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Welcome

“As a passionate walker, I can tell you there is no finer way to experience Autumn’s wonderful colours and aromas than on foot. So I’m particularly excited to introduce the new programme of guided walks and activities taking place this September for the second Chilterns Walking Festival. From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, there are opportunities to enjoy beech woodlands, nature reserves and riversides in the expert care of a knowledgeable guide. The Spring festival helped people explore different areas, and encouraged many who were new to walking in the countryside. I very much hope this continues. There’s easy online booking; accessible, child and dog friendly options, most walks are free of charge and also offer fantastic health benefits. On behalf of everyone involved I wish you a fantastic time and invite you to share your #Chilterns experiences with us on Facebook and Twitter.”



Happy walking!

Sue Holden, Chief Officer, Chilterns Conservation Board



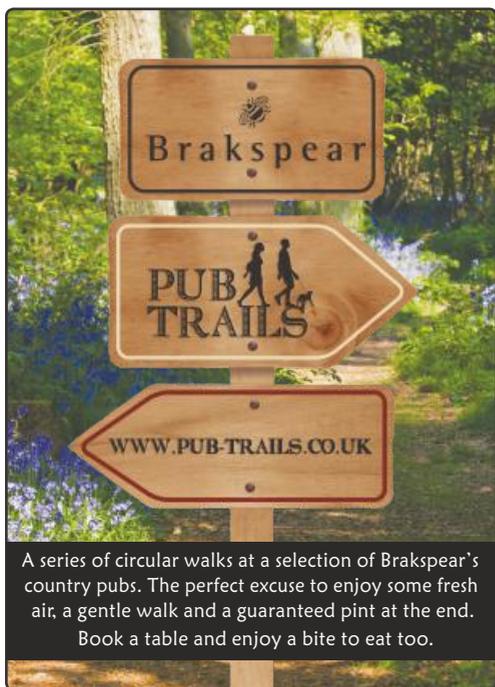
Information



Over 50 walks are listed by date in this programme, using icons to explain their key features. Even more walks will be added to the website, and full details of each walk, and booking details, are listed there too - www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Symbols used

- walk details
- family friendly
- easily accessible
- dogs on leads welcome
- booking essential
- public transport to start of walk
- cost
- distance



A series of circular walks at a selection of Brakspear's country pubs. The perfect excuse to enjoy some fresh air, a gentle walk and a guaranteed pint at the end. Book a table and enjoy a bite to eat too.

Booking and tickets: Most walks require advance online booking which is provided by The Little Box Office, and payment taken where required. Please list the walkers names and details of a contact in case of emergency when prompted. Your ticket will be emailed to you which you should print off (or carry on your mobile phone) and bring with you to the walk.

Ticket pricing: Most walks are free, but some are chargeable, with ticket prices reflecting the nature of the walk, event or activity. You must book a ticket for most walks even if they are free.

Dogs: Some walks are suitable for dogs on leads. If you wish to bring your dog, please check that your chosen walk is one of them.

Suitability: There are events for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Please read the full details online including the pace and grade to ensure suitability for you / your family, and that you wear suitable clothing and footwear for your comfort, the walk and weather conditions.

Walk cancellations and changes: Walks will take place in all weathers apart from exceptional circumstances. We will endeavour to contact you if a walk is cancelled.

Meeting arrangements: Please see the website for detailed meeting arrangements for each walk, and ensure you are there in good time.

Emergency contact: Go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/CWF for details of who to contact in an emergency in advance of your walk, or on the day.

Where to stay and eat: The Chilterns has a fantastic array of local accommodation and places to eat and drink. Read more at www.visitchilterns.co.uk/market-towns.html and search the interactive map at www.chilternsaonb.org/explore-enjoy/interactive-map.html

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Health walks..

..Did you know that there are hundreds of Health Walks that take place across the Chilterns each week? The often short, easy walks are run by trained volunteers who are on hand to provide encouragement and help people improve their health through walking. Find your local Health Walk at <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk> or explore the main ones in the Chilterns:

- **Hertfordshire Health Walks** - 70 walks a week across Dacorum, Watford & Three Rivers, St Albans City & District, North Herts, Hertsmere, East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield - www.hertslink.org/cms/healthwalks
- **Simply Walk Bucks** - 75 walks per week across Buckinghamshire - www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalks
- **Bedfordshire Health Walks** - walks across Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough - <http://bedsrcc.org.uk/walk-4-health>
- **Oxfordshire Health Walks** - www.oxspa.co.uk/health-walks
- **Goring Gap Health Walks** - 8 walks per week in the Goring Gap - www.goringgapwalks.co.uk
- **Sonning Common Health Walks** - www.sonningcommonhealthwalks.co.uk
- **Chalgrove Health Walks Group, Oxfordshire** - www.chalgrove.info/sport-leisure/chalgrove-health-walks.aspx

The walks are all sociable and you don't need any special equipment to join in, just comfortable shoes. The programme runs year round and offers a choice of different walk grades, ranging from 30-90 minutes, start points and times, including weekdays and weekends. You generally don't need to book, but make sure you read the individual walk entry before you set off!

Every day throughout the festival

Available between 10am-5pm

Chiltern Open Air Museum - Orienteering



Introducing the brand new orienteering course at COAM! Discover the basics of orienteering and challenge yourself to find the control markers, choose from three routes of varying difficulty. All markers are within the Museum's grounds so you can spend the rest of the day enjoying the Museum.



0.5 - 1.5 miles



Museum admission fees



Walk ref:32

Every day throughout the festival

Available between 10am-5pm

Chiltern Open Air Museum - Sensory Trail



Follow this new self-led trail, activate all your senses and take the opportunity to touch, hear, feel, smell and see the past. Take your time and explore the sights, sounds, smells and sensations around you as you discover the Museum, its rescued historic buildings and the beautiful Chilterns landscape and woodland.



up to 2 miles - 2 hrs (max)



Museum admission fees



Walk ref:34

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Various

Start: 10:00am

Walk the MS Mile



Last year 300 people walked, wheeled or pushed their way round the five mile routes.

This year there are 5 walks on offer at five different locations. Walk the MS Mile helps to raise awareness of MS and the support available at the Chilterns MS Centre in Wendover.



1 mile - 30 mins



£5 / free



Walk ref:31

Friday 15 Sept

Start: 12:30pm

Lunchtime walk with National Trust ranger



Neil Harris, Head ranger for Hughenden and Countryside Manager, will lead local walks to explore the beautiful surroundings around the Clare Charity Foundation in Saunderton.



short walks - 1 hr



free



see website for details

Walk ref:29

Saturday 16 Sept

9:55am

Bus one way - Walk back: Marlow - Henley



This is a day-long linear walk of 11 miles.

Starting at Marlow, we catch the bus along the picturesque Thames Valley to the charming market town of Henley. Spurred on with that tingling of excitement as the bus leaves us to walk back, we'll gradually make the high ground of Fawley before descending into the beautiful Hambleden valley. Then it's onwards across classic Chiltern farmland and beech woods before we finally descend into Marlow, as popular now as a riverside resort as it was in the C18.



11 miles - 6 hrs



bus fare approx £3



Walk ref:7

Saturday 16 Sept

Registration: 9.30am

Start: 10:30am

Nettlebed Forget-Me-Not Woodland Walk



Join Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice for a 5km or 10km Forget-Me-Not-Walk through the beautiful Chilterns woodlands - an opportunity for you to gather with friends, family and Nettlebed staff to celebrate the life of those who are gone but not forgotten.



5km or 10km



£10 / £5 / £25 (family)



Walk ref:4

Saturday 16 Sept

Start: 10:00am

Coombe Hill Ramble - Wendover



An exciting climb that would be most enjoyed on a mobility scooter from Wendover railway station to the monument at Coombe Hill and return. Enjoy the wildlife on the way and the spectacular views of the Vale of Aylesbury from the Ridgeway National Trail.



4 miles - 5 hours



free



Walk ref:52

Saturday 16 Sept

Start: 10:00am

A country residence, fantastic farm land and the Ridgeway



Discover highlights of the Chilterns countryside on a 2.5 mile walk combined with meeting the local farmer, refreshments and a visit to Buckmoorend Farm Shop. The walk will pass Chequers, open downland, The Ridgeway National Trail, box woodland and farmland. A choice of hot or cold drink and cakes will be available.



2.5 miles - 2 hrs



£6

see website for details

Walk ref:62

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Saturday 16 Sept Walking Wycombe

Start: 10:15am

 Join Walking Willie for a walking history tour around Wycombe, departing from and returning to Wycombe Museum. Come along for a 2.5 hour walk around sites on the Rye, Temple End, and All Saints Church.

 2.5 miles - 2 hrs 30 mins  donations

    **Walk ref:30**

Saturday 16 Sept Circular walk from Hambleden village

Start: 10:30am

 Setting off from the very picturesque village of Hambleden, the walk takes in the nearby hamlets of Pheasant's Hill, Rockwell End and Rotten Row.

 5 miles - 2 hrs 30 mins  free

  **Walk ref:43**



Hambleden © Dave Marriott

Saturday 16 Sept Henley and its Midsomer Murder Locations

Start: 11:00am

 A leisurely walk around Henley town centre, discovering Midsomer Murders filming locations & Henley history. This very popular walking tour visits many murderous filming locations in one of Oxfordshire's prettiest towns.

 1 mile - 1 hour  £5 / £10

    **Walk ref:55**

Saturday 16 Sept Guided tour of Hemel Food Garden

Start: 12:00 noon

 Sunnyside Rural Trust provides adults with learning disabilities with work experience in horticulture. Come and tour Hemel Food Garden, our main site, to discover what we do, meet the hens, learn about our bees and stroll around the orchards and allotments. There is also lots to do, see and eat at the family fun day taking place from 11am - 3pm at the same place!

 less than a mile - 40 mins  free

    **Walk ref:49**

Saturday 16 Sept Magical Minpins - Roald Dahl Day Celebrations

Museum: 11am - 5pm

 A weekend jam-packed with activities to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday and the launch of the new edition of Billy and the Minpins. Join one of our guided Village Trails, pointing out the places that feature in the stories, or a tour of Roald Dahl's archive. Other activities include decorate a Minpin home, help our roving noise-napper capture some swashboggling sounds to build a Minpin forest soundscape, Minpin storytelling sessions, magical Minpin crafts, balloon modelling & a roving magician.

 1 mile - 1 hour  museum entry

   **Walk ref:48**



Henley-on-Thames

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Saturday 16 Sept Start: 2:00pm
A Gap on the Landscape

 This circular walk starts/finishes at Goring railway station. Out route initially follows the Chiltern Way taking us up through Great Chalk Wood onto the Chilterns plateaux. Here there are some fine views across Goring Gap. We descend through Hartslock Nature Reserve to the river and follow the Thames Path to Goring Lock. A short walk takes us through the village back to the railway station. On this walk we will have the opportunity to take in the special landscape of Goring Gap, where the Chilterns AONB meets the North Wessex Downs AONB - a landscape which has been forged by nature and adapted by man over thousands of years.

 5.5 miles - 3 hrs  free

 **Walk ref:37**

Sunday 17 Sept Start: 10:00am
Circular walk from Nuffield church

 A circular walk starting from Nuffield church, South Oxfordshire.

 12 miles - 6 hrs  free

 **Walk ref:46**

Sunday 17 Sept Start: 10:00am
Transport systems from a bygone age

 This linear walk first boards the 10:30am narrow gauge train for travel to Stonehenge Station. Then follows an interesting undulating walk across through woods and across farmland before reaching the Grand Union Canal and later the cycleway on the trackbed of the former Dunstable branch line. Arriving back at Pages Park station at around 1-30pm.

 6 miles - 3 hrs 30 mins  rail fares in advance

 **Walk ref:63**

Sunday 17 Sept Start: 10:00am
Wendover and the HS2 Viaduct

 This circular walk is the first of three that will offer the walker the opportunity to view the beautiful Chilterns landscape before it changes forever. The route will climb out of the Misbourne valley to take in views of where the proposed HS2 viaduct will be built before returning to Wendover via the Chiltern Link.

 6.5 miles - 3 hrs  free

 **Walk ref:22**

Sunday 17 Sept Start: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm
Chiltern Open Air Museum - Meander

 Enjoy a gentle guided walk through the Museum & surrounding woodland landscape, learning more about the Museum's hidden meadow (a designated County Wildlife Site). Spend the rest of your day exploring the rest of the Museum and its rescued historic buildings.

 2 miles - 2 hours  Museum admission fees

 **Walk ref:33**

Sunday 17 Sept Start: 2:30pm
Amersham Town Walk

 This circular walk of Amersham old town will give you a fascinating insight into the lives of people in the past and the places where they lived & worked. The walk will leave from outside the entrance to the museum (although the museum will be closed) and it covers Amersham High Street, the Memorial Gardens, Church Street, School Lane & the Meadow and then back up the High Street, the Platt and Whielden Street. There are over 80 listed buildings on the High Street alone, including the Market Hall.

 1 mile - 1 hr 30 mins  £3 / free

 **Walk ref:14**

Tuesday 19 Sept Start: 2:00pm
Historic Church Walk and Cream Tea

 St Nicholas has been Hedsor's church since the c13. It lies in the private estate of Hedsor Priory (nr Cookham) and, perched on the shoulder of a deep Chiltern dene, it commands sweeping views along the River Thames towards Winter Hill. Join us for a 2 mile walk to this beautiful church, through the rural parish of Hedsor, for a homemade clotted cream tea and a tour around its fascinating interior. A shorter, 1.25 mile, return walk will help work off some of the sumptuous food that you've just enjoyed.

 3.25 miles - 3 hrs  £12



Walk ref:8

Wednesday 20 Sept Start: 9:45am
Blows Downs Sketching Walk

 If you think you can't draw, think again! This sketching walk led by wildlife artist and Countryside Officer Steve Halton will teach you some simple techniques to observe and sketch some of the plants, trees and natural objects in the Chilterns countryside on your doorstep. Steve will lead you up to the beautiful chalk hills of Blow's Downs for some sketching outdoors and to take in the views. We will return to the Community Centre for refreshments.

 1 mile - 2 hrs  £1.50



Walk ref:35

Wednesday 20 Sept Start: 10:00am
Circular walk from Cookley Green

 An undulating walk from the village of Cookley Green taking in the ancient parish church of Swyncombe.

 6 miles - 3 hrs  free

Walk ref:44

Wednesday 20 Sept Start: 10:00am
Guided horse ride (hacking) - bring your own horse! (near Ibstone)

 A guided ride on your own horse (we do not supply horses) with a maximum of 5 others (plus guide) for 2 hours around the beautiful Chilterns on bridleways and quiet lanes.

 2 hrs  £25

Walk ref:5

Wednesday 20 Sept Start: 10:15am
Swyncombe Wildlife Walk

 Look for flowers, butterflies and birds on a 4.5 mile circular walk through arable farmland, beech woodland and fine chalk grassland.

 4.5 miles - 3 hrs  free

Walk ref:50



Swyncombe Church

Wednesday 20 Sept Start: 2:00pm
Colonisation of the Chilterns

 A circular walk of 6 miles, starting at Princes Risborough and walking through some classically beautiful Chiltern landscapes. We will be looking at some of the various Chiltern settlers, from Stone Age to more recent times, and the marks they have left on the landscape.

 6 miles - 3 hrs  free



Walk ref:9

Thursday 21 Sept Start: 10:30am

The History of the Box Moor Trust



A fascinating walk starting at The Box Moor Trust centre, walking along the moors to the cressbeds. Then continuing along the moors of the Box Moor Trust in a circular route back to the start with an oral history of the local area.



4 miles - 2 hrs



Walk ref:41

Friday 22 Sept 9:00am

Map reading and walk planning



It is not a well-publicised fact that the UK has the best detailed maps, most readily available to the public, in the world. There is also poor awareness that we have access to our countryside through a web of public ways, some of which date back millennia. This day long practical workshop aims to put the two together, giving participants the confidence to plan their own walks and to go on them, without fear of getting lost. In the morning we will learn how to get the most out of our maps and after lunch we will go on a short walk, using these newly acquired skills.



3 miles - 7 hrs 30 mins



Walk ref:10

Friday 22 Sept 10:00am

Cadmore End circle



A lovely relaxed, circular walk starting from Cadmore End Church, walking to Turville, which is known as Dibley in TV Terms, and return via Fingest Norman church.



5.5 miles - 3 hrs



Walk ref:42

Friday 22 Sept Start: 9:30am

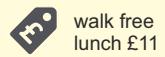
Brakspear beer, beechwoods & brewing walk



A 6.5 mile walk starting and finishing at the Bull in Henley-on-Thames, home of the Bell Street Brewery. This scenic walk will take you through the historic backstreets of Henley-on-Thames before climbing up into the Chiltern Hills, through classic beech woodlands and along ancient drovers routes. There will be a chance to have a tour of the micro-brewery at the end of the walk and a special 'home-cooked pie and trimmings' lunch can be pre-booked.



7 miles - 3 hrs



Walk ref:26

Friday 22 Sept Start: 10:30am

Aston Rowant Discovery Trail (optional lunch)



Starting at the Leathern Bottel, Lewknor, the route follows ancient pathways to National Trust Juniper Bank and Aston Wood, leading to Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve and the talking sculpture trail. It returns to the pub along the Ridgeway and Hill Road.



6 miles - 3 hrs



Walk ref:20



Aston Rowant

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Saturday 23 Sept Start: 9:45am

Barton Hills Sketching Walk



If you think you can't draw, think again! This sketching walk led by wildlife artist and Countryside Officer Steve Halton will teach you some simple techniques to observe and sketch some of the plants, trees and natural objects in the Chilterns countryside on your doorstep. Steve will lead you up to the beautiful chalk hills of the Barton Hills Nature Reserve for some sketching outdoors and to take in the views. This is a family-friendly event.

1 mile - 2 hrs

£1.50 / free



Walk ref:36

Saturday 23 Sept Start: 10:00am

West Wycombe to Bradenham



Starting at the location of the UK's oldest garden centre we will pass the notorious Helfire Caves before climbing up to Sir Francis Dashwoods' mausoleum and the Golden Ball, with striking views towards High Wycombe and the Dashwoods historic home of West Wycombe Park. We will then walk through beech woods before descending to Bradenham Manor and returning through Downley Common and finally West Wycombe village.

6 miles - 3 hrs

free



Walk ref:1

Saturday 23 Sept Start: 10:00am

Misbourne valley and the HS2 North Portal



This circular walk is the second of three that will offer the walker the opportunity to view this part of the beautiful Central Chilterns landscape before it changes forever. It will be taking the views across the Misbourne valley and exploring the proposed site of the North Portal where the High Speed Two Railway trains will leave the tunnel.

7.5 miles - 3 hrs 30 mins

free



Walk ref:23

Saturday 23 Sept Start: 11:00am

Using a magnetic compass (+pub lunch)



Being able to use a magnetic compass is not a replacement for map reading and navigational skills. The magnetic compass is a useful additional tool that can make navigation simpler, while in more challenging environments such as featureless moorland and mountains it can be essential. Join Stuart Fletcher on this short circular walk where we will use a magnetic compass in conjunction with the OS map to help us find which way to go, and to help us locate where we are.

3.5 miles - 2 hrs

free



Walk ref:11



Barton Hills National Nature Reserve

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Saturday 23 Sept Start: 11:00am

Henley and its Midsomer Murder Locations



A leisurely walk around Henley town centre, discovering Midsomer Murders filming locations & Henley history. This very popular walking tour visits many murderous filming locations in one of Oxfordshire's prettiest towns.

1 mile - 1 hour

£5 / £10



Walk ref:56

Sunday 24 Sept Start: 10:00am

My Wild Chilterns at College Lake



Join BBOWT at College Lake near Tring on this special day and celebrate our local Chilterns landscape and all the fantastic wildlife it has to offer. Enjoy a variety of walks, talks, demonstrations, workshops and activities for the whole family.

various

free



Walk ref:28

Sunday 24 Sept Start: 10:00am

Leighton Buzzard - Grand Union Canal walk



A leisurely walk that would be most enjoyed on a mobility scooter from Linslade through the sleepy charming town of Leighton Buzzard to join the Grand Union Canal. We pass through several locks toward our mid point and lunch stop. Enjoy the wildlife on the way and The Globe canalside typical country pub will satisfy your every desire for a great lunch to the sound of canal narrowboats. We return by a parallel but different route.

5 miles - 6 hrs

free



Walk ref:53

Sunday 24 Sept Start: 10:00am

Lacey Green and Windmill Tour



Start with an optional private tour of the Lacey Green windmill restored by the Chiltern Society. Follow this with a beautiful circular walk around the Lacey Green area with stunning views and quiet valleys.



4.7 miles - 1 hr (windmill)
2 hrs (walk)

windmill
£2.50 / free



Walk ref:18

Sunday 24 Sept Start: 10:00am

Turville walk and lunch



Start in the Hambleden valley for a walk through the Getty Estate - home of Garsington opera; we will then take in parts of the Chiltern Way long distance path, visit scenes from the Vicar of Dibley, Midsomer Murders and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and enjoy a unique experience of lunch at the Barn at Turville Heath.



7 miles - 5 hours

£12



Walk ref:47

Sunday 24 Sept Start: 2:30pm

Amersham Town Walk



This circular walk of Amersham old town will give you a fascinating insight into the lives of people in the past and the places where they lived and worked. The walk will leave from the museum and it covers Amersham High Street, the Memorial Gardens, Church Street, School Lane and the Meadow and then back up the High Street, the Platt and Whielden Street. There are over 80 listed buildings on the High Street alone, including the Market Hall.



1 mile - 1 hr 30mins

£3 / free



Walk ref:15

Monday 25 Sept

Start: 10:00am

Walking in Dizzy's Footsteps



A circular walk round the environs of Hughenden Manor, home to the flamboyant and notorious Benjamin Disraeli, our only Jewish Prime Minister. We start in the churchyard where Disraeli is buried, progress to the house before walking along the Coffin Path. We then return via the German Forest to the Disraeli Monument (an obelisk celebrating his father's literary achievements) before finishing at the Italianate formal garden and back to the start.



5.7 miles - 3 hrs 30 mins



free



Walk ref:19

Hughenden Manor. Photo: John Morris



Tuesday 26 Sept

Start: 10:00am

The countryside around St Paul's Walden



A circular walk around the village of St Paul's Walden passing through some of the finest woodland in the North Chilterns and the picturesque parkland surrounding the grand houses of Stagenhoe and St Paul's Walden Bury. Followed by an optional pub lunch at the Strathmore Arms.



5.5 miles - 2 hrs 30mins



free



Walk ref:38

Tuesday 26 Sept

Start: 10:30am

Fox-trots around Amersham



Join the Simply Walk group for a choice of led walks starting in Amersham and taking in the lovely countryside around. There are two walk options, a gentle walk up to 60 mins or longer walk up to 90 mins. The walks will end at the Fox's of Amersham outdoor store where you will receive a free goodie bag and the opportunity for discounted shopping.



1 to 4 miles - 1 hr or 1 hr 30 mins



free



see website for details

Walk ref:25

Wednesday 27 Sept

Start: 10:00am

Guided horse ride (hacking) - bring your own horse! (near Ibstone)



A guided ride on your own horse (we do not supply horses) with a maximum of 5 others (plus guide) for 2 hours around the beautiful Chilterns on bridleways and quiet lanes.



2 hrs



£25

Walk ref:6

Wednesday 27 Sept

Start: 10:30am

Enjoy the countryside with a mobility scooter



This stunning walk in the Dorchester area is a circular walk through gentle countryside along the Thames, specially designed as an Access for All ramble, and suitable for those using mobility scooters. An offroad mobility scooter is advised and you can hire one for the day if you would like to try it out - see website. Walkers also most welcome!



7.3 miles - 6 hours



free/£5



Walk ref:45

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Wednesday 27 Sept Start: 10:30am

Friends of Naphill Common Short Walk



Start from Naphill Village Hall for a circular walk around the Common lasting about an hour



2.5 miles - 1 hr



free



Walk ref:2

Wednesday 27 Sept 11:00am

Train one way - Walk back: Princes Risborough - Aylesbury



This is a day-long linear walk of 8 miles.

Starting at Princes Risborough we catch the Chiltern Line train which hugs the Chalk escarpment before heading off across the Vale to the county town of Aylesbury. From here we leave the train and walk back through the pastoral Vale scenery, only gradually ascending the foot slopes of the Chiltern Hills to arrive back at Princes Risborough.



8 miles - 4 hrs 30 mins



train fare £4.20



Walk ref:12

Thursday 28 Sept Start: 17:45pm

Out with the owls



Join the Herts Countryside Management

Service and local Barn Owl experts on one of the Pirton Barn Owl Walks. Learn how local people have helped to reverse the decline in Barn Owl numbers in the area. We'll be walking through owl hunting grounds and learning about their habitats and what they need to thrive. The walk is at dusk when owls are starting to go out and look for food, so we may even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of one of these elusive birds.



2 miles - 1 hr 30 mins



free



see website for details

Walk ref:51

Friday 29 Sept Start: 10:15am

Marlow Walk and drink stop



A 5 mile walk in the beautiful rolling hills of the southern Chiltern hills, through beech woods and open countryside with stunning views.

The walk is undulating with one stile and a couple of steep up & downs, plus some walking on quiet local roads. After 4 miles you will be rewarded with a stop at the successful Rebellion brewery shop, where you will be able to sample the beers for free!! On the way to the brewery the walk passes through a local vineyard, which makes the award-winning sparkling wine on sale at Rebellion.



5 miles - 2 hrs 30mins



free



Walk ref:21

Friday 29 Sept

Start: 10:30am

Four Wells and a Red Lion



This 10 mile circular walk

explores the importance of wells to the villages of the Chilterns.

Our route takes us through the villages of Peppard, Gallowstree Common and Highmoor Cross with their covered wells and Stoke Row with the magnificent Maharajah's Well, complete with golden elephant!



Maharajah's Well



10 miles - 5 hrs



free



Walk ref:39

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Friday 29 Sept

Start: 8:00pm

'Hidden Histories' (talk by Mary-Ann Ochota)



Broadcaster and anthropologist Mary-Ann Ochota will be giving a talk on her acclaimed book 'Hidden Histories - a Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape'. Join Mary-Ann on a journey through Britain's historic landscape. What clues should you look for to puzzle out the origins of a village, or the age of a hedgerow? What are the secrets hidden in the lumps and bumps of the landscape? A must for all landscape detectives!

1 hr 30 mins

£2.50

Walk ref:27

Saturday 30 Sept

Start: 9:30am

Nordic Walk - 16 miles and a Ghostly Tale!



Challenge yourself to Nordic Walk from Henley to Marlow and back!

The Chiltern Hills form an impressive backdrop to our 16 mile route which takes us along both banks of the River Thames, part along the Thames Path National Trail and a short section on the Chiltern Way. We walk through three counties and there are plenty of ghost stories along the way! We will take a short break in Marlow (approx half way), where there is also the option to join/leave the walk if required.



16 miles - 6 hrs 30 mins

recommended £5 donation to charity



Walk ref:40

Thames at Marlow. Photo: Chris Smith



Saturday 30 Sept

Start: 10:00am

Denham and the HS2 Viaduct



This circular walk is the final of three that will offer the walker the opportunity to view this part of the beautiful Central Chilterns landscape before it changes forever. We will explore the waterways around the Colne Valley combining both an appreciation of the effect of the proposed High Speed Two Railway viaduct and a lovely walk along the Grand Union canal.



6 miles - 2 hrs 30 mins



free



Walk ref:24

Saturday 30 Sept

10:32am

Train one way - Walk back: Amersham - Wendover



This is a day-long, linear walk of 12 miles. Starting at Amersham we catch the Chiltern Line train to Wendover, crossing the valley of the Misbourne chalk stream on our short journey. Encouraged on with that sense of excitement as the train leaves us behind, we'll walk back, taking firstly the high ground of Dunsmore, before we descend into the River Misbourne valley and onwards to Amersham.



12 miles - 6 hrs 30 mins



train fare £5.90



Walk ref:13

Saturday 30 Sept

Start: 11:00am

Henley & its Midsomer Murder Locations



A leisurely walk around Henley town centre, discovering Midsomer Murders filming locations & Henley history. This very popular walking tour visits many murderous filming locations in one of Oxfordshire's prettiest towns.



1 mile - 1 hour



£5 / £10



Walk ref:57

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

Saturday 30 Sept

Start: 2:30pm

Amersham Tudor Walk

 The walk tells of life in early 16th century Amersham - food, drink, housing, work, markets, fairs, beliefs, health and cures and about the 6 men and 1 woman burnt as Lollards.

 1.5 miles - 2 hrs 30 mins  £3 / free



Walk ref:17



Sunday 1 Oct

Start: 10:00am

Ivinghoe Beacon Climb

 Spectacular climb to the Ivinghoe Beacon, with fabulous views. Suitable for those using an appropriate mobility scooter.

 5 miles - 5 hours  free



Walk ref:54



Ivinghoe Beacon Photo: Ian Roife

Sunday 1 Oct

Start: 10:30am

Ewelme Watercress Beds

 A walk around the Ewelme Watercress Beds Local Nature Reserve with an experienced guide to show the rich wildlife and history of the site. Enjoy a 10 minute film showing how watercress was grown and harvested when the site was operated commercially.

 up to 1 mile - 1 hr 30 mins  £3 / free



Walk ref:3

Sunday 1 Oct

Start: 2:30pm

Amersham Town Walk

 This circular walk of Amersham old town will give you a fascinating insight into the lives of people in the past and the places where they lived and worked. The walk will leave from outside the entrance to the museum and it covers Amersham High Street, the Memorial Gardens, Church Street, School Lane and the Meadow and then back up the High Street, the Platt and Whielden Street. There are over 80 listed buildings on the High Street alone, including the Market Hall.

 1 mile - 1 hr 30 mins  £3 / free



Walk ref:16

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The Chiltern Society is a registered charity with over 7,000 members and 500 active volunteers dedicated to conserving, celebrating and caring for the Chilterns. We work very closely with the

Chilterns Conservation Board and encouraging people to explore the thousands of miles of paths in the Chilterns on foot has always been a fundamental part of what we do. So, naturally, we're delighted to be sponsoring a festival which aims to help people discover and enjoy our countryside through walking and other recreational activities. Walking is a great way to immerse yourself in yourself in the landscape, and we hope that local people and visitors alike will get involved and reap the benefits. To find out more about our work, join one of our walks, see our website www.chilternsociety.org.uk or become a member.

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habitats and we need many helping hands...**

Get in touch!



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Photo: Chris Smith

Contact us - To submit walks for future festivals, to get involved, or send us any feedback, please email the project manager on walkingfestival@chilternsaonb.org

A date for your diary

Spring Festival

Saturday 19th May ~ Sunday 3rd June 2018

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