

## Where to stay

The accommodation listed below offers high-quality and friendly local hospitality. Bollington's 'Walkers Are Welcome' status means you will receive a warm reception.

Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-catering  
01625 575279 / 07506 825480  
[www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk](http://www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk)

Hollin House Hotel 01625 573246  
[www.hollinhousehotel.co.uk](http://www.hollinhousehotel.co.uk)

Oakenbank Barn 07729 694189  
<https://oakenbankbarn.promotemyplace.com>

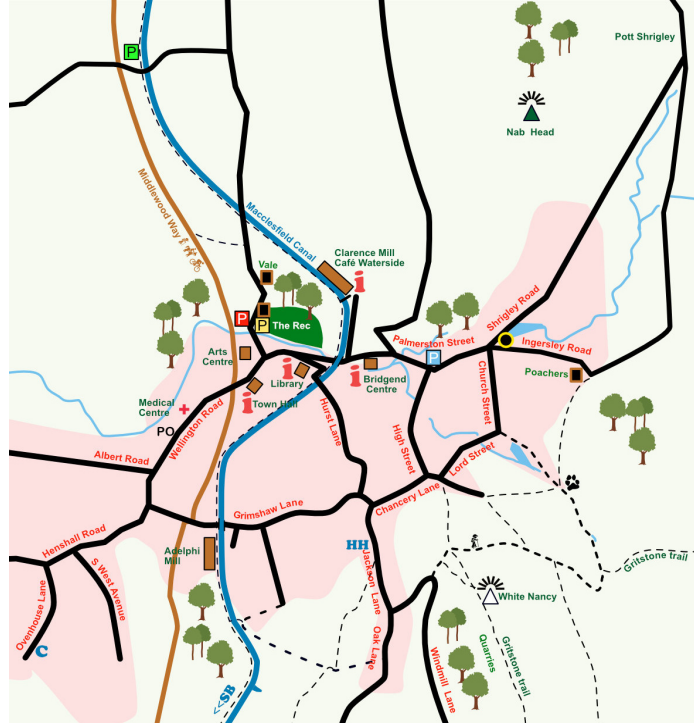
Kerridge End Holiday Cottages 5-Star Gold Self-Catering  
01625 424220  
[www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk](http://www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk)

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast and Log Pod  
01625 574280  
[www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk](http://www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk)

Shrigley Hall Hotel & Spa 01625 575757  
[www.shrigleyhallhotelandspa.co.uk](http://www.shrigleyhallhotelandspa.co.uk)

Other local accommodation can be found through AirBnB  
[www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk)

Also see  
[visitcheshire.com/locations/cheshire-peak-district](http://visitcheshire.com/locations/cheshire-peak-district)



### Car parks, Meeting Points & Information

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Cricket Pavilion, Adlington Road  | Adlington Road car park; Public toilets         |
| Pool Bank, Palmerston Street      | Bus terminus                                    |
| Holehouse Lane                    | Bollington Library: Palmerston Street SK10 5JX  |
| Community Centre                  | Bridgend Centre: 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW |
| Hollin House Hotel entrance       | Bollington Town Hall: Wellington Road SK10 5JR  |
| to the Spiral Bridge, Clarke Lane | Off Leash                                       |

What3words links for the all walk meeting points are on the website at:  
[tinyurl.com/bwfessential](http://tinyurl.com/bwfessential)

## 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.

# Bollington Walking Festival 2025

15<sup>th</sup> year!

September 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

walks for all abilities



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

# Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> Walking Festival

Yes, it's our 15<sup>th</sup>!



Once again, we have 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 2025, we are glad to say that we have maintained and strengthened our partnerships with local walking groups and others who lead walks for us. *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](mailto:info@bridgendcentre.org.uk)  
**[bridgendcentre.org.uk](http://bridgendcentre.org.uk)**  
**01625 576311**

### Opening times during the Festival:

Monday to Friday 10am–4pm  
Saturday 10am–3pm  
Sundays 10am for walkers only

## Booking and payment

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

On other walks with a charge please pay by cash or card at the start of the walk.

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](http://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 (Route 391). **Note: no buses on Sundays.**

Further information on bus, rail and coach routes and times is available from Cheshire Traveline at [www.traveline.info](http://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 Discovery Centre

Open Wednesday 1.30-4pm; weekends 11-4pm

### Bollington information

[happyvalley.org.uk](http://happyvalley.org.uk)

### Bollington Library 01625 378266

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

### Bollington Town Council 01625 572985

Weekdays 9.30-2.30pm

[bollington-tc.gov.uk](http://bollington-tc.gov.uk)

### Bollington Walking Festival

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

Full festival details including walks calendar, bookings, events and essential information.

### Bridgend Centre 01625 576311

[bridgendcentre.org.uk](http://bridgendcentre.org.uk)

Refer to the 'Planning your visit' section overleaf for Festival information or visit our website to learn all about the important role the charity plays in the heart of the Bollington community.

### Cheshire information

[visitcheshire.com](http://visitcheshire.com)

A wealth of information to plan your visit to Cheshire.



# The Walks

## Sat 6 Sep

### To the West Parkgate 8.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶 £3

More unusual route over Bakestonedale Moor to the West Parkgate of Lyme Park. Returning to Bollington along Macclesfield Canal with a short climb past Styperson Pool to Long Lane.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Nordic Walking: scenic walk over Tegg's Nose 8 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶 £3

Come and 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: Bridgend Centre*

### Bolly from the train 9.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶

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*

### Bollington Brewery walk 5 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 £3

Walk up and along Kerridge Ridge to the outskirts of Macclesfield to visit the new Bollington Brewery site. Make your own way back.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:30**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

## Sun 7 Sep

### Highest point in Cheshire 15 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶

Lovely high-level route taking in the highest point in Cheshire, Shining Tor. We'll first aim for Charles Head and then Windgather rocks. Follow the ridge to Shining Tor and return via Lamaload.

**Meeting point: Pool Bank Car Park 09:30**

*Organised by: ECOG*

### Canitrekk taster 5.5 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 B £10

Try the unique activity of Canitrekking, a fun, active way to explore the outdoors with your dog, where you and your canine companion are harnessed together for a shared hands-free hiking experience. All equipment hire, and coaching included. Booking essential in advance with [jules@noseandpawsactive.co.uk](mailto:jules@noseandpawsactive.co.uk)

**Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 10:00**

*Organised by: Nose and Paws Active*

### Mayor's Boundary Walk 8.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶

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. There is also the option of finishing the walk at the Windmill pub.

**Meeting point: Town Hall 10:00**

*Organised by: Bollington Town Council*

### Lama not llama 8.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶 £3

Lovely Sunday walk through expansive scenery up to Lamaload reservoir. Heading out via Oakenbank and Rainow and returning via Tower Hill.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Sunset walk - weather dependent 3 miles 🚶🚶🚶

First of 3 attempts to walk and capture a sunset, check online for confirmation. A varied and active walk around Kerridge before heading up onto the ridge in time for the sunset. Steep steps involved, bring a torch for the return. Walk is weather dependent, check website or Facebook.

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

*Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome*

## Mon 8 Sep

### Walk for health 2 miles 🚶🚶 £2

Short guided stroll aimed at those who want to get walking or return to walking. This mostly level route has no stiles and takes in a loop of the canal and Middlewood Way towards Whiteley Green.

**Meeting point: Holehouse Lane car park, Whiteley Green 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Ramble above Rainow 6 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶 £3

Lovely route with a good mix of terrain and a few hills to get the heart rate up a little. Taking in Kerridge Ridge, with a full loop above Rainow. We head back to the start via Savio House.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Honesty boxes walk 4.5 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 £3

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

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 14:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

## Mon 8 Sep

### One You 2 miles 🚶 🚶

One You is a free local lifestyle service, encouraging participants to make small sustainable changes to improve health, wellbeing and quality of life, and overall healthier lifestyle. The route is mostly level with no stiles to encourage confidence in starting or returning to walking.

**Meeting point: Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane 15:00**

*Organised by: Everybody Health & Leisure*

## Tue 9 Sep

### East Cheshire Eye Society: gentle sensory walk 2 miles 🚶 🚶

People affected by vision impairments are very welcome. If you need a sighted guide to walk with you, please contact East Cheshire Eye Society to discuss on 01625 422602.

**Meeting point: Café Waterside 10:00**

*Organised by: East Cheshire Eye Society*

### Wherefore art thou? 4 miles 🚶 🚶 £3

Walk visiting four art displays and meeting local artists. We will spend a little time at each location viewing some pathside creations along the way.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### 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*

### In and out of Lyme Park 7 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 £3

This walk takes in lesser-known parts of the park as well as the Hall and the Cage. Small charge at the Visitor Centre car park. Nordic Walkers also welcome.

**Meeting point: Nelsons Pit Car Park 14:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Spunch 3 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 B £5

Sporty treasure hunt suitable for all - if you like maps and you like being outdoors then you will love Spunch! Collect as many checkpoints as you can over a 60/90/120 minute course. Walk or run. Go solo, pair or group. Great for families and friends to do together. All info here [tinyurl.com/spunchbolly](http://tinyurl.com/spunchbolly). Booking essential.

**Meeting point: The Vale Inn 17:00**

*Organised by: Spunch*

## Wed 10 Sep

### Chrome Hill aka Dragon's Back 7 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶🚶 B £8

Minibus to/from this exhilarating walk in the Peak District. No rush but it's a stiff 200m climb to the top and then a stony ridge with a small section of easy scrambling. Needs a head for heights. See [tinyurl.com/chromehill2](http://tinyurl.com/chromehill2) for video. 420m of ascent. Booking essential.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Exploring Kerridge 4 miles 🚶🚶🚶 🚶 £3

Explore some of the lesser known paths in Kerridge on this short but perfectly formed route. Some steep climbs.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### 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*

### Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale 5 miles 🚶🚶🚶

Walk highlighting the activities of the KRIV volunteer group taking in White Nancy, Kerridge Ridge to Rainow and back via Savio House.

**Meeting point: Poachers Inn 14:00**

*Organised by: KRIV*

### Bollington's Horrible Histories 3.5 miles 🚶🚶 🚶 £3

Stroll through Bollington learning along the way about life in the mills, its transport history, and some fires and disasters throughout the ages.

**Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 17:30**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

## Thu 11 Sep

### Rainow to Tegg's Nose and back 8.5 miles 🚶🚶 🚶

Starting with a gentle ascent to Kerridge from Smithy Lane, then walking via Swanscoe and Higher Hudsfield to Tegg's Nose, for lunch/toilets/amazing views. Returning via the Gritstone Trail and Tower Hill. Total ascent 393 metres.

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

*Organised by: East Cheshire Ramblers*

## Thu 11 Sep

### 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*

### Lyme Park by bus 6 miles 🐾 🚶 £3

Catch 391 bus (£3 extra) to Higher Poynton and walk into Lyme Park for lunch/coffee. Back via Park Moor and Andrew's Knob.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 11:30**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### St Peter's church, Prestbury 2.25 miles 🐾 🚶 £3

Shorter walk around Prestbury's picturesque countryside. We finish at St Peter's church where there will be a tour of the church buildings (some rarely open to the public). The tour will take about 1 hour and refreshments will be provided.

**Meeting point: St Peters Church, Prestbury 14:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Netwalking 3.5 miles 🐾 🚶 £5

Come and explore some of Bollington's countryside to network and meet other business people in a more relaxed setting. Celebrate Thirsty Thursday with a drink in the pub at the end!

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 14:30**

*Organised by: Josolyne LLP*

### Sunset walk - weather dependent 3 miles 🐾 🚶

Second attempt to capture the sunset. A varied and active walk around Kerridge before heading up onto the ridge in time for the sunset. Steep steps involved, bring a torch for the return. Walk is weather dependent, check website or Facebook.

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

*Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome*

## Fri 12 Sep

### Lowdown on Lamaload 8 miles 🐾 🚶 £

Walking through the picturesque hamlet of Rainowlow and on to Lamaload reservoir before returning along the length of Kerridge Ridge.

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

*Organised by: Cheshire East Rangers*

### Who let the dogs out? 2.5 miles 🐾 🚶

Short walk with no stiles with local dog trainer Cal, from Off Leash. Come and learn about dog body language and understand the myths and facts of dog socialisation.

**Meeting point: Off Leash 10:00**

*Organised by: Off Leash*

### Buggy Beat 1.5 miles 🐾 🚶

Try Buggy Beat for free, an outdoor cross-training fitness class designed for parents and babies/toddlers. Fun inclusive way to exercise. Hosted by local fitness expert Carla Gilder Fitness this is a brilliant way to get out in the fresh air with no childcare worries.

**Meeting point: The Cricket Pavilion 10:30**

*Organised by: Carla Gilder Fitness*

### Café in Poynton 5 miles 🐾 🚶 £3

Catch 391 bus (£3 extra) to a café in Poynton for coffee and cake. Flat walk back over the fields arriving back around 5:30pm.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:30**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### For whom the bell tolls 4.75 miles 🐾 🚶 B £3

Canal, fields, trees and a bell tower. Walk to Pott Shrigley church for refreshments and a guided tour up the bell tower. Make your own way home from the church.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 14:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

### Chip butties are life 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 13 Sep

### Thirsty work walking to Leek via 17th century watermill 11 miles

🐾 🚶 B £8.50

Minibus to Wincle for a walk via magnificent Lud's Church and the Roaches. Calling at Dains Mill - a 17th century mill with working waterwheel (tour and refreshments). Then on to Leek for a for a few beers before our bus back at 6pm. 540m of ascent. Booking essential.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 09:00**

*Organised by: Bollington Real Ale Ramblers*

## Sat 13 Sep

### Bollington to Swanscoe via the duck ponds 7 miles 🐾 🚶

Join the Sole Sisters on a lovely route out of Kerridge and over to Higher Hurdfield. Refreshments at the Three Crowns Pub and a return via Swanscoe and the lower edge of Kerridge Ridge.

**Meeting point: Spiral Bridge, Clarke Lane 10:30**

*Organised by: Sole Sisters*

### Do the cake walk to the Tin Tabernacle 4 miles 🐾 🚶

Join us on our fourth annual stroll to the coffee shop at St John's Church Adlington, to buy and enjoy refreshments. This year the walk will be led by a representative of the church, who will be able to tell stories of the church and coffee shop.

**Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 14:00**

*Organised by: St John's Church, Adlington*

### Sunset walk - weather dependent 3 miles 🐾 🚶

Attempt 3 to find the sunset. A varied and active walk around Kerridge before heading up onto the ridge in time for the sunset. Steep steps involved, bring a torch for the return. Walk is weather dependent, check website or Facebook.

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

*Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome*

## Sun 14 Sep

### Headin' the Cloud 23 miles 🐾 🚶

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*

### Mystery walk 6 miles 🐾 🚶

No mystery over the mileage - no more than 6 - we'll take a mixture of lesser-known paths and well-worn ones as well as lots of ups and downs, some of them fairly steep so be prepared! Hopefully some good views along the way.

**Meeting point: Pool Bank car park 10:00**

*Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome*

### Classic walk to the Nab 5 miles 🐾 🚶 £3

Some might say that the Nab is the finer, though less visited, of the two summits overlooking Bollington and who are we to argue? Finish the festival in style with this classic walk up to the trig point via the fields around Savio.

**Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:00**

*Organised by: Bridgend Centre*

## Social Events at the Dog & Partridge

### Friday 5 September at 19:30

#### Opening festivities

Everyone is welcome to join the Walking Festival Team for the festival launch event. Pizza will be available, a donation to the festival funds is invited.

### Monday 8 September at 20:00

#### A talk: Hill Safety (and what to do when it all goes wrong)

A fascinating and useful talk from Buxton Mountain Rescue. The event is free of charge but donations welcome on the night to Buxton Mountain Rescue.

## 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.
- 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.