

# WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2018 — 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.

**Please check the website or Facebook for any changes, particularly to bus times. (Revised Aug 2018)**

●Themed guided walk/event-booking essential●

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

### 1. Litter Pick at Forest Glen

Join the Friends of the Shropshire Way and Telford Street Champions in helping to remove litter from the Forest Glen area and from the main paths up and around The Wrekin. Equipment will be provided on the day but please bring your own kit if you have it. Free refreshments (tea, coffee & squash) will be available for attendees from the Buckatree Hall Hotel. **Start at the Forest Glen Car Park, TF6 5AL at 9.30 am (finish at 12 noon).**

**2. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 1 :Town Park – Ironbridge 10.5 miles .** Join Naomi Wrighton to walk the whole of the trail in six parts. Moderate, Bring a packed lunch. (Return 16.30 Bus 19 to Telford Town Centre then Bus 4, arrive back 17.31) **Catch the 9.36 Bus 4 from Wellington Bus Station to Telford Town Centre**

### 3. 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.**

### 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 pm, at the time of writing by the post box at the back of Leegomery community centre, TFI 6NA. Please check website for any changes.**

### 5. The Shropshire Tub Boat Canal and its mineral cargoes ●

The Shropshire Tub Boat Canal system was built in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### 6. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 2: Ironbridge, Museum of the Gorge- Wellington

**11.5 miles** strenuous. Bring a packed lunch. (Apologies, but it would be too late if we tried to start after 9.30 am )

**Catch the 8.48 am Bus 4 from Wellington Bus Station to Telford Town Centre then 9.30 am Bus 8 to Dale End**

### 7. Larkin in Wellington: tracing the poet in residence ●

2018 marks the 75th anniversary of Philip Larkin's appointment as Wellington's librarian in November 1943. Come and explore the haunts of the artist in residence in a period regarded by many Larkin scholars as crucial to his development as a writer and poet. We'll also be looking at the lives of some of the other creatives commemorated in the town's new series of makers' murals. Easy 1-2 miles .

Led by Marc Petty

**Start 10.30 am Outside All Saints Church, TFI IDN (finish 12 noon to 12.30 pm)**

### 8. Memory Walk ●

Aimed at those with memory difficulties. Join us with your carer on a gentle stroll around Wellington lasting between 30 and 45 minutes. We will stop at a cafe near the end of our walk, so bring money to buy refreshments. We will then walk back to the Leisure Centre, returning at about 12.30pm. Led by Eve Clevenger

**Start at 11.00am, in the foyer of Wellington Leisure Centre TFI ILX. Please book by ringing Eve on 01952 740287**

### 9. 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, Easy-moderate. 60-90 minutes walking.

Led by Wellington Walkers are Welcome,

**Start 2.00 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre TFI ILX.**

### 10. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 3: Wellington Leisure

**centre to Wellington Station** 4.5 miles (This walk is repeated on Thursday)

**Start 5.30 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre TFI ILX.**



## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

### 11. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 4: Wellington Station to Oakengates

A linear walk via Horsehay, Lawley and Ketley in collaboration with Rail Ramblers ([www.railrambles.org](http://www.railrambles.org)). Bring a packed lunch. Moderate, 10 miles. Return 4.54 pm train. Led by Naomi Wrighton and Steve Paynter. **Meet at 9.45 am on Platform 1 Wellington Railway Station.**

### 12. Bus Walk and Vineyard visit - Wellington to Rodington ●

To promote the relaunched Shropshire Way - an easy, flat walk on field paths and lanes of approximately 6 miles, followed by a tour and sampling at the vineyard. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass. Arrival time in Wellington 4.30 pm. Led by Eve Clevenger and Pamela Hill. **Start at 10.30 am at Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.**

### 13. Wellington Walking for Health.

Choice of: Grade 1 walk- very few or no gradients, easy terrain, 30 mins walking ; Grade 2 walk.- possible but few gradients, steps or uneven ground, 30 - 60 mins; Grade 3 walk.- definite or likely gradients, possible steps & uneven ground, brisk walk, 60 - 90 mins.

**Meet at 1.45 pm for 2 pm at Wellington Leisure Centre , TFI ILX.**

### 14. The Natural and Cultural History of Madeley Court ●

A 90 minute tour of Madeley Court Pitmound Local Nature Reserve and Hotel environs. Outdoor clothing and preferably waterproof walking boots/shoes. Free leaflet and booklet for participants. Easy/moderate - some steep steps. Led by Alec Connah, South Telford Rights of Way Partnership Project Officer. Distance - approx. 2 miles. Duration - approx. 90 minutes. **Start at 2.00 pm Madeley Ski Centre Car Park, TF7 5DZ**

### 15. Telford- the Forest City at 50.

Illustrated talks celebrating Telford with particular emphasis on ecology and on the new Telford T50 50 Mile Trail. Speakers John Box (Ecologist) and Naomi Wrighton (Telford T50 50 mile trail consortium). **Start at 7.00 pm at Wellington Library TFI ILX.**

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## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### 16. The Eco Trail and Garden at Denso ●

A return walk and tour of the Eco Trail and Gardens at DENSO Manufacturing on Hortonwood, enjoy a pizza from the wood fired oven whilst enjoying the garden. Constructed by DENSO associates in conjunction with local schools and wildlife trusts, this is an example of environmental conservation by a corporate citizen in the local community. An easy walk of 8 miles from Wellington, or 4 miles from Leegomery, including the tour.

Return time in Wellington 3 pm. Led by Malcolm Skelton.

**Start from Wellington Leisure Centre at 10.00 am for the full walk, or join us at 10.45 am at Leegomery Community Centre for a shorter alternative (return here by 2.00 pm).**

### 17. A guided walk at Attingham Park●

Take a walk with one of the NT Rangers to find out more about the flora and fauna of 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.**

### 18. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 3: Wellington Leisure centre to Wellington Station

Alternative for those not wishing to do this on Tues evening 4.5 miles

**Start at 3.00 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX.**

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

### 19. The industrial heritage of the Wrekin Forest ●

Limekiln Woods, Steeraway and The Ercall are havens for wildlife now but in the past they played an important role in the story of Telford as being the birthplace of industry.

From Wellington Centre we will walk out to Steeraway via Limekiln Lane then up through Limekiln Woods discovering this industrial past. Descending down through Maddocks Quarry we return to Wellington via Ercall Quarries and The Ercall. Bring packed lunch and a drink. Moderate. 5 miles with 770 ft of ascent. Finish 3:00 pm. Led by Chris Hogarth

**Start at 10.00 am Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX**

### 20. 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, TF5 0LW**

### Other Local Walking Festivals and Events

<b>Much Wenlock Walking Weekend</b>	31st August - 2nd September 2018	<a href="http://www.muchwenlockwalkers.org.uk">www.muchwenlockwalkers.org.uk</a>
<b>Wellington Festival</b>	Events throughout October 2018	<a href="http://www.wellington-shropshire.gov.uk">www.wellington-shropshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Ironbridge Walking Festival</b>	May 2019	<a href="http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk">www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk</a>

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September - cont

### 21. Explore the canals and early industrial history of North/ East Telford. ●

An exploration of the Donnington Wood canal, also the Lodge Furnaces, some of the early coal mine sites, the remains of Waxhill Barracks along with some of the transport systems in the area. About 2.5 miles. Expected finish time 4.30 pm.

Led by Alistair Price, Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust

**Start at 2.30 pm Granville Car park on Granville Rd, TF2 7QG** (Transport from Wellington possible by prior arrangement.)

### 22. Beetle Drive. ●

Cancelled due to lack of bookings

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

### 23. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 5: Oakengates to Lilleshall

6 miles. Return by Bus 5 and 4, Probable return time in Wellington 3pm. Packed lunch needed.

**Catch 9.36 Bus 4 from Wellington Bus Station to Oakengates Market St**

### 24. Dothill Local Nature Reserve "50 Tree Trail" ●

A chance to see 50 different types of tree growing within the reserve. Trail Maps will be provided on the day. Members of the Friends of Dothill LNR Committee will accompany the group as it follows the trail through the Reserve. As some of the terrain is a little uneven, an "Easy Access" option will be available for people with buggies or wheelchairs. Full walk 3.5 miles, shorter options available. Finish 12 noon.

**Start at 10.00 am at Admaston House overflow Car Park (Opposite Admaston House, TF5 0BN)**

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

Explore the rural delights of the route from Wellington to Horsehay using the T50 50 Mile Trail to enjoy a tour of the TSR site and steam train ride. Lunch available to purchase. Donations to TSR welcome. Moderate, approximately 5 miles with optional return walk of a similar distance. Expected finish 3 pm at Horsehay, or 5 pm in Wellington. Led by Malcolm Skelton and TSR.

**Start at 10.00 am Wellington Leisure Centre TFI 1LX.**

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September - cont

### 26. Film Night. ●

Wellington Orbit present "Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom" starring Idris Elba as Nelson Mandela. A chronicle of Nelson Mandela's life journey from his childhood in a rural village through to his inauguration as the first democratically elected president of South Africa. Tickets £5.00

**Bookings can be made at [www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk](http://www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk) or on the Wellington Orbit stall in Wellington Market on Saturdays from 9.00 until midday.**

**Doors Open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, Belmont Hall, Wellington,**

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

**27. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 6: Lilleshall Hill to the Town Park.** 8.5 miles. Joint with Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers. Bring packed lunch. Return by Bus 4.

**Catch the 10.00 am Bus 7 at Wellington Bus Station, Change to Bus 5 (10.31 am ) at Donnington Parade, ( or 10.10 am Bus 5 from Telford Town Centre Bus Station)**

### 28. Fungus Foray in Dothill ●

Join John Hughes of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and some of the Friends of Dothill LNR for this easy 2 mile walk, which will take about 2 to 2.5 hours .

**Start at 10.00 am Dothill Primary School TFI 3JB**

### 29. Our regular "3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month" Walk

Visit to Admaston Community Orchard, possibly via the new paths through the Haygate Fields site, depending on progress. Easy/ Moderate. The walk will last 1.5 to 2 hours.

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**Start at 2.00 pm, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX**



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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 for events 8 and 26, visit

<http://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/>

Or send an email to

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# Walking Festival

10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Programme of walks and events



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