

### **Lancaster Fellwalkers Report for 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

Lancaster Fellwalkers made the trip to Ilkley on Sunday for an enjoyable day of moor land walking. The weather was rather better than expected and visibility good.

The A and A Plus parties started their walks from Bolton Bridge on the A59 and both walked up to Haw Pike. The A Plus party, led by D Ward then continued to Addingham via the golf course and climbed to Addingham High Moor and over to Bingley Moor.

The A party, led by E and J Brown, walked past the windmills and Chelker Reservoir to Highfield Farm and onto the Millennium Way. After negotiating more than enough stiles in various states of repair, they ascended Black Hill and were up on the moors, glorious with the heather. They took paths by the Noon Stone to cross Long Ridge End and Crawshaw Moss where they encountered floating bog. This has the unnerving properties of moving under foot and giving the impression that boots would pierce the sphagnum peat and walker descend into the murky depths never to be seen again. The group enjoyed the view at West Buck Stones and it was here that light rain began. The group made their way over the moor to White Crag where they met up with the A Plus party. From there they all went to the Cow and Calf Rocks, by which time the rain had cleared.

J Shepherd led the B party on a circular walk starting by the fast-flowing River Wharfe at Ilkley and took the riverside path to Addingham. They also joined the Millennium Way up onto the moor at Windgate Nick and continued past the Noon Stone and Swastika Stone. The ramblers took a close look at the Bath House at Whitewells, built in the 1760's by Squire Middleton for the people of Ilkley. All the walkers enjoyed refreshments in the town before starting the journey back to Lancaster.

The next outing is Torver to Coniston on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.

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