

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER - HELLO MR KIPLING, 10.00 START

A Staffordshire Moorlands classic walk of 5-6 miles around Rudyard Lake. Meet Jan at Rudyard Station car park, nearest postcode ST13 5HT / Grid Ref SJ955578.

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER - THE EDGE FROM THE WEST, 10.00 START

Join Rodney for a more challenging than moderate 9 miles walk to Gun and Back Forest. Meet at Danebridge, nearest postcode SK11 0QE / Grid Ref SJ965651.

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS IS A-COMING, 10.00 START

Join one of Jan's Jaunts as she walks the moorlands on a Wednesday, on this moderate 6 to 7 miles foray from the fantastic viewpoint that is Marshes Hill. Meet at Marshes Hill Common Car Park (Brown Edge), nearest postcode ST6 8TY / Grid Ref SJ908545).

FRIDAY 3 JANUARY - LET'S PAY OUR RESPECTS, 09.00 START

A moderate occasionally challenging walk of about 8.5 miles through dramatic upland gritstone landscape visiting two WW2 crash sites from exactly 80 years ago. Meet Austin at Gradbach Car Park, Mill Lane, nearest postcode SK17 0SU / Grid Ref SJ998662.

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY - MEMORIES OF OLD, 10.00 START

Another of Jan's Jaunts, a moderate 6 to 7 miles walk taking in Chatterley Whitfield. Meet at Greenway Bank visitors centre (top of the hill) car park, Brown Edge, nearest postcode ST8 7QX / Grid Ref SJ889551.

SATURDAY 8 MARCH - ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET, 10.00 START

A strenuous 8-10 miles moorland walk from Onecote to Butterton and return. It can be challenging underfoot on part of the walk. Meet Rodney at the Jervis Arms car park end, furthest from the road, nearest postcode ST13 7RU / Grid Ref SK050552.

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS WALKING FESTIVAL FRIDAY 25 APRIL - 5 MAY 2025

We are working partners and other outdoor organisations, groups and individuals to pull together a walking festival with a wide range of walks across the Staffordshire Moorlands area. Keep an eye on staffsmoorlandswalkingfestival.co.uk for more information. If you're interested in getting involved then please contact Austin as below.



LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about a walk or if the weather is poor, please contact the programme co-ordinator Austin on 07421 369 600 or email austin@walkthemoorlands.co.uk or check the Facebook group page, search StaffordshireMoorlandWalks. Dogs are allowed on some walks at the leader's discretion. If you would like to bring a dog with you please contact the walk leader or Austin about a week in advance of the walk.

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WALK THE MOORLANDS - AUTUMN WINTER 2024 -2025

Please join us to explore the wonderful countryside of the Staffordshire Moorlands, Peak District and borders of the neighbouring counties and districts on one of our fantastic free walks led by experienced walkers.

There are normally 2 Sunday walks a month, one short, one longer and the occasional midweek walk. Simply let us know you're coming by using the form at www.eventbrite.com/cc/walk-the-moorlands-walks-programme-299489 or scan the QR code on the front page of this leaflet for more information about the walk.

SUNDAY SAUNTERS WITH LIZ

Normally on the last Sunday of each month there will be a short, easy paced walk lasting about 2 to 2.5 hours of about 6 km / 4 miles. For each of these shorter walks please arrive at 10.20 for a 10.30 start. For each walk you should bring a snack and drink for the walk as well as having stout footwear and appropriate clothing.

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER - ALL STONES AT ALSTONEFIELD? 10.30AM START

A "Rake" around the attractive village of Alstonefield before we cross fields to seek "Hope". Some stiles and could be muddy. Meet at Alstonefield Playing Field Car Park, nearest postcode DE6 2FR / Grid ref SK130555. Parking donations.

SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER - NO PEPPER? 10.30 START

Take a look at the village of Alton before we descend into the valley to follow the old rail track and return along part of the old Salt Route. Meet at Alton Village Hall, Hurston Lane, nearest postcode ST10 4AP / Grid Ref SK073420.

SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER - CHEDDLETON CAPERS, 10.30 START

Open countryside and by the canal are all part of this walk around the village of Cheddleton. Meet at St. Andrew's Church, 58 Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton, nearest postcode ST13 7HS / Grid Ref SJ970523.

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY - A QUARTER THROUGH THE 21ST CENTURY! 12.00 NOON START

Celebrate New Year's Day with a walk from the town centre of Leek to Hillswood and the Nine Pins. Meet outside the offices of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (by the Fountain), Stockwell Street, Leek, nearest postcode ST13 6HQ / Grid Ref SJ984566.

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY - FOOTHILLS OF BUNSTER, 10.30 START

We walk around the base of Bunster before heading over to Castern Hall and follow the river to Ilam Hall - there just might be snowdrops! Meet outside the toilets at Ilam National Trust Visitor Centre, nearest postcode DE6 2AZ / Grid Ref SK134508.

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY - CANALS, WOODLANDS AND PARKLANDS, 10.30 START

A gentle walk along the Leek Branch of the Caldron Canal before ascending through Mollatts Wood and into the meadows of Ladderedge Country Park to take in the stunning views of Leek and the Staffordshire Moorlands. Meet at Barnfields Car Park, Sunnyhills Road, Leek, nearest postcode ST13 5RJ / Grid Ref SJ 975553.

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH - LET'S TAKE THE SLOW TRAIN, 10.30 START

A walk from Cheadle southwards to Huntley and Harplow station! Meet by the Mary Blagg memorial, Tape Street car park, Cheadle, nearest postcode ST10 1EU / Grid Ref SK009432.

LONGER WALKS - NORMAL PROGRAMME

This is a series of longer walks, normally on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They start at 10.00, please be there and ready to walk at 9.50am. You should bring sufficient food and drink for the walk, good footwear and clothing appropriate for the likely weather conditions. You will need to reserve a place in advance via www.eventbrite.com/cc/walk-the-moorlands-walks-programme-299489. QR code on front cover. When you book you will receive more information about the walk.

SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER - BEAUTY AND THE BEEST, 10.00 START

Rodney will lead a moderate but hard walk of about 10 miles to Beeston Tor. Meet at Waterhouse Station car park, nearest postcode ST10 3HL / Grid Ref SK084501.

SUNDAY, 20 OCTOBER - IN SEARCH OF THE OLD HAG, 10.00 START

Join Richard for this 8/9 mile walk, starting from Meerbrook. The route will take us to Pheasants Clough, Roche Grange & Turners Pool, before making our way up to Gun. Returning to Meerbrook & an optional drink at the Lazy Trout. Meet at the T-junction near the church, nearest postcode ST13 8SJ / Grid Ref SJ989609.

SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER - ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK, 10.00 START

Meet Mark and Austin for a moderate ramble of about 8 miles exploring the northern watershed of the River Churnet. Meet at The Olde Rock Inn walkers car park, nearest postcode ST13 8TY / Grid Ref SK013609.

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER - THE HOLE STORY, 10.00 START

Mark & Jan will start from the centre of Longnor on a moderate 7 mile walk along the bottom of Parkhouse Hill, Earl Sterndale, Hindlow & Dowlow Quarries returning via High Wheeldon & Green lane. Meet at the Market Square, Longnor, nearest postcode SK17 0NS / Grid Ref SK088649)

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY - AND ONE PERSON WENT TO MOW, 10.00 START

Jan will treat us to her traditional January Jaunt, perhaps less jaunt this time, with a moderate walk of 7 miles or so. Meet at Biddulph Grange Country Park car park, nearest postcode ST8 7TZ / Grid Ref SJ893594, just up the road from the National Trust property.

SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY - WE ARE IN DEEP TROUBLE NOW, 10.00 START

Join John Holmes taking the Caldron Canal to 'The Queen of the Moorlands' and returning on the Cheddleton arm of the waterway, 9 miles give or take. Meet at Deep Hayes Country Park rangers office/ car park, nearest postcode ST13 7JS / Grid Ref SJ 960533.

SUNDAY, 16 MARCH - A GOOD DAY FOR A HANGING, 10.00 START

Sample the delights of the Roaches estate with Mark Royall on this challenging walk of 11 miles visiting the Hanging Stone and other notable landmarks. Meet at Roaches Gates, Roach Road, Upper Hulme, nearest postcode ST13 8UB Grid Ref SK004621.

EXTRA WALKS

As well as the saunters and longer Sunday walks and as requested we're putting on more walks on other days of the week.

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - COMBS MOSS FROM BUXTON, 10.00 START

Join us and BMC Peak Area volunteers for a walk of 15km exploring the moorland plateau of Combs Moss to find an ancient hillfort, tales of a daring WW2 German attack and some spectacular views. Sorry no dogs on this walk, it's restricted access land where the owner does not allow dogs. Meet at Buxton Railway station, nearest postcode SK17 6AQ / Grid Ref: SK 59737. This is part of the High Peak Walking Festival (20 - 29 September).