

SHROPSHIRE WAY FESTIVAL OF WALKS

Below are details of the walks being organised and led by walking groups throughout Shropshire to celebrate the newly defined Shropshire Way Main Route and to showcase the Way's varied and attractive features and landscapes. Walks are open to everyone and free of charge although car sharing will incur a small cost. If you wish to join in a walk, and you are new to the group, please make contact in advance. Suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions and walk length should be worn and please bring your own food and drink.

Any last minute changes to the programme will be on the website <https://shropshireway.org.uk/news> **and Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/shropshireway/>

No.	Organising group/contact	Walk description
Thursday 19 September – Pre Festival		
1	Oswestry Borders U3A Clare Codd & Sally Barratt	A walk of just over 2 miles starting from Lower Frankton locks (SJ 370318) and going east on the Montgomery Canal before completing the circle on the Shropshire Way. Moderate pace on mostly even ground. Group will then drive to The Café On The Hill in Welsh Frankton for refreshments. Lifts available at 10:00 from the car park in Lloyd Street, Oswestry by emailing in advance via address on the website oswestrybordersu3a.wordpress.com
Saturday 21 September		
2	Rail Rambles Audrey Menhinick (07963 590641) & Pete Lightwood (07947 806108)	A 10.5 mile linear walk of the Shropshire Way from Craven Arms to Ludlow via Stokesay, Aldon Gutter and Bromfield. Meet on platform at Shrewsbury for the 09:00 train from Shrewsbury to Craven Arms, return Ludlow at 16:54 or 17.24. Buy return to Ludlow. Meet Rail Rambles Cymru for celebratory drink at The Old Brewery, Ludlow
3	Rail Rambles Cymru Mike Downward (07505 040491) & Andrew Pike	A 12.5 mile circular walk from Ludlow via Lower Ledwych, Bitterley Court, Angel Bank and Shropshire Way. Meet on platform at Shrewsbury for the 08:50 train to Ludlow, return 16:56 or 17:24. Meet Rail Rambles group at the Old Brewery, Ludlow for a celebratory drink
Sunday 22 September		
4	Bishop's Castle Walking Group Lissi Swales (07765 681316)	An 8 mile undulating circular route from Bishop's Castle along the Shropshire Way to Reilth Top and return via a different route. Meet at Harley Jenkins Street car park in Bishop's Castle at 09:30
5	Bridgnorth Walkers Marion Law (01952 462855)	This walk of 8 miles and about 1300 feet of ascent will go over the hill north east to Kempton to join the Shropshire Way up through Walcot Park and over Bury Ditches, returning via Steppele to the start. Meet at 10:00 at Clunton Village Hall (on the left of the B4368 Craven Arms to Clun road)
6	Friends of Telford T50 Naomi Wrighton (07758 725354)	A 17.5 mile circular route via Coalbrookdale following Telford T50 (with slight variations) and return by the Shropshire Way. Start Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX at 09:30
7	Shrewsbury Hillwalking Club Gill & Nigel Pursey (07974 771258)	A 12 mile linear route following the Shropshire Way from Bishop's Castle to Clun through scenic undulating south Shropshire countryside via Colebatch, Middle Woodbatch, Knuck Wood, Hergan and Cefns with a toast to the Shropshire Way in a pub at the end. Meet north side of Shrewsbury Abbey at 08:30 to share cars. One car will be located in Clun to return drivers to Bishop's Castle

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Sunday 22 September continued

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8	Shrewsbury Ramblers Amanda Hartley-Newton (01743 709507 / 07730 875274) & Will Tandy (07840 301075)	Joint walk with Shropshire Young Ramblers. A 9.5 mile circular route from Bridges (SO 393964) will go on the Shropshire Way to Shepherd's Rock, along the Stiperstones ridge via the Bog Centre for lunch, on to Nipstone and the Rock then returning to Bridges via The Knolls. Moorland walking and rocky underfoot in parts. Finish with refreshments at the Bridges pub. Meet 09:30 Abbey Foregate car park, Shrewsbury, start 10:20 from Bridges. Voluntary transport cost £3
8	Shropshire Young Ramblers Will Tandy (07840 301075) & Amanda Hartley-Newton (01743 709507 / 07730 875274)	Joint walk with Shrewsbury Ramblers. See above information
9	South Shropshire Ramblers Gill Mortimer (01743 588077 / 07804 136248)	A 7 mile route up the Darnford valley to Thresholds, on to The Portway then down the Golden Valley. Meet Bridges car park (SO 393964) at 10:00

Monday 23 September

10	Wellington Walkers are Welcome Pamela Hill (07790 656440)	A 6 mile easy linear walk from Rodington to Wellington using field paths and lanes. Meet Wellington Bus Station for 11:20 number 16 bus to Rodington. Bring passes or fare
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Tuesday 24 September

11	Shrewsbury Ramblers Roger & Wendy Ford (01743 246352 / 07979 875267)	An 8.5 mile moderate route from Corbett Wood car park (SJ 525237) to Hadnall returning through Haston and Clive. Meet 09:30 Meole Brace Park and Ride, Shrewsbury. Voluntary transport cost £2
12	Ironbridge Walking Group Jane Warman (07906 826239)	A 4.5 mile circular walk climbing up through woods and fields to Benthall Hall from the Ironbridge Toll House and returning via the Shropshire Way. The route includes stiles and steps and maybe muddy. Meet at 13:00 at the Ironbridge Toll House TF8 7JP (SJ 672033)
13	Shrewsbury Mountaineering Club Gareth Egarr (07967 387575)	A two hour circular walk along the Shropshire Way from Bridges to the Stiperstones, turning south along the ridge then leaving the Way between Nipstone and Linley Hill to return to Bridges via footpaths. Finish with a drink in the pub. Meet Bridges car park (SO 394964) at 19:30

Wednesday 25 September

14	The Marches Long Distance Walkers' Association Geoff Sproson (geoff@sproson.com)	A 22 mile from Shrewsbury to Whitchurch on the Shropshire Way starting from Shrewsbury Railway Station with a food and drink stop in Wem. Walkers will continue to Whitchurch returning by train. A shorter route returning from Wem will also be available. More information will be available on our website www.marchesgroupdwa.eu
15	Ironbridge Walking Group Jane Warman (07906 826239)	An 11 mile circular walk from Ironbridge Toll House to Much Wenlock. Leaving the gorge through Workhouse Coppice, the route goes to Benthall Hall then to Much Wenlock via the site of the medieval village of Arlescott. After a break in Much Wenlock we return to Ironbridge on the Shropshire Way. The route includes stiles and steps and maybe muddy. Meet at 09:30 at the Ironbridge Toll House TF8 7JP (SJ 672033)

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Wednesday 25 September continued		
16	Coalbrookdale Walking for Health Lynne (07512 123995)	A 90 minute circular walk using part of the Shropshire Way. Meet at 13:00 at Coalbrookdale Community Centre, Darby Road, TF8 7DX
17	Wellington Walking for Health Lynne (07512 123995)	A 90 minute circular walk using part of the Shropshire Way. Meet at 14:00 at Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX
Thursday 26 September		
18	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers Anne Suffolk (07903 325011)	An 8.5 mile moderate walk with about 1200 feet of ascent, mostly gradual but some short steep sections. Walk the highest path on the Shropshire Way to Shropshire's highest point, the summit of Brown Cle. An ancient Iron Age track, a hill fort, industrial heritage, woods, moors and open country with outstanding 360 degree views. Start from Abdon Village Hall, SY7 9HZ (SO 576868) at 10:20. From Ditton Priors follow the signs for Abdon. After about 2.5 miles you will see the Abdon noticeboard. Keep to the right. The Village Hall is on the left after a further 0.5 mile, just before St. Margaret's Church. For car sharing from Telford, meet at 09:30 at Forge Retail Park car park near the back wall of the car park, next to the green fire assembly point and opposite Furniture Village, TF3 4PA (SJ 693094)
19	Much Wenlock U3A Paul Taylor (07817 283846)	A 9 mile circular route through the Burwarton Estate to the top of Brown Cle. Meet 09:30 Station Road, Much Wenlock next to Scout Hall (SJ 624040). Start point for the walk is the car park in Cleobury North (SO 623868) at 10:05. Cost £7 per car to be shared amongst occupants
20	Oswestry Ramblers Diane Smith (01691 622651)	A 7.5 mile easy walk from Ellesmere town centre with no stiles and very little ascent. The route passes Blakemere and Colemere to Lyneal Lane and returns through Welshampton, Crimps Farm and Cremorne gardens to visit the Boathouse café before returning to the car park via Castlefields and St John's Hill. Some parts of the walk maybe muddy. Meet 10:00 at far end of Ellesmere Tesco car park (SJ 398345)
21	Shrewsbury Ramblers Kathy Fitchew (01743 851330)	A 5.5 mile easy linear route along the banks of the River Severn from Bicton to Kingsland Bridge, Shrewsbury. Meet Shrewsbury Bus Station Stand J at 09:30 for the Arriva bus 70 at 09:42 to Bicton (bring passes or fare). Walk departs Bicton (SJ 456142) at 10:15 where the leader will meet the group
Friday 27 September		
22	Ironbridge Walking Group Jane Warman (07906 826239)	A 5 mile route following the Shropshire Way to explore Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale visiting the Rotunda and Lydebrook. After climbing out of the Gorge the return to Ironbridge is via an old tramway offering great views of the power station and the Shropshire Hills beyond. The route includes stiles and steps and maybe muddy. Meet at 09:30 at the Ironbridge Toll House TF8 7JP (SJ 672033)
23	Shawbirch Walking for Health Lynne (07512 123995)	A 45 minute circular walk using part of the Shropshire Way. Meet at 10:15 at Shawbirch Medical Centre, TF5 0LT

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Friday 27 September continued		
24	Whitchurch Walkers Kevin Ikin (07775 526227 / kevinikin@hotmail.co.uk)	A 6 mile walk starting from the Bull & Dog pub at Coton (SJ 528342) at 11:00 which follows the Shropshire Way out of the village and returns via a different route. Refreshments and food can be ordered at the bar at the end of the walk. Please let the walk leader know in advance if you intend to eat. Lifts from the nearby Prees station can be arranged with the leader in advance
25	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers Marion Law (01952 462855)	A 5 mile moderate early evening walk to Blakeway Hollow, then east to cross the A458, returning via Edge Wood, the windmill and the Shropshire Way through Much Wenlock. Optional drink and supper after the walk. Start at 17:00 from the National Trust car park at Blakeway Hollow, Stretton Road, Much Wenlock (SO 612996) (No Forge Retail Park meet)
Saturday 28 September		
26	Shrewsbury Ramblers Festival Walk Sue Turner (01743 243754 / 07984 117704)	A 4 mile easy walk from Kingsland Bridge using the Shropshire Way and Reabrook valley in the company of Kate Ashbrook, Ramblers' Association Chairman. Depart from south end of Kingsland Bridge at 10:00