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Mountains
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Canal & Caves

About me

- After taking (very) early retirement from being a University Senior Lecturer in Geography, I am now concentrating on researching, writing and lecturing in various fields of historical geography. My main academic interests are old maps, roads and tracks, and the Lake District. Other interests include limestone landscapes & caves, and towns & roads in medieval England.

I have published several books, five of which are in print:

Maps for Historians (Phillimore, 1998),

Roads and Tracks of the Lake District (Cicerone, 1998)

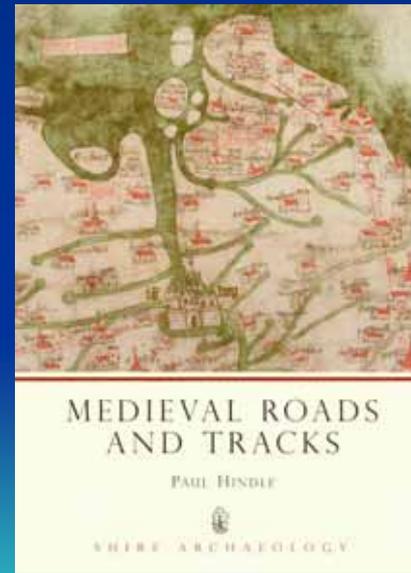
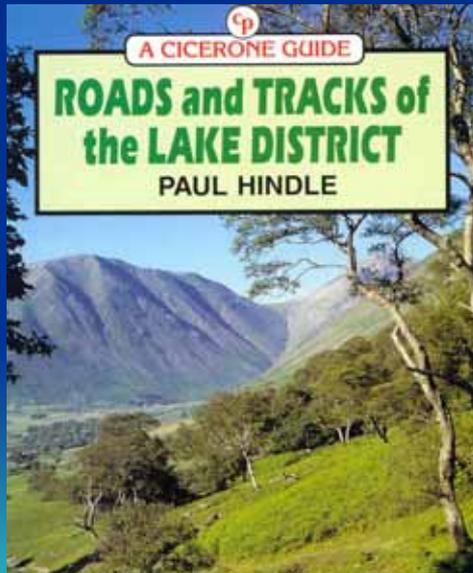
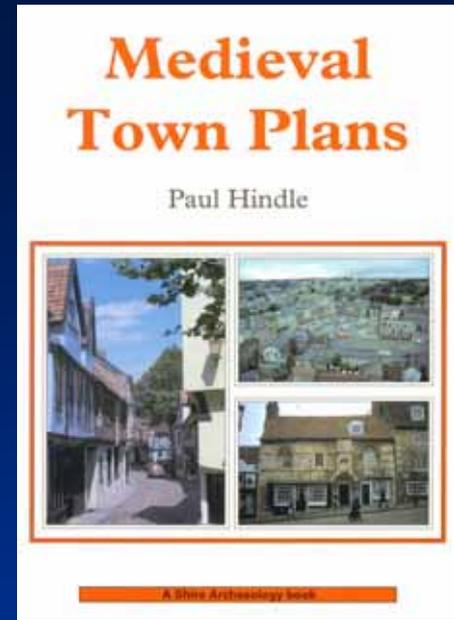
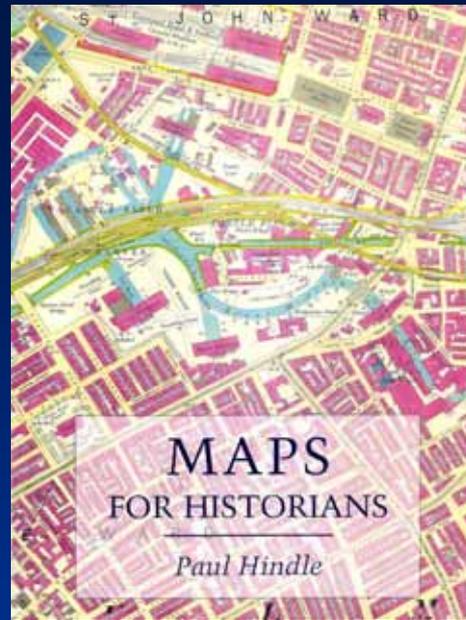
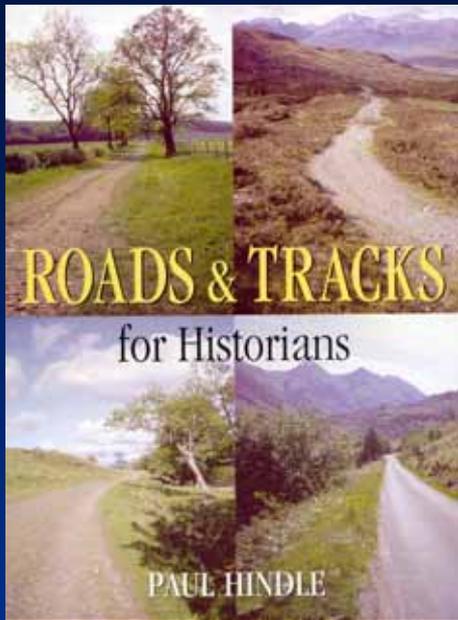
Roads and Tracks for Historians (Phillimore, 2001)

Medieval Town Plans (Shire, 2002), *Medieval Roads and Tracks* (Shire, 2008)

I have also written commentaries for reproductions of Donald's map of Cumberland (1774), Jefferys' Westmorland (1770), and numerous maps in the Godfrey Edition of early Ordnance Survey maps.

- I travel a good deal, often trekking in high mountain regions.
- I am Editor of *North West Geography*, the e-journal of the Manchester Geographical Society, of which I am Honorary Secretary: www.mangeogsoc.org.uk. I am also Editor for the Manchester Bolton & Bury Canal Society: www.mbbcs.org.uk.





Mountain Lectures 1

- **To the Throne Room of the Mountain Gods; K2 Base Camp**

A trek in the Karakoram mountains of northern Pakistan, along the Baltoro glacier to Concordia and K2 Base Camp, surrounded by the highest and most stunning group of mountains in the world. Concludes with a slide-sound sequence.

- **Alpamayo: the most beautiful mountain in the world**

Peruvian Andes; the trek visits the peaks and canyons of the world's highest tropical mountains. Slide-sound sequence of the Inca sites of Cuzco & Macchu Picchu.

- **A Walk on the Wild Side – along the Afghan border**

A high level trek from Chitral to Hunza in remote northern Pakistan; three high passes close to the Afghan border. From the Hindu Raj to the Karakoram; glaciers and freezing rivers.

- **Trekking around Annapurna and Manaslu**

The Annapurna Circuit is the classic Nepal trek; recently the nearby area around Manaslu, close to the Tibet border, has been opened. Remote, Buddhist monasteries. Contrasts and stunning views.

- **Trekking Problems in Little Tibet**

Over the Shingo La into the Buddhist kingdoms of Zaskar and Ladakh in the Indian Himalaya. A trip by plane, bus, lorry, foot and mule! Slide-sound sequence.

Mountain Lectures 2

- **The Atlas Grand Traverse**

A three week trek across the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco; up the three highest peaks in North Africa. Many beautiful valleys, gorges, villages and kasbahs.

- **Trekking Tropical Islands: Mauritius and Réunion**

Contrasting islands in the Indian Ocean. Fascinating landscapes, with recent volcanic peaks reaching over 10,000ft. Sugar plantations, beaches and botanical gardens.

- **Trekking the Canary Islands**

The Canaries' dramatic volcanic landscapes provide many different types of trekking. This lecture includes all the Canaries, not least Spain's highest mountain, El Teide.

- **Return to Kangchenjunga**

Two treks to eastern Nepal in 1993 and 2007, finally reaching the north and south base-camps. The trek has been described as the most beautiful walk in the world.



Lake District Lectures

- **Roman Roads through the Lakes**

The Romans built many roads in and around the Lake District; the lecture traces the main routes through the fells, including the Lune Gorge, High Street and Hardknott.

- **Turnpikes and Tourists in Eighteenth Century Lakeland**

Early tourists came to marvel at the 'horrendous' landscapes. Many roads were turnpiked at the same time; allowing tourists easier access, using the first guide books and maps.

- **Roads and Tracks of the Southern / Northern Lake District**

Two different lectures about road development in the Lakes, looking in particular at Roman roads, packhorse tracks, turnpikes, and twentieth century developments.

- **Lake District: National Park or National Car Park?**

Contemporary problems: preserve the landscape, or allow more access? Water supply, forestry, tourism, roads, the local community and planning problems.



Roads Lectures

- **Off the Beaten Track - Unusual Roads in Britain**

A selection of Britain's more curious prehistoric, Roman, medieval, corpse, sands, packhorse, turnpike, enclosure and military roads.

- **Roman Roads of Britain**

The Romans built thousands of miles of roads across Britain. The lecture shows how to follow their routes, with examples from throughout Britain.

- **Travel in Medieval England**

Who travelled in medieval England? What were the roads like? Did people travel by river? Attempts to reconstruct the transport network.

- **Turnpike Roads in England**

Most turnpikes were created during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and were the first systematic system of road building and maintenance since the Romans. The lectures look at how the network grew, operated, and eventually declined.



Travel Lectures 1

- **Crusader Castles and Desert Cities**

A tour through Syria and Jordan, to Damascus, the Roman desert city of Palmyra, the crusader fort of Krak des Chevaliers, Wadi Rum and Petra. Slide-sound sequence.

- **Moroccan Miscellany: Cities, Souks, Mountains and Desert**

From the famous souks of Marrakech, via the tanneries of Fes, the Sahara desert and a trek in the Anti-Atlas to the top of Toubkal (the highest mountain in North Africa).

- **Way Out West**

The American West: the geysers of Yellowstone, the Grand Teton mountains, the colours of Bryce Canyon, the amazing shapes of Arches and Canyonlands and the sheer scale of the Grand Canyon. Three slide-sound sequences.



Travel Lectures 2

- **Delhi to Kathmandu**

The classic tour from Delhi via Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Varanasi, Chitwan and Pokhara to Kathmandu. Includes Jami Masjid mosque, Palace of the Winds, Amber Fort, Taj Mahal, elephant safari, Annapurna and temples. Slide-sound sequence.

- **Indian Mexico**

A tour of Aztec and Mayan sites in Mexico, Guatemala and Yucatan. Includes Teotihuacan, Monte Alban, Mitla, Palenque, Tikal, Bonampak, Yaxchilan, Tulum, Chichen Itza and Uxmal, plus a visit to the Indian village of San Juan Chamula.

- **Moorish Spain**

The impact of the Moorish invasion on southern Spain. Culture, agriculture, language. From Sevilla and Córdoba to Medina Azahara and Granada.



Maps Lectures

- **Maps for Local History**

Looks at the availability, coverage and accuracy of county, estate, enclosure, tithe, town, transport and Ordnance Survey maps. The lecture stresses the use and value of maps as evidence in local history.

- Five separate lectures on each of:

County, Estate/enclosure/tithe, Town, Transport and Ordnance Survey maps.

- **Transport in Maps**

This lecture looks at how roads, canals and railways have been depicted in British maps from Ogilby's 1675 road strip maps, through county maps and parliamentary plans to the large-scale Ordnance Survey maps of the 19th century.

- **Yates and the County Mapping of Lancashire**

The story of the mapping of Lancashire from Saxton to William Yates' one-inch map of c. 1780.

- **Lancashire Turnpikes and County Maps**

The progress of turnpiking in Lancashire in relation to the early county mapping.

- **Early County Mapping in the North West and Yorkshire**

The eighteenth century county maps of Yates (Lancashire), Donald (Cumberland) and Jefferys (Westmorland & Yorkshire).



Canal & Cave Lectures

- **The Manchester Bolton & Bury Canal – its history & restoration**
The canal, opened in 1797, has a fascinating history. The talk describes its route, combining historic and present-day photographs and maps; it closes by looking briefly at the progress of restoration.
- **Restoring the Manchester Bolton & Bury Canal**
The canal's restoration was announced in 2002, and the first 'Middlewood' length in Salford was opened in 2008. The talk describes the complex process of how the restored canal fits in with new roads and urban development.
- **Cave Formation in North West England**
Describes how caves are formed, and includes a trip through the West Kingsdale system (near Ingleton): from Simpson's Pot to Valley Entrance.



Booking a lecture

Lecture Fee: £100 plus travel expenses (fuel);
smaller fee for small groups close to home.

Make me an offer!

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