

MIDWEEK WALKS

This is a series of midweek walks, we're putting a few more on various days of the week.

TUESDAY 25 APRIL - THE MINES OF ECTON HILL, 10.30AM

Join John Mills for his popular more talk than walk, to look at some of the main surfaces remains and learn about the history of hill. This walk is about 5 miles and will take 3 hours or so. Meet Hulme End car park off B5054 (SK17 0EZ / Grid Ref SK 103 593). Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival.

MONDAY 1 MAY - THE STAFFORDSHIRE 3 PEAKS, 9.30AM START

Our now traditional walk to celebrate Staffordshire Day, come and join us for a 14 mile or so lllenging hike to the 3 highest peaks in the county. Meet at Roaches Gate (SK004621) on Roaches Road. Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival walk.

TUESDAY 6 JUNE - CALDON CANAL AND ITS TRAMWAYS, 10.30AM

John Mills will lead us on an easy to moderate 6 mile or so walk around the Froghall and Whiston areas of the Churnet Valley looking at remains of the plate ways and tramways and learn about some of their history. Meet Froghall Wharf Car Park (ST10 2HL / Grid ref SK 027 476).

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY - BORDER PATROL, 10.30AM START

A moderate walk of 8-9 miles from Milldale with three steep climbs & descents. Rod will lead us across the old packhorse bridge into bandit country (Derbyshire) taking the high road over to Lode mill to follow the boundary along Charles Cotton's playground between tors & banks up to Franks Rock where branching back into Staffordshire & squeezing through the dale we head for the Green Well and then on to the multi-restyled hall at Stanshope before returning to our starting point. Meet the car park in Milldale (Grid Ref SK 136 547).

TUESDAY 10 JULY - IPSTONES AND COOMBES VALLEY, 10.30AM

John Mills will lead a moderate but up 'n down 5-6 miles country walk taking in the RSPB reserve at Coombes Valley and a look at some of the old houses in the area. The walk will use paths where dogs not permitted, sorry! Meet at Ipstones, Memorial Hall car park, Church Lane (ST10 2LD / Grid Ref SK 020 500).

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST - NOW YOU FOUND THE CAR PARK..... 10AM START

....you might as well come on the walk! Rod will lead this hilly woodland walk of around 7.5 miles using, the quieter, less populated tracks of Counslow Plantation, Dimmingsdale, Stonydale, Greendale & Oldfurnace. Meet and park on a no-through rd of B5032 1.7miles out of Cheadle towards Alton on the right-hand side just past Hares Lane. Start point: SK 03303 42410, closest post code ST10 4QY.

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 21 APRIL TO 1 MAY 2023

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 - SPRING/SUMMER 2023

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.

RESERVE A PLACE

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 using the easy form at 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. For each walk you should bring a snack and drink for the walk as well as having stout footwear and appropriate clothing.

30 APRIL – ANOTHER LOOK AT LEEK! 10.30AM START

See what's on the doorstep of Leek – explore some of the pathways and woodlands on the edge of the town. Could be muddy in places. Part of the Staffs Moorlands Walking Festival. Meet at Birchall Playing Fields Car Park, Cheadle Road, Leek (ST13 5RE / Grid Ref SJ 986 551).

28 MAY – (NOT) THE 39 STEPS TO CONSALL FORGE, 10.30AM START

A walk across fields brings us to the stairway (c.200 steps) down to the former Consall Forge lime kilns and the towpath by the Cauldon Canal. A gentle saunter along the towpath (can be muddy) to return to the Nature Reserve via woodland paths. Meet at RSPB Consall Nature Reserve Car Park, Wetley Rocks (ST9 0AF / Grid Ref SJ 994 483)

25 JUNE – FACE – FISHING, ALE, CHEESE EXPEDITION AROUND HARTINGTON, 10.30AM START

Explore the Upper Dove Valley taking this gentle walk from Hartington to follow the path by the River Dove. After a while a pathway takes us up out of the valley to head back towards the village. Meet by the Village Pond, Market Place, Hartington (SK17 0AL / Grid Ref SK 128 604)

30 JULY - THERE'S MOOR TO BIDDULPH, 10.30AM START

A surprise for July, Liz is taking a well earned break so please join Lionel and Katrina Parkinson in the search for the origin of the River Trent. Approx 4.5 miles (2 to 3 hr ramble) starting with a steady uphill climb to the source of the River. Meet at Biddulph Grange Country Park car park (Grid Ref SJ 893 594) just up Grange Road from the National Trust property.

27 AUGUST – DEEP HAYES COUNTRY PARK, CHEDDLETON, 10.30AM START

No singing here from Isaac but a great place to meet and explore the many pathways crisscrossing the woodland park and into open countryside with a gentle walk by the Cauldon Canal. Undulating paths, muddy and uneven in places. Meet at Deep Hayes Country Park Car Park, Cheddleton (ST13 7JS / Grid Ref SJ 960 533)

30 SEPTEMBER – NO WATERFALL IN SIGHT, 10.30AM START

A walk along the quiet lanes of the Staffordshire Moorlands villages of Waterhouses and Waterfall to Back o' th' Brook to take a steady climb out of the villages before descending through fields to the Manifold Track. A level walk back along the former railway track to the car park. Meet at Waterhouses Car Park – Peak District National Park – Waterhouses (ST10 3JS / Grid Ref SK 085 501).

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.

21 APRIL - 1 MAY STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS WALKING FESTIVAL

Keep an eye on the website staffsmoorlandswalkingfestival.co.uk for more information.

21 MAY - KEEP CALM AND DAB IT ON, 10AM START

Mark will lead us on a challenging 10 mile walk from Wetton, taking in Wetton Hill, Narrowdale, Mill Dale and Hall Dale with some great views and interesting limestone dales. Meet at Wetton car park, Carr Lane (DE6 2AF / Grid Ref SK 109 551).

11 JUNE - WALKERS WHO WENT UP A HILL AND CAME DOWN TO THE PUB! 10AM START

Richard will lead a hard 10 mile (approx) walk, beginning at Ridgegate reservoir to the summit of Shutlingsloe, returning via Wildboarclough, Oakencrough and the Gritstone Trail. Meet by the Leather Smithy Pub (SK11 0NE / Grid Ref SJ 952 715).

16 JULY - A SUMMER SAUNTER WITH SHEENA, 10AM START

Join Sheena for an 8-9 mile moderate summer walk onto high moorland from Winster. We'll follow the Limestone Way over to the village of Bonsall. On the outskirts of the village we will be having coffee/tea and cake with Anne & Jon at Ivy Cottage letting us see their collection of interesting artefacts! As a thank you to them we're asking for a donation of £5 to support their charity. We'll pass the hamlets of Slaley and Ible before heading back up to Winster. Meet at the free car park at the top of East Bank in Winster, opposite the Miners Standard Pub (DE4 2DR / Grid Ref SK 238 602).

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST - VISTA'S FROM A NEGLECTED TOPIARY, 10AM START

Lionel and Katrina Parkinson will lead this Saturday walk, it's a moderate 6 ½ to 7mils walk in the Endon, Stockton Brook and Brown Edge area. Elevated views, open countryside and canal tow path routes are on offer in this walk. Meet at Marshes Hill Common Nature reserve car park, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent (ST6 8TY / Grid Ref SJ 906 545).

20 AUGUST - MOORLAND IN BLOOM, 10AM START

It's that time of year when the heather is in bloom, so we'll take advantage of that and some great views Austin will lead a moderate, sometimes challenging, 9-10 mile walk across moorland and taking in some fine gritstone viewpoints. Meet at layby, opposite the Roaches Tea Room, Roach Road, Upper Hulme. (ST13 8TY / Grid Ref SK006612).

17 SEPTEMBER - LICENCE TO (LATH)KILL, 10.00AM START

Led by our very own 007, John Holmes, hopefully you won't be shaken but stirred by this moderate walk of 9 miles through the Spectre-ular limestone scenery of Lathkill Dale and Bradford Dale. Meet at Moor Lane car park, about a mile west of Youlgrave, Grid reference: SK 194 644, Nearest postcode: DE45 1LU.

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