

MONDAY 6 MAY - STAFFORDSHIRE 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE - 09:30 START

Our now traditional walk, come and join us for a challenging hike of 15 miles, or so, to conquer the 3 highest peaks in Staffordshire, and perhaps a bonus peak. Meet at Roaches Gate (SK004621) on Roaches Road, Upper Hulme. Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival.

FRIDAY 14 JUNE - MONSTER HUNTER, 10:00 START

Join Rodney, to hunt down the Revidge dragon and more on this moderate to walk of 7-8 miles from Warslow and also visiting Ecton Hill. Meet at Warslow Village Hall (Grid Ref SK086585 / nearest postcode SK17 0JL).

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY - ADIEU, MON DIEU AKA BID FAREWELL, 10:00 START

Janet will treat us to a royal walk through Biddulph Country park and the surrounding areas, the next step up from a saunter on this easy to moderate walk of 6 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.

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST - A FARLEY GOOD WALK, 10:00 START

As part of the Churnet Valley Festival, Rodney Hitch will lead this harder walk of 10 miles or so from Oakamoor, visiting Farley, Ramshorn and Cotton. Meet at Oakamoor Station car park (nearest postcode ST10 3AG / Grid ref SK053444).

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST - RECORD BREAKERS - FROM CANALS TO COAL, 10:00 START

Join Lionel and Katrina Parkinson to revisit local history of the western moorlands, from the feeder of the Caldron canal to the Chatterley Whitfield coal mine site and historical houses. A relaxed pace walk of approx 7-8 miles with narrative stops along the way. Meeting point is Greenway Bank visitors centre office (top of the hill) car park, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent (nearest postcode ST8 7QX / Grid ref SJ889551). (Expect pay and display by this point in time.)


STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS WALKING FESTIVAL, FRIDAY 26 APRIL - 6 MAY 2024

We are working with Lex Leisure, Staffs Moorlands District Council, Staffordshire County Council 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. We'll be putting on some extra walks in addition to those shown on this leaflet.



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 - SPRING SUMMER 2024

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 simple form at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/walk-the-moorlands-walks-programme-299489> or scan the QR code on the front page of this leaflet. When you do that you will receive 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 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.

28 APRIL - NO TRAIN BUT EASY TERRAIN, 10:30 START

A gentle walk along the Biddulph Valley Way (former rail track) and surrounding countryside. Meet at Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre (nearest postcode ST8 7HL / Grid ref SJ889577). Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival.

MONDAY 29 APRIL - STREAM AND STEAM, 14:00 START

Dave Windley will lead this walk by the Cecilly Brook at Cheadle and follow pathways to Huntley returning via the former rail track. Meet for a 14.00 start at South Moorlands Leisure Centre (Cheadle) (nearest postcode ST10 1HJ, Grid ref SK012429). Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival.

MONDAY 6 MAY - A PEAK AROUND LEEK, 10:30 START

One of our final Festival Walks join our walk to find some of the many pathways surrounding Leek and take in the stunning views of the Peak District. Meet for a 10.30 start at Brough Park Leisure Centre (Leek), (nearest postcode ST13 6AT, Grid ref SJ987570). Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival.

26 MAY - OH, NO DAM, 10:30 START

A walk to the East of Tittesworth Reservoir along the Churnet Trail. We start along the well defined Reservoir path before taking our detour and rejoining the pathway once again before we reach the Dam and head back to the Visitor Centre. Some stiles and could be muddy. Meet at Tittesworth Visitor Centre (nearest postcode ST13 8SJ / Grid ref SJ990607). Parking Charges.

30 JUNE - NO TRAINS TODAY, 10:30 START

Starting from the Ticket Office of the former Leek & Manifold Light Railway at Hulme End we head over to the hamlet of Brund and return walking along paths by the Manifold River. Meet by the Toilets at Hulme End Station (nearest postcode SK17 0EZ / Grid ref SK103593). Parking Charges.

28 JULY - IN TOO DEEP, 10:30 START

Join Lionel and Katrina Parkinson for a ramble through Deep Hayes Country Park and onto the return leg using the Caldon Canal, visiting the Cheddleton flint mill site along the way. Approx 4-5 miles. Meet at Deep Hayes County Park rangers office/ car park (nearest postcode ST13 7JS / Grid Ref SJ 960533). Parking charges may apply. Part of the Churnet Valley Festival.

25 AUGUST - NO MARSHLAND ON THIS HILL, 10:30 START

Catch the last of heather at Marshes Hill Common as we walk along the ridge and surrounding pathways around Brown Edge. Some stiles and could be muddy. Meet at Marshes Hill Common Car Park (Brown Edge) (nearest postcode ST6 8TY / Grid ref SJ908545).

29 SEPTEMBER - ALL STONES AT ALSTONEFIELD? 10:30 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.

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 <https://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.

19 MAY - ROB FROM THE RICH, GIVE TO THE POOR, 10:00 START

Escape to the country and stride in the steps of Robin Hood on this moderate walk of 8-9 miles, with leader John Holmes, visiting Elton, Alport and the River Bradford. Meet Coldwell End car park by public toilets, Youlgreave (DE45 1UP / Grid Ref SK205641). Small Parking Charge applies.

23 JUNE - CHASING THE DRAGON, 10:00 START

It is the Year of the Dragon! Richard will lead this hard walk of 10 miles, heading westwards from Flash towards Chrome Hill and Hollinsclough, likely retuning via the Manifold Way. Meet in Flash at the junction of Brown Lane / New Road by St Paul's Church (SK17 0SW / Grid Ref SK025672).

21 JULY - ST JOHN ON CEOLMAER'S HILL, 10:00 START

Discover man's impact on the White Peak with the extraction of the limestone on this eye opening moderate/hard walk of 11 miles. We'll head north to visit Chelmorton before making our way back to the picturesque market town of Longnor. Meet your walk leader, Mark Royall, at the Market Place, Longnor (SK17 0NZ / Grid reference SK089649).

18 AUGUST - MEANDER OVER BLOOMIN' MOORLAND, 10:00 START

It's that time of year when the heather is in bloom. We'll take advantage of that and some great views. Austin will lead a moderate, sometimes challenging, 8 -10 mile walk across moorland and taking in some fine gritstone viewpoints. Meet at Roaches Gate (nearest postcode ST13 8UB / Grid Ref SK 004 621).

15 SEPTEMBER - BEAUTY AND THE BEEST, 10:00 START

A great finale to our programme of longer Sunday walks, 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 SK0847750140).

EXTRA WALKS

As well as the saunters and longer Sunday walks we're putting on a number of extra walks on various days of the week..

TUESDAY 9 APRIL - WARSLOW FIELD BARN, 10:00 START

This leisurely 5.5 miles walk led by Rodney Hitch visits 17 barns or farmsteads & some are accessible to explore, with the added bonus of a visit to Revidge trig; one of the best panoramic views in the Peak District on a clear day. Meet at Warslow Village Hall (Grid Ref SK086585 / nearest postcode SK17 0JL).