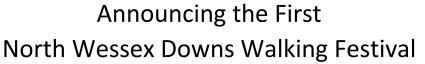


NORTH WESSEX DOWNS WALKING FESTIVAL

8-23 JUNE 2019



8th – 23rd June 2019

Get outdoors during the very first North Wessex Downs Walking Festival this June. With over a dozen walks across the region - from Avebury to Marlborough as well as further afield to Goring, Wantage and Faccombe, the walking festival presents the perfect opportunity to breathe deeply, stretch your legs and take in the views of the gorgeous countryside on our doorstep.

Running from 8th to 23rd June, many of the walks are free of charge and range from a pushchair-friendly stroll around the lovely lanes of Huish in the Pewsey Vale to a navigation skills workshop starting from Avebury. There are fascinating wildlife walks on offer at Stonebridge Wild River Reserve with ARK at Marlborough as well as Letcombe Brook in Wantage and Freemans Marsh in Hungerford. Or simply let your walk leader tell you about the history and landscape as you pass through some of the lesser-known areas of the AONB.

Go to the North Wessex Downs website for detailed information about all the walks and to book.

www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/walkingfestival

Calendar of Events

Saturday, 8th June 2019 9.30am	A 'Venerable' Nordic Walk from Blewbury – exploring the historic villages & landscape of the Downs. 11 miles (6 hours). Strenuous. Pay on day - £8
Sunday, 9th June 2019	Facca's Valley: The woods, hills & valleys of the Faccombe Estate
10.30am	 a peaceful walk with plenty of wildlife, wildflowers and views.
	3 miles (2 hours). Moderate. Free
Monday, 10th June 2019	Navigation Skills Workshop from Avebury – improve your skills
10am	and techniques to increase personal confidence.
	10 miles (5.5 hours). Moderate. £8.50
Tuesday, 11th June 2019	A Guided Walk from Goring: Poets & Giants – discover giants and
10am	walk in the ancient footsteps of wayfarers and poets.
	12 miles (7 hours). Strenuous. £5.50

Wednesday, 12th June 2019 10am	The Setting of Ashdown House – take in the magnificent setting of the house in a little valley just north of Lambourn. 4 miles (2 hours). Moderate. Free
Wednesday, 12th June 2019	An Early Evening Stroll from Huish – a family friendly wander
5pm	through lovely lanes with various start points.
	Up to 3 miles (1 hour). Easy. Free
Thursday, 13th June 2019	Discovering Aston Tirrold's History & Wildlife – landscape, wildlife
2pm	and history.
	3 miles (2 hours). Easy. Free
Friday,14th June 2019	Bedwyn Brail, Wilton & Crofton: A rail-friendly walk – a tranquil
10.30am	walk through Bedwyn's local history
	5 miles (2 & $^{3}/_{4}$ hours). Easy. £2.00
Saturday, 15 th June 2019	Saturday Afternoon Hike at Alton Barnes White Horse – a sociable
2pm	and fun walk.
	6 miles (2 hours). Moderate. £9.00
Sunday, 16th June 2019	Letcombe Brook Wildlife Walk – a family friendly wildlife walk
10am	along the route of the brook
	4.5 miles (up to 3 hours). Easy. Free
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