Most Walks include the Grid Reference of the start location of the walk.
Without a relevant OS map and an understanding of Grid References it can be difficult to work out where the walk starts.
They may also include a Post Code, though these are at best an approximate to the start point.
There are a number of ways of finding out where a walk starts.
Five different ways are described in the rest of this document.
Namely, in the order of requiring the least typing/clicking:-

A. Use the Mid Lancs Area website and the "RA programme" option.
https://lancashire-ramblers.org.uk/walks-programme/walks-programme.html
This needs no typing and only 2 or 3 Clicks to find a map showing the walk start.

B. Also on the Mid Lancs Area website, use the "Current Programme PDF"
https://lancashire-ramblers.org.uk/images/PDFs/Current-Walk-Programme.pdf
Again no typing needed and only 2 clicks to show a map of the walk start.

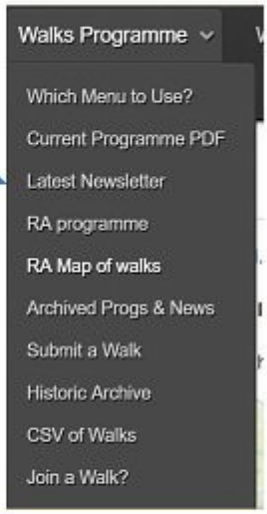
C. Also on the Mid Lancs site use the "RA Map" of walks .
https://lancashire-ramblers.org.uk/walks-programme/map-of-future-walks.html
A few clicks lead to an OS map showing the start of the walk AND where the post code is.

D. A Web based site that is used by many other sites is StreetMap
http://www.streetmap.com/
Type in any of a number of location formats and be shown a map of the location.

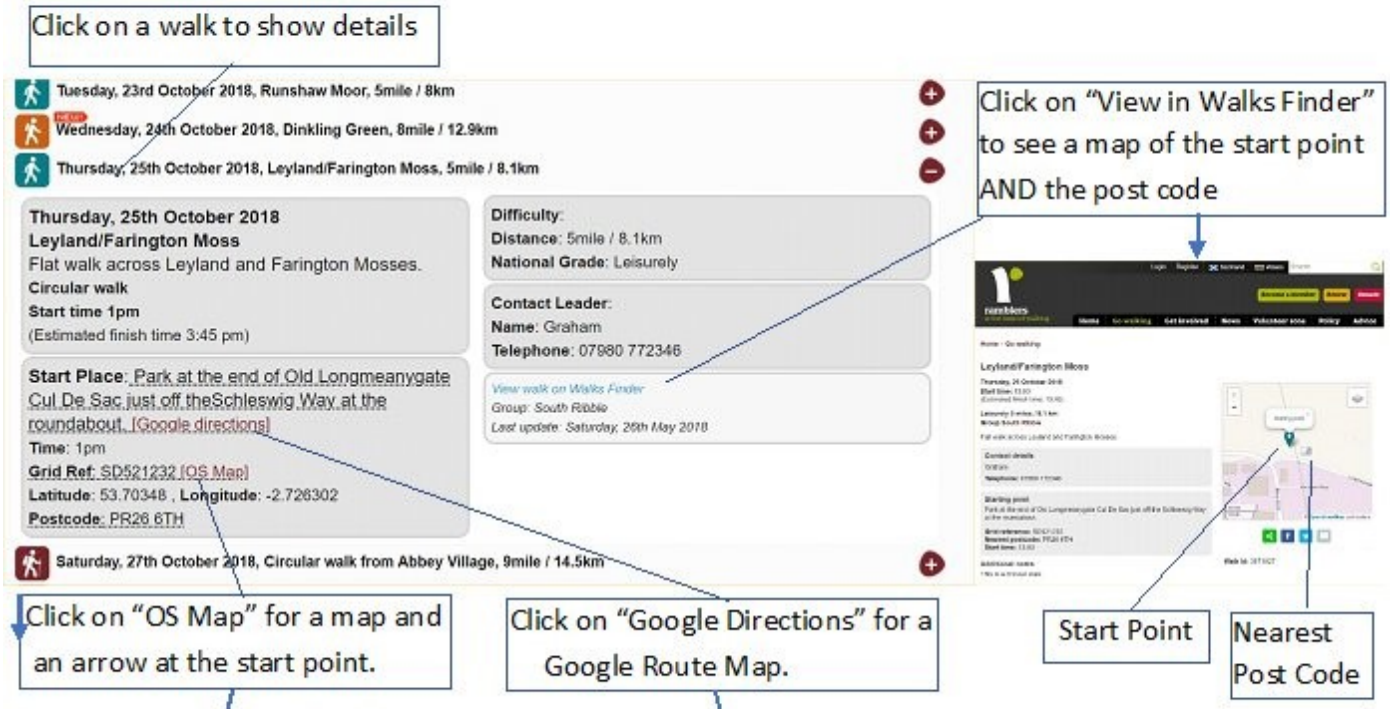
E. There are a number of Web Based systems to find a Grid Reference.
See the list later.

How To Find the Start of a Walk from the RA Programme Page.

This is one of the quickest ways to find the start of the walk.
- Click on the RA Programme menu
- Then click on the desired walk.
- Click on "OS Map" near the bottom.
- That shows a street map with the start point.
- Also, click on "Google Directions" to see your route to the walk.



Alternately:
- Click on "View in Walk Finder" (lower right)
- This shows a map with both the:
  * walk start (a teardrop)
  * the nearby Post Code (an envelope)



How To Use the Programme PDF to Find Walk Start Point

Walks Organised by some Mid Lancashire Area Groups

This programme is a summary of the walks offered by some local groups in the Mid Lancs Ramblers Area.
Walk information is also available in list or map form along with further information on groups & walks at:-
http://www.lancashire-ramblers.org.uk/walks-programme/walks-programme.html
For more information contact the walk leader, or visit the group web site. (See bottom of table for these).
Non members are welcome to come along to a few walks before joining the Ramblers.
Grade :- EA=Easy Access, E=Easy, L=Leisurely, M - Moderate, S - Strenuous, T=Technical. // Post Codes are Approx.

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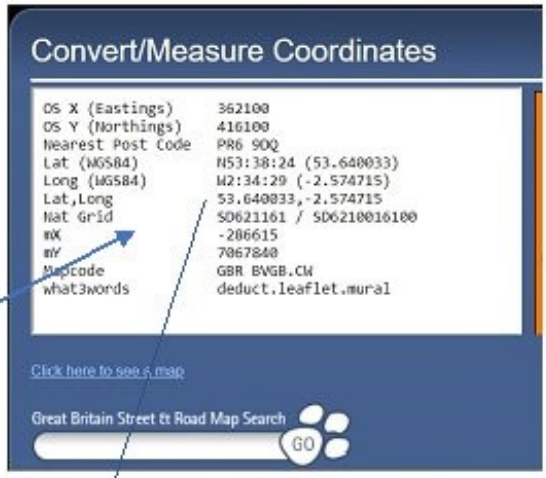
Date	Group	Grid Ref Post Code	Start Time	Grade	Walk Description (Post codes below may be more precise than those in the Grid Column.)	Dist MI (Ascent Ft)	Leader	Contact
02-10-18 Tue	Chorley	SD 621161 PR6 9DQ	13:00	M	Anglezarke Reservoir. Circular walk around the reservoir at Anglezarke. (Meet at: Anglezarke Car Park off Moor Road, PR6 9DQ)	5.0	Derek	07729 828013
03-10-18 Wed	Preston	SD 740361 BB7 9DR	11:00	M	Whalley to Sabden via Sabden Brook and Cobden Farm. Return via Wiswell Moor Farm.	7.0	Kath F	07951 282551
04-10-18 Thu	South Ribble	SD 582099 WN1 2UR	13:00	L	Through Arley Wood and Little Scotland. Walk through woods and fields. Meet at Old station car park halfway up B5239, Red Rock Land, Wigan, SD582099. Nearest postal address is WN1 2UR but this is not at the start location.	5.5	Mike	07772 501951
06-10-18 Sat	Chorley	SD 746692 LA2 8EA	10:00	M	A circular walk from Clapham to Gaping Gill and Trow Gill. Following Pennine Bridle and Dales Highways.Car share from Hallgate Car Park, Astley Village, Chorley PR7 1XA at 09:00. (Meet at: Clapham . Large P&D Car Park or free Street Parking.)	10.0	Phil A	07762 469825
07-10-18 Sun	Fylde	SE 041465 BD20 9JT	10:15	M	Silsden Circular. (Meet at: Free Car Park in Silsden town centre)	9.0 (850)	0	01772 463450 .Fylde
07-10-18 Sun	Chorley	SD 601130 PR7 4HZ	13:00	L	Adlington to Worthington Lakes. (Meet at: Jubilee car park, Park Road, Adlington PR7 4HZ)	6.0	Eileen	07902 300282
09-10-18 Tue	Chorley	SD 535213 PR25 1BU	13:00	L	River Lostock. Out towards Wymott and along the river Lostock finishing in Worden Park. (Meet at: Parkgate Drive Leyland PR25 1BU)	5.0	Mike	07854 367305
10-10-18 Wed	Fylde	SD 488923 LA8 8HB	10:15	M	Kendal Walk. Walking on well defined footpaths. (Meet at: Quarry car park on Underbarrow Road, Kendal - LA8 8HB)	8.0 (1000)	Christine	01772 463450 .Fylde
11-10-18 Thu	South Ribble	SD 752232 BB4 4AU	13:00	M	Clough Head Circular. A Lovely walk across scenic moorland and around reservoirs. Meet at Clough Head Free CP, Haslingden, off B6232, BB4 4AU, SD752232	6.0	Bob	01257 413165
13-10-18 Sat	Chorley	SD 499878 LA8 8AE	08:00	M	Furness Way. Sizergh to Witherslack, lateral walk. (Meet at: Coach from Union street PR7 1AL SD584178)	10.0	Denny	01257 262122
13-10-18 Sat	Garstang	SD 493455 PR3 1LW	13:00	L	Walking from Garstang. Local paths. (Meet at: Car Park at the Community Centre in Garstang)	5.0	Bryan R	01995 604716

On the Programme PDF, whether from one of the websites or an email, click on the Grid Reference (probably blue & underlined) to Open a Street Map in a new web page.



An arrow shows where the walk starts.

Click on the word "Here" at the centre bottom of the map for coordinate information



Some Sat Navs will allow you to enter the Grid Reference (e.g. SD123456) as a destination. Most will let you enter the Lat, Lon (e.g. 53.640033, -2.574715) BUT check it is correctly entered as a small typo could lead you miles away from the start.
The Post Code is rarely an accurate match to the start point, it may be 100's m away.

How To Use the RA Map of Walks



The Circles with numbers show there are a number of walks near this point. Click on the circle to expand the area.



Click on a walking person to see brief details of the walk.

Click on the details to see the Rambler Page for the walk.

Home › Go walking

Furness Way

Saturday, 9 February 2019
Start time: 8:00

Moderate 10 miles / 16.1 km
Group Chorley

Silzergh to Witherslack, Lateral walk

Contact details
Denny
Telephone: 01257 262122

Starting point
Coach from Union Stree PR71AL SD584178

Grid reference: SD499878
Nearest postcode: LA8 8AE
Start time: 08:00

Additional notes
This is a circular walk



Walk Id: 3889636

The Teardrop shows the start of the walk on the map.

The "envelope" shows where the post code is on the map.

Using "StreetMap" to Find the Start of a Walk

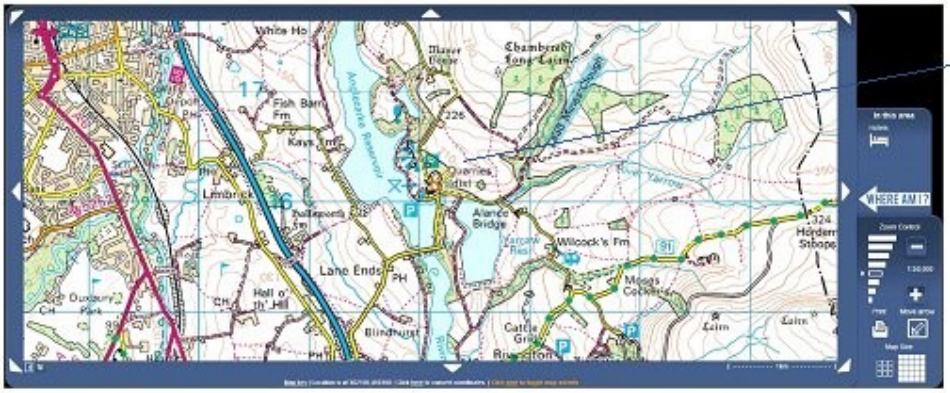
A number of methods of finding the start of a walk result in calling up the "streetMap" site. This uses OS Maps to place an "arrow" at the location entered and also provides a means of converting between grid references, post costs, lat long figures.

- Some Sat Navs accept Grid References, many accept Latitude/Longitude figures.

StreetMap can be found here: http://www.streetmap.com/

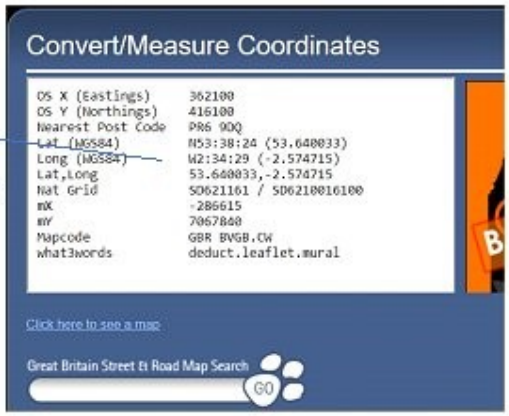


Enter a Grid Reference OR a post code in either of these two locations. And click GO



An Arrow shows where the Grid Ref or Post Code is.

In small letters at the bottom, click on "Here" to show the Convertor page.



The three most helpful and widely used are the Post Code, Grid Ref and Lat,Long

How To Find the Start of a Walk from the Web.

There are quite a number of web sites offering to help find a Grid Reference.
Unfortunately Google have recently disallowed their maps to be used on most of these sites.
So the range of map types on offer are somewhat limited.

CAUTION: Do not use web links that are in the "advert" section of google listings. (e.g. www.AAMaps.net Ad)
They usually involve downloading items that are not needed.

Here are some links and how to use them:

A. http://www.gridref.org.uk/ Simple site. Enter Grid Ref and click 'Find a Place'
Displays a 'StreetMap' page. You can also access post code.

B. These are largely similar sites with different displays.
https://latlngfinder.com/b.php (this particular site may disappear but is the best if still there.)
https://gridreferencefinder.com/ (Offers 'Standard', 'Hybrid' & 'Satellite' maps)
https://gridreferencefinder.com/os.php (same site but with OS Map only)

These images are for the first site but the others are largely identical.



