



SHROPSHIRE WAY FESTIVAL OF WALKS PROGRAMME 16-24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Where stated please book a walk in advance as some have limited numbers
Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring food & drink as necessary. Please no dogs
Every effort will be made to post any last minute changes to walks on the website
shropshireway.org.uk

Walk No	Organising Group / Walk Leader	Walk Details	Booking Information / Further Details
Saturday 16 September			
1	Rail Rambles, Audrey Menhinick & Clare Gathercole	A circular walk of 8 miles from Craven Arms along the Shropshire Way through Stokesay Castle and Aldon Gutter returning via Onibury and Norton Camp. Depart Shrewsbury train station at 9:14, return Craven Arms 15:31	No need to book, just turn up at Shrewsbury station for the 9:41 train. Any queries contact Audrey Menhinick on 07963 590641. Note: Any last minute changes will be posted on https://www.railrambles.org/
2	Wellington Walkers are Welcome as part of Wellington Walking Festival, Malcolm Skelton	A 12.5 mile very strenuous walk from Wellington to Little Wenlock, returning by the Shropshire Way. Includes the steep side of both Little Hill and The Wrekin. Bring a packed lunch to eat by a pool in Little Wenlock. 6 hours. Meet 10:00 Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX	Please book via this link https://www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/festival
Sunday 17 September			
3	South Shropshire Ramblers, Penny Simpson	A moderate 7 mile walk on paths, tracks and lanes from Wilderhope Manor to Shipton and back linking two stretches of the Shropshire Way. The Elizabethan Manor, currently used as a youth hostel, will be open to visit from 2 pm at the end of the walk. £3.60 per person or free to National Trust members. Meet 10:00 Wilderhope Manor car park (free) GR SO 545 928	Car parking places are limited. Please book with the walk leader, Penny Simpson, on 07403 838282
4	Market Drayton Ramblers, Claire Baker	A moderate 9.5 mile figure of eight route with 1600 ft of ascent incorporating the Shropshire Way from Ironbridge to Wyke. The return to Ironbridge is via Benthall Hall, over the bridge, on through Dale Coppice to Rope Walk, Loamhole Dingle and Leasows Farm where we leave the Way to drop down to the Severn Way to complete the circuit back to Ironbridge. Meet 9:30 at Ironbridge pay & display car park (£4) in Ladywood, Ironbridge, TF8 7JR, GR SJ 673 033	Please book with the leader, Claire Baker, 01630 673050 / 07811 532259

Sunday 17 September (continued)

5	Bishop's Castle Walking Group, Paul & Lesley Baddeley	An attractive 7 mile circular route from Bishop's Castle following the Shropshire Way up the Woodbatch valley to Reilth Top (400 metres). We continue through hilly landscape on lanes, tracks and across fields, looping back to the town; there are no hard climbs. Start 10:00 Harley Jenkins Street car park, Bishop's Castle. Bring refreshments for a coffee break and a lunch break.	No need to book. Any queries to the walk leaders, Paul & Lesley Baddeley, 01588 630446 or email p_baddeley@hotmail.com
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Tuesday 19 September

6	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	Broseley Circular, 8.5 miles, 4-5 hours, This walk climbs out of the gorge on the Shropshire Way to Benthall, where we continue on 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. The route includes stiles and steps and may be muddy! Meet at 10:00 at Ironbridge Toll House, TF8 7JP, GR SJ 672033	Book via this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/671398901187
7	Shrewsbury Ramblers, John Law	Clun, 8.5 mile moderate circular including two sections of the Shropshire Way separated by country lanes, tracks and fields. The route will pass through Guilden Down, Argoed, the picturesque Birches Mill and onward to Three Gates to join the Shropshire Way for the return to Clun via the splendid Cefns ridge. Meet 9:30 Meole Brace Park & Ride to car share or 10:15 at Clun Memorial Hall car park, GR SO 302 812, nearest postcode SY7 8LE, What3Words sidelined.speedily.narrow	Please book with the walk leader, John Law, by text 07484 113724

Wednesday 20 September

8	Clun Ramblers, Mary Eminson & Chrissie Verduyn	An undulating walk of about 10 miles, beginning from Clun Memorial Hall Car Park and following the Shropshire Way to the Castle and then along the River Unk via a green way with many stiles, then up to the ridge of the Cefns. Here we leave the Way to descend to Llanhedric Farm, then mainly by quiet roads to Bryn and Acton. We then cross farmland up into Red Wood and Withins Wood to Bury Ditches Iron Age hill fort where we rejoin the Shropshire Way to return downhill to Clun via Guilden Down. Bring refreshments for a coffee and a lunch stop. Sorry no dogs. Meet 9:30 Clun Memorial Hall SY7 8LE, GR SO 301 811, What3Words: interacts.moped.lecturers	No need to book, just turn up at Clun Memorial Hall. More details if needed from the walk leaders Mary Eminson (07974 772754) and Chrissie Verduyn (07976 733 164)
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Wednesday 20 September (Continued)

9	Shropshire Guiding, Jo Revell	A 6 mile walk around Much Wenlock with 623 ft of ascent. The route goes west from the town up Blakeway Hollow to join the Shropshire Way at the edge of the woods then via Stokes Barn to walk along Wenlock Edge. Windmill Hill is climbed after crossing the A4169 then the route goes north east on the Jack Mytton Way before returning to Much Wenlock on the Shropshire Way passing Downs Mill and the Priory. Good views and lots of points of interest along the way. Meet 10:00 by public conveniences in pay & display car park in St Mary's Lane, Much Wenlock, TF13 6AE	Places limited to 20. For more information and/or to book contact Jo Revell on 07834 673204 or jorevell1@icloud.com
10	Ramblers WellBeing Walks – Telford & Wrekin	A 90 minute walk including part of the Shropshire Way and the alternative Loamhole Dingle. Meet 10:15 Coalbrookdale Community Centre, TF8 7D	No need to book. More details if needed from info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995
11	Ramblers WellBeing Walks – Telford & Wrekin	A 90 minute walk following the Shropshire Way along the slope of The Ercall. Meet 14:00 outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX	No need to book. More details if needed from info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995
12	Rail Rambles Cymru, Mick Guest	An 18 mile linear route with 2000 ft of ascent following the Shropshire Way from Shrewsbury to the Betchcott hills then via The Portway and the golf course to Church Stretton. Return to Shrewsbury by train. Meet 8:30 outside Shrewsbury train station, return train (bus replacement that day) either 18:15 or 19:05	No need to book, just turn up at Shrewsbury station for an 8:30 start. If you need more information, contact the walk leader, Mick Guest, on 01902 756530 / 07780 353317 or michaelhguest@hotmail.com

Thursday 21 September

13	Oswestry Ramblers, Barbara White	A 6 mile leisurely circular walk including the Shropshire Way between Maesbury Marsh and Queens Head. The route goes via lanes to West Felton Church to view the motte then on to St Winifred's Well at Woolston and across possibly boggy fields to join the Montgomery Canal and back along the towpath to Queens Head. We will stop to look at the Site of Special Scientific Interest at Aston Locks Nature Reserve including the Otter Holt hide. Please bring refreshments and lunch for two stops. Meet to car share at 10:00 at Gatacre Playing Fields car park, Oswestry, SY11 1DP or the walk start point at 10:30 in car park opposite the Queens Head pub, SY11 4EB, What3Words: stumps.finally.greyhound.	Please book by email with the leader, Barbara White, ellesmererambler@gmail.com
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Thursday 21 September (continued)

14	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Kath & Steve Bristow	<p>To the Mammoth Tower on Whixall Moss – the Mosses as you haven't seen them before. An easy circular walk around the Bettisfield and Whixall Mosses along the Shropshire Way and the Llangollen Canal. The route explores the consequences of centuries of peat-cutting and, more recently, extensive reclamation and renewal of this important natural carbon capture and storage wilderness, helping to protect the rare species of birds and insects which inhabit this eerie landscape. 4.75 level miles on footpaths, field paths, canal towpaths and occasional country lanes. Maybe some mud in wet weather. Meet 9:30 at Meole Brace Park & Ride to car share or 10:15 at Whixall Moss NNR car park, Morris's Bridge, SY13 2RT, GR SJ 493 354, What3words: measure.ranted.exits</p>	<p>Car parking limited at Whixall so please book with the walk leaders Kath & Steve Bristow on 07881 941908 / 07799 533 222 or kathbristow2023@gmail.com or steve@bristow.com</p>
15	Whitchurch Walkers, Kevin Ikin	<p>A 7.5 mile moderate walk on rural lanes, footpaths and the Shropshire Way with a section across Whixall Moss and a stop at the Whixall Marina cafe on the way. Some soft ground to be expected so walking shoes/boots a must and poles recommended. Lunch stop at the cafe but bring drinks and packed lunch if you prefer. Meet at Whixall Social Centre, Church Lane, Whixall, SY13 2NA for 10:00 start. GR SJ 517 345, What3Words: applauded.alarming.eyeful. £3 per car parking charge to be donated to the centre's running costs. Please bring correct change</p>	<p>Book with the leader, Kevin Ikin, kevinikin@hotmail.co.uk / 07775 526227 or through the Whitchurch Walkers website www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk.</p>
16	Ironbridge Walking Group, Jane Warman	<p>Exploring Ironbridge & Coalbrookdale. 5 miles, 3-4 hours. A moderate route following the Shropshire Way through Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale, visiting the Rotunda and the lovely Lydebrook. After climbing out of the gorge we return to Ironbridge via an old tramway offering great views of the Shropshire Hills beyond. The route includes stiles and steps and may be muddy! Meet 10:00 at the Ironbridge Toll House House, TF8 7JP, GR SJ 672 033</p>	<p>Please book via this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/671407356477</p>

Thursday 21 September (continued)

17	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Anne Suffolk	An 8 mile walk along a scenic undulating stretch of the Shropshire Way from Aston on Clun over Hopesay Hill through fields, past a hill fort and woods, towards Kempton and back. Total ascent 1300 ft which includes three short steeper climbs. Please bring a packed lunch, drink and snack. Dogs permitted only with prior permission of the leader following the recce on a day before the walk start as there may be livestock. Meet 10:30 Aston on Clun Village Hall, Broome Rd, Aston on Clun, Craven Arms SY7 8EH, GR SO 394 815. What3Words: comically.level.happen	Please book with the leader, Anne Suffolk, either by email tesramblers@gmail.com or phone/text 07903 325011
18	Shrewsbury U3A Hill Strollers, Audrey Menhinick	A 6.7 mile circular walk at Haughmond Hill using the Shropshire Way going north. Fairly flat route. Lunch at the Corbet Arms, Uffington	For members only

Friday 22 September

19	Ramblers WellBeing Walks – Telford & Wrekin	A one hour walk following part of the Shropshire Way as it passes through Dothill. Meet 10:15 The Woolpack Inn car park, TF5 0LW	No need to book. More details if needed from info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk or 07512 123995
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Sunday 24 September

20	Bridgnorth Walking Club, Marian Law & Gill Steed	A moderate 8 mile circular walk from Pulverbatch to Cothercott Hill and Wilderley Hill walking south west on a beautiful seldom used valley path to the barytes mine on the Shrewsbury/Bridges road. The route then climbs to Cothercott Hill (410m) to join the Shropshire Way, returning via Wilderley Hall with views over the Shropshire plain. There is a short cut returning to the village without visiting the church. Meet at 10:00 at the motte and bailey car park, Pulverbatch, GR SJ 423 022	Contact one of the leaders Gill Steed 07780 570121 or Marion Law 074430 946261 if you plan to come
21	Ironbridge Walking Group, Ian Kelsey	Presthope and the Shropshire Way, 20 miles, 8-9 hours. A strenuous picturesque walk along the river to then climb Homer and onto the north side of Wenlock Edge and a climb to Presthope National Trust Car Park. From here we follow sections of the Shropshire Way back to Ironbridge. Meet 8:00 at Ironbridge Toll House, TF8 7JP, GR SJ 672033	Please book via this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/671391549197

Sunday 24 September (continued)

22	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Amanda Hartley-Newton	Quietest Place under the Sun on the Shropshire Way. Starting in Clun, this scenic walk follows the Shropshire Way to Guilden Down before veering off to Tadpole Bank then picking up the Way again on the Cefns with a view into the Clun Valley. The route goes through rolling farmland, along quiet country lanes and alongside the River Unk, passing Clun Castle to finish. Tea & cakes afterwards at a local tea shop. 8 miles, 1060 ft of ascent. Meet Clun Memorial Hall SY7 8NY, GR SO 302 811 at 10:30. Shared transport from Abbey Foregate car park at 9:30 (free parking). Voluntary transport contribution £5	Please book with walk leader, Amanda Hartley-Newton, by text 07730 875274
23	South Shropshire Ramblers, John Grant	Moderate 8 mile route with 1300 ft of ascent on the western slopes of Titterstone Clee, Dhustone Hill, open heathland and common and in wooded valleys offering stunning views. Hill walking at a pace to suit all. Start 10.00 from large layby on lane to quarry works just off A4117 (GR SO 598 575)	Please contact the leader John Grant 07926 188505
24	Shrewsbury Hillwalking Club, Gill Pursey	A circular 11.5 mile walk with 2300 ft of ascent following the Shropshire Way through Nipstone Nature Reserve, deviating to go up and over Black Rhadley hill, then rejoining the Way near Ridge to walk up Linley Hill and down through Linley Beeches. We then leave the Way to return to the start point via Norbury, Birchope and Kinnerton Green. One steep ascent, others more gradual. Lovely views in good weather. Start 9:30 The Knolls car park (GR SO 369 976) or meet north side of Shrewsbury Abbey at 9:00 to car share	If you are not a member of the Club please book with the leader, Gill Pursey, 07974 771258