

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 A member may make a booking up to **TWO weeks** in advance of a Saturday walk by leaving an answer phone message for the Secretary, WEEKDAYS, 9am - 5pm (excluding Public Holidays); only one booking may be made per call and the Secretary will only return the call if there is a problem with the booking. A '**Privileged booking**' will be accepted either by E-mail or answer phone up to **FOUR weeks** in advance of the walk from any member who is prepared, if necessary, to use their private vehicle as Club transport or drive the minibus; if confirmation of an E-mail booking is not received from the Secretary within forty eight hours, an answer phone booking should then be made. A booking may be made on behalf of an 'invitee', subject to the availability of Club transport, from the Wednesday immediately prior to the walk. Any member or 'invitee' failing to make an answer phone booking with the Secretary will not be allowed to participate in the Saturday walk.

6.2 If a member fails to notify either the Secretary of the cancellation of a booking by **9pm on the Friday evening** before the walk, or the Event Co-ordinator by **8am on the Saturday morning** on the day of the walk, a **£2** fine will be levied. If notification of a cancellation is received within forty eight hours of the original booking, no payment will be due; otherwise a member will remain liable for full payment unless all seats in all Club transport are fully allocated.

6.3 Full payment should be received by the Secretary within five working days of the booking. If payment is not received by the Saturday following the walk, a **£1** administration fee will be levied.

6.4 Seats in all Club transport will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. In the event of all seats in Club transport being allocated, a reserve list will be created and the Secretary will, if numbers permit, arrange additional transport with those who have made a 'privileged booking'. If this is not practicable, a full refund will be given.

6.5 The driver(s) of all Club transport will travel free of charge and a standard mileage rate (based upon the price per gallon of unleaded petrol ÷ 30) will be paid to members by the Secretary upon notification of the mileage incurred from the Civic Centre. In the unlikely event of a member using their vehicle on more than one occasion during the Club year, a premium mileage rate (based upon the price per gallon of unleaded petrol ÷ 20) will be paid.

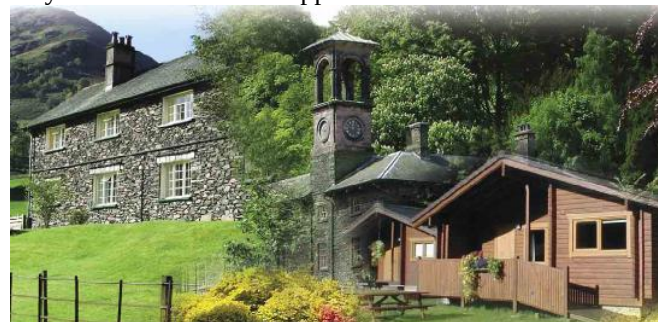
6.6 The drivers of all Club transport will be allowed to make a 'privileged booking' up to **FOUR** weeks in advance of any Saturday walk for the remainder of the Club year.

6.7 If the Club cancels a walk for any reason, a full refund will be given.

6.8 If a member is unable, for whatever reason, to travel in Club transport and still wishes to participate in the walk, mileage will not be paid by the Club, however a booking must still be made with the Secretary in respect of all participants. If the required **£1** per participant is not received by the Secretary by the Saturday following the walk, a **£1** administration fee will be levied.



Patterdale in Winter [21-25 February] – Both a cottage [Parkside1] and Lodge1 have been secured for up to 4 nights in February. If you wish to join Rose Envy, John Tetlow, Tony Austin & Ian Thomson for a 4 night stay (Wed 21st, Thur 22nd, Fri 23rd & Sat 24th) it will cost £55 per person; Louise Billcliffe, Mandy Dawson, Mike Morrison, Ellen Kershaw, Jean Walker & Steve Walker will be joining them on Thur 22nd for a shorter 3 night stay. If you wish to spend 4 nights in Patterdale please contact Graeme. A **cheque for the full amount (£55)** should be submitted as confirmation of the booking. As only **TWO** beds remain, please book early in order to avoid disappointment.

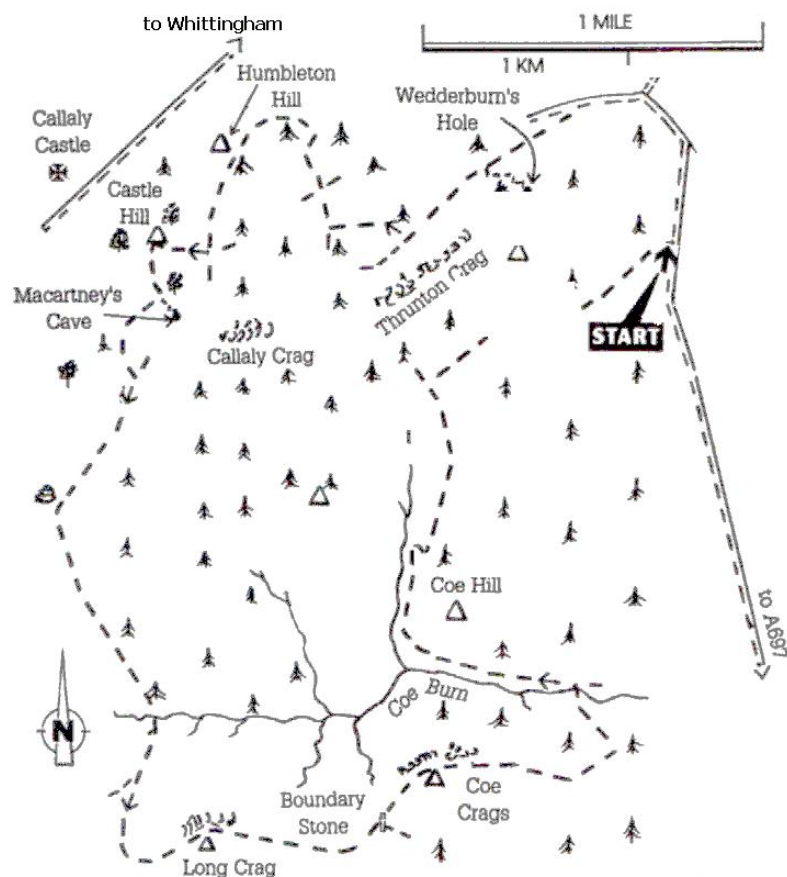


Haute Pyrenees Trek [9th-18th September] – if 8 members participate (maximum 12), Exodus will make this an exclusive Club event at a cost of £669 per person; this excludes: a €130 local, a €75 drinks/meals, a €30 ice axe/crampons payments and internal flights. As the flights are from Gatwick, Exodus would be happy to arrange internal flights. The other option is to book a land only flight and see if we could pick up budget flights ourselves. If you are interested in participating in this event (or require additional details) please contact the Graeme by **15th December**. Those members expressing an interest will be contacted in January requesting confirmation of each booking with a **£100** payment (cheques may be post-dated to 31st January if necessary). Please note that once forwarded to Exodus, the £100 will be **non-refundable** and because the trip would be exclusive to the club, should anyone drop out not only would they lose their deposit but their cost would be spread across the remaining participants i.e. those remaining would incur an additional cost. So those who book onto the holiday should be prepared to fully commit themselves.

Minibus Fares - Regretfully rising costs mean that fares for all 2007 Saturday walks will increase to £10.

New Year's Walk [6th January] - Members wishing to participate should either meet in the Civic Centre car park at 9am or at Newburn @ 9:30 for a circular walk to Wylam.

Thrunton Woods [20th January] - Forest, heather moorland and craggy ridge all combine to create an 11 mile adventure of discovery for members to savour and will involve visits to Humbleton Hill, Castle Hill, Long Crag, Coe Crag, Coe Hill and Thrunton Crag. Red way-marked paths and upland tracks reveal a profusion of forest and fell wildlife, centuries of history and some of Northumberland's finest views. The walk commences from Thrunton Wood's Forest Enterprise car park (GR 085097), some 15 miles south of Wooler.

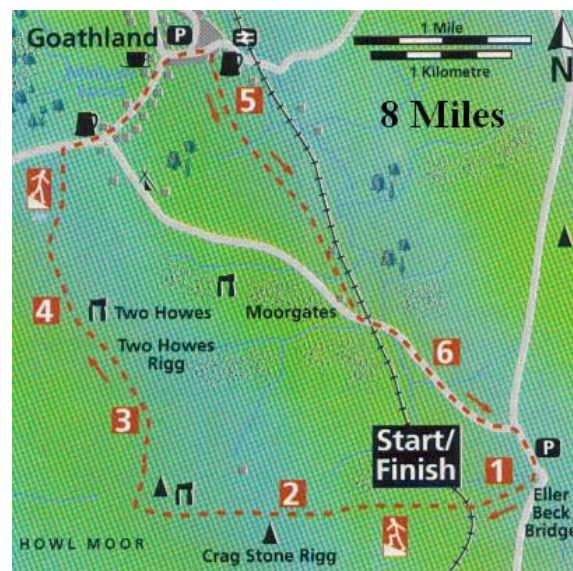


11 miles with 1706 ft of ascent

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Goathland [17th February] - There are more than 2,000 howes - or hollows - on the North York Moors. Bronze Age man buried important people with personal belongings in these. On excavation of their remains, daggers, clothing and even canoes have been found in these ancient graves. On the approach to the howes the route crosses Fen Bog, a nature reserve that is home to many rare plants and insects. The North York Moors Railway steam trains pass close by, making it a good vantage point for photographers to get up close to these impressive leviathans.

1) Start Begin at Eller Beck bridge, a popular picnic spot beside the A169, nine miles from Whitby.



There is parking on a rough area of old road. Leave the park area at the rear, walking towards a gate and a notice informing you of Fen Bog, which is approached as you follow the track downhill towards the railway line. When the path splits, take the right fork to a stile. Once over the stile, cross Fen Bog on the concrete sleeper path provided. Keep on the path here or you won't be needing any more directions! Go through a gate to cross the railway line, then head uphill to a stile on to the moor.

2) The rough moorland track climbs straight ahead now for 2.4km, where you reach Simon Howe and a huge cairn. The all-round views are fantastic from here. Turn right at the howe on to a narrow track through the heather, keeping to the right of the rather ugly-looking shooting butts.

3) Soon afterwards you arrive at a post with two blue arrows on it. Bear left here on to a path traversing Two Howes Rigg (this path occasionally floods). You should be able to see the two howes in the distance. If the path becomes undefined, simply aim towards the left-hand side of the howes.

4) Pass close to the left of the howes, following the track downhill, then bearing to the right to arrive at a small lake. Bear right again, then left around the end of the lake and over a small hill. Goathland lies in the hollow to the right now, which is where the path leads. When you reach the road, head along past the church and the Mallyan Hotel, perhaps calling in at the excellent Prudom House for lunch. Otherwise, continue to the village centre, turning right past shops. Soon you reach Mostyns Garage, where you will see old cars, lorries and motorcycles used in the TV series Heartbeat. Opposite the garage is the pub (Heartbeat's Aidensfield Arms).

5) Turn right here alongside the pub at the public footpath sign, on to an old railway track. Keep on the disused railway track for an easy walk of about 2.5km. At a crossing of tracks, follow the sign straight ahead for Moorgates. On arrival at the road at Moorgates, turn left.

6) Keep on this road, where there is a wide, grass verge which is open to the moor, until you meet the busy A169. Turn right, keeping on the wide verge, to Eller Beck. To avoid crossing the bridge, where there is no footpath, you might find it easier to cross the beck on the huge stepping-stones, as long as the beck is not in flood at the time.

General bookings will open at 9am on **Monday 5th February**; 'privileged' bookings made prior to this date are accepted on the basis of a private vehicle being made available to be used, if necessary, as Club transport.