

Howden & Goole Ramblers Group Newsletter

Our autumn walking programme was very enjoyable; twenty walkers joined us for a hike around Fairburn Ings RSPB nature reserve. In October there were 29 ramblers on the Thorne Moors walk, this was led by Roy Dresser, who pointed out varieties of mushrooms and toadstools. These boggy wetlands also provide an ideal habitat for rare plants, breeding birds and deer. We were joined by 25 walkers for our Christmas lunch walk & meal, around the beautiful Londresborough Estate and Market Weighton area.

The committee are looking forward to another successful season in 2010 and hope members will be able to join us on the 10 walks arranged over the next four months. There are roughly 2 walks a month at weekends and we have tried to alternate Saturdays and Sundays. There are 5 longer walks of 9 or 10 miles but also some shorter ones of 6 miles or less, we hope there will be walks suitable for everyone. Most of our walks are circular, a number are along river banks with interesting views. On Saturday 16th January, the walk starts at Goole Leisure Centre and follows the banks of the River Ouse to Hook before cutting through fields and the streets of Goole back to the start. The walk on Sunday 24th January also follows the River Ouse from Long Drax to Barlow Nature Reserve.

On Tuesday 2nd February we will be hosting a Social Evening, this year at the Barnes Wallis Pub, North Howden. This will be a two course meal followed by a quiz. Non-walking partners are welcome to join us.

There are two more river bank walks on Saturday 20th February (Selby and the River Ouse) and Sunday 14th March- Rawcliffe circular along the banks of the River Aire.

On Saturday 20th March we are planning a canal boat trip and walk from the Goole Waterways Museum along the Knottingley and Goole Canal to Rawcliffe Bridge. Walkers will be able to take the boat one way and walk along the canal bank the other way.

On Sat 27th March there is a circular walk to the lovely Skipwith common nature reserve, while in April there are 2 walks in the East Yorkshire Wolds. By popular demand, there will be another bluebell walk on Sunday 2nd May. We are currently working on ideas for our summer evening walks programme, if you have any ideas for walks or events, please let us know.

Happy walking
Howden & Goole Group Committee