CHILTERNS WALKING Festival T

Chilterns Walking Festival PROGRAMME 5th - 20th October 2019



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Welcome to the sixth **Chilterns Walking Festival**

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From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, the festival provides over 70 opportunities to enjoy beech woodlands, nature OXFORD reserves, family walks and much more, all in the expert care of a READING knowledgeable guide. M4 Newbury Please book your walks

at www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest, where you will also find full details of all events, including information on walk grades, suitability for children & dogs, booking guidance etc.

Where to stay and eat: The Chilterns has a fantastic array of local accommodation and places to eat and drink, so why not make a short break of it, see www.visitchilterns.co.uk

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Chilterns Walking Festival is an initiative of the Chilterns Conservation Board.

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Saturday 5th 9:30am Walk ref:9	Tracks and Trenches Image: Constraint of the second se
Saturday 5th 10:00am Walk ref:6	Kids native traveller experience A native tribe passed through the woods and stashed corn for us to eat. Follow the story they left behind to navigate along their trail and find the corn. Examine the woods closely to find objects to add to your 'journey stick' which will tell the tale of your travels. We'll travel to our base camp & pop our corn over the campfire. 2 miles £5 per child (accompanying adults free)
Saturday 5th 10:00am Walk ref:40	A scenic walk in the Oxfordshire Chilterns $\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$
Saturday 5th 1:15pm Walk ref:31	Practical Map Reading The art of not getting lost (most of the time) Fed up with getting lost?! We will follow a 4.5 mile route, through typical Chiltern terrain, using common navigation techniques & familiarise ourselves with map reading skill, which will avoid you getting lost and help you to properly plan walks in future. We will also introduce some compass techniques, useful for walking in more remote areas. 4.5 miles Free
Saturday 5th 2:00pm Walk ref:56	Walk with a Stone Age woman - family friendly event at Marsh Farm Image: Comparison of the store of th
Sunday 6th 10:00am Walk ref:51	Community Litter Picking Walk Join our Wombles! Q & & + A variety of circular walking routes will be tackled in the Chilterns and Foothills close to Risborough. Small teams will be provided with Litter picking tools & bin bags & team leaders will provide instructions & support. Please wear your own gloves and hi viz vests. 2 miles Free
Sunday 6th 11:00am Walk ref:2	Steam, Kilns and Kites on the Ridgeway 🛱 👬 Ride a heritage steam railway from Princes Risborough to Chinor, enjoy a 2 hour circular walk, exploring Chinnor's industrial and natural heritage via the Ridgeway national trail. Return on the railway to Princes Risborough (connections available to Chiltern Line stations e.g. London Marylebone, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Aylesbury). 7 miles Walk is free - see details for rail ticket
Sunday 6th 3:00pm Walk ref:27	To pole or not to pole? Free Nordic walking taster. A short 40min session to help you decide if you want to do the technique course to help you 'harness' the power of the poles & start really benefitting. Free
Monday 7th 10:15am Walk ref:21	Little Chalfont Simply Walk North Beginning at the library in Little Chalfont, a circular walk through Snell's wood. 1.5 or 3 miles No charge but Donations accepted for The Simply Walk service

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Tuesday 8th 9:30am	Nordic Walking - 3 session technique course Three sessions of Nordic walking aimed at improving your technique. 8th,10th and 15th October. Open to all. Each session will be 1.5hrs.			
Walk ref:8	1 - 2 miles £45 including use of poles			
^{Tuesday} 8th	Looking at LiDAR on the ground: Greenfield Copse Beacons of the Past has produced the largest high-res LiDAR survey in the			
10:30am Walk ref:12	UK., which will reveal archaeology hidden beneath the woodland canopy. 3.5 miles Free			
Wednesday	A short walk on Naphill Common 🕺 🛱			
9th 10:30am Walk ref:1	A circular walk around one of the largest wooded commons in the Chilterns. 2 - 3 miles Free			
Wednesday	A loop around Checkendon			
9th 10:00am Walk ref:41	A pretty rural walk in the southern Chilterns with gentle undulations and attractive woodlands. We pass through Well Place, English Farm, Highmoor and Wyfold Court. Please bring a picnic lunch. 2 - 3 miles			
Wednesday	J H Kennard and Amersham-on-the-Hill Walk 🛱 🔥 🌟			
9th 2:00pm Walk ref:62	Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Amersham-on-the-Hill and find out about the many projects undertaken by this arts & crafts architect. 2 miles £3 for adults paid on the day, U16's free			
^{Thursday} 10th	Chill Out in the Chilterns (World Mental Health Day)			
10:15pm Walk ref:16	In celebration of World Mental Health Day, this is a guided charity walk raising funds and enjoying stunning Chilterns countryside. Starting in Nettlebed, our 6 mile circular route takes us deep into the hills and includes two steady climbs (680 ft total ascent). Along the way we are greeted by the vibrant autumn colours of the beech woods and take time to explore evidence of brick and pottery making, the romantic church ruins in Bix Bottom and discover beautiful stained glass windows by John Piper. 6 miles Guided Charity Walk raising funds for Bluebells Day Centre - recommended minimum donation £5 on the day			
Thursday	'Meet the Maker' craft walk from Pirton			
10th 10:00am Walk ref:55	A circular walk starting at Pirton, once a thriving area for straw plaiting. The walk takes in beautiful scenery, including a section of the Icknield Way Path, and ends with a visit to craftsman Nate Wilshere's workshop. Nate is best known for his exquisite knives and will give us a unique insight into his craft whilst we enjoy some refreshments. 3.5 miles £3 including tea/coffee and cake			
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Saturday	Stoke Row Dog walk		Ì	÷1
12th 10:30am Walk ref:64	Meet at Stoke Row Stores for a dog friendly 1 hour walk - available from Stoke Row Stores if arriving earlier. Walk en Tree pub which will be open for lunch. 1 mile		ne Chei	rry Free
Saturday 12th 11:00am Walk ref:67	One Walk, Two Breweries From Henley Town Hall we walk West out of Henley, throu up into the wide open spaces of Crowsley. We turn South Green and Loddon Brewery where refreshments and hom Cheese & Onion rolls are available. We leave Loddon Brew East towards Binfield Heath & Shiplake Row then back thr Wood towards Henley, finishing at Lovibonds Brewery.	toward emade ery hea	s Duns Sausa ding N arpsde	den ge or lorth
Saturday 12th 11:15am Walk ref:61	Historic Amersham top to bottom A repeat of the event of Thursday 10th October (see details)	ي §	1	ΎΙ
Saturday 12th 2:00pm Walk ref:45	Henley to Toad Hall, a historical view From Henley to Toad Hall Garden Centre via Fawley Hill. T some history of the Fawley Court Estate as we walk throuy parkland. Cafe stop and optional return by bus. Please all minutes for parking in town car parks, or use free on stree Deanfield Road, RG9 1UG, 5 minutes walk from Town Hall.	he lead gh its fo ow at le t parkir	er will g ormer east 15 ng at	give
Saturday 12th 2:00pm Walk ref:70	Cemetery Circular with the Countess of Bridgewater Wealthy benefactor and chatelaine of Ashridge House, CH Countess of Bridgewater donated the land for the Rector the town in 1842. The Countess invites you to discover me establishment of the Cemetery and some of her contemp there. 1mile <i>Adults: f</i> <i>This event is repeated on Sunday 20th October</i>	narlotte y Lane (ore abo ooraries	Cemete ut the buriec	rine ery to I
Sunday 13th 9:30am Walk ref:36	The Millstream Meander A Chilterns mills discovery walk. This is a circular route to following the path of several millstreams and stopping at mills. Enjoy views of the Lyde Garden shortly after depart an old coaching inn. 5.5 miles	the easite	es of fo	edlow rmer
Sunday 13th 9:30am Walk ref:58	Historical Routeways A circular walk with the Chilterns Conservation Board's Co Officer taking in a variety of different historical routeways environments. Experience sunken lanes, drovers roads, & might not even be real! 7 miles	and lo	cal	Ū
Sunday 13th 10:00am Walk ref:8	Map & compass navigation for beginners Foundation map and compass skills will allow you to roar relying on having a good phone signal and a full battery. knowledge required. You'll need to bring a compass with and OS Explorer map 181. 4 miles	n free v No prev a rotati	vious	zel
Sunday 13th 10:00am Walk ref:29	An Introduction to Map Reading This 'hands on' course on basic map reading is aimed at r who want to explore the Chilterns without getting lost. Of taken on a very scenic 5 mile walk around the National Tr by Dick Chapman, author of '60 Choice Walks in the Chilt issued to all course members. 5 miles £10 inclu	ourse n ust Ash erns'. Th	nembe ridge E iis boo	ers are Estate k is
Sunday 13th 10:00am Walk ref:46	A walk in the hills to the west of Lane End From Lane End via the pretty village of Turville - its famou to Ibstone church & return via Poynatts Wood & Skirmett. Iunch. A hilly walk though beautiful Chiltern countryside.	Please	bring p	

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Walk ref:25 the Alford Arms afterwards for some bodily refreshment! 3.5 miles

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Wednesday 16th 1:30pm Walk ref:54	Waterside walk & Puddingstone Distillery Gin tasting tour
Wednesday 16th 2:00pm Walk ref:63	JH Kennard and Chesham Bois Walk Discover one of the most important architects in Chesham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Chesham Bois and find out about the many projects undertaken by this arts & crafts architect. 2 miles £3 for adults paid on the day, U16's free
Thursday 17th 9:30am Walk ref:19	Introduction to Navigation - Find Your Way in the Great Outdoors!
Friday 18th 10:30am Walk ref:13	Dray's Ditches: a walk through a later prehistoric landscape If prehistory isn't the first thing you think of when you think of Luton, then this walk could change your perceptions! Come walk through a rich prehistoric landscape, from the Palaeolithic through to the Iron Age. 6.5 miles Free
Friday 18th 10:30am Walk ref:26	Immerse yourself in nature and awaken your creativity! A Chess valley walk & watercolour workshop. This is a circular walk from Chenies village followed by a 2.5 hour guided painting session at Bojangles, Little Chalfont, HP7 9NQ. 5 miles £30, includes all art materials
Friday 18th 11:00am Walk ref:57	Discover Barton Hills! Nature, farming and Local Produce tasting A ranger-led walk around this National Nature Reserve with its spectacular views. Discover how Barton Hills were once under the sea, then 'Meet the Farmer' at Barton Hills Farm and see how its environmentally friendly farming methods contribute to the richness of local wildlife. Finally, enjoy some refreshments and try some local produce. 2 miles £3 per person includes tea/coffee, cake and local produce tasting

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20th Along the River Thames between Henley and Marlow there are plenty of 10:00am Ghostly Tales from the Riverbank to be told! Join us for this walk along the Walk ref:20 Thames Path and discover murderous women, hooded monks, headless horsemen, & (reportedly) the oldest haunted pub in England! A lovely stretch with the Chiltern Hills forming an impressive backdrop. 10 miles £10 Sunday Water and Wildlife of Tring Reservoirs 20th A beautiful walk alongside the Grand Union Canal, 2 of its arms and past the 10:00am lakes built specially to supply them with water. There should be lots of Walk ref:34 wildlife along the way. Optional refreshments afterwards at the Bluebells Tearooms. 5 miles Free - donations (suggested £3)welcome Sunday Ö **River walk South of Henley** 20th South along the Thames to Sonning then inland past Binfield Heath, home 10:00am via Harpsden Wood. Please bring Picnic Lunch. 11 miles Walk ref:50 Sunday A walk around Ashridge and surrounding, Ö 20th forest, fields and hills A figure of eight walk, through the beautiful Ashridge forest and down to the 10:00am Walk ref:15 village of Dagnall returning to the start for lunch (7 miles and 540ft of ascent). The afternoon walk (5.5 miles and 622ft of ascent) goes down to the village of Aldbury continuing on past Aldbury Nowers on the Ridgeway Path before returning to the start via the forest. 12.5 miles Sunday **Rich Autumnal Colours** 20th Walk through the ancient village of Kingston Blount at the foot of the 10:00am Chilterns. Ascend past National Trust 's Juniper Bank on the old London Walk ref:52 Weye through beech woods. Continue through the Kingston and Crowell woods, resplendent in their Autumn Colours, descending back to Crowell on an ancient chalk track worn into the hill by centuries of travellers and villagers walking to work. 6 miles Ö Sunday Be an iron age time traveller at Barton Hills! 20th Go on a walk of Barton Hill National Nature Reserve with a time traveller from 2:00pm the Iron Age, when the Cativellauni tribe lived in the Chiltern Hills. Join an Walk ref:68 Iron Age woman on her way and imagine what it would be like for someone making that journey 2000 years ago. 1mile Sunday Cemetery Circular with the Countess of Õ 🈭 👬 20th Bridgewater 2:00pm A repeat of the event of Saturday 12th October (see details) Walk ref:71 **Spring Festival** Save the date Saturday 16th ~ Sunday 31st May 2020

Ghostly Tales from the Riverbank!

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