

WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2017 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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.

● Themed guided walk/event-booking essential
Please arrive 10 mins before the start time

Monday 11th September

1. Leegomery Walking for Health

A Grade 3 walk. Possible gradients, steps and uneven ground. Brisk walk. 60 - 90 mins. This group have a walk every Monday. Meet at **9.45 am for 10.00 am**, by the **post box at the back of the community centre, TFI 6NA**.

2. Bus Walk - Rodington to Wellington

To promote the re-routed Shropshire Way - a moderate, mainly flat walk on lanes and field tracks of approximately 8 miles. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare or pass. Estimated arrival time in Wellington 4.00 pm. Meet at **11.00 am at Stand D Wellington Bus Station (TFI IPS) for 11.15 Bus 16**. Led by Pam Hill. **Please check the website for any changes to the schedule before setting off.**

3. Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust (SNCT) Canal Walk and Wappenshall Wharf Tour . ●

Circular walk and tour of the wharf at Wappenshall. Afterwards there will be refreshments. Come and see how the project has progressed over the last 3 years. Expected finish time 4.30 pm. (Transport from Wellington possible by prior arrangement.) **Start at 2.00 pm at Wappenshall Wharf**, TF6 6DE. Led by SNCT and Wellington Walkers are Welcome

4. Apley Walking for Health

A Grade 3 walk. Possible gradients, steps and uneven ground. Brisk walk 60 - 90 mins. This group have a walk every Monday. Meet at **1.45 pm for 2.00 pm at the Peregrine Way entrance of Apley Castle Park, TFI 6TH**



Tuesday 12th September

5. Madeley Heritage Taster Walk ●

A taster walk taking in a wide variety of Madeley's heritage features. Gentle pace - approx. 2 miles. Easy/Moderate, 2 hours approx. **Start 10.30 am at Tesco car park, Madeley, by the cash machines. TF7 5AB.** Led by Alec Connah, South Telford Rights of Way Partnership

6. The Shropshire Tub Boat Canal and its mineral cargoes ●

The Shropshire Tub Boat Canal system was built in the second half of the 18th century to serve the particular needs of the burgeoning iron and coal trade. It carried mined products from the upper levels of the Ironbridge Gorge to the then flourishing River Severn trows At Coalport, via the Coalport Inclined Plane. Mostly easy to moderate, but with steep stepped climb out of the Gorge, and rougher descent through Lloyds Coppice. 3.5 miles, 2.5 hours **Start 2.00 pm. Adjacent to the Shakespeare Inn, Coalport, TF8 7HZ**, grid ref. SJ 696 0025. Led by Andrew Jenkinson

7. The Shropshire Way as a Long Distance Path ●

An illustrated talk by Audrey Menhinick and John Newnham of the Shropshire Way Association on the history of the Shropshire Way and the current re-establishment of a Main Route. Prior to the talk, attendees will be able to view a display in the foyer with the option of a glass of wine. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available during the mid-talk break. Duration will be approx 2 hours. Suggested minimum donation to cover venue and refreshment costs £2 per person. **Start 7.00 pm for wine and an introductory display. The talk will commence promptly at 7.30 pm.** Business School Boardroom, Wrekin College, Sutherland Road, Wellington, TFI 3BH



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Wednesday 13th September

8. History of Dothill ●

A walk over gentle terrain to visit the various locations of historic significance on the Dothill Local Nature Reserve with an overview of the growth and demise of Dothill Park. Easy, approximately 2 miles. Allow up to 2 hours for the tour. **Start at 10.00 am. Bottom of Severn Drive**, opposite Dothill Primary school, TFI 3JB. Led by Keith Jones

9. Wrekin Forest and The Wrekin

A circular walk via woodland to The Wrekin in collaboration with Rail Ramblers (www.railrambles.com). Bring a packed lunch. Moderate (includes steep gradients), 9 miles. Expected finish time 3.30 pm. Led by Pamela Hill and Steve Paynter **Start at 10.10 am Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX**

10. Wellington Walking for Health.

A Grade 1 walk. Very few or no gradients. Easy terrain. 30 mins walking, will include a stop at TC's Kiosk in Bowring Park. **Meet at 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm**, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

11. Wellington Walking for Health.

A Grade 3 walk. Possible gradients, steps and uneven ground. Brisk walk. 60 - 90 mins. Note: This week the walk will finish at TC's Kiosk in Bowring Park. **Meet at 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm**, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

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Thursday 14th September

12. On the Wellington Mural Trail ●

Come and discover the stories behind the Wellington H2A heritage project bringing a splash of colour to the town's ancient streets. Easy Walk. 1.30-2 hours. Led by Marc Petty
Start at 10.00 am, outside All Saints Church, TFI 1DN

13. Hop to New Works and Smalley Hill Nature Reserve.

A typical 'hop', a short journey in shared cars to the start of a walk. Approx 3 miles, moderate. Led by Wellington WAW
Start at 10.00 am, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX

14. A guided walk of Lord Berwick's Deer Park ●

A walk with a NT Ranger to find out more about the fallow deer herd at Attingham Park. NT members bring your membership card, non-members special entry of £3 per person (inc. the Mansion). 2.5 mile moderate walk approx. 1.5 hours. **Meet at 2.00 pm at Visitor Reception, Attingham Park, SY4 4TP.**

Friday 15th September

15. Dark and Satanic: The industrial past of Limekiln and Ercall Woods ●

Discover the remains of woodland industries of the Dairy pits area, the Ercall Quarries and the heavy industry in Limekiln Woods. Moderate. Paths may be muddy and steep in places. 4.25 miles with 750 ft of ascent, 3 hours Bring a drink and a snack or lunch, or visit the Honeypot Café at the base of The Wrekin - Handy if you are doing the Springs walk (#18). Led by Chris Hogarth
Start at 9.15 am, Forest Glen car park. TF6 5AL (SJ638092)

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16. Fungus Foray in Apley Woods. ●

Easy (some steps) 2 miles/ 2 hours approx. Refreshments will be served after the walk for which donations to the Friends of Apley Woods would be very welcome. **Start at 10 am at the entrance to the woods off Peregrine Way** (by the wrought iron horse gate). TFI 6TH Led by John Hughes and FOAW.

17. Shawbirch Walking for Health Walk

A Grade 1 - 2 walk. Very few or no gradients. Easy terrain, about 45 mins. This group has walks every Friday .
Meet at 10.00 am for 10.15 am, outside Shawbirch Medical Centre,

Friday 15th September - cont

18. Springing around Wrekin Forest: Discover the many streams, wells and springs and the problems they face. ●

From the area around Forest Glen we visit the wells and springs which feed the Ketley Brook and Strine. We see an iron tufa spring and explore Limekiln Woods and Wenlock's Wood before visiting a spring on The Wrekin. We find out about how the streams were used in the past and the problems they face today. Moderate to strenuous. Mostly using paths but with some "off piste" parts to get to the interesting places. Paths may be muddy and steep in places 5.75 miles with 1050 ft of ascent, 4 hrs. Bring a drink and a snack. Led by Chris Hogarth
Start at 1.00 pm Forest Glen car park TF6 5AL (SJ638092)

19. 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. There is time to explore the benches located around Little Wenlock, affording wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, see www.littlewenlock.org . Donations welcome to the National Garden Scheme charities.
Start at 2.00 pm at Windy Ridge, Church Lane, Little Wenlock. TF6 5BB. Led by Fiona Chancellor and Wellington WAW

20. Walking-Themed Quiz. ●

£3.00 entry per person. Teams of up to 4. Meal cost extra, meal needs to be ordered by 12th September.
Start at 7.00 pm. Red Lion, Holyhead Rd. TFI 2EW

Saturday 16th September

21. Bus Walk- Woodside to Wellington via the Ironbridge Way and the Shropshire Way.

Via Ironbridge, Coalbrookdale, Little Wenlock and The Wrekin. Please bring bus pass or fare and a packed lunch. 13 miles strenuous.
Meet at 9.00 am, Wellington Bus Station, for the 9.07 am no 4 Bus to Madeley (alight at Wyvern, Woodside at about 9.53 am)
Led by Naomi Wrighton

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Wellington 360 NORTHERN WALKS

Dothill Local Nature Reserve, Apley Woods, Hayley Lakes

Saturday 16th September - cont

22. Telford Steam Railway (TSR) - Walk and Tour ●

Follow the line of the former railway via The Ironbridge Way to Horsehay to enjoy a tour of the TSR site, steam train ride and track exploration. Lunch available to purchase and donations to TSR welcome. Moderate, approximately 6.5 miles with optional return walk of further 4 miles. Expected finish 3.00 pm at Horsehay, or 5.00 pm in Wellington. Led by Pam Hill and TSR
Meet at 10.00 am, Wellington Leisure Centre TFI 1LX

23. Bus Walk - Trench to Wellington

This easy 4 mile walk is along the Perry Way from Trench via Trench Lock, Hadley, and Wrekin College. Bring bus pass or pay on the bus £2.60 (correct in May) Estimated arrival time in Wellington 4pm. **Meet at 1.45 pm at Wellington Bus Station** for the 1.53 pm no 7 Bus to Donnington, alight near the Dun Cow. Led by Greg Vernon. **Please check the website for any changes to the schedule before setting off.**

24. Film Night. ●

The Clifton Community Arts Centre Project present "A Walk In The Woods" starring Robert Redford as Bill Bryson walking the Appalachian Trail. Also stars Emma Thompson and Nick Nolte. Tickets £5.00. **Bookings can be made at www.theclifton.org on or after 29th July 2017 or on the Clifton Project stall in Wellington Market on Saturdays from 9.00 until midday**
Doors Open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, Belmont Hall, Wellington,

Sunday 17th September

25. Circular walk: Wellington to Longdon-On-Tern Aqueduct to Wellington

Along lanes and field paths, including parts of the Shropshire Way and Silkin Way. Approx 12 miles, moderate. Led by Naomi Wrighton
Start at 10.00 am, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX

26. Birds of Dothill ●

A walk over gentle terrain visiting the various habitats of the Dothill Local Nature Reserve to see the measures the Friends are taking to enhance the habitat and to view the resident bird population. Bring binoculars if possible. Led by Keith Jones
Meet at 10.00 am, bottom of Severn Drive, opposite Dothill Primary school, TFI 3JB

27. Our regular "3rd Sunday of the month" Walk

A trio of community areas, combining 3 of the Wellington 360 Northern Walks, visiting the Admaston Community Orchard, Dothill LNR and Apley Woods LNR. Easy/Moderate. The walk will last 1.5 to 2 hours. Led by Wellington Walkers are Welcome
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Easy: length may vary but terrain mainly flat

Moderate: includes some hills and some rough ground

Strenuous: may be rough underfoot, ascents and descents may be steep.

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. If changes are made they will be publicised on the website if at all possible

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** ●

To book, for all except the film (event 24),

telephone 01952 740287 or send an email to

info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

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

Other Local Walking Festivals and Events

Much Wenlock Walking Weekend 1st - 4th September 2017
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