



The Wandering Wayfarers

May 2011

Summer!!

As we approach the beginning of summer and exam term we continue to enjoy a number of trips. So far 2011 has been extremely successful with a continued good turnout for trips and everyone having a really great time. We have been on a lot of great trips; Lake District, Snowdonia, Scotland to name just a few. These continue through the summer term with trips to Pembrokeshire, Cornwall and many more. We have also had a number of very successful socials particularly the Photo competition at the end of last term which was good fun and a nice reminder of some of the places we've been over the year. Let's hope the good weather continues and all of you can enjoy a few more great trips with the chance to escape from the stresses of exams and spend a bit of time outdoors before the end of term.

Wayfarers Committee

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Dartmoor - Avon Clapper Bridge

Dates to remember:

15th May; Wyre Forest

20th – 22nd May; Pembrokeshire

3rd – 5th June; Cornwall

12th June; Berwyns

17th – 19th June; Stnaga

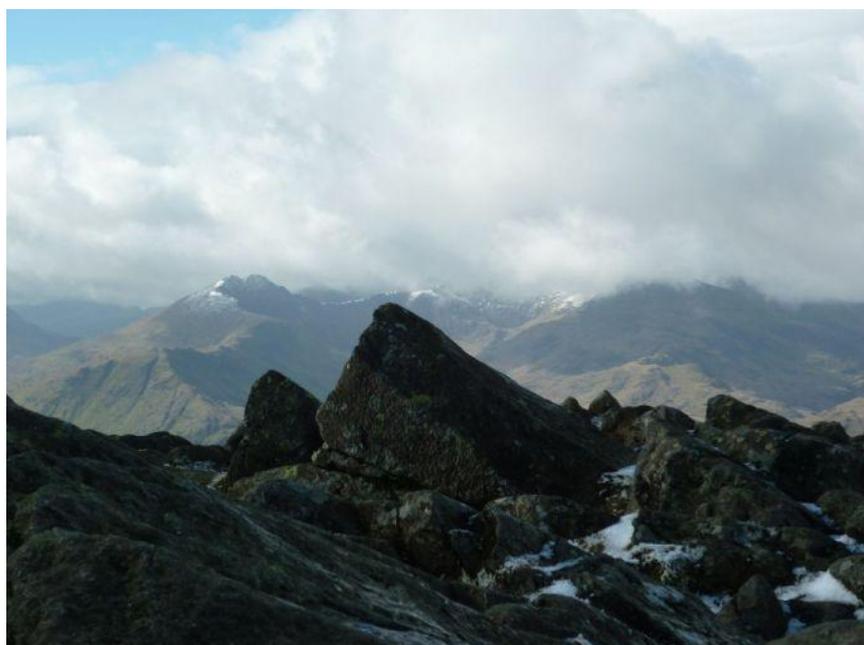
Dartmoor (11th-13th February)

On Friday evening 15 keen hikers departed from the Guild and headed southwards to the Dartmoor National Park. After stopping half way for fish and chips we arrived at the South Dartmoor bunkhouse, which is situated in the small village of Buckfastleigh. On the Saturday (and after a toastless breakfast!) we drove a short distance to Shipley Bridge and split into two groups to do a circular walk. The route headed straight up onto the moors, leading up a gentle valley before reaching the top of Three Barrows tor (464m). We then dropped down onto the Two Moors way which heads northwards along a dismantled railway track. The path then went south past Avon Dam Reservoir and finally back along the Long-a-Traw river to the car park. The other group did this route in reverse but added in an extra detour to make it more exciting. On Sunday we went to the North Moor and the fine weather of the previous day turned into clouds and rain. The group decided to take a route which encompassed some of the higher tors of the area. Starting from Haytor Vale we headed westwards to Black Hill and then onto Hound Tor. Our path then turned to the south over Top Tor and Rippon Tor (473m) before heading back north to finish on Haytor Rocks. After a pint or cream tea in the local pub we hit the road for Birmingham and arrived back at about 8pm for our post trip curry.

Alan Lea



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Snowdonia – On top of the Glyders

paths. The second group did a circular route, starting at the hut and climbing the nearby mountain of Carnedd Moel Siabod (872m), the views from the top were fantastic with clear views of the Snowdon Massif, Glyderau Range and Carneddau. The third group also did a circular route, starting at the car park east of the Snowdon Massif then making their way through the Coedwig Beddgelert Forest before emerging from the forest and climbing Moel Yr Ogof (655m). Once the hut was cleaned and all the bags packed we drove back to Birmingham where some of the group went for a post-trip curry at Khanum.

Callum Rumsey

Snowdonia (25th - 27th February)

On the 25th February 25 walkers set off from The Guild, heading for Snowdonia. We stayed at the Bryn Brethynau Hut which is ideally located in the village of Capel Curig near the Tyn Y Coed pub. The weather had been forecast to be wet but fate smiled upon us and the the majority of the rain fell during the nights. On Saturday we split into three groups: One group tackled the Glyderau including Glyder Fawr (999m), Glyder Fach (994m) and descending via Y Foel Goch (805m). The second group tackled the Carneddau; starting from Ogwen Cottage the route scaled the summits of Pen Yr Ole Wen (978m), Carnedd Dafydd (1044m) and Carnedd Llywelyn (1064m). The third group did a circular route, starting at the hut before heading into the hills and forests behind Capel Curig. In the evening most of the group made the short trip to the local pub the rest staying by the wood burner in the hut.

On Sunday the walkers again split into three groups: One group scaled Snowdon (1085m) via the Rhyd Ddu and Snowdon Rangers

Peaks (11th-13th March)

Fifteen Wayfarers set off on a short journey to the Nab End Barn near Longton in the Peak District on Friday. The early arrival at the barn gave us the chance for a game of cushion-volleyball and some table-wrestling that evening.

On Saturday, we split into two groups – a small group of four explored the rocks around the Roaches near Leek and spend the day climbing whereas the rest of the group went



Peaks - Kinder Scout plateau waterfall



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on a walk from Hartington to Ilam. Heading south, the walk first dropped down in to the Dovedale valley and then followed the river through a mixture of woodland and farmland. Milldale was a good spot for lunch besides some greedy ducks that tried to steal the food. The route then continued along the valley making a detour up Nab Ends and going along the ridge for a little while before dropping back to the river and finishing the walk in Ilam. Highlights included seeing how far along a fallen tree trunk you could get without falling into the river (nobody did and the river was shallow!), exploring the numerous caves along the way and Zeyn nearly getting stuck up a tree.



Cotswolds - Sheep

On Sunday, we split into two groups to do a circular walk. One group headed south from Edale along a bridle track that led up towards Rush Up Edge. The group went westwards along Rush Up Edge before turning north towards Brown Knoll. After lunch the walk carried on north-east up onto the Kinder Scout plateau, east along the southern edge of the plateau, weaving between the rock formations and after several kilometres headed down a narrow valley. After several crossings of the stream (and several wet feet) the valley opened up and brought the group back into the village of Edale. The other group did this route in reverse but cut the walk short to have a bit more time to enjoy the boulders along the Kinder Scout plateau and headed down back to Edale along the Jacob's ladder. After a quick drink in the local pub we hit the

road for Birmingham and arrived back at about 8pm for our post trip curry.

Kerstin Voelz

Cotswolds (27th March)

On a slightly overcast Sunday morning 20 walkers set off for the Cotswolds, a destination the Wayfarers had not been to for several years. My group, with Pete as the walk leader, set off east from Winchcombe on an anti-clockwise route, with our first stop being Sudeley Castle. We were happy to find an adventure playground area with platforms and a mini-zipwire, and spent a few minutes there before carrying on via Warden's Way and Parks Farm. We passed a donkey in a field next to our path, which Charlie stopped to stroke, and it was very vocally unhappy when we had to leave! After lunch the weather began to brighten a bit. We stopped for a short break next to a Monument, then went through a field full of new-born lambs, and finally saw Hailes Abby before getting back to Winchcombe.

The other group, led by Steve, did a very similar route but clockwise making a detour to visit the medieval village of Dinnock before heading back via the castle. On arrival back in Birmingham, some of the group stayed on for the traditional post-trip curry.

Zeyn Saigol



Cotswolds - Hailes Abbey