# WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2023 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Walk Symbols - Key

NEWEntirely New this yearKWheelchair FriendlyREVRevisited after 3+ yearsFJointly with another Festival

**Booking is ESSENTIAL for all events unless marked** • Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the given start time.

# Monday 11th September

## I. Telford Coronation Walk 9: The Ercall NEW

Presenting the opportunity to walk several of the new Coronation Walks created by The Friends of the Telford T50. Enjoy some excellent views from the Wrekin's smaller companion. Moderate 4 miles. 2 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

## 2. Silkin Way Part I- Bratton to Telford Central REV

Walk the recently upgraded Silkin Way from north to central Telford. Bring a packed lunch & bus pass/fare or train fare for the return.

Return time in Wellington 15:00 Moderate 9 miles. Led by Pam Hill.

Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX, to then take the 9:53 Bus 15 to Shawbirch

## 3. The Wrekin - The Rough Way (revised again)

Explore 4 hills of the Wrekin Forest using minor, less well known paths. Steep ascents and descents - good boots and walking pole strongly recommended. Bring packed lunch. Very Strenuous 9-10 miles. 6-7 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton. Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TF1 ILX

## 4. Map Reading - Theory and Practice REV

This all day event will introduce walkers to some simple techniques to take the stress out of navigating with a map. In the morning we will work on navigation theory, and practise some of the techniques in and around Wellington Library. After lunch we will put the theory into practice by using our navigation skills on a walk up into Limekiln Woods. During the day the use of mapping apps and GPS will be introduced. In addition to your walking gear, you will need a notebook and pen/pencil. If you have a compass bring that as well. Maps and teaching materials will be provided. Bring packed lunch and drink, or buy supplies in Wellington. Moderate 3 miles (afternoon session). 6 hours **Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TF1 1LX** 

## 5. Bowring Park - Bowring Walkers •

A local walk from Bowring Park, possibly with a few gradients, steps, or uneven ground. This group has a walk every Monday finishing with tea/coffee at the café. Easy. 4 miles. Led by Bowring Walkers. Meet at 10:50 for 11:00 start. Outside the Bowring Park Cafe. TFI IQX

# **Tuesday 12th September**

## 6. Slow Ways Newport to Telford NEW

To mark WWAW's association with this ongoing national project, walk this Slow Ways route, using the Hutchison Way in part. Bring a packed lunch & bus pass/fare, or train fare for return, Estimated return time in Wellington 16:30. Moderate 9 miles. (some stiles) Led by Jean Escott. **Catch the 10:00 Bus 102 to Newport, Wellington Bus Station.** 

## 7. The Eco Trail and Garden at Denso

A return walk and tour of the Eco Trail and Gardens at DENSO Manufacturing on Hortonwood, Constructed by DENSO associates in conjunction with local schools and wildlife trusts, an example of corporate environmental conservation in the local community. Enjoy a slice of pizza from the wood fired oven.

Start from Wellington for the full walk, or join us at Leegomery Community Centre for a shorter alternative.

Moderate 9 miles from Wellington, or 4 miles from Leegomery. Estimated finish time in Wellington 15:30, or Leegomery 14:30. Led by Malcolm Skelton.

Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX. or 10:45 at Leegomery Community Centre. TFI 6NA

## 8. Walking With Giants - Wellington Town Tour **F**

As part of Heritage Open Days

www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/map

Come and explore Wellington's astonishing international cultural heritage on Wellington LA21 Group's Walking With Giants trail. Join us for a tour 3000 years in the making, that will take you from Bronte Country to Beatlemania-era Liverpool and the streets of New York City!

Easy I-2 miles. Led by Marc Petty.

Meet at 10:30 outside All Saints Parish Church. TFI IAP

## 9. Telford Coronation Walk 10: Ketley NEW

An easy walk taking in Ketley Millennium Village nature reserve and Paddock Mound.

Easy 2.25 miles. Up to 1.5 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. Catch the 14:12 Bus 4 to Ketley, Wellington Bus Station. or 14:30 at Nature Reserve Car Park beside Jenko's. TF2 6SD

# Wednesday 13th September

**10. Silkin Way Part 2 - Telford to Coalport and beyond** • NEW In collaboration with the Mid Wales & Marches Rail Rambles (www.railrambles.org), explore further the Silkin Way to Coalport, continuing to Ironbridge via the Severn Way and returning to Telford Central by bus.

To comply with Rail Rambles' guidance, NO dogs are allowed. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Book off-peak day return to Telford Central. Estimated return time in Wellington 17:00. Booking preferred but not essential. Moderate 9 miles. Led by Pam Hill and Steve Paynter.

Catch the 09:44 train to Telford Central Platform I Wellington Railway Station. TFI IPY

## II. Archaeology of Apley Woods and its surrounds NEW

Discover the hidden archaeology to be found in the tranquil setting of Apley Woods and its surrounds. Start from Wellington for the full walk, or join us at Apley Woods for a shorter alternative. Easy 4 miles from Wellington. 2.5-3 hours. or up to 1 mile for the Apley tour. 1-1.5 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton, and Mike Hughes of the Friends of Apley Woods.

Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI 1LX or 10:45 at Apley Castle Car Park, TFI 6RH

# 12. Bus Walk and Vineyard - Wellington to Rodington

A chance to visit our local vineyard.

Join this flat walk on field paths and lanes followed by a tour at the vineyard. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare / pass for the return journey. Estimated return time in Wellington 16.30. Moderate 6 miles (some stiles). Led by Jean Escott. Meet at 10:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI 1LX

# 13. Telford Coronation Walk 7: Trench Pools NEW 🔥

An easy, wheelchair friendly, route passing 2 pools and the remains of an incline plane.

Easy 3.5 miles. Up to 2 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. Catch the 14:10 Bus 7 to Hadley, Wellington Bus Station. or 14:30 at Sommerfield Road bus stop in Hadley TFI 5YL

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May 2024

www.shropshireway.org.uk www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk Booking is ESSENTIAL for all events unless marked •

# Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September cont.

14. Film - Wellington Orbit presents "Tracks" NEW
A young woman goes on a 1,700 mile trek across the deserts of
Western Australia with four camels and her faithful dog.
2 Showings - Film start 14:30 and 19:00.
Full details and booking at www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk
Wellington Orbit, I Station Road, Wellington. TFI IBY

# Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

#### 15. Ironbridge Way REV

Follow the T50 to Leegomery to pick up the Ironbridge way to Ironbridge.

Bring a packed lunch. Return by bus (8 or 18 to Telford Centre, then 4 to Wellington) or make own arrangements. Bring a packed lunch.

Moderate 10 miles, 6 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton. Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TF1 1LX.

## 16. Telford Coronation Walk 23: Sutton Hill / Madeley NEW

Starting from Madeley, passing the King's barn, then following part of the Monarch's Way and returning via Sutton Hill. Moderate 5.5 miles. Up to 3 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. **Catch the 10:01 Bus 101 to Madeley, Wellington Bus Station.** 

or 10:45 outside Anstice Hall, Madeley. TF7 5BB

## **I7. Discover Sunnycroft**

Walk to Sunnycroft, returning via Bowring Park. Free guided tour of this fascinating house steeped in local history and life through the 20th century, followed by a talk in the historic

Halliday conservatory. NT members please bring your membership card. Easy 2 miles, 2.5 hours. Led by Eve Clevenger & Sunnycroft Guide. Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX.

## 18. Attingham Estate - History and Landscaping

This walk will share information about the history and landscaping of Attingham Park before visiting the site of an archaeological dig. Entry price £5 (Free to NT members with membership card) which will also allow entry to Attingham mansion and grounds. Easy 3 miles (approximate), 2 hours. Led by Alison Hulme. Meet at 14:00, Attingham Park Visitor Reception. SY4 4TP, then onward travel to the walk start.

## 19. Telford Coronation Walk 22: Madeley NEW

An easy walk seeing places of historic interest in Madeley and the surroundings.

Moderate 3 miles. Up to 2 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. Meet at 14:30, Anstice Hall, Madeley. TF7 5BB (13:00 Bus 4 to Madeley from Wellington Bus Station would be suitable.)

# Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

#### 20. Telford Coronation Walk 3: Wrockwardine NEW

This easy walk uses field paths and lanes to go to the village of Allscott, returning via Tiddiecross. (some stiles). Moderate 3.5 miles. Up to 2.5 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. **Meet at 10:00, Wrockwardine Village Hall Car Park. TF6 5DZ** (Please consider walking / cycling there)

## 21. Rodington 3 Churches Circular NEW

Using quiet lanes and field paths, visit the three historic churches at Withington, Upton Magna and Rodington and learn about the canal heritage of the area. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Estimated return time in Wellington 16:30. Moderate 6 miles. Led by Pam Hill and Tom Currie **Catch the 11:20 Bus 16 to Rodington, Wellington Bus Station.** 

# 22. Telford Coronation Walk 4: Admaston NEW 🔥

This easy, wheelchair friendly walk visits Bratton & Dothill nature reserve.

Moderate 3 miles. Up to 2 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. **Meet at 14:00, Admaston Overflow Car Park. TF5 0BN** (Please consider walking / cycling there)

# 23. Creative Writing on The Wrekin

Meet at Buckatree Hotel Car Park for a circular walk to the lower slopes of The Wrekin during which there will be writing stops and a chance to polish and share it in the Buckatree Garden at the end. **There's a £3 charge for this event, to include tea/coffee/biscuits** Easy 2.5 miles, 2.5 hours. Led by Hermione Sandall.

# Meet at 14:00, Buckatree Hall Hotel Car Park. TF6 5AL

# Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

24. Wellington to Little Wenlock, returning by the Shropshire Way - Part of the Shropshire Way Festival F Includes the steep side of both Little Hill and The Wrekin.

Bring a packed lunch to eat by a pool in Little Wenlock. Very Strenuous 12.5 miles, 6 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton. Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX.

## 25. Wellington Ways - Circular Walk

Using a combination of the Telford T50, Hutchison Way, Ironbridge Way, and the Perry Way. Bring a packed lunch. Moderate 10 miles, 5 hours. Led by Jean Escott. **Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX** 

# 26. Telford Coronation Walk 12: Priorslee NEW

This easy, wheelchair friendly route passes 2 lakes with wildlife and charming buildings.

Easy 2.75 miles. Up to 1.5 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton. Catch the 10:28 Bus 4 to Priorslee, Wellington Bus Station. or 11:00 Priorslee Surgery Car Park. TF2 9NW

## 27. Walking the Industrial History around Broseley

Join Broseley Walkers are Welcome to explore 10 points of interest in and around Broseley. The walk gives a good introduction to this fascinating early industrial town and Gerry Foxall's mining sculptures. Pavements, quiet lanes, bridleways and fields. Toilets mid-way at Maws Craft Centre.

Moderate 4 miles. 2 hours. Ascent 400 ft. Led by Pete Welch. Meet at 10:30, Broseley Library Car Park (Free), Bridgnorth Road, Broseley. TF12 5EQ

or 09:30 Bus 8 from Telford Town Centre (arrives 10:16)

# 28.Edgmond / Newport Circular New

We will walk around Edgmond village, then along the canal to Newport, returning via Green Lane and the Shrewsbury Road. Moderate 5 miles, 3 hours. Led by Greg Vernon.

Meet at 14:00, Edgmond Recreation Ground Car Park. TF10 8HU

# 29. Nordic Walking in Admaston

Learn the techniques of Nordic Walking in the splendid setting of Admaston and Dothill LNR. No previous experience needed. Equipment supplied.

Easy I hour. Led by Liz Heyworth Thomas (Berwyn Nordic Walking). Meet at 14:00, Admaston overflow car park. TF5 0BN

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

# 30. Telford Steam Railway—Diesel Gala REV

Walk to Telford Steam Railway at Horsehay where you will have time to take an optional ride on one of the diesel hauled trains (ticket purchase required -  $\pounds$ 8 Adults,  $\pounds$ 5 Seniors & Children) before the return walk back to Wellington.

Bring a packed lunch, or purchase food at the TSR cafe. Moderate 9.5 miles, 6-7 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton

Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX.

# 31. Telford Coronation Walk 15: Malinslee NEW 🤄

Join us for a Sunday morning wheelchair friendly stroll around the 3 gardens within Telford Town Park Easy 2 miles. 1.5 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton.

Catch the 10:30 Bus 4 to Telford Centre, Wellington Bus Station. or 11:00 Malinslee Car Park, by Tesco. TF3 2BF

# 32. Three Woods Walk NEW

A woodland walk through Limekiln, Wenlocks, and Wrekin Woods. Bring a packed lunch. Moderate 7 miles. 5 hours. Led by Christine Jay. Meet at 10:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

## 33. Our regular "3rd Sunday of the month" walk Telford Coronation Walk 19: Lightmoor NEW

A 'hop' to explore both the new and historic areas of Lightmoor. Easy 2.5 miles. Up to 1.5 hours. Led by Pam Hill. Meet at 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX or 14:15 Lightmoor Village Overflow Car Park.

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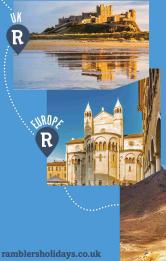
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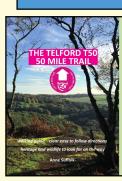
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## Grading

Easy: Less than 5 miles, terrain mainly flat Moderate: 5-10 miles, may include some hills or rough ground Strenuous: 10+ miles, may include some hills or rough ground. Very Strenuous: 10+ miles, includes steep ascents / descents, or rough ground Please Note:

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.

## Booking is ESSENTIAL for all events unless marked

In keeping with our pledge to **Plastic Free Wellington** we urge those coming on our walks to use reusable, not single use water bottles. In addition, we ask those on longer walks to use reusable cutlery, and avoid the use of cling film and other single use items in their packed lunches.

# **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.

Any changes will be reflected in the on-line events, and communicated to those who have booked.

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

To book, visit:www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

(select Events, then, Details and Booking for All Walks) In case of difficulty, please

email: info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk or phone: 01952 740287

## Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start time.



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# Wellington **Walking Festival**

# 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023



# **Including 10 of the Telford Coronation Walks**

- Wrockwardine Allscott
- Admaston Bratton/Dothill
- Trench Pools
- Wellington Ercall
- Ketley Paddock Mound
- Priorslee Balancing Lake
- Malinslee Town Park
- Lightmoor Squatters Cottage
- Madeley History
- Sutton Hill/Coalport Monarchs Way



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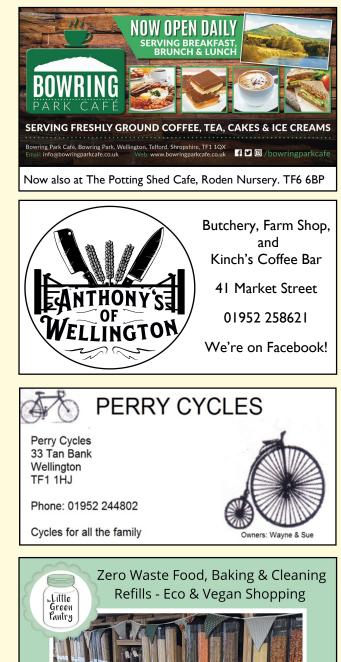


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