor, and trace evidence of former life on old mine sites (rough terrain).
Meet guide Arthur Baldwin at the junction of Flower Scar Rd (near to summit), Shawneyford, OL13 9UX
Walk starts at 1.30pm 🆓 - 3 - 4 miles

Sun 8 May / HERITAGE TRAIL REVISITED
Retrace an early heritage walk by the late John B. Taylor down Laund Clough and up Bacovend Bank.
Meet guide Arthur Baldwin on Rising Bridge Rd (behind ‘Spice Room’), Rising Bridge, BB5 2SN
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 5 miles

Sun 15 May / PILGRIM’S CROSS
An upland walk of rich contrasts on the slopes of Holcombe Hill to the ancient location of Pilgrim’s Cross.
Meet guide Mike Lee outside the White Horse Pub Helmshore (please use verge side parking in Alden Rd), BB4 4LU
Walk starts at 12.30pm 🆓 - 8 miles

Sun 5 June / ROUND THE CAMEL’S HUMPS
Follow old lanes and footpaths past the open airy tops of East and West Hile, superb central vantage point with 360 degree views.
Meet guide Jean Blackledge at the car park in Stacksteads (opposite the Rose ‘n’ Bowl), OL13 0UG
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 4 miles

Sun 12 June / ADRENALINE LINK
Discover a new moorland multi-user link route between the ‘Adrenaline’ quarries of Cragg and Lee, via Hell Clough.
Meet guide Arthur Baldwin at the car park in Stacksteads (Opposite the Rose ‘n’ Bowl), OL13 0UG
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 5 miles

Sun 19 June / NORTHERN NEIGHBOURS
Head northwards to the impressive scenery of Cliviger and Holme Chapel, along a section of the Pennine Bridleway.
Meet guide Peter Harris at lay-by, 200m up Crown Point Rd, NW of jct B6206 and A671 Bacup – Burnley Rd, BB11 3RL
Walk starts at 12.30pm 🆓 - 8-9 miles

Sun 3 July / WHITWORTH DOCTORS TRAIL
Walk in the footsteps of the famous Whitworth Doctors and bone-setters, including the evocative conservation area and neighbouring valley side.
Meet guide Marrian Tattersall at the junction of Hall St / Market St, Whitworth, OL12 8QJ
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 3 miles

Sun 10 July / THIS ONE FOR JOHN B.
A pilgrimage to Waugh’s Well, marvellous moorland monument, visited annually by John B Taylor (poems and prose will be read at 3pm).
Meet guide Arthur Baldwin at the main car park opposite the former Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, BB4 7EU
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 4 miles

Sun 17 July / CARR AND CRAGGS / 🎧
Over to the splendid Cliviger Gorge via Beamshaw Tower and ascending Green’s Clough with its industrial archaeology.
Meet guide Jennifer Crook at the junction of Flower Scar Rd (near to summit) Shawneyford, OL13 9UX
Walk starts at 12.30pm 🆓 - 7 miles

Sun 7 August / DEAN SWEETHEART MURDER
Hear about the notorious tale of a murdered sweetheart on a Dean Valley circuit, with sweeping open hillsides and views.
Meet guide Becky Livsey at the bus shelter in Water Village, BB4 9QR
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 473) 🆓 - 4 miles

Sun 14 August / CLOWBRIDGE CIRCUITS / 🎧
Explore the splendid and numerous hill top circuits created on the Clowbridge Reservoir catchment.
Meet guide David Humphries at Clowbridge Reservoir lower car park, Duncoumshaw (may be parking fee), BB11 2PF
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus X43) 🆓 - Up to 6 miles

Sun 21 August / LIMERSGATE RIDGE
Ascend Burrow Wardle and follow the eastern ridge route of Limersgate and the valley side above Watergrove Reservoir. Meet guide Marian Tattersall at the junction of Hall St / Market St, Whitworth, OL12 8QJ
Walk starts at 12.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 8 miles

Sun 4 September / HALO AGAIN
Visit the iconic ‘Halo’ Sculpture, the ‘Land Panopticon’ on a reclaimed former quarry site overlooking Haslingden.
Meet guides Catherine Pattinson and Carole Eastham at the car park behind Haslingden Library, Deardengate, Haslingden, BB4 9QL
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 4 miles

Sun 11 Sept / CALL MY BLUFF – WHICH WAY TO TURN?
Decipher truth from amazing lies in the fascinating Plunge and Twine Valleys, passing Fisherman’s Retreat.
Meet three tale-telling bluffers in Exchange St, off Market St, Edenfield, BL0 6LA
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Buses 273, 573, 483) 🆓 - 5 miles

Sun 18 Sept / OVER THE WATERSHED / 🎧
A high level route over the eastern ridge of Rossendale’s Pennine watershed to the attractive clough scenery on the Calderdale side.
Meet guide David Humphries outside Shawforth Chapel, off Market St, Shawforth, OL12 8HD
Walk starts at 12.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 8 miles

Sun 2 Oct / LEE QUARRY ARCHAEOLOGY TRAIL / 🎧
A look at the fascinating industrial archaeological trail of Lee Quarry – an insight into quarrying on a massive scale.
Meet guide Marian Tattersall behind the Kingfisher Business Park, off Newchurch Rd at Stacksteads (A681), OL13 0BB
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 3.5 miles

Sun 9 October / A TOR TOUR
Experience the quiet and solitude of the attractive Musbury Valley and follow the exciting edge of the distinctive Tor Hill.
Meet guide Catherine Pattinson at small car park at Holden Vale, Holcombe Rd, Helmshore and nearby roadside, BB4 4NF
Walk starts at 1.30pm 🆓 - 5 miles

Sun 16 October / MARY’S HOLY WELL
Climb Great Hameldon for the magnificent views and follow the King’s Highway past the site of former May fairs.
Meet guide Paul Read in Rising Bridge Rd (behind ‘Spice Room’) Rising Bridge, BB5 2SN
Walk starts at 12.30pm (Bus 464) 🆓 - 7-8 miles

Sun 6 November / RUINS OF A LOST LIFE
Discover Rossendale’s forgotten treasure, past fascinating mill ruins and lodges, testament to a former way of life in the superb Cheesden Valley.
Meet guide Marrian Tattersall opposite Owd Bett’s Pub Rochdale Rd, OL12 7TY
Walk starts at 1.30pm 🆓 - 4 miles

Sun 13 Nov / PICTURE THE PAST – SOUTH ROSENSDALE
Explore the scenic corners between Stubbins and Edenfield captured by Edwardian postcard makers in this attractive valley setting. Meet guide Arthur Baldwin opposite the entrance to Cuba Industrial Estate, Bolton Rd North, Stubbins, BL0 0NG
Walk starts at 1.30pm (Buses 273, 573, 473) 🆓 - 6 miles

Sun 20 Nov / WEST IS BEST!
Join us for a varied westward circuit from Haslingden Grane, with attractive valleys and waterfalls, and splendid views from the escarpment of Pickup Bank.
Meet guide Alan Rogerson at Clough Head Centre car park, Haslingden Grane, BB4 4AT
Walk starts at 12.30pm (Bus 244) 🆓 - 8 miles

Walks indicate where LCC’s all terrain electric buggies (Trampers) for people with limited mobility will be available. The buggies are free of charge, but it is essential that they are booked in advance. Contact Arthur on 01254 669060 or walks@groundwork.org.uk

Indicates walks that are part of the Watershed Landscape programme (see overleaf).