

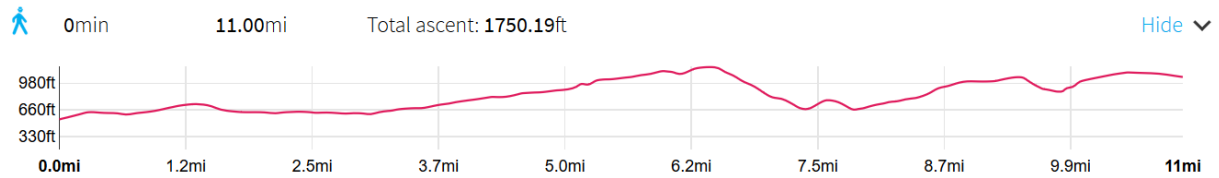
50 MILES, 100 VOICES, 200 YEARS

Walk details

Thursday 4th July

Skelmanthorpe to Rising Sun Campsite – 11 miles

Profile:



Summary:

The walk follows footpaths between and across fields and through villages. There are parts where it is quite uneven underfoot and there are some stiles and narrow gates.

Key Waypoints:

Start – Skelmanthorpe – 5 pm

Lower Cumberworth – 1 mile – 5.30 pm

Shepley – 3 miles – 6.30 pm

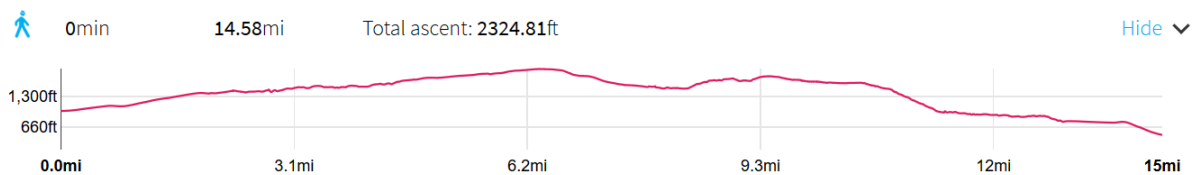
Hepworth – 7 miles – 8.30 pm

Finish point - Rising Sun Farm – 11 miles – 11 pm

Friday 5th July

Rising Sun Campsite to Well-i-Hole Campsite – 15 miles

Profile:



Summary

A challenging walk in two parts. The first, Rising Sun to Holme Moss, is easier and involves only a small amount of climbing and no stiles, although the path can be uneven and undulating in parts and travels round the edge of a steep clough. The second part involves stiles, climbs, descents and uneven surfaces and at one point goes along the top of Laddow Rocks, with a vertical drop to one side. It has a sting in the tail with quite a steep descent at the end of the walk. There is no cover at all for the first 11 miles, as it crosses open moorland all the way.

Key Waypoints:

Start – Rising Sun Campsite – 10 am

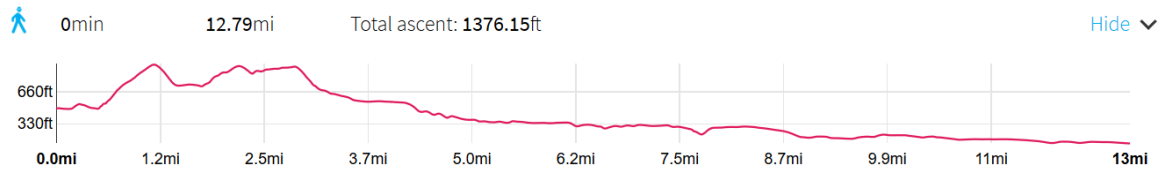
Holme Moss car park - 5 miles - 12.30 pm – water refill point

Finish point – Well-i-hole Campsite – 15 miles – 6pm

Saturday 6th July

Well-i-Hole Campsite to Manchester city centre – 13 miles

Profile:



Summary

A variable walk that includes a lot of spectacular countryside and some lovely semi-urban woodland and canalside paths, finishing in central Manchester. The first part is relatively challenging, with some steep climbs and descents and a number of narrow or steep stiles. Between Daisy Nook and Clayton Vale there are some narrow and overgrown paths. From Etihad Campus to the city centre it is level and there are no stiles or steps.

Key Waypoints:

Start – Well-i-hole Campsite. (Can be reached from Greenfield station in a 20 minute walk) 7.30 am

Park Bridge – 4.5 miles – 10 am

Daisy Nook Country Park car park – 6.5 miles – 11.30 am – café selling drinks and snacks

Clayton Vale – 9 miles – 1.00 pm – café selling drinks and snacks

Etihad Campus tram stop – 10.5 miles – 2.00 pm

Manchester city centre – 13 miles – 3.30 pm

PERFORMANCES

6th July – Albert Square – Rise Like Lions - Manchester International Festival – 5.30 pm

7th July – Skelmanthorpe Flag Song - St Peter's Square – outside Manchester Central – 12pm

7th July – 50 Miles, 100 Voices, 200 Years Concert - People's History Museum – 3pm

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Walking

Everyone who comes on the walk does so at their own risk. The weather might do anything at all, so bring walking boots, walking poles if you use them, waterproofs, warm clothes, sunblock/suntan cream, maps, hat, blister plasters, plenty of water, snacks and packed lunch.

There will be a van that can carry bags to the end point of each day, so you only have to carry what you need in one day. This includes a bag collection point in Manchester city centre on the last day.

The full walk will take 3 days and covers 40 miles and should only be undertaken by experienced walkers. If you are not sure about your fitness levels or your confidence on uneven ground, with

stiles or near steep drops, we'd advise you to choose sections of it on which you can join the rest of the walkers. There will be a minibus shuttle that will arrive at all the key waypoints at the times indicated above and which can pick you up from or drop you at either end of the walk. (Etihad Campus and Manchester City Centre are not covered by the minibus shuttle, but there are plenty of public transport options at these two points, including the tram.)

Sections of the walks that are gentler include:

Day 1 – Skelmanthorpe to Lower Cumberworth or Shepley

Day 2 – Rising Sun to Holme Moss

Day 3 – Park Bridge to Daisy Nook and Etihad Campus to Manchester city centre

Maps

If you want to check the routes, you'll need the following OS maps:

- Day 1 - Explorer 288 – Bradford & Huddersfield
- Day 2 - Explorer 288 – Bradford & Huddersfield; OL 1 The Peak District - Dark Peak Area
- Day 3 - OL 1 The Peak District - Dark Peak Area; Explorer 277 – Manchester & Salford

Places to stay

Commoners Choir will be camping at Rising Sun Campsite, Holmfirth, on Thursday 4th July, Well-i-Hole Campsite, Greenfield, on Friday 5th July and making their own arrangements in Manchester on Saturday 6th July.

If you are not booked into a Commoners Choir tent, you need to make your own bookings and organise your own food. The campsite people are aware that a large group will be visiting those two evenings, so you can book with them, or you may prefer to book a B&B or make other arrangements for those evenings.

Contact details:

Rising Sun Campsite: Darren or Kelly on 07899 842195 or 01484 684156

Well-i-Hole Campsite: 01457 600208

Commoners Choir minibus and logistics, (emergencies only): Josh on 07549 531449