

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..

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER - LONG NOR SHORT OF IT, 10:15 START

We'll be walking from the ancient market town of Longnor in the Upper Dove valley, following the course of the River Dove and returning along the Manifold, taking in some concessionary paths on a moderate walk of around 7 miles. Meet Austin at the Market Place, Longnor (Grid reference SK 089 649 / nearest SK17 0NZ)

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER - WEAG'S BARN, 10:00 START

A barnstorming walk of 9.5 miles or so led by Rodney to Weag's Barn taking in Brown End Quarry, Waterfall and Calton as part of the #BigWildWalk. Meet at Waterhouses Car Park, Earlsay, Waterhouses (ST10 3JS / Grid Ref SK 085 501). Car park charges apply.

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY - SINGLE OR DOUBLE IN TEAN?, 10:30 AND/OR 13:30

Two different walks from Upper Tean in the south of the Moorlands. Join us for the morning walk (~4 miles), afternoon walk (~4 miles) or both walks (~8 miles). Meet at Hygge Coffee Shop, 23 High Street, Tean (Grid Ref SK00987 39570/ nearest postcode ST10 4DY). Bus stop outside shop or public car parking nearby in Old Road.

SATURDAY 9 MARCH - BUTTER & THE HOLLOW HILL, 10:00 START

Rodney Hitch will lead this moderate 8 mile walk from the picturesque Moorland village of Butterton, visiting Wetton Mill, Ecton Hill and Littler's Bar. Meet at Butterton Church, Grid ref SK075 566 / nearest postcode ST13 7SP.

TUESDAY 9 APRIL - WARSLOW FIELD BARN, 11:00 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 SK 086 585 / near postcode SK17 0JL).

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.

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

We are working with Lex Leisure, Staffs Moorlands District 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 adding stuff as and when it becomes available.

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WALK THE MOORLANDS - AUTUMN/WINTER 2023-24

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 walks led by experienced walkers.

All of the walks are free. 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 easy form at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/walk-the-moorlands-walks-programme-299489>. 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 10.20am for a 10.30am start, except for the New Year's Day walk. For each walk you should bring a snack and drink for the walk as well as having stout footwear and appropriate clothing.

29 OCTOBER - DIM THE LIGHTS AT DIMMINGSDALE, 10:30 START

A pleasant walk from Oakamoor along the former rail track and cross the River Churnet to Dimmingsdale and Ousal Dale. We follow well defined paths with some inclines to enjoy the autumn colours of this attractive woodland. Meet at Oakamoor Car Park, Mill Lane (ST10 3AG / Grid Ref SK 052 445). This is a #BigWildWalk

26 NOVEMBER - IT WON'T BE A BORE WALKING AT BLORE, 10:30 START

We explore some of the many pathways around the small hamlet of Blore with stunning views of Dovedale. Meet at Blore Pastures Car Park, Ilam-Moor Lane (DE6 2BD, Grid Ref SK 136 497).

1 JANUARY 2024 - WELCOME 2024 WITH A-ROVE A-ROUND A-RUDYARD, A MONDAY WALK WITH A 12:00 START!

Start the New Year with a not too strenuous walk around Rudyard Lake. Don't forget your "Kipling Cakes". Meet at the car park at the rear of the Rudyard Hotel (charges apply) - Rudyard Lake Road (ST13 8RN / Grid Ref SJ 951 580).

28 JANUARY - EVEN AT ENDON, 10:30 START

A level walk from Endon to Stockton Brook where we have a slight climb when leaving the canal side before returning via an old pathway to Endon. Meet by the former rail crossing on Station Road, Endon (ST9 9DR / Grid Ref SJ 927 532).

25 FEBRUARY - A SEAT OF LEARNING AT DENSTONE?, 10:30 START

A walk along the former rail track leading out of the village before exploring the open countryside around the village of Denstone. Meet at Denstone Village Hall Car Park, (ST14 5HR / Grid Ref SK 097 407).

24 MARCH - A PRE-EASTER BUNNY WALK AROUND LEEK, 10:30 START

Get ready for Easter by staying close to Leek - a circular walk from the town around the nearby countryside. Meet at Vicarage Road Car Park, Leek (ST13 6AS / Grid Ref SJ986 568).

LONGER WALKS - NORMAL PROGRAMME

This is a series of longer walks, normally on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They start at 10am, 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>. When you book you will receive more information about the walk.

15 OCTOBER - TO (H/ELL)ASTONE AND BACK, 10:00 START

Richard will lead this walk, of about 10 miles, from Ellastone, going via Calwich Abbey, Limestone Way and Ordley Brook. Meet at the Duncombe Arms on A5032, Ellastone (nearest postcode DE6 2GZ / Grid Ref SK 117 432). Please car share and buy something from the pub if using the pub car park.

19 NOVEMBER - HEAVY WATER AND ROCKY FIELDS, 10:00 START

A moderate to hard 8 mile walk from Wetton led by John Mills. Includes some steep ups and downs taking in the scenic Wolfscote and Narrow Dales. Meet at Wetton car park, Carr Lane (nearest postcode DE6 2AF / Grid Ref SK 109 551).

17 DECEMBER - THERE'S ENOUGH HERE WITHOUT A SUGAR LOAF, 10:00 START

It's our pre-Christmas walk of 7 miles led by Mr. and Mrs. Royall to the Top of Ecton, skirting Wetton Hills via Emmadale and returning via the Manifold Trail. Meet Hulme End car park off B5054 (SK17 0EZ / Grid Ref SK 103 593).

21 JANUARY - JAN'S JANUARY JAUNT FROM CONSALL, 10:00 START

Now becoming our traditional jaunt in January with Jan Royall. A moderate 7.5 miles walk from Consall to Cheddleton returning by the canal towpath. Meet at RSPB Consall Nature Reserve Car Park, Wetley Rocks (ST9 0AF / Grid Ref SJ 994 483) parking charges may apply for non-RSPB members.

18 FEBRUARY - WETLEY MOOR OR LESS, 10:00 START

A walk with John Holmes of around 8 to 9 miles featuring Wetley Moor, Bagnall Woods, Baddeley Edge and heading round Stanley/Bagnall. Meet at Wetley Moor Common car park, Armshead Rad (near ST9 0EL / Grid Ref SJ 938 481).

17 MARCH - NO RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIRED, 10:00 START

Mark Royall will lead a hard 10.5 miles walk through a varied landscape shaped by current and historic land uses. Making good use of paths through the working area within the Peak. Meet Mark at Grinlow car park (Grid ref SK 049 720 / nearest postcode SK17 6UJ) - nominal car park charge applies.

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