

Welcome to the 16th Walking Festival

The Walks

Fri 4 Sep

Launch event: Evening walk followed by pub visit 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Work up a thirst on a hilly walk around Kerridge & up onto the ridge to hopefully catch a sunset, then retire to the Bull's Head for refreshments. Torch advisable.
Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 18:30
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Sat 5 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
Make your own way (using public footpaths) to White Nancy to register at the 7am "checkpoint". Certificates and small prizes for any who manage all 9 mornings. Great way to kick off the day and feel energised ready for guided walks later on.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

To the 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: East Cheshire Outdoor Group (ECOG)

Honesty box shopping spree 5.25 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Go on a shopping spree and visit our local honesty boxes. Bring some change and a bag. New locations this year!
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

In and around Lyme Park 7.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚫 **£3**
Pop into this locally prominent estate and enjoy a scenic circuit taking in the reservoir, the woods and the canal. Small charge at the car park. Nordic walkers are welcome.
Meeting point: Nelson Pit Car Park 10:15
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Brewery walk 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
Repeat of last year's successful walk. Up & along Kerridge Ridge to the outskirts of Macclesfield to visit Bollington Brewery. Few beers & make your own way back.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:30
Organised by: Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Hope Press ME/CFS walk 1 mile 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾 **B**
Choice of two gentle walks suitable for people managing chronic conditions. Meet people, make art & have a cuppa! Wheelchair users please get in touch with Hope Press. Dogs allowed on the walk, but not in the studio. Donations to Hope Press. Booking essential: <https://tinyurl.com/4xaw6tyj>
Meeting point: Clough Bank car park 14:00
Organised by: Hope Press Studio

Sun 6 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Mayor's boundary walk 8.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Come and join the Town Mayor's walk around the boundary of Bollington, which contains both flat and hilly sections. Please bring a packed lunch as we will stop for a break at the Windmill Pub where there is an option for ending the walk.
Meeting point: Town Hall 10:00
Organised by: Bollington Town Council

Follow the horse 2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚫 **£3**
Follow a horse or two on a short tour of Bollington's bridleways. Horse treats will be provided!
Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 11:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Which way to Whych Farm? 6 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Low level walk covering fields north of Bollington and Macclesfield Canal.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Mon 7 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Joe Brown's numbers 8.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
An intriguing walk where you find your way round the Goyt Valley using clues etched into stone by mountaineer Joe Brown in the 1960s. Don't worry, your guide knows the way.
Meeting point: Street car park, Goyt Valley 10:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Walk for health 2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾 **£2**
Short guided stroll aimed at those who want to start 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

Kickback coffee walk 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Starting and finishing at Kickback Coffee's new coffee house on Clough Bank. Classic walk up to White Nancy and back through the fields. Brief talk about the new venue at the end.
Meeting point: Kickback Coffee 12:45
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

History walk 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Walk the streets of Bollington and learn about the interesting history of our Happy Valley.
Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 17:30
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Tue 8 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Sensory walk with East Cheshire Eye Society 2.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
All welcome on this sensory walk. If participants have vision impairments and would like a guide, please contact East Cheshire Eye Society on 01625 422602 (before 1st September).
Meeting point: Café Waterside 10:00
Organised by: East Cheshire Eye Society

Witches and hills 7.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Join us on this classic route over White Nancy and looping back around Rainowlow and then up Nab Head. Learn about the tragic fate of three local women accused of "certain arts". 500m of ascent.
Meeting point: The Cotton Tree 10:05
Organised by: East Cheshire Ramblers

Woo'd by Water 7 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £20**
Bridgend Community bus to Buxton Crescent to have a tour around this regency building, learning about Buxton water. Followed by a circular walk taking in Woo Dale. Booking essential.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Bear Hunt 0.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
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

Spunch 4 1/2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £5**
Sporty treasure hunt suitable for all. If you like maps & the outdoors then you'll love Spunch! Collect as many checkpoints as you can over a 60/90/120 min. course. Walk or run. Go solo, pair or group. Great for families & friends. Booking essential: <https://tinyurl.com/spunchbolly2>
Meeting point: Poachers Inn 17:00
Organised by: Spunch

Wed 9 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Three Shires from Cat & Fiddle 9.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £7**
Bridgend Community bus to & from the Cat & Fiddle. Across the moors, down Cumberland Clough & lunch at the scenic Three Shires Head landmark. 450m ascent. Booking essential.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Rambling the Ridge 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Join our regular Wednesday walking group and meet new friends. The route visits Rainow, the full length of Kerridge Ridge and White Nancy.
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 Bollington Library for optional drinks.
Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 13:00
Organised by: Bollington Dementia Action Alliance

Over the tracks to Prestbury 4.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Explore the fields to the west of Bollington over the railway tracks to Prestbury.
Meeting point: Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane 13:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Thursbitch night walk 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Walk along the ridge above Todd Brook. Passing the mythical Cats Tor & Thoon Stone to Shining Tor. As the light dims, we drop down into Thursbitch, Valley of the Demon. Alan Garner's novel describes the otherworldly atmosphere of this dark imposing valley.
Meeting point: Pym Chair car park 18:30
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Thu 10 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
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Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Lolloping over to Lyme 9 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
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

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

All along the bell tower 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚫 **B £3**
Walk around Ingersley Vale & Hedgerow to Pott Shrigley. Walk finishes with a guided tour to the top of the bell tower at St Christopher's church (involves steep steps & a tight squeeze). Make your own way back from the church. Very limited places - early booking essential.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 13:30
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Fri 11 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Fri 11 Sep

Rainow to Teggs Nose and back 8.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Lovely way to climb to Teggs Nose from Rainow on this more challenging route. Lunch and toilets at Teggs Nose café. Return via Gritstone Trail. 400m of ascent.
Meeting point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 10:00
Organised by: East Cheshire Ramblers

Last of the long grass 7.2 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Find out more about the proposed new housing developments to the north of Bollington in the Adlington area with this lovely walk over fields and canal. Please bring a drink as this is quite a long walk, you may also need to bring a snack.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:15
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

CanitreK 5.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £10**
Try Canitrekking, a unique, fun and active way to explore the outdoors with your dog, harnessed together for a shared hands-free hiking experience. Equipment & coaching included. Booking essential: jules@noseandpawsactive.co.uk
Meeting point: Adlington Road car park 14:00
Organised by: Nose and Paws Active

Sat 12 Sep

White Nancy Early Bird Challenge 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Thirsty yomp from Rudyard to Congleton 11 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £12**
Bridgend Community bus to Rudyard & walk to Congleton via Bosley Cloud for some beers with bus back at 6pm. Highlights are narrow gauge railway & Bridestones burial chamber. 400m ascent. Booking essential.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 09:30
Organised by: Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Bolly from the train 9.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Mainly flat circular walk with this Manchester based Ramblers group, with short undulating sections. Exploring towpaths, fields & old train routes.
Meeting point: Macclesfield railway station 10:30
Organised by: Manchester Weekend Walkers

Do the cake walk to the Tin Tabernacle 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Join us on our fifth annual stroll to the coffee shop at St John's Church, Adlington to buy and enjoy refreshments. 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 13:00
Organised by: St John's Church, Adlington

Sun 13 Sep

Final White Nancy Early Bird Challenge with breakfast and prize-giving 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
See Saturday 5th at 7am for details PLUS this morning, all welcome and bring along your breakfast (continental style, the Full English or somewhere in between) for a communal breakfast and presentation of certificates and small prizes to anyone who managed all 9 mornings at 7am.
Meeting point: White Nancy 07:00
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

Walking on Water 6.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **B £12**
Walk around the edges of Lyme Park and a narrow boat trip along Bollington's historic canal with tea & biscuits provided. Half of the group goes out on the boat whilst the other half walks. Reverse on return. Limited places. Booking essential.
Meeting point: Bollington Wharf 09:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Bollington Harriers run 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Mixed light trail and road run. All welcome.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 10:00
Organised by: Bollington Harriers

Twin Peaks 5.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫 **£3**
Tick the two peaks overlooking Bollington off your list with this short but sharp walk.
Meeting point: Bridgend Centre 11:00
Organised by: Bridgend Centre

Final Festival Flourish 3 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🐾🚫
Finish this year's festival with a varied and active walk around Kerridge before heading up onto the ridge in time for the sunset (19:29). Steep steps involved. Torch advisable for coming back down.
Meeting point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 18:30
Organised by: Walkers Are Welcome

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.
- 🏃 A running event.
- 🚶 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.

Fri 4 Sep: Festival launch with a walk and a pub visit
See walks above for details.

Mon 7 Sep: Monday Morning Meditation with 'Lets Step In'
Clough Bank car park 10:30 for a session in Tinkers Clough
A free 45-minute guided meditation with Amanda, a nature-based wellbeing specialist. Suitable for beginners, a gentle experience to soothe, calm, and rest the body. Bring a mat or camping chair.

Fri 11 Sep: A free talk "Mountain Rescue, a Rescuer's Perspective"
Bridgend Centre 19:30 - donations to KMRT
Kinder Mountain Rescue Team are volunteers, on call 24/7 all year round, who help people in difficulty in the hills through injury or getting lost.

Sat 12 Sep: Flix in the Stix
Pott Shrigley School 18:30 - £6 on the door
A popular walking related film, 'Wild', starring Reese Witherspoon. Licensed bar.