

Where to stay

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.

Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-catering
01625 572034 / 07506 825480
www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk

Hollin House Hotel 01625 573246
www.hollinhousehotel.com

Oakenbank Farm
07729 694189 or see their Facebook page

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

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574280
and Log Pod self-catering
www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk

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

Other local accommodation can be found through AirBnB
www.airbnb.co.uk

Also see
www.visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district



Car parks, Meeting Points and & Information

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| Discovery Centre: Clarence Road | Discovery Centre: Clarence Mill SK10 5JZ |
| Pool Bank: Palmerston Road | Bollington Library: Palmerston Street SK10 5JX |
| Adlington Road with public toilets | Bridgend Centre: 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW |
| Clough Bank: Grimshaw Lane | Bollington Town Hall: Wellington Road SK10 5JR |
| Community Centre | Bus terminus |
| Scout hut | Bollington Wharf |
| Hollin House Hotel entrance | |

Walking: essential information

- ◆ Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a waterproof. It is strongly advised to carry a drink.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ In poor weather the leader may modify the walk or, in extreme conditions, cancel it.
- ◆ Check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; they are not allowed on some walks.
- ◆ To avoid disturbance to farm animals and wildlife, please keep your dog on a lead and under control.
- ◆ All walks are circular unless stated otherwise.
- ◆ A packed lunch may be required; look for the symbol on the walk details.
- ◆ Walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult who must assess suitability of the walk.
- ◆ Most walk leaders are volunteers and all taking part do so at own risk.

September 2024 Bollington Walking Festival 14

From the 7th to the 15th
with walks for all abilities



bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk



Welcome to the 14th Walking Festival



Yes, it's our 14th !

We have, again, a great programme of walks and activities to cover all abilities and age ranges.

Come with or without the family, with or without your walking partner (on two legs or four).

For 2024, we are glad to say that we have maintained and strengthened our partnerships with local walking groups and others.

The Bollington Walking Festival was initiated by the Destination Bollington Forum and is organised by the Bridgend Centre and volunteers.

Planning your visit

The Bridgend Centre

This is the main information point for the Walking Festival and is the starting point for many walks.

It's a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes. Feel free to browse in our charity shop, too!

The Bridgend Centre
104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW
email: info@bridgendcentre.org.uk

bridgendcentre.org.uk
01625 576311

Opening times during the Festival:

Monday to Friday 10am–4pm
Saturday 10am–1pm
Sundays 10am for walkers only

Booking and payment

Where booking is required ('B' on the walks), please go online to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk unless another contact is specified. Payment will be taken at that time.

On other walks, where required, will take payment at the start point. Please bring appropriate cash as we cannot take card payment there.

Where there is no charge, we suggest that a suitable donation might be made to the Bridgend Centre.

The walks are led by a number of different local organisations.

Even where booking is not required, please arrive in plenty of time.

Note: there are no buses to Bollington on Sundays.

Please check the website for the latest details; walks and timing may need to change at short notice.

With help and support from ...

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme, especially Bollington Town Council for their grant which makes 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.



Walkers are Welcome

Walkers are Welcome is a nationwide initiative launched in 2007.

They have enabled the development of over 100 accredited towns and villages to assist with their communities' economic, physical and mental well-being through walking. Bollington has had accreditation since 2013.

Bollington Walkers are Welcome is now run by the Bridgend Centre, which has two ranges of walking trails: the Bridgend Heritage Trails and Bridgend Tree Trails.

The walks are available as leaflets and to download online at bridgendcentre.org.uk/bridgend-walking-trails.

The Bridgend Centre also run weekly guided walks to encourage people to get out walking.



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 and just 2 miles from the A523 (Silk Road), so travelling by road is straightforward.

Public Transport

Train services to Macclesfield provide access from Stockport and Manchester to the north and from Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south.

Bus services operate **Monday to Saturday** between Macclesfield and Bollington (Route 10) and from Poynton and Stockport (Routes 391 and 392). **Note: no buses on Sundays.**

Further information on bus, rail and coach routes and times is available from Cheshire Traveline at www.traveline.info or on 0871 200 22 33.

Note: walks start promptly

Please be at the meeting point before the advertised time.

Visitor information

Bollington Town Hall 01625 572985

Weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Bollington Library 01625 378266

Open Tues 10-6, Weds, Thurs & Fri 10-5, Sat 9:30-1

Bollington Discovery Centre

Open weekends 11am-4pm; Wednesdays 1.30pm-4pm

Bridgend Centre 01625 576311

bridgendcentre.org.uk - see the Planning your visit section

Cheshire information

visitcheshire.com has a wealth of information to plan your visit to Cheshire.

Bollington information

See www.happy-valley.org.uk and www.bollington-tc.gov.uk



The Walks

Mon 9 Sep

All Week: Self-guided walk

"Ramble on!" 4.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3.00

Start Point: Bridgend Centre

We provide a map with instructions and you walk at your leisure. The route visits ten pre-set waymarks and if you find all ten there will be a small prize.

We won't be guiding you - simply pick up your information pack from the Bridgend Centre during opening hours and off you go...

Sat 7 Sep

Historical pubs walk 7.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Tour of pubs both past and present in Bollington & Kerridge. There are a total of 35 buildings which are, or have been, public houses. We will stop at one pub on the way round and will finish at the Vale Inn.

Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 10:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Introduction to Nordic walking 6 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Come along if you are a Nordic walker to join experienced local instructor David Lambert for an introduction to Nordic walking. Non Nordic walkers are welcome to join the walk. If you have Nordic poles or walking poles please bring them with you.

Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 10:15

Organised by: David Lambert

Ramble round Rainow 8 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Lovely walk taking a full circuit around the village of Rainow. The route climbs up onto the Kerridge Ridge and loops around Lamaload Reservoir and back to the Robin Hood pub.

Meeting point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 10:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Western Edge of Combs Moss 6.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 B £5

Minibus ride to the start in Buxton and up the hill (for lunch) to walk around the Western Edge of Combs Moss. Dropping down to the Beehive pub in Combs for a drink. Minibus home arriving back around 5:30pm. Booking essential.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 12:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Sun 8 Sep

Derbyshire Young Walkers Macc Forest loop 9.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Derbyshire Young Walkers are an inclusive group aimed at young adults who are keen to enjoy the Peak District in a guided environment. The route will be a full loop around Tegg's Nose, Wildboardclough, Macclesfield Forest; taking in the Cheshire Matterhorn of Shutlingsloe.

Meeting point: Macclesfield Forest Ridgeway Reservoir layby 09:00

Organised by: Derbyshire Young Walkers

Highest point in Cheshire 15 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

A lovely high level route taking in the highest point in Cheshire, Shining Tor. We'll first aim for Charles Head and then onto Windgather rocks. After that we will follow the ridge to Shining Tor and return to Bollington via Lamaload.

Meeting point: Pool Bank car park 09:30

Organised by: ECOG

To the Pool and back 8 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Circular ramble along the Middlewood Way, through Dumbah Hollow and across the fields around the west of Bollington. We will aim for Styperson Pool and return via the canal.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Historical Bollington 1 mile 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Learning some fascinating facts about how Bollington became the town it is today. Explore its agricultural and industrial past and find out more about hidden spots in the town that you may not have noticed before. Not suitable for very young children.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 14:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Sunset from the Ridge 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Enjoy a varied and active walk around Kerridge before we head up onto the ridge in time for the sunset. Warning - steep steps involved and a torch may be useful for the end of the walk.

Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 18:30

Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

An undulation through Rainow 10 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

A longer route exploring the hills and farms above the neighbouring village of Rainow. Our route back to the start takes us via Harrop and Kerridge Ridge.

Meeting point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 10:00

Organised by: East Cheshire Ramblers

Charles Head and Summer Close 7 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Afternoon hike to the wild landscape of Charles Head and Summer Close. You will be able to enjoy views back to Bollington from this high vantage point - weather dependent!

Meeting point: Spuley Lane layby (Hedgerow) 13:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Bridgend 'Walk for Health' 2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Short, easy walk around central Bollington designed to encourage new walkers. Great opportunity to enjoy an evening walk and meet new people. Some slight inclines but mainly on the flat. No stiles involved!

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 18:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Tue 10 Sep

Sensory Walk 2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Are you affected by sight loss? Would you like to walk with a trained sight guide? Gentle walk exploring the sounds, smells, textures and sights around the canal and Middlewood Way, finishing at Cafe Waterside where you can buy drinks and snacks. Please contact East Cheshire Eye Society to book a place on 01625 422602.

Meeting point: Café Waterside 10:00

Organised by: East Cheshire Eye Society

Children's Bear Hunt 0.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻 £2

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.

Meeting point: Bollington Library 10:30

Organised by: Bollington Library

My dog has no nose. How does he smell? Terrible 8 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Steady climb along the side of Kerridge Ridge arriving for packed lunch at Tegg's Nose café. Back via the other side of Kerridge Ridge.

Meeting point: Poachers Inn 10:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Wed 11 Sep

Bridgend Wednesday walk - Revolving in Time 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Compare life and work in the mill with on the farm as you follow the River Dean past remnants of the Industrial Revolution to reach the countryside.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

BDP Care Community walk 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Find out about your local Bollington, Disley and Poynton Care Partnership on this gentle walk exploring the canal, tranquil Tinkers Clough and the Middlewood Way.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 11:00

Organised by: BDP Care Community

Dementia friendly walk 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Suitable for anyone living with dementia and their carers. Meet our members, make new friends and help us to raise awareness. Walk includes the Middlewood Way (steps to reach this) and the canal, finishing at Café Waterside for optional drinks.

Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 14:00

Organised by: Bollington Dementia Action Alliance

As the crow flies 5.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Straight 'out and back' route to Higher Hurdsfield which hugs the bottom of Kerridge Ridge. This walk has some gentle rises and descents as it wends its way across fields, along lanes and the Macclesfield Canal.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 14:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Geocache walk 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Join us for a geocache walk. Learn about the global treasure hunt and add new challenges to your walks. We'll find some caches as we walk under the Kerridge Ridge out to Swanscoe collecting as we go, returning via Kerridge. Download the app at geocaching.com

Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 17:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Honesty box walk 4.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻 🚶🏻🚶🏻

Go on a shopping spree and buy some local produce, such as eggs, jam & honey from our local honesty boxes. The walk follows historic paths to the village of Rainow and back. Bring a bag and some change.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 18:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Thu 12 Sep

Visiting Ethel 7.5 miles £3

A hilly walk visiting the summit of our local Ethel, Sponds Hill, on the Gritstone Trail. From the top we should have fabulous views of Lyme Park and Whaley Bridge.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Back to Bolly from Macc 8 miles £3

Linear walk back to Bollington via the Hollins, Langley, Teggs Nose and Rainow. There are two significant climbs on the route. Make your own way to the walk start at Bay 8 of Macclesfield Bus station. Bus numbers 10 and 392 travel from Bollington regularly (£2) see bus timetable for details.

Meeting point: Macclesfield bus station 10:45

Organised by: Cheshire East Ramblers

Digging through the past 6.5 miles £3

From town to farm, from quarry to canal, this undulating walk takes you through a constantly changing landscape of life and work. Ranging from valleys to moorlands, you will discover a little of what lies beneath the surface of Bollington.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Just Drop In young person's mindfulness walk 3.5 miles £B

Open to any local young people aged 13 to 25 and their parents/carers. Come and meet our team, find out more about our services and learn some relaxation techniques at the same time. Transport from Just Drop In (Macclesfield) can be arranged. Contact hello@justdropin.co.uk to book your place. Booking is required for this walk.

Meeting point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 17:15

Organised by: Just Drop In

Fri 13 Sep

Walk with views 8 miles £3

Walking through the picturesque hamlet of Rainowlow and the wooded valley of Harrop Brook we will rise up onto the moors above Lyme Park with views out to Wales and the Peak District.

Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 10:00

Organised by: Cheshire East Rangers

Bee Happy 3 miles £3

Walk to Whiteley Green through Bollington's unique landscape, taking in the stunning views, majestic mills, local tracks and peaceful waterways.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:30

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

What, more cake! 5.5 miles £3

Afternoon walk to Hannah's café in Tytherington via Dumbah Hollow and back via Kerridge. Cake and coffee highly recommended but we won't force you.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Chip Butty walk to the Robin Hood 5.5 miles £3

Join us for a summer stroll up on the Kerridge Ridge, along and down the Rainow side to the Robin Hood pub where we can have a snack and drink before returning in the dark over Oakenbank. Torch essential for our walk back to Bollington.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 17:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Sat 14 Sep

Thirsty for Hoplab in a different county 11 miles £8

Bit of a change of area for the beer walk this year. Minibus to Rushton Spencer, down Rudyard Lake, over Biddulph Moor to Hoplab bar. Minibus back, arriving home 6:15pm. Booking is required for this walk.

Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 09:30

Organised by: Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Bolly from the train 9.5 miles £3

Circular walk from this Manchester-based Ramblers group. Walking mainly on the flat with short undulating sections, we will be walking on canal towpaths, fields and old train routes.

Meeting point: Macclesfield railway station 10:30

Organised by: Manchester Weekend Walkers

Do the cake walk to the Tin Church 4 miles £3

Join us on our third annual stroll along the Middlewood Way to the coffee shop at St John's Church Adlington, to buy and enjoy refreshments, returning along the canal and through the Recreation Ground.

Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 14:00

Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Sat 14 Sep

Photographic route to the Nab 1.5 miles £3

Short walk with members of Bollington Photographic Group. Ample opportunity to take photographs and to ask for any advice relating to photography.

Meeting point: Bus terminus by Cotton Tree 18:00

Organised by: Bollington Photography Group

Sun 15 Sep

Head in the Cloud 23 miles £3

Long distance route over to Bosley Cloud. Refreshments are available at two pubs along the way (or you can eat your own provisions nearby).

Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 08:00

Organised by: Long Distance Walkers' Association

Walking on water 6 miles £10

Combined canal boat trip and walk. Half the group will walk to Lyme Park & return by boat and the other half will do the opposite. Includes hills, high stiles & steps. Over 16s only. Planned return by 4pm. Booking is required.

Meeting point: Bollington Wharf 09:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Mayor's boundary walk 8 miles £3

Come and join the Town Mayor on the annual Boundary Walk, which contains both flat and hilly sections. Please bring a packed lunch as we will stop for a break at the Windmill Pub.

Meeting point: Town Hall 10:30

Organised by: Bollington Town Council

Classic route along Kerridge Ridge to White Nancy 4.5 miles £3



There isn't a more classic end to the Walking Festival than a walk across the fields to Rainow, up and along Kerridge Ridge to White Nancy and back down to the Poachers for a final pint.

Meeting point: Poachers Inn 15:00

Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Social Events

Thursday 8 August

Pub Quiz

The Vale, 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Vale for a traditional pub quiz with prizes and a raffle raising funds for the Bollington Walking Festival.

Friday 6 September

Opening festivities

Cotton Tree, 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join the Bollington Walking Festival team and volunteers for an evening at the Cotton Tree.

Sunday 15 September

Walkers' Pub Quiz


Poachers, 7.30pm

A traditional pub quiz at the Poachers with prizes and a raffle. All proceeds go to the Bridgend Centre.

Key to walk symbols

 Bring a packed lunch.


 Dogs must be on leads.

 Please leave your dog at home.


£ A charge applies. Payment will be collected at the start of the walk if not made at time of booking.

 This walk has no charge, donations to Bridgend Centre invited.


B Booking required even if free of charge.

 Easy: No steep climbs; taken at a gentle pace.

 Moderate: May have steep climbs; taken at a gentle pace.

 Energetic: Generally involve steep climbs and descents; a moderate distance at a steady pace.

 Strenuous: Several climbs and a long distance at a brisk pace.

 Very strenuous: Steep climbs and a long distance at a fast pace. You will need good physical stamina for this walk.