

# WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2021 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Walk Symbols - Key

- IO** A celebration of all things '10'
- N** Entirely New this year
- F** In conjunction with another Festival
- ⇒** Convenient for train users (see map)

Booking is **ESSENTIAL** for all events unless marked ●

## Pre-Festival : Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### Joint walk with Ironbridge Festival - Shifnal to Wellington 2xIO/N/F/⇒

A strenuous 20 mile walk via Ironbridge Gorge. Bring a packed lunch.  
**Meet at 07:45 for the 07:54 train from platform 1  
Wellington Railway Station to Shifnal, or 08:40 at Shifnal  
Station**

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

### 1. Litter Pick in the Wrekin area ●

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 Ercall and The Wrekin.  
Equipment will be provided on the day but please bring your own kit  
if you have it..  
**Meet at 09:30, the Forest Glen Car Park, TF6 5AL  
Finish at 12:00**

### 2. Bowring Park Walking For Health ● N

A Grade 2 walk. Possible but few gradients, steps or uneven ground.  
30 - 60 mins. This group have a walk every Monday.  
**Meet at 10:50 for 11:00 start.**  
**Outside the Bowring Park Cafe, TFI IQX**

### 3. Bus Walk - Leighton to Wellington N

An introduction to our West of the Wrekin project, using quiet  
lanes, field paths and forest tracks. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/  
pass. Finish time in Wellington 16:00.  
Moderate 8 miles. Led by Pamela Hill.  
**Meet at 10:15 Stand C Wellington bus station or 11:10 at  
Telford bus station to take 19 Arriva service to alight at  
Leighton Hall. If travelling separately, walk starts at 12:00**

### 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 13:50 for 14:00 start.**  
**The Iron Horse Gate in Peregrine Way, TFI 6TH**

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

### 5. The Wrekin - The Rough Way IO/N/⇒

A strenuous walk on minor paths, passing limekilns, old tramways and  
mines, crossing 4 hills of The Wrekin Forest with a surprise encounter  
on the return. Steep ascents and descents - good boots and walking  
pole recommended. Bring packed lunch.  
Strenuous 10 miles. Led by Malcolm Skelton  
**Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX**

### 6. Bus Walk and Vineyard - Wellington to Rodington F/⇒

As a part of the Heritage Open Days Edible England theme, we offer  
the chance to visit our local vineyard.  
See [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/map](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/map)  
Join this flat walk on field paths and lanes followed by a tour and  
sampling at the vineyard. Bring a packed lunch and bus fare/pass for the  
return journey. Finish time in Wellington 16:30.  
Easy 6 miles (includes stiles). Led by Eve Clevenger and Pamela Hill.  
**Start 10:30, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX**

### 7. Fungus Foray in Apley Wood

Forage for fungi in Apley Wood.  
Easy 2 miles, 2 to 2.5 hours. Led by Les Hughes  
**Meet at 10:30, at the Iron Horse Gate in Peregrine Way  
TFI 6TH**

### 8. Film - Wellington Orbit presents "Wild" N

A recently divorced woman, decides to start a new life by hiking along  
the 1,100 mile-long Pacific Crest Trail.  
2 Showings - Film start **14:30 and 19:00**,  
Full details and booking at [www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk](http://www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk)  
**Wellington Orbit, 1 Station Road, Wellington. TFI IBY**

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

### 9. Offa's Dyke Circular IO/N/F/⇒

To coincide with Offa's Dyke 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, a moderate 10 mile walk,  
incorporating part of the Offa's Dyke Path. There will also be a visit to  
the visitor centre at Trevor Basin, an elevated section along the  
Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and a 170m section through a tunnel on a canal  
towpath (torch advised). Bring a packed lunch, or buy refreshments at  
Trevor Basin. Return to Wellington by 17:00  
Moderate 10 miles. Led by Naomi Wrighton  
**Meet at 10:00 for the 10:07 train to Chirk  
Platform 2 Wellington Railway Station.**

### 10. 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, this is an example of  
environmental conservation by a corporate citizen in the local  
community. Enjoy a slice of pizza from the wood fired oven and try  
your hand at wax candle making.  
Start from Wellington for the full walk, or join us at Leegomery  
Community Centre for a shorter alternative.  
Easy 8 miles from Wellington, or 4 miles from Leegomery, including the  
tour. Expected finish time in Wellington 15:30, or Leegomery 14:30.  
Led by Malcolm Skelton.  
**Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX, or  
11:00 at Leegomery Community Centre, TFI 6NA**

### 11. Wellington Walking for Health ●

Choice of 3 graded walks:  
Grade 1 - very few or no gradients. Easy terrain. 30 mins walking.  
Grade 2 - possible but few gradients, steps or uneven ground 30-60  
mins  
Grade 3 - Possible gradients, steps and uneven ground. Brisk walk 60-  
90 mins.  
This group have walks every Wednesday.  
**Meet at 13:45 for 14:00 start,  
Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.**



Certificates available for completing 5 or more events, or walking 50+ miles throughout the Festival



## Other Local Walking Festivals and Events

<b>Ironbridge Walking Festival</b>	4th - 12th September 2021, May 2022	<a href="http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk">www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk</a>
<b>Shropshire Way Festival</b>	18th -25th September 2021	<a href="http://www.shropshireway.org.uk">www.shropshireway.org.uk</a>
<b>Much Wenlock Walking Weekend</b>	September 2022	<a href="http://www.muchwenlockwalkers.org.uk">www.muchwenlockwalkers.org.uk</a>

Booking is **ESSENTIAL** for all events unless marked ●

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

### 12. 10 mile walk on the Ways of Wellington 10/ ➡

Using parts of the Telford T50, Hutchison Way, Perry Way and other paths.. Will visit Paddock Mound. Bring packed lunch. Moderate 10 miles. Led by Chas Kay

**Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.**

### 13. Walking With Giants - Wellington Town Tour N/ ➡

Come and explore Wellington's astonishing international cultural heritage with Wellington LA21 Group's new, West Midlands Trains 'Your Community, Your Fund' Walking With Giants project. 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 1-2 miles, 2-2.5 hours. Led by Marc Petty

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

### 14. Wappenshall Wharf Revisited

Join our friends of Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust for a presentation and guided tour of the restoration of this historic Telford landmark. Refreshments available.

Site visit only - Parking on site. Donations to SNCT.

Expected finish 16:00.

**Meet at 14:00, at Wappenshall Wharf, TF6 6DE**

(please contact us if you need a lift)

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

### 15. 10 hamlets/villages in 10 miles for the 10<sup>th</sup> Festival 10/N

A fairly flat walk except for the bank at Wrockwardine. Fields and paths with some tarmac walking. Includes 18 stiles, some quite rickety. Bring packed lunch.

Finish between 15:00 and 16:00.

Moderate 10 miles. Led by Sheila Jones.

**Meet at 10:00, Admaston overflow car park, TF5 0BN .**

### 16. Shawburch Walking for Health ●

Choice of 2 graded walks: 45-50 minutes.

Grade 1 - very few or no gradients. Easy terrain.

Grade 2 - possible but few gradients, steps or uneven ground.

This group have walks every Friday.

**Meet at 10:00 for 10:15 start,**

**Woolpack Car Park, Shawburch, TF5 0LW.**

### 17. A rerun in the 10th Festival of a walk from our 1st Festival. Autumn in Limekiln Wood 10/ ➡

A circular walk to Limekiln Wood to explore the plants and animals of the Woods as they prepare for winter.

Moderate 4 miles, 2.5 hours. Ascent 600ft. Led by Chris Hogarth.

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

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September

### 18. T50 (almost) to Little Wenlock then return 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.

Strenuous 12.5 miles. Led by Naomi Wrighton

**Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.**

### 19. Walking the Industrial History around Broseley 10/N

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. Ascent 400 ft. Led by Kris & Pete Welch

**Meet at 10:30, Broseley Library Car Park (Free), Bridgnorth Road, Broseley, TF12 5EQ or**

**Bus 8 from Telford Town Centre bus station (arrives 10:16)**

### 20. Explore Apley Woods N

Come and see what this area has to offer in this easy 1 hour walk around Apley Woods.

Easy 1 hour. Led by Sarah Warner, a local resident

**Meet at 10:30, The Iron Horse Gate in Peregrine Way**

**TF1 6TH**

### 21. Nordic Walking in Bowring Park

Learn the techniques of Nordic Walking starting with a lap of the park then going on to visit Murphy's field.

No previous experience needed.

Easy, 1 hour. Led by Bev McCarthy

**Meet at 14:00, Haygate Road entrance to Bowring Park, near the café, TFI IQX.**

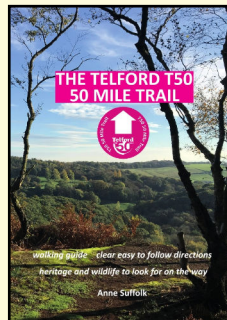
### 22. History N / Bat Walk in Dothill LNR

Starting with a tour visiting 4 historic sites discussing the history of the Park from the doomsday book to the 20 century and finishing with a walk around the lake looking for bats. You will require strong footwear but the walk will be easy. Bring a torch.

Easy 1-2 miles, Approximately 2 hours. Led by Friends of Dothill LNR

**Start at 19:00, outside Dothill Primary School,**

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

### 23. 10 Telford Trees 10/N/ ➡

A short walk to and around Limekiln Wood to identify 10 tree species that are significant in Telford.

Moderate, approx. 4 miles (2 hours) from Wellington Station, or

2 miles (1 hour) starting from the motorway bridge.

Led by Tristan Haynes (Telford Woods Coordinator, Small Woods)

**Meet at 10:15, platform 1 Wellington Railway Station, or  
at 10:40, Golf Links Lane footpath entrance just beyond the  
motorway bridge. (NOTE - no parking here)**

### 24. Wellington, Dothill, and Admaston circular ➡

Follow parts of the Telford T50 and Shropshire Way to Dothill Local Nature Reserve and on to Admaston, returning via Wrekin Link and Bowring Park.

Moderate 4 miles. Led by Chris Jay

**Meet at 10:15, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.**

### 25. Our regular "3rd Sunday of the month" walk

### To incorporate our 10th Festival Celebration Event 10

A choice of 2 walks, one steeper than the other, to visit the Golf Course, Maddock's Hill and the Dairy Pits then over or around The Ercall,

Moderate 4 miles. Led by Naomi Wrighton

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

The walk will end at Bowring Park where we will be holding our "10th Festival Celebration Event" at 15:30



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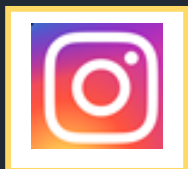
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## Grading

**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.

## 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 ●**

## Terms and Conditions

**Do not attend if you, or anyone in your household, has Covid 19 symptoms.**

**Please observe Covid regulations in force at the time of the event.**

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](http://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk)**  
(select Events, then All Events )

In case of difficulty, please

email: [info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk](mailto:info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk)

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13th - 19th September 2021

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