


WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2024 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Walk Symbols - Key

NEW Entirely New this year  Wheelchair Friendly
REV Revisited after 3+ years **F** Jointly with another Festival

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

Monday 9th September

1. Roman Roads - Heritage Walk #1 **NEW**

This route will largely follow the Roman Watling Street, with the Thomas Telford improvements, from a listed milestone to near St Georges, before returning via Snedshill to Oakengates for a bus or train to return to Wellington.

Moderate 5 miles. 3 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton.

Meet at 9:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

2. 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 a packed lunch.

Very Strenuous 9-10 miles. 6-7 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton.

Meet at 9:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

3. Map Reading - Theory and Practice

This all day event introduces 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 techniques in and around Wellington Library, including apps and GPS. After lunch we put theory into practice using our skills on a walk to Limekiln Woods. In addition to walking gear, you will need a notebook and pen/pencil. If you have a compass please bring it. Maps and teaching materials will be provided. Bring a packed lunch and drink, or buy supplies in town

Easy 3 miles (afternoon session). 6 hours

Meet at 9:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

4. Slow Ways Broseley to Telford **NEW**

To mark WWAW's association with this ongoing national project, walk this Slow Ways route, from Broseley to Telford, returning from Telford Central by either bus or train.

Bring a packed lunch & bus fare/pass, or train fare for return.

Estimated return time in Wellington 16:30.

Moderate 7 miles. Led by Jean Escott.

Meet at 9:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

to catch the 9:38 Bus 4 from, Wellington Bus Station,

then the 10:25 Bus 8 from Telford Town Centre to Broseley

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 10th September

6. Longdon on Tern Aqueduct - Heritage Walk #2

Walking part of The Shropshire Way we will arrive for lunch at the aqueduct, Longdon on Tern. There will be time to inspect the aqueduct and hear a short talk about its history and the canal route from Wappenshall to Rodington. Bring a packed lunch.

Moderate 8 miles. 5 hours. 14 stiles. Led by Sheila Jones

Meet at 10:00, Admaston overflow Car Park, TF5 0BN

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.

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 Easy 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. 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 return.

Estimated return time in Wellington 17:30.

Moderate 6 miles (some stiles). Led by Jean Escott.

Meet at 10:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

9. On the Wellington Mural Trail **REV**

Discover the stories behind the Wellington H2A heritage project bringing a splash of colour to the town's ancient streets. Easy 1-2 miles, 2 hours. Led by Marc Petty.

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

10. The Wrekin by old tracks - Heritage Walk #3 **NEW**

Walk via the Ercall and lesser used paths to The Wrekin summit, then return by time honoured paths, looking briefly at the historic sites.

Moderate, 7.5 miles. 3 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton

Meet at 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

Wednesday 11th September

11. Water Courses of Dothill **NEW**

Visit the land of water erosion, landslides and whirlpools, caused by climate change and human activity. See how wetlands contribute to cleaning pollutants, and 'naturalisation' of man-made water courses can help reduce the risk of flooding in the wrong places. All in the beautiful surroundings of Dothill and Shawbirch LNR.

Start from Wellington, or join us at Admaston for a shorter alternative.

Easy 4.5 miles from Wellington. 2.5-3 hours, or

Easy 1.5 miles for the Dothill tour only. 1-1.5 hours.

Led by Malcolm Skelton, and Mike Hughes of the Friends of Dothill and Shawbirch LNR.

Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

or 10:45 at Admaston overflow Car Park, TF5 0BN

12. Coalport Ferry Disaster - Heritage Walk #4 **NEW**

A circular walk from the Toll House Ironbridge, using seldom used paths, through some of the Broseley Jitties, to the Boat Inn, where there will be a short presentation covering the "Coalport Ferry Disaster of 1799". Returning along the Severn Way.

Bring a packed lunch, or purchase drinks/snacks at the Boat Inn

Easy 4 miles. Up to 3.5 hours. Led by Bob Herrick.

Meet at 11:00, Toll House, Ironbridge. TF8 7JP

13. Water Courses and Archaeology of Apley Woods **NEW**

A companion, or alternative, walk to 11 above, but this time in the Apley Woods LNR, including some of its archaeology.

Start from Wellington, or join us at Apley for a shorter alternative.

Easy 5.5 miles from Wellington. 3-3.5 hours, or

Easy 2.5 miles for the Apley tour only. 1-1.5 hours.

Led by Malcolm Skelton, and Mike Hughes of the Friends of Apley Woods. LNR

Meet at 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

or 14:45 at Apley Castle Car Park. TFI 6RH

14. Creative Writing on The Ercall

Meet at Buckatree Hotel Car Park for a circular walk on the lower slopes of The Ercall 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

Moderate 2.5 miles, 2.5 hours. Led by Hermione Sandall.

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



For regular weekly walks, see the RWW walks advert on the back cover



Other Local Walking Festivals and Events

Shropshire Way Festival - 14th - 22nd September 2024 www.shropshireway.org.uk

Ironbridge Walking Festival - May 2025 www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk

Wednesday 11th September cont.

15. Film - Wellington Orbit presents "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" **NEW**

Stars Jim Broadbent as a retiree, who after receiving a letter from an old friend with terminal cancer, decides to walk the 500 miles to see her. 2 Showings - Film starts **14:30 and 19:00**. Full details and booking at www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk
Wellington Orbit, 1 Station Road, Wellington. TFI IBY

Thursday 12th September

16. Madeley to Telford - Heritage Walk #5 **NEW**

Follow two former railway lines, a canal bed, a tramway and the line of a Roman road as we traverse Telford. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Estimated return time in Wellington 16:00. Moderate 9 miles. Led by Pam Hill.
Catch the 09:30 Bus 100 to Madeley, Wellington Bus Station TFI IPS .
Or meet at 10:20 outside Anstice Hall, Madeley. TF7 5BB

17. Uffington Circular **NEW**

A circular walk using field paths, tracks and lanes, with time to explore Haughmond Abbey, and views from Haughmond Hill. (shared cars from Wellington - £1 per person parking contribution to Uffington Village Hall) Bring a packed lunch. Moderate 10 miles. Up to 6 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton.
Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

18. Hadley Locks Coronation Walk - Heritage Walk #6

An easy, wheelchair friendly, route visiting the Guillotine Locks at Hadley Park and the Leegomery Pool, looking at traces of both canals and railways. Easy 3 miles. Up to 2 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton.
Meet at 14:00 outside Tesco Express., Hadley. TFI 5NF

19. Attingham Park's WWII History

Join a NT Ranger on a walk within the parkland to discover more about Attingham Park's WWII history. Entry price £5 (Free to NT members with membership card) which will also allow entry to Attingham mansion and grounds. Easy 2-3 miles (approximate), 2 hours. Led by Attingham Rangers.
Meet at 14:00, Attingham Park Reception. SY4 4TP.

Friday 13th September

20. Promenade et conversation en français

Venez avec nous pour parler uniquement français, tout en nous baladant dans la réserve naturelle locale de Dothill. Easy 3 miles, 2 hours. Led by Laurence Moses and Eve Clevenger in collaboration with the Twinning Association with Châtenay near Paris.
Meet at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

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21. Rodington 3 Churches Circular - Heritage Walk #7

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 17:30. Moderate 9 miles. Led by Pam Hill
Catch the 10:45 Bus 103 to Rodington, Wellington Bus Station.

22. 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 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX.

Saturday 14th September

23. Rail Ramble - Ironbridge to Wellington ● **NEW**

In collaboration with the Mid Wales & Marches Rail Rambles (www.railrambles.org), follow the Telford T50 Trail from Ironbridge to Wellington. To comply with Rail Rambles' guidance, NO dogs are allowed. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Book a single to Telford Central. Estimated return time in Wellington 15:30. Booking preferred but not essential. Moderate 8 miles. Led by Nigel Hotchkiss and Diane Hambleton
Catch the 08:44 train to Telford Central, Platform 1 Wellington Railway Station. TFI IPY
Then 09:40 Bus 96 from Telford Bus Station to Ironbridge

24. Telford to Coalbrookdale, then on to Wellington via the Shropshire Way - Part of the Shropshire Way Festival **NEW F**

Includes the steep side of both Little Hill and The Wrekin. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Very Strenuous 13.5 miles, 7 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton.
Catch the 08:48 Bus 99A to Telford, Wellington Bus Station TFI IPS .
or meet at 09:10 Telford Bus Station. TF3 4BU

25. Wappenshall Canal Trust + Eyton Hall & Gardens **REV / NEW** Heritage Walk #8

Join us as we walk via Apley Woods to Wappenshall Wharf where we will enjoy a guided tour of this heritage site. The day continues with a visit to Eyton Hall to learn about the restoration of the walled garden. After a short walk through Eyton village, we will return to Wellington via Shawbirch and Dothill LNR. Bring a packed lunch. Estimated return time 16:00. Please note – NO dogs permitted on this event. Moderate 7 miles. Led by Pam Hill.
Meet at 9:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

26. Broseley's Jitties - Heritage Walk #9

Join Broseley Walkers are Welcome to explore all 18 Jitties, Broseley's maze of ancient pathways, many dating back to the 17th century and originally used by the squatters. This walk showcases some of the unique industrial and social heritage of Broseley. Moderate 1.5 miles, involving steps, slopes, and narrow paths. Suitable for families, but not for pushchairs. 2 hours. Led by Pete Welch.
Meet at 10:30, Broseley Library Car Park (Free), Bridgnorth Road, Broseley. TF12 5EQ
or 09:25 Bus 8 from Telford Town Centre (arrives 10:24)

27. Nordic Walking in Apley Woods

Learn the techniques of Nordic Walking in the splendid setting of Apley Woods. No previous experience needed. Equipment supplied. Easy 1 hour. Led by Bev McCarthy
Meet at 14:00, Iron Horse Gate, Peregrine Way, Apley. TFI 6TH

Sunday 15th September

28. Telford Steam Railway - Heritage Walk #10

Walk to Telford Steam Railway at Horsehay where you will have time to take an optional ride on the train (£5 ticket purchase required), before the return walk to Wellington following the route of the old railway line. 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.

29. Oakengates Benchmarks - Heritage Walk #11 **NEW**


Using the OS Benchmarks as way-markers this walk takes you through the history of Oakengates. From the Ice-Age, the Romans, the medieval period, dissolution of the monasteries through to the Industrial Revolution - canals, railways, collieries & furnaces- and the improvement of living conditions through to the birth of Telford New Town. Bring bus fare/pass. Estimated return time in Wellington 12:50. Easy 4 miles. 3 hours. Led by Anth Rowley.
Catch the 10:07 Bus 4 to Oakengates, Wellington Bus Station.
or meet at 10:25 at Oakengates Bus Station. TF2 6JJ

30. Three Woods Walk

A woodland walk through Limekiln, Wenlocks, and Wrekin Woods. Bring a packed lunch. Moderate 7 miles. 4 hours. Led by Naomi Wrighton.
Meet at 11:30, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX

31. Our regular "3rd Sunday of the month" walk Telford Coronation Walk : The Ercall

Enjoy some excellent views from the Wrekin's smaller companion. Moderate 4 miles. 2 hours. Led by Pam Hill.
Meet at 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre. TFI ILX




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Please Note:
 Whilst all walking events are free, unless stated otherwise, 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 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 single use film and other 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.
 No liability will be accepted for loss or injury that occurs as a result of taking part in any walk, or event.

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

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: 07481 914267

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start time.

Wellington Walking Festival

9th - 15th September 2024



31 Events

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Including 11 Heritage Open Day 'Networks' Themed Walks

- Roman Roads
- Longdon on Tern Aqueduct
- Wrekin by Old Tracks
- Coalport Ferry Disaster
- Madeley to Telford
- Hadley Locks
- Rodington - Three Churches
- Wappenshall Canal Trust
- Broseley Jitties
- Telford Steam Railway
- Oakengates Benchmarks



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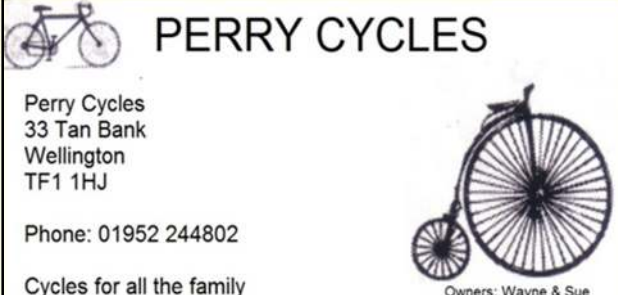


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