



SHROPSHIRE WAY FESTIVAL OF WALKS PROGRAMME

14-22 SEPTEMBER 2024



Where stated please book an event in advance as some have limited places
Please note that event 5 is a cycle ride

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring food and drink as necessary
Please no dogs

Every effort will be made to post any last minute programme changes on the website
shropshireway.org.uk

Event No	Organising Group and Event Leader	Event Details	Booking and Further Details
Pre Festival Warm Up Walk: Thursday 5 September			
1	Grow, Cook, Learn @ Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre (SHDC), Grant Wilson	Walk all of stage 5 of the Shropshire Way, Ludlow to Craven Arms. Meet 09:30 at the SHDC, Craven Arms for the 09:56 bus to Ludlow (£2 fare or bus pass). 10.5 miles, 1150 feet of ascent. 4-5 hours walking	Limited places. More details and to book https://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/whats-on/shropshire-way-walk
Saturday 14 September			
2	Wellington Walkers are Welcome as part of Wellington Walking Festival, Malcolm Skelton	Linear walk from Telford Central Bus Station to Coalbrookdale and back to Wellington via the Shropshire Way. Includes the steep side of both Little Hill and The Wrekin. Very strenuous 13.5 miles, 7 hours. Bring drink and packed lunch. Catch the 08:48 bus 99A to Telford from Wellington Bus Station, TF1 1PS or meet at 09:10 Telford Bus Station, TF3 4BU	Book at https://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/events-1
Sunday 15 September			
3	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Richard Inett	A circular 10 mile walk with 1100 feet of ascent from Ironbridge along the river on the Severn Way to Buildwas and Sheinton Common. The route continues on lane and field paths to Bradley and back over Benthall Edge. Meet 10:00 at the Tollhouse car park, Ironbridge (charges apply) grid ref SJ 672 034, What3Words: slamming.speedily.comply	For any non member of the group planning to join this walk, please let the walk leader, Richard Inett, know by email teswalks@gmail.com
Monday 16 September			
4	Whitchurch Walkers, Kevin Ikin	A 7 mile walk from Whixall marina following the Shropshire Way towards Bettisfield then on the old Cambrian Railway to access the Fenns and Mosses. The route returns to the marina via another section of the Shropshire Way. Food and drink available to order at the marina cafe at the end of the walk. Walking boots essential. Bring drink and snacks. Route subject to change if adverse weather conditions. Meet 10:00 at Whixall Marina, Alders Lane, Whixall, SY13 2QS (please park in overflow car park if available)	Book at https://www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html



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Tuesday 17 September			
5	Cycling UK (Shropshire), Nigel Pursey	On quiet roads cycle through south Shropshire on a 50 mile ride with 3100 feet of ascent. The route tracks the Shropshire Way from Shrewsbury to the Stiperstones and on to Bishop's Castle for a cafe lunch. It continues to Bridges and ascends to Picklescott then back to Shrewsbury via Lyth Hill. Meet by the obelisk below Greyfriars Bridge, Quarry Park, Shrewsbury for a 10:00 start. Bring drink and snacks. Lunch at riders' own expense	Group non members should book with the leader, Nigel Pursey, 07854 937742
6	Shrewsbury Ramblers, John Law	YHA Wilderhope Manor to Holdgate. An 8 mile circular walk with 850 feet of ascent along Wenlock Edge to include elements of the Shropshire, Jack Mytton and Cross Britain Ways separated by country lanes, tracks, paths and fields. The route will pass through Roman Bank, Broadstone and Holdgate. About 5 hours duration. Meet 09:30 Meole Brace Park & Ride, Shrewsbury to car share or 10:15 at Wilderhope Manor car park, grid ref SO 544 928, nearest postcode TF13 6EG, What3Words trickles.wordplay.fats	Booking essential with the leader, John Law, either by text 07484 113724 or email johnvlaw@gmail.com
Wednesday 18 September			
7	Cockshutt Parish Paths Partnership Group, Janet Hankey	A relatively flat 6.5 mile walk from Hadnall to Uffington. Using the Shropshire Way the route goes via Astley, Wheatley and Haughmond Abbey to The Corbett Arms in Uffington over open countryside, along quiet lanes and through woods. Transport will be available to take walkers back to Hadnall. Meet 10:00 Hadnall Village Hall car park	Limited places. Book with the leader, Janet Hankey, janethankey@yahoo.com or 07816 616030
8	Clun Ramblers, Mary Eminson & Chrissie Verduyn	This 10-11 mile walk in the rolling south Shropshire hills has a number of steady ascents, the surfaces being a mixture of footpaths, forest tracks and quiet roads. We leave Clun on the Shropshire Way up the Cefns, until we reach Three Gates where we head east using quiet roads to Acton. Climbing again in to Red Wood we take a circuitous route up to the Bury Ditches topograph through the forest and then back via Guilden Down to Clun, again on the Shropshire Way. Bring food and drink. Meet 09:30 at Clun Memorial Hall car park, grid ref SO 301 811, What3Words interacts.moped.lecturers	Please book with Mary Eminson meminson@btinternet.com or 07974 772754
9	Ramblers WellBeing Walks, Telford & Wrekin	A 90 minute walk including part of the Shropshire Way and the alternative Loamhole Dingle. Meet 10:15 at Coalbrookdale Community Centre, TF8 7DX	No need to book. More details if needed info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995



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10	Ramblers WellBeing Walks, Telford & Wrekin	A choice of a 90 minute walk following the Shropshire Way along the slope of The Ercall, and a much easier 60 minute walk following the Shropshire Way north to Dothill. Meet 14:00 outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX	No need to book. More details if needed info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995
Thursday 19 September			
11	Shropshire Way Association, Trevor Allison	Linear 6.5 mile walk from Pant Village Hall back to Oswestry along the Montgomery Canal, a section of the Wat's Dyke Path and other lanes and footpaths. Meet Stand 3 at Oswestry Bus Station for the 10:20 T12 Tanat Valley bus to Pant.	No need to book. More details if needed from the leader, Trevor Allison, 01939 260899 or eta-06@tiscali.co.uk (not 3-17 Sept) or 07915 955221 on 18 & 19 Sept only
12	Shrewsbury U3A Hill Strollers, Audrey Menhinick	Woodland circular walk from Wellington using parts of the Shropshire Way through Limekiln Wood, the lower slopes of The Wrekin and over the Ercall. 6.5 miles, 1000 feet of ascent. Lunch at The Wickets Pub afterwards. Meet 08:45 Meole Brace Park & Ride for 09:00 departure. Park at The Wickets pub, Holyhead Road, Wellington	Open to group members only
13	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Anne Suffolk	Whixall Mosses and Meres. The raised peat bogs in this area are a unique habitat in Shropshire where we are more used to hills and woods than flat landscapes, wetlands and big skies. The mosses and meres are an important area for wildlife and the walk will be taken at a leisurely pace to allow time to look. The route includes a section of the Shropshire Way along the Llangollen canal. Be prepared for some paths to be wet. Insect repellent may be useful. Bring drink and packed lunch. To car share meet 09:30 at Telford Forge Retail Park, off Colliers Way, opposite Furniture Village by the steps or at 10:30 at the walk start at Morris Bridge car park, 3 Roving Bridge, Whixall, Whitchurch, SY13 2RT	If intending to car share please let the leader, Anne Suffolk, know by email tesramblers@gmail.com or by text 07903 325011
14	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Kath Bristow	A 6 mile walk along the Shropshire Way to Nipstone Nature Reserve before dropping down to farmland. The route then climbs Mucklewick Hill before returning to the start via Milk Hill, field paths and the Bog Visitor Centre. It can be wet and muddy in places but a short cut and/or diversions are possible in poor conditions. Spectacular views over the Stiperstones, Corndon and other Shropshire Hills as well as abundant wildlife. Meet 09:30 at Meole Brace Park & Ride to car share or 10:15 at The Bog car park, grid ref SJ 358 979	Book by text with the leader, Kath Bristow, 07881 941908



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15	Friends of Telford T50, Naomi Wrighton	Ironbridge to Little Wenlock circular via the T50 and the Shropshire Way. 9 miles moderate walk to Little Wenlock, mainly by the Telford T50, first anticlockwise, then clockwise and return to Ironbridge via the Shropshire Way. Meet 10:00 at the Toll House on the Ironbridge, TF8 7JP	Book at https://www.telfordt5050milettrail.org.uk/eventsandsales
Friday 20 September			
16	Stoke St Milborough Village Hall Committee, Ashley Smith	Clee Burf circular of 7 miles with 1250 feet of ascent using field paths to pick up the Shropshire Way to ascend to Clee Burf. The route then descends across the moorland of Clee Liberty and along footpaths and a quiet lane to return to the start. With clear weather there will be some fine views. Walk is open to all aged 11 and over and of reasonable fitness. All under 18 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times. Please bring cake/goodies to share en route and afterwards at the Village Hall where tea and coffee will also be served (donations welcome!). Meet 13:30 for a 14:00 start at Stoke St Milborough Village Hall https://maps.app.goo.gl/85EvVhH881zEoubl6	Book via the online form https://forms.gle/5u3R5a1NnvueBz9E6 Any queries to the leader, Ashley Smith, alvsmith@gmail.com or 07730 312345
17	Ramblers WellBeing Walks, Telford & Wrekin	A 50 minute walk following part of the Shropshire Way as it passes through Dothill. Meet 10:15 at The Woolpack Inn car park, TF5 0LW	No need to book. More details if needed info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995
Saturday 21 September			
18	Rail Rambles, Pam Swales & Clare Gathercole	Whitchurch circular via Wirswall, Sandstone Trail and northern tip of Shropshire Way. 8 miles. Meet on platform at Shrewsbury train station for 10:19 train to Whitchurch (walk will start from Whitchurch station at 10:50). Return from Whitchurch at 16:29	No need to book but if more info needed email info@railrambles.org
Sunday 22 September			
19	Shrewsbury Hillwalking Club, Gill Pursey	A 12 mile circular walk with 2200 feet of ascent from Aston-on-Clun via Burrow hillfort, Kempton, Edgton, Basford Bank and Hopesay Common. Meet Shrewsbury Abbey at 08:30 to car share	Club non members should book with the leader, Gill Pursey, 07974 771258
20	Shropshire Guiding Shamblers, Jo Revell	A 7 mile route with 495 feet of ascent from Bromfield to Ludlow on the Shropshire Way, returning via footpaths north of the River Teme. Meet 10:00 outside Ludlow Food Centre, Bromfield, Ludlow, SY8 2JR. Bring food and drink for the lunch break in Ludlow	Places limited. Book with the leader, Jo Revell, jorevell1@icloud.com For queries on the day 07834 673204



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21	Bridgnorth & District Walking Club, Pam Day, Dot Cox & Gill Steed	Brown Clee slopes and vistas on an 8 mile circular route with 1300 feet of ascent. Join the Shropshire Way at Bank House, ascend Abdon Liberty and continue south to Clee Burf before joining the Jack Mytton Way to Cockshutford and Nordy Bank hillfort and return to the start. Meet 10:00 Abdon Village Hall, SY7 9HZ, grid ref SO577 866	Book with Gill Steed 07780 570121 or gillian_steed@hotmail.com
22	Market Drayton Ramblers, Claire Baker	Circular walk from Clun via the Cefns ridge, Three Gates, Hergan hill and Offa's Dyke Path. 11.5 miles and 2100 ft ascent. Meet for a 10:00 start at Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8NY, grid ref SO 301 811	Places limited, book with the leader, Claire Baker, tomjbaker@btinternet.com 07811 532259. Only assistance dogs welcome
23	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Amanda Hartley-Newton	Walk to the summit of Titterstone Clee, Shropshire's third highest hill. Lots of interest amongst the rocky terrain including the industrial archaeology and with clear skies some good views of the Welsh Hills and the Malverns. The descent uses the Shropshire Way and paths across moorland to the village of Cleeton St Mary then along the Random Bridleway back to Cleehill village. 8.25 miles and 1330 ft of ascent. Meet 09:30 Abbey Foregate car park, grid ref SJ 498 123 to share cars (voluntary contribution £4) or for a 10:30 start at the viewpoint car park, eastern end of Cleehill village, grid ref SO 595 753	Book by text with the leader, Amanda Hartley-Newton, 07730 875274
24	Whitchurch Walkers, Kevin Ikin	An 8 mile circular route from the Bull & Dog pub in Coton following a section of the Shropshire Way to the Whixall Marina cafe. Food available to order at the pub at the end of the walk. Meet 10:00 at the Bull & Dog, Coton, Whitchurch SY13 2RA	Book at https://www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html