Please Note:
- Themed guided walk/event-booking essential
  Whilst all walking events are free, donations would be very gratefully received to help defray the cost of the festival and the ongoing work of the Wellington Walkers Are Welcome group. Suggested donation £2.00 per adult per walk.

**WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2015 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### Thursday 17th September

11. **Springing around the Wrekin.**
   A leisurely ramble with Shropshire Wildlife Trust exploring the headwaters of the many streams and brooks of the Wrekin Forest. Moderate. Please bring a packed lunch. Estimated finishing time 3.30 pm. Meet at **10 am** at Forest Glen Car Park, TF6 5AL. Leader: Pete Lambert.

12. **Lawley and New Works – ‘Hop’**
   This walk will explore part of the Lawley Heritage Trail. Moderate, approximately 5 miles. Meet at **2 pm** at Wellington Leisure Centre, to travel in shared cars to the Car Park by St John’s Church, Lawley. Leader: Bob Coalbran.

13. **Evening Talk — The Hiking Tour of Mont Blanc**
   Start at **7.30 pm**, Wellington Library, TF1 1LX. An illustrated talk by Mike & Sandra Callow.

### Saturday 19th September

18. **Come and Try It - Orienteering.**
   As Tuesday’s event except: Start between **10 am and 1 pm** (allow 2 hours).

19. **All Day Walk — Telford Train Station to Wellington via Coalbrookdale, Little Wenlock and The Wrekin.** Please bring train fare and a packed lunch. 14 miles, strenuous. Meet at Wellington Station for the **9 am** train to Telford. Leader: Naomi Wrighton

20. **A concise literary tour of Wellington.** Wellington has a fascinating literary heritage like no other place in Shropshire. Come and explore the local haunts of the writers, poets and artists that called our market town home and discover events that sealed its place in the annals of history. Easy walk, 2-2.5 miles, 2 hours. Meet at **10 am** outside All Saints Church, TF1 3HA. Leader: Marc Petty.

21. **Inside Sunnycroft.** Free guided tour of the house and entry to the grounds. Meet at the top of the drive at **11.15 am**. Leader: Sunnycroft Guide

22. **Away With Words, The Ercall.** Join young storytellers and listen to folk tales, fairy tales, local stories and gossip that would have been told in Victorian Wellington. Each walk lasts one-and-a-half to two hours, with about 45 mins - 1 hour of walking interspersed with stories. The walks are suitable for families with older children age 8+. Please do not bring younger children as the stories might not be appropriate. Wear stout shoes, layers of clothing and bring a waterproof. Storywalks go whatever the weather!

   Please phone 07969 541552 to confirm your place. Meet at **3 pm** at the car park in Ercall Lane, just South of the motorway bridge. Leader: Myth Stories Group

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### Pre-Festival Event Sunday 13th September

**Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers’ Walk.** This all day walk will be in our area. See www.ramblers.org.uk/telford-east-shropshire

**Throughout the Festival**

**Geocaching Challenge.** Available from 13th September. See our website for details. www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

### Monday 14th September

2. **Bus Walk — Rodington to Wellington**
   This fairly flat route follows the new route of the Shropshire Way to Wellington, along lanes and fields. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare or bus pass. Easy, approximately 7 miles. Estimated arrival time in Wellington, 3.30 pm. Meet at **10.10 am at Wellington Bus Station,** for the 10.19am Bus. 65. Leader: Pam Hill.

3. **Inside Sunnycroft.**
   Free guided tour of the house and entry to the grounds. Meet at the top of the drive at **11.15 am.** TF1 2DR. Leader: Sunnycroft Guide

4. **Fresh Air Walk.** Aimed at those with restricted mobility, including wheelchair users and their carers. Email or phone for further details and booking. Very easy. 45 mins - 1 hour
   Meet at **2 pm** at Carvers Close, Holyhead Rd, TF1 2EF. Leader: Betty Bleloch

5. **Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust — Canal Walk & Wappenshall Wharf Tour.** A circular walk from Wappenshall following part of the canal system. There will be refreshments and a tour of the wharf at Wappenshall. Expected finish time 4.30 pm. Easy, with stile(s), approximately 4 miles. Meet at **2 pm** at Wappenshall Wharf (transport from Wellington possible by prior arrangement).

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Tuesday 15th September

6. Guided Tour of Apley Woods — Casual stroll around the woods looking at its nature and history. Refreshments will be served after the walk, for which donations to the Friends of Apley Woods would be very gratefully received. Easy (some steps) 2 miles/2 hours approx.
Meet at 10 am at the entrance to the woods off Peregrine Way (by the black wrought iron horse gate). TF1 6TH
Leader: Friends of Apley Woods

7. Windy Ridge Open Garden and optional Bench Walks
‘Stunning’ and ‘inspirational’ are how visitors frequently describe this multi award-winning 2/3 acre village garden. The strong design and exuberant colour-themed planting (over 1000 species, mostly labelled) offer a picture around every corner. The grass and perennial gravel garden has created a lot of interest.
Donations welcome to the National Garden Scheme charities. Option to walk to some or all of the benches located around Little Wenlock, offering wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, see www.littlewenlock.org/j_benchwalks/
Meet at 2 pm, Windy Ridge, Church Lane, Little Wenlock, TF6 5BB
Leader: Fiona Chancellor and Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Wednesday 16th September

A walk around The Ercall, Maddock’s Hill and Limetkin Wood to show how the rock around The Wrekin illustrates an evolving landscape over the past 600 million years as our bit of the Earth drifted from a position on the Antarctic Circle, northwards through the Tropics and on up to its present temperate latitude, colliding with and splitting from other bits of continent on the way.
A walk of moderate difficulty, along well defined but sometimes rough footpaths, of about 4 miles in length taking 3 hours.
Meet at 10 am at the Forest Glen Car Park, TF6 5AL
Leader: Andrew Jenkinson for Shropshire Geological Society

10. Walkabout Wrekin — Wellington Walking for Health Choice of 2 walks: Moderate 4 miles or Easy 3 miles. This group has walks every Wednesday.
Meet at 1.45 pm for 2 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX (finishing at Bowring Park Café).
Leader: Walkabout Wrekin leaders

Friday 18th September

14. Walkabout Wrekin — Shawbirch Walking for Health Walk
This group has walks every Friday. Easy. 2-3 miles
Meet at 10 am (for 10.15 am start) outside Shawbirch Medical Centre, TF5 OLW Leader: Betty Bileolch

15. Countryside Confidence.
Do you enjoy walking in the Countryside but are worried about what you can and can’t do or where you can go? Would you like to understand more about the rural economy and how farming and forestry have to work with other countryside users? During this walk around the Wrekin on footpaths and lanes, we will find out about how the Countryside works and how you can enjoy it safely. Bring lunch and a drink.
8 miles including 1118 ft of ascent. Moderate/Strenuous.
Meet at 10 am (to 3 pm) Forest Glen car park TF6 5AL
Leader: Chris Hogarth

Duration: 1 hour. Poles will be supplied. No experience necessary.
Meet at 2 pm at the entrance to the woods off Peregrine Way (by the black wrought iron horse gate). TF1 6TH
Leader: Bev McCarthy

17. Walking-Themed Quiz.
£2 entry per person. Meal cost extra, (mains £5, desert £3.50) needs to be ordered by 15th September. Teams of up to 4.
Start at 7 pm. The Red Lion, Holyhead Rd, TF1 2EW

Sunday 20th September

23. Explore the Weald Moors.
Come and explore one of the West Midlands’ most important wetland landscapes - right on Wellington’s doorstep. We’ll be looking at the rich natural and historic heritage of this unique area, discovering more about the array of flora and fauna that call the Welald Moors home.
Easy walk, 2-2.5 miles, 2 hours.
Meet at 10 am at Wall Farm, near Kynnersley, TF6 6EQ
Leader: Marc Petty

24. Industrial Archaeology of Limekiln Wood and the Ercall.
This walk explores the quarries, mines, limekilns and tramways of the area. Moderate, 3 mile walk.
Meet at 10 am (to 1 pm) Forest Glen car park . TF6 5AL
Leader: Neil Clarke

25. Our regular “3rd Sunday of the month” Walk
The Ercall and Wrekin Golf Course.
Moderate/Strenuous. Finishing at the Bowring Park Café.
Meet at 2 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX, Leader: Wellington Walkers are Welcome

26. Walking for the Brain
A walk aimed at dementia sufferers and their carers. Email or phone for further details and booking. A gentle walk including a visit to the Bowring Park Café.
Meet at the bottom of the steps outside the front of Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX at 2 pm (until 3 pm).
Leader: Eve Cleveger

27. Away With Words, Apley Wood
See Walk 22 for details, apart from the venue.
Please phone 07969 541552 to confirm your place.
Meet at 3 pm at the entrance to the woods off Peregrine Way (by the black wrought iron horse gate). TF1 6TH
Leader: Myth Stories Group

Wellington Literary Festival
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Tuesday October 6th
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Saturday October 17th
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For full details see www.wellington-shropshire.gov.uk
Grading

Easy: length may vary but terrain mainly flat
Moderate: includes some hills and some rough ground
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Terms and Conditions

The organising agencies have checked the routes and identified hazards. It is the responsibility of the individual to check that the walk is suitable for their walking ability and that they attend at the start of the walk for the briefing. Everyone should wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Some of the walks are on steep hills and near potential hazards. Please ensure you are ready to start walking at the stated time.

Assistance dogs welcome. Other well-behaved dogs only by prior agreement with the leader.

The organisers of the Festival reserve the right to alter the programme without prior notice. The details in this programme are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

No liability will be accepted for loss or injury that occurs as a result of taking part in any walk.

● Booking is essential for walks marked ●

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Note a different number (07969 541552) applies to the Away with Words walks only.

We will acknowledge your booking and send you further details (by email if possible) nearer the time of the festival.

Other Local Walking Festivals

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