



Shropshire Way Festival of Walks Programme 17-25 September 2022



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Walk No	Organising Group / Walk Leader	Walk Details	Booking Information / Further Details
Saturday 17 September			
1	Rail Rambles, Audrey Menhinick	Prees Heath station to Whitchurch station following the Shropshire Way through Prees Heath and Brown Moss nature reserves to Whitchurch. 9.5 miles with little ascent. Depart Shrewsbury Railway Station 10:19, return from Whitchurch 16:29	Contact the walk leader, Audrey Menhinick, 07963 590641
2	Rail Rambles Cymru, Gillian & Philip Sandell	Craven Arms to Ludlow, 11 miles over undulating terrain via Onny meadow, Stokesay, Aldon & Brandhill Gutters and Bromfield finishing in sight of Ludlow Castle. Depart Shrewsbury Railway Station 9:04, return from Ludlow 16:23	Contact the walk leaders, Gillian & Philip Sandell, 07542 586337 or philsandell096@gmail.com
3	Wellington Walkers are Welcome as part of Wellington Walking Festival, Malcolm Skelton	A 12.5 mile walk to Little Wenlock, mainly by the Telford T50, then part of the Little Wenlock bench walks to the lunch stop by the pool in Little Wenlock. Return to Wellington by the Shropshire Way. Note the Shropshire Way ascends Little Hill and The Wrekin from the steeper south side. Start 10:00 outside Wellington Leisure Centre, Tan Bank, TF1 1LX. Estimated return time 16:00	Booking essential https://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/events/22-shropshire-way-festival-t50-almost-to-little-wenlock-return-by-shropshire-way
Sunday 18 September			
4	Shrewsbury Hillwalking Club, Mike & Shirley Pemberton	Visit Shrewsbury's local hills on this 16 mile linear walk from Shrewsbury Abbey to Yorton railway station. Most of the route is along the Shropshire Way Stages 10A and 11 beginning at English Bridge, Shrewsbury, continuing along the bank of the Severn to ascend Haughmond Hill before descending past the ruins of Haughmond Abbey, along the edge of Corbet Wood and up to the top of Grinshill Hill. From there it's a mile to Yorton station for the 16:02 train back to Shrewsbury. Fare £4.60 / £3 with railcard. Meet 8:30 north side of Shrewsbury Abbey just up from The Crown pub	Contact walk leaders, Mike & Shirley Pemberton, 01939 210601 / 07854 254394



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5	Whitchurch Walkers are Welcome and Wem Walkers, Tony Eccleston	A 5.5 mile circular walk from Corbett Wood near Clive. Meet either at 13:30 in the car park of the Wem Sports & Social Club, Bowens Field, Wem SY4 5AP GR SJ 512 292 or at 14:00 at the walk start in the Corbett Wood car park, SY13 3BW, GR SJ 525 237	Booking essential via the Register here link at the top of the web page http://whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html
6	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Amanda Hartley-Newton	A 9 mile moderate plus walk through Coalbrookdale and Benthall Woods, the landscape of the Industrial Revolution. The route follows the Shropshire Way from the Iron Bridge, climbing through the wooded hills of the Severn Gorge past the Abraham Darby Houses to Rope Walk and the Wilderness. It then goes to Braggers Hill before descending to Buildwas and Benthall Wood with a detour to Benthall Hall (National Trust) before returning to the River Severn and Coalbrookdale. Woodland paths, a couple of stiles, fine views and plenty of historical interest. Meet 9:15 Abbey Foregate car park for a 10:00 walk start from Dale End car park, Ironbridge. Voluntary car contribution £3	Booking by text essential with the walk leader, Amanda Hartley-Newton, 07730 875274
7	Shropshire Young Ramblers, Will Tandy	A 7 mile route taking in arguably one of the most dramatic sections of the Way over the rocky escarpment that forms the Stiperstones ridge. The walk visits the iconic geological formations of the Devil's Chair, Cranberry Rock and Nipstone Rock from where there are panoramic views over the Shropshire Hills and into Wales. There may also be plenty of wildlife and flora to enjoy too. Mixture of quiet lanes and well made bridleways. The path over the Stiperstones ridge is very rocky and uneven with heather, bracken and gorse in places	Booking essential. Details via this link https://syr.org.uk/walk/569



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Sunday 18 September (continued)			
8	Ironbridge Walking Group, Neil Cartman	A strenuous 20 mile route from Ironbridge along the river Severn before climbing to Homer, on to the north side of Wenlock Edge and to Presthope National Trust car park. From here the route mostly follows the Shropshire Way back to Ironbridge. Walk duration 8-9 hours. Meet 08:00 Ironbridge Toll House GR SJ 672 033	Booking essential via this link http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk/
9	South Shropshire Ramblers, Penny Simpson	A moderate 8 mile walk along the Shropshire Way from The Bog, through the Nipstone Nature Reserve to Linley Beeches then returning via paths and lanes. Optional tea and cake at the Bog Visitor Centre after the walk. Meet at The Bog car park GR SO 358 978 for a 10:00 start	Booking essential via the walk leader, Penny Simpson, 07403 838282
Monday 19 September			
10	Love The Hills, Marshall Cale	A varied hike along the Darnford Valley and onto the Long Mynd with far reaching views from its high point, Pole Bank. Return via Medicott and Adstone Hill. 10 miles, 1500 feet of ascent. Mostly tracks and paths with stiles and maybe some marshy areas. Walk duration 5.5-6 hours. Meet 10:00 Bridges Pub car park GR SO 393 964	Booking essential via the walk leader, Marshall Cale, 07484 868323 or marshall.cale@btinternet.com
Tuesday 20 September			
11	Oswestry Ramblers, Alison Curran	A 6.3 mile relatively flat circular route going north from Knockin to West Felton then along the Montgomery Canal, passing by St Winifred's Well at Woolston before returning to Knockin. Mostly field paths with some walking on quiet lanes. About 12 stiles and a bit of scrambling through a small wood. There will be a lunch stop at St Michael's church, West Felton, Meet 10:30 Knockin Village Hall car park next to the Bradford Arms, SY10 8HJ, GR SJ 334 223	Places limited, booking essential via the walk leader, Alison Curran, 07771660342



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Tuesday 20 September (continued)			
12	Whitchurch Walkers are Welcome, Kevin Ikin	A circular walk of about 7.5 miles, using parts of the Shropshire Way route to Ellesmere, heading towards Bettisfield then returning via Whixall Moss. Optional post walk refreshments at Whixall Marina. Meet 10:30 Morris Bridge car park, Whixall. GR 493 354, What3words: rely.beaten.ushering	Booking essential via the Register here link at the top of the web page http://whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html
13	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Sue Turner	A moderate 9.7 mile circular walk from Clun to Clunton with 1814 feet of ascent. We follow the Shropshire Way from Clun through Guilden Down by way of wooded hillsides to Sunny Hill and Bury Ditches fort. We then descend through the Walcot estate, climbing over Merry Hill to arrive via open hillsides at Clunton. The return is via Stepple Knoll, passing Radnor Wood for lovely views as we return to Clun. Meet at Meole Brace Park & Ride at 9:15 for a start at Clun Memorial Hall car park at 10:15	Booking by text essential with the walk leader, Sue Turner, 07984 117704
14	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	A 4.5 mile circular walk from Ironbridge to Benthall Hall climbing through woods and fields to the Hall and returning via the Shropshire Way. Includes stiles and steps and maybe some mud! Walk duration 3 hours. Meet 14:00 Ironbridge Toll House GR SJ 672 033	Booking essential via this link http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk/
Wednesday 21 September			
15	Clun Peramblers, Ted Laidlar	A 7.5 mile circuit with more than 50% on the Shropshire Way. Starting from Churchtown the route goes to Middle Knuck, up and down Hergan to Three Gates and on to the Cefns before turning to Llanhedric and along the Unk Valley to Cefn Einion and Knuck Wood. Meet Clun Memorial Hall at 10:00 or at the start point GR SJ 264 873 opposite the church at Churchtown to start the walk at 10:30	Contact the walk leader, Ted Laidlar, ted.laidlar123@btinternet.com or 01547 530924 / 07831 312874



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Wednesday 21 September (continued)			
16	Cockshutt Parish Paths Partnership group, Janet Hankey	A walk of about 7 miles from Oswestry Golf Club over to Bromwich Park and Maesbury Marsh along quiet lanes and rights of way. The Shropshire Way is joined along the canal to return to the golf course taking a detour to visit St Winifred's Well. By kind permission of Oswestry Golf Club, park and meet at the Oswestry Golf Club near Queen's Head for a 10:00 start. Toilets are available and drinks/food will be for sale after the walk. Dogs welcome	Booking essential via the walk leader, Janet Hankey, janethankey@yahoo.com or 07816 616030
17	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	An 8.5 mile circular walk to Broseley. The route climbs out of the gorge on the Shropshire Way to Benthall and continues to Broseley looping around the town to visit the fiery fields and the Hay Cop before returning to Ironbridge via Broseley Wood, The Jitties and Workhouse Coppice. Includes stiles, steps and maybe some mud! Walk duration 5-6 hours. Meet 10:00 Ironbridge Toll House GR SJ 672 033	Booking essential via this link http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk/
18	Ramblers WellBeing Walks – Telford & Wrekin (Wellington group)	90 minute walk following the Shropshire Way over the Ercall, or for a 60 minute walk to the north visiting Dothill. Meet 14:00 outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX	No booking required. For more details phone 07512 123995
Thursday 22 September			
19	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Kath Bristow	A 4 mile easy plus walk on the tracks and footpaths around Wilderhope Manor and Stanway Coppice. Great views and one short uphill and several stiles. Meet 9:30 Harvester pub car park, Old Potts Way, Shrewsbury for 10:15 walk start at Wilderhope Manor GR SO 544 928. Voluntary car contribution £4	Booking by text essential with the walk leader, Kath Bristow, 07811 941908. Car parking is limited so inform the leader if intending to go direct to the start point or require a lift from Shrewsbury



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Thursday 22 September (continued)			
20	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	A 5 mile circular walk following the Shropshire Way through Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale, visiting the Rotunda and the Lydebrook Dingle. After climbing out of the gorge the return is via an old tramway offering great views of the Shropshire hills. Includes stiles, steps and maybe mud! Walk duration 3 hours. Meet 10:00 Ironbridge Toll House, GR SJ 672 033	Booking essential via this link http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk/
21	Shrewsbury U3A Hill Strollers	Burwarton to Abdon Burf (Brown Clee) circular 6.5 miles 350 metres ascent. From the Boyne Arms to Shropshire Way to climb Brown Clee and return through the Burwarton Estate. Lunch at Boyne Arms. Leaders Audrey Menhinick and Lesley Henderson	Leaders Audrey Menhinick & Lesley Henderson (members only)
Friday 23 September			
22	Ramblers WellBeing Walks – Telford & Wrekin (Shawbirc group)	60 minute walk incorporating part of the Shropshire Way in the Dothill/Admaston area. Meet 10:15 at the Woolpack car park, TF5 0LW	No booking required. For more details phone 07512 123995
23	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	An 8.5 mile circular exploring Ironbridge before climbing out of the gorge to Little Wenlock. With the option of a quick drink at The Huntsman the route returns to Ironbridge via the Shropshire Way through Coalbrookdale, Lydebrook Dingle and the Rotunda. Includes stiles, steps and maybe mud! Walk duration 5-6 hours. Meet 10:00 Ironbridge Toll House, GR SJ 672 033	Booking essential via this link http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk/



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Saturday 24 September			
24	Bishop's Castle Walking Group, Paul & Lesley Baddeley	The Unk, the Dyke & the Cefns. The walk starts from the hamlet of Bicton, 5 miles from Bishop's Castle, with a gentle climb up the pretty Unk valley. At Churchtown we meet the Offa's Dyke Path and climb steeply up to 400 metres. The Dyke then 'switchbacks' up and down before reaching Hergan. The route continues to Three Gates and climbs onto the Cefns. It's then an easy walk back down to Bicton with time to enjoy the beautiful views. 8.5 miles, 1400 feet of ascent, mix of arable and pasture fields, woodland paths and quiet lanes with some stiles. Meet 9:30 Auction Yard car park, Bishop's Castle to car share to walk start	No booking required. Any enquiries before the day to leaders, Paul & Lesley Baddeley, 01588 630446 or for contact on the day only 07967 150434
25	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Amanda Hartley-Newton	A 6-mile scenic walk from Upton Magna to Benjay Lane and onto Haughmond Hill via Nancy's Seat viewpoint then on the Shropshire Way towards Hunkington. Return to Upton Magna is via a recently reopened woodland near Rea Farm, home to CJ Wildlife. Fields, tracks and quiet country lanes with no stiles! Opportunity to see the wonderful wall paintings in St Lucia's Church at the end. Walk starts 10:00 at Upton Magna Memorial Hall car park and field, postcode SY4 4TZ GR SJ 553 125	Booking essential with the leader, Amanda Hartley-Newton, 07730 875274. There is a barbeque after the walk at Upton Magna Memorial Hall. More details via the link https://forms.office.com/r/MNiEtJ85YX Places must be pre-booked so that sufficient food is ordered. All attendees will be asked to provide either a salad or a dessert for 6-8 people and bring their own drinks
26	Friends of the Telford T50 50 Mile Trail, Naomi Wrighton	A 9 mile moderate/strenuous circular walk to Little Wenlock mainly by the Telford T50 trail, starting anti-clockwise then clockwise passing through Lodge Field and The Beeches Local Nature Reserves then Lydbrook Dingle before returning via the Shropshire Way. Start 10:00 Ironbridge Toll House, TF8 7JP (SJ672033). Estimated return time 15:30	Booking essential via www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk/eventsandsales



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Sunday 25 September			
27	Market Drayton Ramblers, Claire Baker	9 mile moderate walk with 1,950 ft ascent across The Ercall and The Wrekin along The Shropshire Way, returning via Wenlock and Limekiln Woods. Depart 08:30 from Market Drayton Swimming Baths. Parking at car park on Ercall Lane, Wellington, above M54. Nearest postcode TF1 2DY GR SJ 646102	Booking essential via the walk leader, Claire Baker, 01630 673050 / 07811 532259 or tomjbaker@btinternet.com
28	Bridgnorth Walking Club, Dot Cox	An 8 mile circular route with about 1,100 feet of ascent exploring the lesser known southern slopes of Titterstone Clee hill giving excellent views across south Shropshire and towards Worcestershire. We will follow part of the Shropshire Way which crosses open moorland and meadows between the summit and Ludlow and hopefully see remains of mining activity, old churches (the one at Hope Bagot being particularly ancient with a venerable yew tree and spring in its churchyard), and one of the aqueducts carrying water from the Elan Valley reservoirs to Birmingham. Meet 10:00 at parking area off the A4117 Ludlow-Cleobury Mortimer road, eastern side of Cleehill village, near the cattle grid. GR SO 596 754	Booking essential by phoning or texting the walk leader, Dot Cox, 07779 758601