



Welcome to Bollington's 11th Walking Festival! Once again, we have a great programme of walks – nearly 30 this year, covering all abilities and ages. After a break in 2020 we are glad to say we have maintained our partnerships with local walking groups and local organisations. Walkers are Welcome continues to extend a hand of friendship to all who visit Bollington.

### Booking details

The walks are led by several local organisations; there is a charge for some walks, which are indicated by a £ symbol on the walk programme. 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 purchasing your ticket on our website [www.bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk) (except for the Sensory Walk). If you would like any support with online booking, please contact the Bridgend Centre on 01625 576311 to arrange a convenient time for us to help you with it.

Please note that all walks and events are listed in good faith but will be subject to the government's Coronavirus guidelines as they stand at the time of the festival in late September 2021. Our overriding concern is the safety of all those involved. **Please check our website regularly for the most up-to-date information on how things are being done and join the mailing list.**

On walks starting from the Bridgend Centre, please wait outside the front of the Centre for the walk to start as numbers are limited inside.

### 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.
- 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.

### Without their help and support!!

We'd like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme – special thanks go to Bollington Town Council for their grant. A big thank you also to the staff and volunteers at the Bridgend Centre for all their support before, during and after the Festival.

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

### Key to symbols

	Ideal for families and accompanied children
	Bring a packed lunch
	A charge applies; proceeds will go to the Bridgend Centre
	Dogs must be on leads
	Please leave your dog at home
	Booking required

### Walk grade symbols

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

[visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district](http://visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district)

[bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk)



## Monday 27 September

### En Plein Air Art Walk 2 miles B

Meeting point: 1:30pm Bridgend Centre

A short walk to a picturesque spot where we'll have around two hours to sketch some of the buildings and lovely views of Bollington. Basic materials will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. You might also like to bring a lightweight camping chair. If the weather proves inclement we'll have an indoor sketching session. Booking required.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

## Tuesday 28 September

### Children's Bear Hunt 0.5 miles

Meeting point: 10am Bollington Library

Have a story in the library, then go on a Bear Hunt outdoors before returning inside for refreshments and rhymes! Suitable for the under-5s plus their grown-ups: £2 per child.

*Organised by Bollington Library*

### CPRE Peak Boundary Walk - Stage 19 9.5 miles



Meeting point: 10am Bridgend Centre

Coinciding with the publication of the revised Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW) guidebook, the staff of the countryside charity CPRE will lead stage 19 of the Walk. Hear about the work of CPRE and history of the PDBW along the way. Undulating mix of field paths, lanes and parkland, and canal from Bollington to Whaley Bridge. This is a linear walk, so you'll need to get yourself back to the start (or home) from Whaley Bridge. Details on public transport available on the walking festival website. See [www.cprepsy.org.uk/discover/pdbw-stage-19](http://www.cprepsy.org.uk/discover/pdbw-stage-19) for more details.

*Organised by CPRE*

### Walking for Confidence 3 miles B

Meeting point: 10:30am Adlington Road car park

A walk to encourage your confidence, mainly on the flat, apart from two sets of steps, and some off road. Slow-paced and mindful. Bring a drink and waterproofs. We'll finish at Café Waterside for those who'd like food or drink. Guide dogs only. Booking required.

*Organised by Bollington Medical Centre*

### Kerridge Ramble with the East Cheshire Rangers

4 miles    

Meeting point: 6pm Jackson Lane, near the car park

An energetic walk exploring some of the hidden paths of Kerridge and the ridge. Hopefully we'll see some bats at the end of the walk. Please wear sturdy boots and waterproofs. A torch and binoculars may be useful!

*Organised by Cheshire East Rangers*

## Wednesday 29 September

### Waterways, Woods and Wonderful Views 9 miles



Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park

A varied walk that takes in lots of local features, with lovely views. We start along the Middlewood Way and the canal, and climb up over the fields to Dale Top and Sponds Hill, taking it at a steady pace with pauses to admire the views across to Manchester and Lyme Park. Return to Bollington along the lovely Harrop Valley.

*Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers*

### Sensory Walk 2 miles B

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. Booking required; contact 01625 422602.

*Organised by the East Cheshire Eye Society*

### A Pootle around Prestbury 4.5 miles

Meeting point: 10:15am Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane

A relaxed exploration of the pleasant village of Prestbury from Bollington Cross, including fields, a golf course and Prestbury churchyard. Please note that we will be crossing the busy Silk Road at one point.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

## Thursday 30 September

### Day 2 of the Gritstone Trail (Bollington to Langley) 10 miles

Meeting point: 10:15am Jackson Lane, near the car park  
We'll follow the Gritstone Trail along Kerridge Ridge to Rainow and across open farmland to Teggs Nose. We'll pass through varied scenery and terrain, including pretty woodland (you may hear woodpeckers), leading us to Langley, along the Hollins, past a residential area, a short stretch of canal towpath and back through farmland. Total ascent 530m.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

### Walkers' Picnic 7 miles

Meeting point: 11am Bridgend Centre

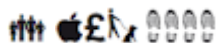
Bring your picnic lunch, and let's enjoy the pastoral landscape between Bollington and Adlington. Return via Whiteley Green and Butley Town.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*



## Friday 1 October

### Somewhere Over the Rainbow 7 miles

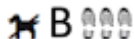


Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

A hilly trip over the fields to Rainow, on to the Lamaload works and back via White Nancy. Bring snacks/sandwiches if you wish, as we might not be back for an early lunch.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

### Nordic Walk - Three Millennium Stones 6 miles



Meeting point: 10am Spuley Lane layby (Hedgerow)

Join David Lambert to use your Nordic walking poles on this walk to find three millennium stones, with good views and a variety of scenery. We'll go to Sowcar, Waukmill, Rainow, Harrop and Billinge Hill and finish along Hedgerow. Bring a drink and your walking poles. Booking required.

*Organised by David Lambert*

### The Bollington Heritage Walk 2 miles



Meeting point: 10am Café Waterside

A brief look at the history of Bollington, its canal and the growth of the town. A short walk, with one climb.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

### Stroll with East Cheshire Ramblers 3.5 miles



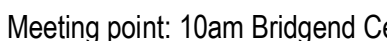
Meeting point: 10:30am Lord Clyde

Along the Middlewood Way to the recreation ground (toilet facilities) and Clarence Mill, returning via the canal. An easy walk with only a couple of short, very gentle inclines. Refreshments can be purchased at the Lord Clyde pub at the end of the walk.

*Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers*

## Saturday 2 October

### A MAD March from Bollington to Marple and Return 18 miles



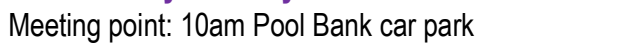
Meeting point: 10am Bridgend Centre

A walk along sections of the Middlewood Way and Macclesfield Canal to Marple for lunch in the park, followed by a more undulating return using different parts of the canal towpath. 300m total ascent.

*Organised by MAD Walkers*

## Saturday 2 October

### White Nancy and Beyond 17 miles

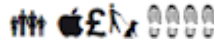


Meeting point: 10am Pool Bank car park

We'll climb onto the moors to Lamaload reservoir via White Nancy, walk in the shadow of Cats Tor then take the Gritstone Trail to Sponds Hill and the Bowstones, returning via West Parkgate and the canal. 2,000ft (600m) total ascent.

*Organised by Footprints Walking Club*

### Looping Around t' Hills 10.75 miles



Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

We'll take an undulating route up to Hedgerow and around the pretty Harrop Valley, then go across the moors to Sponds Hill, back down to Rainow, and return along Kerridge Ridge.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*

## Sunday 3 October

### Shining Tor and Pym Chair 14 miles

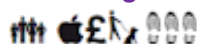


Meeting point: 10am Poachers Inn

Climbing from Bollington to Shining Tor via Lamaload Reservoir, we'll go along the ridge to Pym Chair and back to Bollington via Jenkin Chapel.

*Organised by ECOG*

### A Kerridge and Billinge Bimble 6 miles



Meeting point: 10:30am Bridgend Centre

A lovely bimble for a Sunday. We'll climb up to White Nancy, meander along the saddle of Kerridge and descend into Rainow. Then we head north to Billinge Hill and back along Hedgerow. 400m of ascent.

*Organised by the Bridgend Centre*