

Out on Sunday | Ilkley

Friday 20th to Sunday 22th September 2024

"On Ilkla Mooar Baht 'at"



Welcome to this year's Out on Sunday weekend away in Ilkley!

Ilkley is a popular destination for walkers and is particularly famous for its moorland, unsurprisingly known as Ilkley Moor. That said, it is a lovely spa town which boasts good shopping, many cafes (including a Betty's tearoom), a cold-water Lido and lively nightlife.

Our weekend starts from 7 p.m. on Friday 20 September when we will be gathering in The Black Hat pub ([see below](#)).

On route: If you are planning to travel to Ilkley early on Friday we are planning a meet-up and lunch stop at **Skipton Castle** at around 12 noon. Skipton is about 10 miles from Ilkley. The castle is privately run with an entrance fee of £12.00 (£11.00 for the over 65s).

There is a tea room at the castle, The Clifford Tearooms, where we could have our lunch. Alternatively, there are plenty of pubs and cafes in Skipton which is an interesting Yorkshire Market Town to explore.

If you don't fancy visiting the castle you could visit Skipton woods, behind the castle which is looked after by the Woodland Trust. There are short walking routes through the woods.

[Skipton Castle](#) [Skipton Woods](#)

In Ilkley: Ilkley is a pretty town which is very pleasant to explore. If you are feeling energetic and can stand cold water then perhaps [The Lido](#) is for you. Alternatively, you could enjoy a cup of tea and a Fat Rascal in one of the many cafes in the town. For more information, please see: [Visit Ilkley](#)

Friday 20th September: Informal meet-up from 7:00 p.m. onwards at The Black Hat, where you might have something to eat or just a drink or two. [The Black Hat](#) is a popular, lively pub in the center of Ilkley offering reasonably priced pub food and drink. **This not an organized meet-up. Feel free to arrive as and when you choose but booking a table is advised if you plan to eat there.**

There are many pubs, restaurants and takeaways in Ilkley if you would prefer an alternative.



Saturday 21st September: Our walk today is Ilkley moor. This is an 8 mile walk from the center of Ilkley up onto Ilkley moor, visiting the Twelve Apostles standing stones and the Swastika Stone. The full details are [here](#).

If you are not joining us on today's walk here are a Few alternatives:

Bolton Abbey: 4 miles from Ilkley: [Visit Bolton Abbey](#)

Skipton Castle: 10 miles from Ilkley: [Visit Skipton Castle](#)

East Riddlesden Hall: 4 miles from Ilkley: [Visit East Riddlesden Hall](#)

Group meal: tonight's group meal is at Bistrot Pierre at The Crescent Hotel. Meet from 7:00 p.m. in the Crescent Inn for our dinner which starts at 7:30 p.m. The full details are [here](#).



Sunday 23th September:

We end the weekend with a shorter walk alongside the River Wharfe taking in Mount Calvary and Middleton woods. Full details are [here](#).

Getting there:

By car: Ilkley is fairly accessible by car. Allow 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours for the journey.

By train: There is regular rail service to Ilkley via Leeds. The trains on Sundays run hourly. The journey takes 2 hours. *If you are planning to come by train, please check timetable etc.*

Parking: Check with your hotel to see if they provide any car parking. If your hotel does not provide car parking then there are a number of carparks in the center of Ilkley. There is a link to car parking information [here](#).

There is free on-road parking on Denton Road which is a 5 minute walk from the center of Ilkley: [///verse.occurs.paintings](http://verse.occurs.paintings)

Car sharing: Please consider car sharing.

That's it! Enjoy your weekend.
Cliff & Colin

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Ilkley Moor

Saturday 21 September 2024

Walk details

This is a stunning 8 mile walk which takes us from the center of Ilkley up onto the famous Ilkley Moor. After leaving the center of Ilkley we make our ascent up onto the Moor via a series of well-made paths and stone steps. We will be taking our time on this part of the walk, stopping off at White Wells and admiring the views across Wharfedale. Once on the Moor we make our way along stone pavements to the Neolithic stone circle of the Twelve Apostles stone circle. From here our route takes us across the Moor before beginning our descent back into Ilkley, visiting the ancient Swastika Stone along the way. We aim to return to Ilkley in good time for tonight's group dinner.

Refreshments:

We will take a lunch stop at the halfway point. Please bring something to eat and drink. There are plenty of places near the start to buy sandwiches, drinks etc. Please bring plenty of water.

Risk Assessment

A Risk Assessment was carried out on 9 April 2024. A summary of identified risks is below:

Roads - We have to cross a busy road at the beginning and end of the walk, via a pedestrian crossing.

Terrain - The ascent up onto the Moor is via stone paths and flights of stone stairs. These are well made but care is still needed. The paths across the Moor are mainly stone pavements but some are uneven and sunken so care is needed. There are short sections without pavement which may be wet and muddy. Walking boots with good ankle support are recommended.

Weather - Hopefully the weather will still be good in September but however warm it is in Ilkley it is likely to be cooler on the Moor so please dress appropriately.

Dogs are welcome on this walk.

The walk leaders will remind walkers of any additional risk which may be encountered at appropriate points on the walk.

Starting point and time

11:30 a.m. Outside Go Outdoors at the Junction of Station Road and Brook Street.
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If you want to drive to the start, there is an alternative starting point which is from the carpark at Dawin Gardens. We will be passing this point at **11:45 a.m.** Parking charges may apply.

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The River Wharfe, Mount Calvary and Middleton Woods

Sunday 22 September 2024

Walk details: We start today's shorter 4 mile walk at the entrance to Riverside Gardens on New Brook Street. Taking the riverside path beside the River Wharfe crossing the river at the Old Bridge and continuing along the opposite bank. Leaving the river, we head up a gently sloping road before taking a path to Mount Calvary, a group of Italianate sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross. After a short break we continue by passing Myddleton Lodge where we descend back towards Ilkley via Middleton Woods. We emerge from the wood in the carpark of Ilkley's Lido. We will be back in Ilkley in good time for your journey home.

Dogs are welcome on this walk.

Refreshments: Although this is a fairly short walk you may want to buy some refreshments in Ilkley as will be taking a break when we reach Mount Calvary.

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Terrain – The path through Middleton Woods was uneven with exposed tree roots. It was also wet and muddy on the day it was recceid. We recommend walking boots for this walk.

Other than that, this is a safe walk. The walk leaders will remind walkers of any additional risk which may be encountered at appropriate points on the walk.

Starting point and time: 12 noon at the entrance to Riverside Gardens on Brook Street.

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Ilkley Group Dinner

Tonight's group meal is at Bistrot Pierre at The Crescent Hotel. Meet from 7:00 p.m.in the Crescent Inn for our dinner which starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Bistrot Pierre menu is [here](#).

Thank you for your meal choices and payments. Any queries should be directed to Cliff B: cliffgbrooks@yahoo.com or by WhatsApp on: 07554230123.

Please note: You must pay for any drinks from the bar including tea or coffee and/or any extras i.e. items of food not included in the set menu.