Planning your visit

The Bridgend Centre is the main information point for the Walking Festival. The Centre is also the starting point for many of the walks – and it's a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes. Feel free to browse in our charity shop!

104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW
T: 01625 576311 **E:** info@bridgendcentre.org.uk
bridgendcentre.org.uk

Walking Festival Hotline: 01625 576311

Opening times during the Festival:
Monday to Saturday open 10am–4.30pm
Open Sundays 10.30am for walkers only

Booking details

The walks are led by a number of local organisations; **there is a charge for some walks**. Where booking is *not* required for a walk, we just ask you to arrive in plenty of time. Where advance booking is required, simply reserve your place by calling the number shown or going to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk. Some walks start from the car parks indicated in the walks listings.

Walking: essential information

- Please wear suitable footwear and clothing and bring a waterproof. We reserve the right not to take a person who is not properly equipped as this could affect the safety and enjoyment of the whole group
- Please check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; dogs are not allowed on some of the walks. To avoid disturbance to farm animals or wildlife, please keep your dog on a lead and under control
- Most walk leaders are volunteers
- All walks are circular unless stated otherwise
- In poor weather the leader may modify the walk, or in extreme conditions, cancel it
- A packed lunch may be required; look for the symbol on the walk details. It is advisable to carry a drink
- Young walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult
- All those taking part do so at their own risk

Travelling to the Festival

Bollington is easy to get to however you choose to travel.

By road The town is located 4 miles north of Macclesfield, just 2 miles from the A523 (Silk Road), so travelling by road is straightforward.

Public Transport

Train Services are available via Macclesfield, providing access from Stockport and Manchester to the north and Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south and further afield.

Bus Regular bus services operate Monday to Saturday between Macclesfield and Bollington (Route 10), and from Poynton and Stockport (Routes 391 and 392).

Further information about bus, rail and coach routes/timetables is available from Cheshire Traveline at **www.traveline.info** or on 0871 200 22 33, 7 days a week, 8am–8pm.

Visitor information

visitcheshire.com has a wealth of information to help plan your visit. For Bollington, useful information can be found at **www.happy-valley.org.uk** and **www.bollington-tc.gov.uk**

Bollington Town Hall T: 01625 572985
(open weekdays 9.30am–12.30pm)

Bollington Library T: 01625 378266
(closed Sunday & Monday)

Bollington Discovery Centre T: 01625 572985
(open weekends 11am–4pm & Wednesdays 1.30pm–4pm)

Bridgend Centre T: 01625 576311
bridgendcentre.org.uk

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Car Parks

- P Adlington Road
- P Discovery Centre
- P Pool Bank
- P Jackson Lane
- P Clough Bank

Defibrillators can be found at:

Adlington Primary School SK10 4JX
Barrows Butchers SK10 5HX
Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School SK10 5EG
Bollington Fire Station, Albert Road SK10 5HS
Bollington Leisure Centre SK10 5EX
Bollington Recreation Ground SK10 5JT
Bridgend Centre SK10 5PW
Bulls Head, Kerridge SK10 5BD
Poachers Inn SK10 5RE
Pott Shrigley Church School SK10 5RT

Information Centres

Bridgend Centre
104 Palmerston Street
SK10 5PW

Bollington Town Hall
Wellington Road
SK10 5JR

Discovery Centre
Clarence Mill
SK10 5JZ

Bollington Library
Palmerston Street
SK10 5JX

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- viewpoint
- library
- Middlewood Way
- canal
- public footpath
- bridleway
- Gritstone Trail

Welcome to Bollington's 10th Walking Festival! Once again we have a great programme of walks and social events. This year we have planned around 40 walks and activities to cover all abilities and age ranges.

For 2019 we are glad to say that we have further extended the variety of walks available, maintained our partnerships with local walking groups and increased the number of local businesses involved. Walkers are Welcome continues to extend a hand of friendship to all who visit Bollington.

Without their help and support !

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme, especially the South West Peak Landscape Partnership and Bollington Town Council, for their grants which make all this financially possible.

A big thank you also to the staff and volunteers at the Bridgend Centre for all their support before, during and after the festival.

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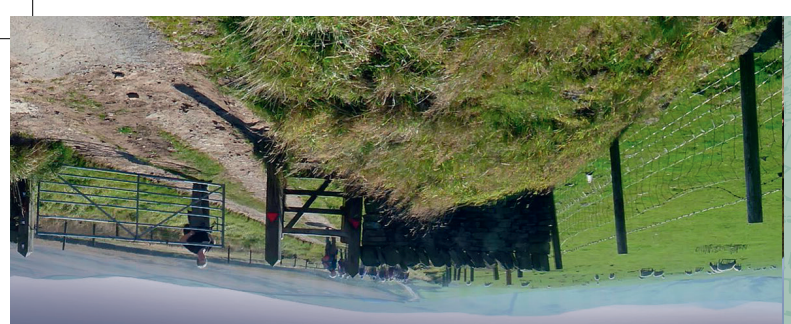

Where to stay

Our festival offers a great way to explore this area, with different walks each day. The accommodation listed below offers you high-quality, friendly local hospitality, and Bollington's 'Walkers Are Welcome' status means you will be warmly looked after.

Bolly B & B Bed and Breakfast **01625 576295/07849 886192**
Also on Facebook

Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-Catering **01625 572034/07506 825480**
www.cheshirehunthollidaycottages.co.uk

The Church House Inn Bed and Breakfast **01625 574014**
www.thechurchhouseinnbollington.co.uk

Common Barn Farm Bed and Breakfast **01625 574878**

The Glass House Self-Catering **07971 669684**
www.theglasshouse.uk

Hollin Hall Hotel **01625 573246**
www.hollinhallhotel.com

Kerridge End Holiday Cottages 5-Star Gold Self-Catering **01625 424220**
www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast **01625 574280**
www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk

Shrigley Hall Hotel & Spa **01625 575757**
www.shrigleyhallhotelandspa.co.uk

Other accommodation can be found at
www.visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district

Walks

Walks start promptly. Please arrive at the meeting point ahead of the time indicated.

The Best of Bollington: A Self-Guided Short Walk into a Long Past.
A self-guided heritage walk through the centre of Bollington, learning about the working life of the town in the mid-nineteenth century.
Pick up a leaflet for £1 from the Bridgend Centre or Discovery Centre.

Saturday 21 September

Valley of the Demon
14 miles
Meeting point: 10am Pool Bank car park
A walk to the isolated ruin of Thursbitch in the upper Todd Brook valley, taking in Windgather Rocks and the Shining Tor ridge.
Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Bollington Food Walk
B 2 miles
Meeting point: 10am Bus terminus opposite The Cotton Tree
An introduction to the café food of the Bollington area. Along the road to Oakenbank and back across the fields, with small free food samples in at least three places. Booking required.
Organised by Juanita and Jim

'Big Thirst' to the Old Hall Beer Festival
£ B 10 miles
Meeting point: 10am Poachers Inn
A real treat this year – a walk to the Old Hall Beer Festival in Chinley via Eccles Pike, arriving around 3pm. Return via bus to Bollington either at 5pm or 7pm (decide when booking). Over 200 beers and ciders available over the weekend. See www.old-hall-inn.co.uk/beer--cider-festival. Booking required; £7.
Organised by Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Nordic Walk
£ B 3 hours
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Walk with experienced local instructor David Lambert. Your own Nordic walking poles (not trekking poles) are needed. Booking required; £3.
Organised by David Lambert

Bux–Boll Rollercoaster
B 13.4 miles
Meeting point: 10.30am Buxton Railway Station
Linear walk from Buxton to Bollington, starting from Buxton railway station at 10.30am. Free bus from the Bridgend Centre to walk start for those from Bollington who wish to attend, leaving at 9.45am. Booking required for bus only. Climb up to Shining Tor from Errwood reservoir, and then return via Lamaload reservoir and White Nancy.
Organised by MAD Walkers

Sunday 22 September

Waterways of the Western Peak
20 miles
Meeting point: 9am Pool Bank car park
Explore north-eastern waterways – from Harrop Brook climb to Charles Head, follow Todd Brook to Whaley Bridge, the River Goyt and the Torrs, and return along the Peak Forest and Macclesfield canals.
Organised by the Long Distance Walkers' Association

Walking is the Best Medicine
3 miles
Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park
A short walk for health led by Bollington Medical Centre. We'll follow the canal to Clarke Lane, the 'Bobbin track' and Jackson Lane, and return to Adlington Road car park.
Organised by Bollington Medical Centre

Around the Harrop Valley
£ 6 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
From historic Sowcar follow ancient Hedgerow, and walk through Bower Clough to Harrop Wood, Brink Brow, Berristall Hall and Engine Wood. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

The Roaches and Hen Cloud from Tittesworth
£ B 8.5 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Explore this dramatic gritstone escarpment in the south-west Peak. Coach to walk start and return. Booking required; £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Hunt for Clues
2 miles
Meeting point: 12pm Bridgend Centre
Come along and form teams for a fun short walk looking for clues around Bollington. Ideal for families. Bring snacks if required.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Monday 23 September

Gritstone Trail Part 1
£ B 8 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Day 1 of the Gritstone Trail – Disley to Bollington. We'll take a coach to Disley railway station and walk this linear route back through Lyme Park and over Sponds Hill. Look out for Days 2 and 3 in future years! Booking required; £7.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

East Cheshire Ranger Walk
£ 5miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Learn about nature and the local wildlife on a walk over to Rainow with the Cheshire Rangers. Return via Rainowlow and Lima Clough. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

En Plein Air – Sketching in the Landscape
£ B 3 miles
Meeting point: 1pm Bridgend Centre
An easy walk of around two hours for arty inspiration. Includes a few stops to sketch the lovely buildings and landscapes around Bollington. Sketching materials provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. Booking required; £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Walk for Health
2 miles
Meeting point: 6pm Sweet Kitchen Café, Ovenhouse Lane
'No hills, no stiles, no more than two miles.' A gentle evening stroll through the fields of Bollington Cross and Kerridge.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Tuesday 24 September

Nose and Nancy
10 miles
Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park
Up to Teggs Nose via Walker Barn. Return along Kerridge Ridge to White Nancy and back to Bollington. 2,260 ft (680m) total ascent.
Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Bear Hunt
£ 0.5 miles
Meeting point: 10am Bollington Library
Have a story in the library, then celebrate the 30th anniversary of the book by going on a bear hunt before returning to the library for refreshments and rhymes! Suitable for the under-5s and their carers; £2 per child.
Organised by Bollington Library

Blackden Trust: Alan Garner's Medicine House
£ B 5 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Learn about the Blackden Trust, ancient Tudor house and the author Alan Garner's Medicine House. Travel by coach to Goostrey. Then, after a five-mile walk to Blackden, eat your packed lunch in the grounds and hear a talk on the fascinating history of the house. Back to Bollington by coach. Booking required; £19.50 including coach and tour.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Around Bollington
£ 5 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Across the recreation ground, then on to Holehouse Lane via the Middlewood Way. Through fields to Sugar Lane and Long Lane, down to Sowcar and Ingersley Vale, beneath White Nancy into Kerridge and back along the canal. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Pilates for Walkers
£ B 4.5 miles
Meeting point: 1pm Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane
30-minute standing Pilates session by Macc Forest Pilates, followed by a 2.5-hour walk around the fields between Bollington and Macclesfield. Booking required; £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Wednesday 25 September

Sensory Walk
B 2 miles
Meeting point: 10am Café Waterside
Are you affected by sight loss? Would you like to walk with a trained Sighted Guide? A gentle walk exploring the sounds, smells, textures and sights around the canal and Middlewood Way, finishing at Café Waterside where you can buy drinks and snacks. Please contact the East Cheshire Eye Society to book a place on 01625 422602.
Organised by the East Cheshire Eye Society

Fool's Nook by Narrowboat
£ B 8.5 miles
Meeting point: 10am Bollington Wharf
A similar format to last year, but slightly longer although not as hilly. Half the group walk to Fool's Nook via Sutton, returning by narrowboat. The other half start on the boat and do the reverse. Booking required; £6.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Way out West
£ 5 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Explore the rolling fields to the south and west of Bollington on this pretty, fairly flat walk. We'll walk to Kerridge and across the fields to Clarke Lane, then cut across to Dumbah Hollow and around to Butley Town, returning via Lowerhouse. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Thursday 26 September

Lamaload by Lesser-Known Paths
8.5 miles
Meeting point: 10am Jackson Lane car park
Along flagged paths in Kerridge and its ridge to Rainow and Lamaload reservoir. After a climb up to Yearnslow, downhill most of the way home via Rainowlow and Lima Clough.
Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Ramble to Shrigley Hall for Tea and Cake
£ B 5 miles
Meeting point: 1.30pm Bridgend Centre
A lovely ramble up into the Harrop Valley and over Bakestonedale Moor, then down to Shrigley Hall for tea and cake. Return via Long Lane. Booking required; £4.50 including refreshments.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Friday 27 September

Introduction to Nordic Walking
B 1.5 miles
Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park
A free chance to try out the techniques involved in Nordic Walking and learn about its benefits with experienced local instructor David Lambert. Nordic walking poles will be provided. Only 12 places available! Booking required.
Organised by David Lambert

Making Tracks to the West
£ 6miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
One for trainspotters! To quaint Butley Town and the byways of Prestbury, crossing the West Coast mainline. Return via historic Lowerhouse. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Stroll with East Cheshire Ramblers
3.5 miles
Meeting point: 10.30am Lord Clyde
An easy 3.5 mile walk via Bollington Leisure Centre to the Middlewood Way and the recreation ground (where toilet facilities are available). Then a short incline up to the canal at Clarence Mill and back along the towpath to the Lord Clyde, which will be open for refreshment at the end of the walk!
Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Canal/Railway History and Wildlife
4 miles
Meeting point: 2pm Discovery Centre
Along the canal and Middlewood Way, looking at both history and nature, with the option to see the Railway History exhibition and images of historic Bollington.
Organised by the Canal and River Trust

Saturday 28 September

White Nancy and Beyond
15 miles
Meeting point: 10am Pool Bank car park
Up to White Nancy and on to the moors to Lamaload reservoir, below Cats Tor then the Gritstone Trail into Lyme Park and up to Bowstones, returning via West Parkgate and the canal. 2,000ft (600m) total ascent.
Organised by Footprints Walking Club

Lyme Park
£ 10.5 miles
Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre
See if you can spot Mr Darcy on this lovely ramble to Lyme Park and back! We'll travel there over valleys and windswept hills (the highest point being Sponds Hill) before resting awhile at Lyme Park, making the most of the excellent facilities there. We then return over rolling fields and along the canal. £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

'Boggy Doodles Bolly' Walk
£ B 4 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
A 'Green Sketching' guided walk with Ali Foxon, part of the 'Big Draw' Festival. We'll ramble around the Bollington area, doodling along the way. Bring your own paper and pencils. Booking required; £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Sunday 29 September

Teggs Nose
13 miles
Meeting point: 10am Jackson Lane car park
To Teggs Nose via Oakenbank Lane, Lamaload reservoir and the isolated Walker Barn, returning along the Gritstone Trail to White Nancy. 2,600ft (794m) total ascent.
Organised by ECOG

Navigation for Beginners
£ B 6 miles
Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre
Covering the basics of navigation on paths with a map and compass. Ideal for complete beginners. We'll initially cover easy ground and progress onto rougher and hillier terrain as the day goes on. Booking required; £10.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

The 'Random Apple' Walk
£ B 5 miles
Meeting point: 10.30am Bridgend Centre
Walk along the canal and through pastures to Higher Hurdsfield. Enjoy an hour at the Random Apple Company, Swanscoe, helping to press apples, hearing about the business and eating your packed lunch. Return below Kerridge Ridge. Children welcome. Booking required; £3.
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Afternoon Stroll and a Beer
5 miles
Meeting point: 1pm Pool Bank car park
An easy-paced walk out via Waulkmill Wood and around to the Robin Hood inn in Rainow. An hour or so for drinks and then back home via Rainowlow.
No rushing allowed!
Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Terry Waite, who was born in Bollington, sends his best wishes to all who are taking part in the Festival. 'You have a most comprehensive programme and I am quite sure you will find it to be personally most rewarding and interesting.'

Key to symbols

- Ideal for families and accompanied children
- Bring a packed lunch
- £ A charge applies. Paid walks from the Bridgend Centre include tea or coffee
- Dogs must be on leads
- Please leave your dog at home
- B Booking required

- **Easy:** No steep climbs and taken at a gentle pace
- **Moderate:** May have steep climbs, but if they do will be taken at a gentle pace
- **Energetic:** Generally will involve steep climbs and descents; will cover a moderate distance at a steady pace
- **Strenuous:** Will include several climbs and will cover a long distance at a brisk pace
- **Very strenuous:** Will involve steep climbs and will be a long distance at a fast pace. You will need good physical stamina for this walk

Walking Festival Events Calendar 2019

Friday 20 September

Social ('soft launch'), Cotton Tree, 7.30pm
Join the team at the Cotton Tree for the launch of the festival.
Hotpot £3.50 – please let us know if you plan to come along

Bollington Folk Club, Dog and Partridge, 8.30pm
Guest night with Colum Sands. £8 on the door.
For further details visit www.bollyfolk.com or ring 07570 807645

Saturday 21 September

Heath Quartet Chamber Concert , Bollington Arts Centre, 7.30pm
The award-winning quartet play music by Beethoven, Ravel and Tippett.
£19. See www.bollingtonartscentre.co.uk/events or ring 01625 573863

Tuesday 24 September

Children's Bear Hunt, Bollington Library, 10.00am
See walks programme for details

Mindfulness Session, Bollington Arts Centre, 7pm
Free taster session for an 8-week mindfulness stress-reduction course

Thursday 26 September

Outdoor-Themed Flix in the Stix, Pott Shrigley Community Cinema, Pott Shrigley Village Hall, 7.30pm
Film: *Free Solo.* £5 bookable online at bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk, Flix in the Stix (https://sites.google.com/site/pottflix/) or on the door

Friday 27 September

Walking Festival Folk Evening, Bollington Arts Centre, 7.30pm
The best local acoustic talent from Bollington and beyond, with special guests, to celebrate the tenth Walking Festival. £5 on the door

Sunday 29 September

Charity Quiz Night in aid of Bollington Walking Festival, Poachers Inn, 8.30pm
For further details visit www.thepoachers.org or ring 01625 572086

Also check Bollington's monthly 'What's On' leaflet or visit www.bollington-tc.gov.uk