

WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL 2019 — 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.

●Themed guided walk/event-booking essential●

Monday 9th 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 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 09.30, the Buckatree Hall Hotel Car Park, TF6 5AL (finish at 12 :00).

2. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Anti-Clockwise : Part 1 Wellington - Ironbridge

Join Naomi Wrighton to walk the whole of the trail in five (or four) parts. 12 miles, strenuous. Bring a packed lunch. (Return 16.30 Bus 19 to Telford Town Centre then Bus 4, arrive back 17:31)

Meet at 09:30, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX

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 09:50 for 10:00, by the post box at the back of the community centre, TFI 6NA.

4. ●Rock Around the Wrekin●

Join Andrew Jenkinson, freelance landscape and countryside interpreter, for a full day walk in two parts, looking at how the underlying rocks have shaped the scenery and industry in Ordnance Survey grid square of SJ60, possibly the most varied 100 sq km in the world! Walking is moderate, with a few steep sections on ascent of the Wrekin, on well trodden, but sometimes rough, footpaths. Strong shoes or walking boots required. Route much less steep for b).

Walkers should book 4a and 4b separately.

a) Walk to the top of the Wrekin and look around the south side of The Ercall before returning to the Forest Glen

Meet at 10:00, The Forest Glen Car Park ,TF6 5AL

Lunch break: 13:00—14:00. Bring picnic lunch or call in at the Huntsman Inn, Little Wenlock for light lunch/snack and drink.

b) A walk around Little Wenlock looking at the building stones used, and the adjacent area of past coal mines and quarries.

Start at 14:15, Little Wenlock Village Hall, TF6 5BN (very limited parking)

Monday 9th September – cont

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

6. ●Sunnycroft House and Garden Tour●

Free guided tour of the house and garden, exploring this rare example of a late Victorian villa which has a very rare elaborate conservatory, currently being restored. NT members please bring membership card. Easy 2 – 2.5 hours Donations to the conservatory fund. Refreshments available to buy.

Meet 14:00 in the car park, Sunnycroft, TFI 2DR

Tuesday 10th September

7. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 2: Ironbridge– Stafford Park

12.5 miles, moderate. Bring a packed lunch. Return by train or bus from Telford Central Train Station.

Catch the 09:36 Bus 4 from Wellington Bus Station to Telford Town Centre, then 10:30 Bus 18 to Dale End

8. ●Severn Hospice- Walk and Garden Trail●

Guided tour of the therapeutic and wildlife friendly gardens. An opportunity to see how our gardens are laid out and managed to provide a peaceful haven for our patients, their families, friends and other visitors. Easy walk but not suitable for wheelchair users (in part).

Nicky Worthing and Julie Burroughs will be your guides for the tour which will be an hour maximum.Total walking distance about 3.5 miles.

Start at 10:00, outside Wellington Leisure Centre TFI 1LX or 10:30, Severn Hospice Reception, TFI 6RH

9. Haughmond Hill Circular Walk

A leisurely walk using field paths, tracks and lanes, and sections of The Shropshire Way, exploring the woodland and fine views of Haughmond Hill, Haughmond Abbey and Ebury Hill Fort 8.5 miles, moderate. Parking £2. Led by Jane Warman and Marie Francis,

Start at 10:00, Haughmond Hill Car Park, SY4 4PW

Wednesday 11th September

10. Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 3: Telford Railway Station to Oakengates

A linear walk via Granville, Lilleshall and Donnington in collaboration with Mid-Wales & Marches Rail Rambles (www.railrambles.org). Moderate/energetic 13 miles, with a shorter 9-mile option. Bring a packed lunch. Return 16.49 from Oakengates. Led by Steve Paynter, Pam Hill and Naomi Wrighton.

Catch the 09:46 train on Platform 1 Wellington Railway Station Book return to Telford (arrives 09:52).

11. ●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 whilst enjoying the rest of the garden. Start from Wellington for the full walk, or join us at Leegomery Community Centre for a shorter alternative. An easy walk, 8 miles from Wellington, or 4 miles from Leegomery, including the tour. Expected finish time in Wellington 15:00 (Leegomery 14:00) . Led by Malcolm Skelton.

Start 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI 1LX, for the full walk, or 10:45, Leegomery Community Centre, TFI 6NA

12. 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; (See walk 13 for Grade 3)

Meet at 13:50 for 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre , TFI 1LX.

13. Trees and well being Madeley Pit mounds

Easy/moderate - some steep steps. About 2 miles and 90 mins.

Incorporates the Wellington WfH Grade 3 walk , travelling in shared cars to Madeley. Led by Tristan Haynes, Telford Woods Co-ordinator, Small Woods/ Walking for Health leader

Meet at 13:50 for 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre , TFI 1LX or 14:30, Madeley Ski Centre Car Park, TF7 5DZ

Other Local Walking Festivals and Events

Much Wenlock Walking Weekend

30th August - 2nd September 2019

www.muchwenlockwalkers.org.uk

Shropshire Way Festival

21st—28th September 2019

shropshireway.org.uk

Wellington Festival

Events throughout October 2019

wellingtonartsfest.co.uk

Ironbridge Walking Festival

May 2020

www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk

Thursday 12th September

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14. ●Wellington's War and What Came Next ●

Take a walk back in time 100 years to 1919, with Wellington Local Agenda 21 Group's brand new National Lottery Heritage Fund project. Discover the legacy of the First World War in Wellington and how it continues to shape our lives today in myriad ways, with plenty of rarely seen heritage to glimpse along the way.

Led by Marc Petty. Easy Walk 1-2 miles, 2-2.5 hours

Start 10:30, outside All Saints Church, TFI IDN

15. ●On the trail of Thomas Telford●

Learn about the engineering genius of Telford on our doorstep during a guided 6 mile walk to Hadley Park locks and Wappenshall Junction. Led by Pamela Hill in collaboration with Alistair Price and Phil Jones of Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust. Bring a packed lunch. Donations to SNCT. Expected finish time 15:30.

Start at 10:00, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

16. ●A guided walk through the remains of Atcham Air-base with a National Trust Ranger●

Join the NT Lead Ranger Colin Morris to walk beyond the normal visitor route to the Motor Transport Shed and lesser known remains of Atcham Airfield from WWII. NT members bring along your membership card, non-members special festival entry of £5 per person (which includes entry to the Mansion before the walk if desired). Mansion open 11:00, Café open 09:00-18:00. Moderate walk of approximately 4 miles (2 hours approx.) .

Walk is unsuitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Meet at 14:00, Visitor Reception, Attingham Park, SY4 4TP.

17. ●Film Night. Edie●

Wellington Orbit presents a special Wellington Walking Festival screening, 83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late - packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have - climbing the imposing Mount Suilven in Scotland. Starring Sheila Hancock.

To book tickets (£8, £7 concessions and £6 juniors), please either pop in to Wellington Orbit, or book online at www.wellingtonorbit.co.uk

If you would like to use the Orbit café before the screening, it is advisable to book your table. The full monthly changing menu is available, and diners can enjoy a varied selection of soft and alcoholic drinks with their meal or to take them into the cinema

Film starts at 19:30, The Wellington Orbit, 1 Station Road, Wellington, TFI IBY

Broseley are now a Walkers are Welcome Town

They are holding a launch event on 13th - 14th July

See www.broseleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk

Friday 13th September

18.●Navigating with map and compass for complete beginners

In this short session you will start to learn how to use map and compass to navigate through the countryside with confidence. The session will also cover the use of GPS systems and what they can and can't do.

Special Instructions: Bring your reading glasses if you need them and a pen/pencil. All other equipment and maps will be provided.

Duration: 2 hours. For those coming on the navigation walk (21) in the afternoon bring a packed lunch or buy lunch in Wellington..

Led by Chris Hogarth

Meet at 10:00, the foyer, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

19. 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 10:05 for 10:15, Shawbirch Medical Centre, TF5 0LW

20. ●Bus Walk and Vineyard visit - Wellington to Rodington●

To coincide with the imminent launch of the new Shropshire Way, join this 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 16:30. Led by Eve Clevenger and Pamela Hill.

Start at 10:30, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX.

21. Temporarily Misplaced!

A chance to put the navigation skills learnt in the morning on event 18 into practice. We will navigate from the Leisure Centre through Wellington and up Limekiln Lane to Steeraway then through Limekiln Woods to Maddock's Hill before descending back to Wellington via the golf course. The emphasis will be on relating the map to the landscape and the landscape to the map so the pace will be steady.

A moderate 4.5 mile walk with 600 ft of ascent. Back to Wellington by 16:00. Led by Chris Hogarth.

Start at 13:00, outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

Saturday 14th September

22.Telford T50 50 Mile Trail Part 4: Oakengates to Wellington

10.5 miles moderate (optional 4.5 mile extension to finish the trail, certificates will be presented to those finishing the T50).

Packed lunch needed.

Catch 09.32 Bus 4 from Wellington Bus Station to Oakengates Market St

23. A Guided Tour of Bowring Park

The tour will highlight the work of the Friends Group over the course of the last 18 months and its plans for future enhancement of activities and facilities within the park.

The tour is likely to take around 30-45 minutes of easy walking.

Led by the Friends of Bowring Park.

Start at 14:00, Haygate Road entrance to Bowring Park near the Bowring Café, TFI IQX

Saturday 14th September - cont

24. ●Bat Walk in Dothill LNR●

Dothill Local Nature Reserve boasts six different species of bats, so the walk will follow the different habitats they prefer. You will hopefully see such species as the Daubenton's bat, as they skim along the surface of Tee Lake, in their evening hunt for flies or the tiny Pipistrelle bats with their jerky flight pattern as they fly at the edge of woodland. We will have bat detectors, which will help us detect which species of bat is flying around us. How many we see will depend greatly on the weather. You will require strong footwear but the walk will be easy. Bring a torch.

1-2 miles Led by Friends of Dothill LNR

Start at 19:00 , Admaston House, TF5 0BN

Sunday 15th September

25. Wellington, New Works and Wrekin Forest Walk .

A 7 mile circular walk following one of the new guided walk routes created by Wellington LA21, in conjunction with ourselves, as part of their Explore The Wrekin programme. Mostly off road with gentle gradients, but does include one short steep section and one longer steady climb. Allow 4 hours. Led by Malcolm Skelton

Start at 09:30, Wellington Train Station car park (King St).

26. Telford and East Shropshire Rambler's Walk Much Wenlock circular via Sheinton and Homer.

The undulating route – with a few steepish ascents and descents – sets out on the former line of the Buildwas-Wenlock railway before taking to field and woodland paths to the hamlet of Sheinton. The varied walk continues, to pass Belswardyne Hall with a valley bridge crossing of Sheinton Brook to Homer. The final leg makes a short climb to follow the Edge and field paths to Wenlock. 8 miles moderate.

Led by Bob Alton . See www.tesramblers.org.uk

Meet at 09:30, Telford Forge Retail Park (back wall opposite Furniture Village) , TF3 4AG Walk starts at 10:00, Much Wenlock Priory car park , TF13 6HS. Pay and display.

27. ●Fungus Foray in Apley Woods●

Join Les Hughes and the Friends of Apley LNR for this easy 2 mile walk, which will take about 2 to 2.5 hours. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends, donations welcome.

Meet at 10:30 in the temporary car park for Apley Woods , follow the signs from the traffic lights at the entrance to Peregrine Way from the A442. Any changes to this will be notified in the joining email.

28. Our regular "3rd Sunday Walk. Telford T50 anticlockwise Part 5.

This 5 mile walk will last about 2 hours. Flat but brisk. Certificates will be presented to those finishing the T50.

Start at 14:00, Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX

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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.

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 bookable events except for the film (17), visit www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

(follow links to new site, then events)

Or send an email to

info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

Or telephone 01952 740287

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the given start time.



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