



# Festival Walks 2019

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## Wednesday 1 May 2019

### Perton - Locality 4

**Meeting Place:** Car park of Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, Perton WV6 7PD. **10am start.**

**Nordic Walking Taster Session - Duration 45 minutes**

Nordic Walking provides benefits for everybody from those with medical problems to the super fit. Whatever age, fitness level or goal, Nordic Walking is suitable, effective and enjoyable.

It tones the upper and lower body at the same time, burns up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking and reduces the pressure on knees and joints.

**This is a taster session.**

**Learn to Nordic Walk Courses are available at a cost of £15.00 for four one-hour lessons.**

**Booking is essential due to limited places. Poles will be provided.**

**Contact** - Louise Colman Tel: 07939 631131 Email: [louisewalkingforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:louisewalkingforhealth@gmail.com)



## Friday 3 May 2019

### Baggeridge Country Park - Locality 5

**Meeting Place:** Rangers Office, Baggeridge Country Park, Gospel End, near Wombourne, DY3 4HB.

**10.30am start.**

**Bluebells and Garlic Walk - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours.**

**Approximately 2 miles**

A walk around Baggeridge Country Park to see and smell the bluebells and wild garlic.

There is a café on site for refreshments after the walk. Toilets are available.

**Car parking charges apply £3 all day.**

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# Festival Walks 2019

**Monday 13 May 2019**

**Coven - Locality 2**

**Meeting Place:** The Rainbow Inn Car Park, Brewood Road, Coven, WV9 5DH. **11am start.**

**River Penk Walk - Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes**

A short walk via Poplars Farm Way to The Bront, along the River Penk then up to Penkside.

A walk round the Penkside and Cinder Hill Estates and back via School Lane, along footpaths to the Rainbow Inn where refreshments are available after the walk.

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**Tuesday 14 May 2019**

**Penkridge - Locality 1**

**Meeting Place:** Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5DT. **10am start.**

**There is parking and toilets at the Haling Dene Centre.**

**Country Walk from Penkridge to Acton Trussell - Duration 2 hours 30 minutes**

This walk goes along the towpath, over fields to Lower Drayton, along a bridle path to Dunston and over fields to Acton Trussell where we will stop for a break beside the pool at the Moat House Hotel. Refreshments can be purchased here.

We then return to Penkridge along the towpath.

**This walk does include stiles.**

**Contact** - George Tel: 07921 855814 or John and Jackie Tel: 01785 714244

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# Festival Walks 2019

**Saturday 18 May 2019**

**Wombourne - Locality 5**

**Meeting Place:** Barclays Bank, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA. **10am start.**

**There is free parking at Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA**

**Extremely Beautiful Nature Walk - Orton Hill/Ladywell Wood**

**Duration 1 hour 30 mins to 2 hours**

This walk is three miles long including the South Staffordshire Railway Walk (may be muddy in places), footpaths and the steeply wooded hill which is the feature of this walk.

At the lower end of Orton Hill, the red sandstone which is characteristic of the area is exposed. We finish back in the village centre with refreshments available at a local church.

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**Thursday 30 May 2019**

**Wombourne - Locality 5**

**Meeting Place:** Barclays Bank, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA. **2pm start.**

**There is free parking at Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA**

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## Friday 7 June 2019

### Codsall - Locality 4

**Meeting Place:** On the Car Park of Codsall Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, WV8 1PW.

**10am start.**

**Nordic Walking Taster Session - Duration 45 minutes**

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## Monday 10 June 2019

### Coven - Locality 2

**Meeting Place:** The Rainbow Inn Car Park, Brewood Road, Coven, WV9 5DH. **11am start.**

**Fields and Canal Walk - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes**

Taking the footpath down the side of the pub to the Parish Church, across the A449 Stafford Road, down a cul-de-sac. We cross a field to the Old Stafford Road up to the canal bridge. We follow the canal to the Anchor Inn then back across fields and the A449 Stafford Road. Returning on a bridle path back to the Rainbow Inn where refreshments are available after the walk.

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# Festival Walks 2019

## Tuesday 11 June 2019

### Penkridge - Locality 1

**Meeting Place:** Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5DT. **10am start.**

**There is parking and toilets at the Haling Dene Centre.**

**Reservoir Walk - Duration 2 hours 30 minutes**

This walk takes us along the towpath in the opposite direction to Rodbaston lock, following the farm road and footpath to Gailey Lower Reservoir, leading to the Upper Reservoir. We will then have a short break, please bring your own refreshments - **no toilet facilities available.**

We will then return to Penkridge but for those walkers who feel walking one way is enough we can provide return transport.

**Contact** - George Tel: 07921 855814 or John and Jackie Tel: 01785 714244



## Monday 17 June 2019

### Kinver - Locality 5

**Meeting Place:** Moss Grove Surgery, Kinver High Street, Kinver. DY7 6HL **10am start.**

Toilet facilities are available in the village near the start of the walk.  
Parking is available at the KSCA. (Kinver Sports and Community Association DY7 6ET)

**Canal Walk - Duration 2 hours. Approximately 4 miles**

Route: Along Kinver High Street to 'The Vine' and on to the canal towpath to Hyde Lock. We leave the canal here and take the footpath to The Hyde and through Chance Wood climbing up to the Old Post Office at Stourton. We then cross the River Stour and re-join the canal towpath at the Stewponey. We follow the towpath back towards Hyde Lock returning to the village via Hyde Meadows. This walk includes low to moderate gradients.

Refreshments will be served at the KSCA at the end of the walk.

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**Saturday 22nd June 2019**

**Wombourne - Locality 5**

**Meeting Place:** Swindon, opposite The Green Man Pub, High Street, Swindon, DY3 4NR.

**10am start.**

**Street Parking available.**

**Canal, Field & Woodland Walk - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes**

This is a pleasant circular walk. Starting from Swindon, it goes out along the canal before crossing a stile and returning through woodland, crossing fields, from which there are lovely views and, finally, descending through more woodland to arrive back at the starting point. There is a very steep path up out of the first wood and a fairly steep and possibly muddy one down through the second, so sticks and stout shoes or boots are recommended.

Refreshments will be available at The Green Man Pub. Please order in advance if you would like to have lunch there. (Tel: 01384 400532)

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**Wednesday 3 July 2019**

**Great Wyrley - Locality 3**

**Meeting Place:** Great Wyrley (Wesley) Methodist Church, Walsall Road (A34), WS6 6DP.

**10am start.**

**Parking available.**

**Boundary Walk to include Memorial Gardens - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes**  
**(A shorter walk will also be available)**

The Boundary walk will include lakes and local wildlife, deer have been spotted here on occasion. This walk will incorporate Great Wyrley's Memorial Gardens, a focal point of the local area which includes a sensory garden, War Memorial and a Memorial to Princess Diana.

Refreshments are available back at the Wesley Methodist Church.

**Contact** - Pat Jones Tel: 07768 809686 or Email: [jonesalanpat@talktalk.net](mailto:jonesalanpat@talktalk.net)

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## Friday 12 July 2019

### Wombourne - Locality 5

**Meeting Place:** Barclays Bank, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA. **10am start.**

**There is free parking at Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA**

### Wombourne Water Walk - Duration 2 hours

A relatively flat walk of 3.5 miles starting from the centre of Wombourne, walking beside the beautiful Wombrook until it reaches the Bridgnorth Road then back north alongside the Canal until we reach the well-known and pretty Bratch Locks. Then back along the pavement to Wombourne centre via the historic St Benedict's churchyard. Optional coffee afterwards at the United Reformed Church, Mill Lane. **Footwear:** Stout shoes.

**Contact** - Bob Lynch Email: [lynch54@talktalk.net](mailto:lynch54@talktalk.net)



## Monday 15 July 2019

### Coven - Locality 2

**Meeting Place:** The Rainbow Inn Car Park, Brewood Road, Coven, WV9 5DH. **11am start.**

### Fields and Footpath Walk - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Walking through the village to Lawn Lane, crossing fields to access a bridle path, then along the A449 Stafford Road.

Returning on a bridle path back to the Rainbow Inn where refreshments are available after the walk.

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**Meeting Place:** Great Wyrley (Wesley) Methodist Church, Walsall Road (A34), WS6 6DP.

**10am start.**

**Parking available.**

**Canal Walk - Duration 1 hour 30 minutes (A shorter walk will be available)**

This walk follows the route of the old Great Wyrley/Essington Canal, the former towpath is now a beautiful country walk. We will pass small lakes that have become wildlife havens for migrating birds. This walk explores the western end of the village between Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay.

Refreshments are available back at the Wesley Methodist Church.

**Contact** - Pat Jones Tel: 07768 809686 or Email: [jonesalanpat@talktalk.net](mailto:jonesalanpat@talktalk.net)



## Thursday 18 July 2019

### Bilbrook - Locality 4

**Meeting Place:** Joeys Lane Car Park, Bilbrook, WV8 1JL. **10am start.**

**Pendeford Nature Reserve - Duration 2 hours 30 minutes to 3 hours**

We will depart from Joeys Lane Car Park at 10am and walk across fields and along roads to Pendeford Nature Reserve to arrive at approximately 10.45 where we will be met by Paul Coxill the Warden who has agreed to accompany us round the Reserve explaining the work done there. We will then walk back to the Car Park via the canal towpath.

A suggested £1.00 voluntary contribution from each person attending the walk will be donated to the Reserve.

There are toilets at the Reserve but there will be no provision for any refreshments.

**No Dogs are allowed on this walk.**

**Contact** - Tim Tel: 01902 846480 or Alan and Jean Tel: 01902 842995

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### Kinver - Locality 5

**Meeting Place:** Moss Grove Surgery, Kinver High Street, Kinver. DY7 6HL **10am start.**

**Toilet facilities are available in the village near the start of the walk.**

**Whittington Walk - Duration 2 hours. Approximately 3 miles**

Route: Along the historic Kinver High Street and down Dark Lane to the old narrow horse-bridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal. We pass the 'Manor at Whittington' public house, previously known as the 'Dick Whittington', where, allegedly, Dick and his cat stayed on their way to London. The route also passes a row of cottages by the side of the canal that were involved in saving the canal waterways from closure.

This walk includes low to moderate gradients.

Refreshments and toilet facilities are available in Kinver village.

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## Tuesday 30 July 2019

### Penkridge - Locality 1

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**There is parking and toilets at the Haling Dene Centre.**

**Staffordshire Way to Bednall - Duration 2 hours 30 minutes**

Our walk begins along the towpath, this time toward Teddesley lock, then over fields, woods and a country lane to Bednall. We will stop in the village for light refreshments before returning along the same route.

For those walkers who feel walking one way is enough we can provide return transport.

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**All of our walks will be led by trained walk leaders so bring your family and friends. Don't forget your camera, as you enjoy some fabulous days out in beautiful South Staffordshire and it's all FREE!**

Whilst our festival runs from the **1 May to 30 July 2019**, our regular walks will still take place during this period. Download a current walk schedule to see what's on offer at [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure/health-and-wellbeing](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure/health-and-wellbeing)

We hope you will join us for our festival and that you have a very enjoyable time.

Finally, for your own comfort and safety, please make sure that you wear clothes and footwear that are suitable for walking in the prevailing conditions.

Remember, you walk at your own risk. The South Staffordshire Walking Programme, co-ordinated by Louise Colman, or South Staffordshire Council, will not accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any persons and/or property before, during and after these walks.

### **Good Walking**

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