

Dursley Walking Festival

Gloucestershire

4th to 7th October 2018

With pre festival walks on 3rd October



Free walks for a range of abilities exploring the glorious Cotswold countryside and heritage



The
Cotswolds



www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk
07743 307686 Email: dursleywaw@gmail.com

Come and take part in our Family Treasure Hunt.

Our family treasure hunt is open to families and will run throughout the festival until Sunday 7th October.

Entry forms can be downloaded from our website, www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk or can be collected from the following locations:

Dursley Library, May Lane, Dursley GL11 4JH

Dursley Town Council, Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley GL11 4BS.

Bank Cafe, Dursley, 80 Parsonage Street, Dursley GL11 4AB

Cam Parish Council, 4 Noel Lee Way, Cam, Glos, GL11 4PS. Off ce open weekday mornings.

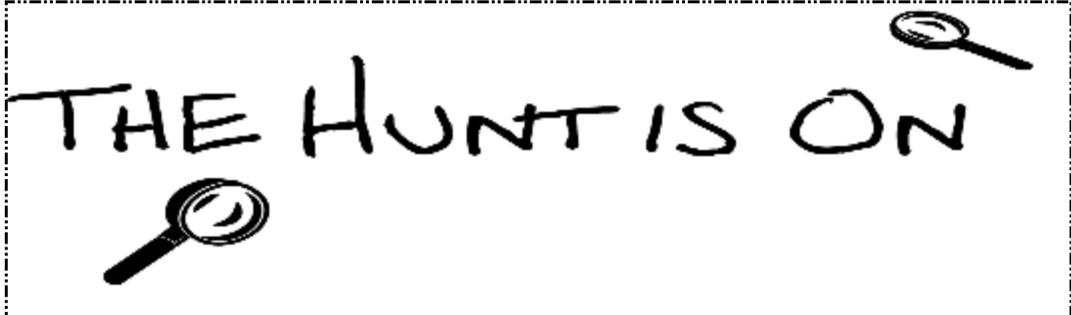
Completed entry forms should be :

Posted through the letter box of Dursley Town Council Off ces (Jacob's House) before 15:00 on Sunday 7th October.

Posted in Treasure Hunt posting box inside Bank Cafe, Dursley before 15:00 on Sunday 7th October.

Posted into Treasure Hunt posting box at Dursley Methodist Church Hall Teas event on Sunday 7th before 16:00.

All correct entries collected from these 3 collection points will be entered into a draw with a prize of 2 tickets to Cattle Country, Berkeley for the winning entry.



Wednesday 3rd October

Walk 1 - 10.30

Pre-festival walk - Cam, Halmore Lane and Cam Green.

**A building distance Health
Walk**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 1.5 Miles 3

Start point/grid ref:

Seat by Post Box between Post
Office and Tesco, Cam. GL11 5PS
SO 749003

Brief Description:

Mainly off road to Halmore Mill,
then Halmore lane to Cam Green
Playing Field returning to Cam
High Street over fields with great
view of Severn Vale. There may
be livestock grazing - 4 stiles,
gentle climb through woodland.
Bring drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs
only.

Leader/organisation:

Peter and Jim, Vale Vision
Walking for Health team.
walks@valevision.org.uk Tel.
07749 364526
www.valevision.org.uk

**Booking not required for this
walk - just turn up.**



Walk 2 - 14:00

**A pre-festival walk to
blow out the cobwebs.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2.5 Miles 4.25

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief Description:

The walk will include steep
climbs, woodland tracks and
great views from Stinchcombe
Hill golf course via disused
quarries and returning through
Westfield Wood and behind
Garden Suburb.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Chris and Linda, Vale Vision
Walking for Health Team.
walks@valevision.org.uk Tel.
07749 364526
www.valevision.org.uk

**Booking not required for this
walk - just turn up.**

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

**Dursley Library
celebrates
Dursley Walking Festival 2018**

With two special walking story times along with related crafts
also
Walk around Dursley and hunt the bears

Bookstart Bear will be joining us for story times!

Walking themed story times with craft activity
On Tuesday 2nd October – 2pm and 3.45pm
and Tuesday 9th October – 2pm and 3.45pm

Please visit Dursley library for further details and collect your trail for the bear hunt.

The Library

Thursday 4th October

Walk 3 - 10:00

Frocester bird watching walk.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 6 Miles 9.5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description:

This walk is 90% footpaths with a number of stiles and has two or three short stretches of road walking. There is a steady ascent up Frocester Hill but nothing daunting. Bring drink and binoculars.

We will occasionally stop to watch birds whilst standing for a short time. We will stop for an optional pub lunch.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Ronald Swanwick.
swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival
Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).



Walk 4 - 13:00

Cam and the Winterbothams.

Duration/Distance:

3 hours including tour of mill and tea and cake at Berry Blue

Start point/grid ref:

Outside Berry Blue,
Cam, GL11 5PS SO 749003

Brief description:

This walk explores the local history of Cam with specific reference to the Winterbotham family and their influence on the economy, community and built environment. It includes a tour of Cam Mills. The walk will be on pavements and some footpaths. There will be several stops along the route to point out and explain points of local interest. Bring drink. Optional tea and cake at 16:00 in Berry Blue - cost £4.00, please book your teas when contacting us about the walk. There will be little opportunity to sit down. Not suitable for children in buggies.

Taking of photographs is not permitted in Cam Mills. Free public car park in front of Cam Parish Council offices. Additional parking is available in Tesco car park (if staying more than 3 hours you must register your car at the Tesco customer service desk or you will receive a fine from the Tesco central system).

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only. Please advise when booking if you are bringing a registered assistance dog.

Leader/organisation:

Jenny,
Dursley Welcomes Walkers

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival - Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).

Walk 5 - 14:00

Walking For Health.

Duration/distance:

Hours 1 Miles 1.5

Start point/grid ref:

Benches outside Barclays Bank, Parsonage Street, Dursley.
GL11 4BP ST 755982

Brief description:

This health walk will follow some of Dursley's oldest established footpaths and pavements as we pass through St James's Church Grounds and down Water St. and then alongside the River Ewelme through to the Uley Road. We will then pass through one of Dursley's new estates and pass the duck pond and then make our way through Highfields Estate and back to the centre of Dursley. Bring a drink. There are steps along the route but a detour can be made.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Shirley and Jim.
www.valevision.org.uk
07749 364526

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 6 - 14:00

Circular Walk to Cam Long Down.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2.5 Miles 4.5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.

GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief Description

A hilly walk on field paths and quiet roads, with some stiles. Upper Cam to Cam Long Down, returning along the Cotswold Way. Bring drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Greta,
Cam and Dursley U3A.

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.



Walk 7 - 17:30

Dusk 'til Dark.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2 Miles 3

Start point/grid ref:

The Green in Uley. GL11 5SN ST 791986

Brief Description:

Dusk can be an exciting time in the countryside. As the day draws to an end noises echo around the woodlands. This tour focuses on badgers, owls and bats as they emerge to hunt and forage.

From our meeting point in Uley, we meander across open fields towards a point where we will hunker down near a large main badger sett, hoping to glimpse badgers as they start to forage for food. As the light fades, we enter ancient beech woodland, a spot where the air is regularly filled with the hoots and screeches of tawny owls. We will pause here to wait and see if we get to see these majestic birds swooping overhead. Will we be lucky enough to actually watch owls hunting for supper?

As darkness arrives, we head along a woodland track before creeping out once again into open fields. Using a bat detector we can try to identify the bats that we can see and hear playfully swooping overhead, before crossing open fields again to our starting point. Throughout this exciting evening walk we will share information about the birds and animals we are hoping to see, along with anything else we discover along the way. As with all wildlife tours sightings are not guaranteed.

There are a few stiles. Terrain undulates, with some ups and downs, but I class this as an easy walk.

Bring warm clothing, waterproofs, a torch, camera and drink.

Route may change to avoid any overexcited herds of cattle.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Kate Thompson. 07766 703334 Cotswold Guided Walks.
www.cotswoldguidedwalks.com

Booking required:

To book your place on this walk please email
info@cotswoldguidedwalks.com



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For information on South Cotswold Ramblers please visit
www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Friday 5th October

Walk 8 - 10:00

**Down in the valley
and up on the Edge.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 5.5 Miles 9

Start point/grid ref:

Car Park,
Hunter's Hall, Kingscote,
Gloucestershire, GL8 8XZ .
ST813960

Brief description:

A varied walk: through woods, parkland and fields, with some fine views. Walk on path, track, field and road, passing Bagpath, Ashcroft, Ozleworth, Holwell, Boxwell and Lasborough. Bring food and drink.

Few stiles. Muddy in places if wet.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

John Roberts,
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 9 - 10:20

**Bus/Walk to
Woodchester Mansion
including Tour of the
Mansion.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 6.75 Miles 8.5

Start point/grid ref:

Dursley Bus Station, May Lane,
Dursley. GL11 4JH. ST 754 982

Brief description:

This walk starts with a bus ride to Nymphsfield from where we take a gentle 3 mile walk down into Woodchester Park and around the Lakes before reaching the Mansion at about 12 noon. There will then be a guided tour of the Mansion (£7 per person payable on the day) followed by the opportunity to buy lunch at the cafe. In the afternoon we walk up from the Park to Coaley Peak viewpoint where we join the Cotswold Way to return to Dursley via Cam Long Down. The return walk of 5.5 miles includes a steep climb to Cam Long Down and has some great views.

Please check timetable (No 65) to confirm bus times. Bring bus pass or bus fare (£3.10 at last check).

Dogs allowed?:

This walk is not appropriate for dogs as they are not allowed into the Mansion for the tour.

Leader/organisation:

Mick Thorpe,
Dursley Rambling Club.

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival
Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).

Walk 10 - 10:30

**Woodland and fields
of the Uley valley.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2.5 Miles 5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief Description:

A circular walk starting along the Uley valley climbing into Coopers Wood on the south of the Uley valley towards Elcombe, then descending across fields to the River Ewelme and returning via the north side of the valley. There are at least 10 stiles on the route and parts of the track could be muddy. Bring drink.

Walking boots or stout shoes are essential as well as clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Rob Boulton and Marjory Wright,
www.valevision.org.uk
Email: robboulton@live.co.uk

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

**Don't forget our
"Family Treasure
Hunt".**

**This will be
running throughout
the festival, for
details of where to
collect your entry
forms from please
see inside front
cover.**

Thank you to Woodchester
Mansion for their photograph



Walk 11 - 12:00

Owlpen valley circular walk.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 1.5 Miles 3

Start point/grid ref:

The car park, Owlpen Manor, Owlpen. GL11 5BZ
ST 800498

Brief Description:

Delightful walk around the Owlpen valley outside Uley. The walk takes in stunning beech woods and limestone pasture, with views over the Owlpen valley, towards Uley and Dursley beyond. Stiles are well maintained.

Bring food, drink, camera, and a sturdy stick or walking poles.

Stop at the end for a picnic at the manor house.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Hugo Mander, Owlpen Manor Estate.

www.owlpen.com

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival

Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).



Walk 12 - 13:30



Walkies with Dursley Lions Club.

Duration:

2 hours

Start point/grid ref:

The Lions Den, May Lane, Dursley, GL11 4JH
ST 754981

Brief description:

Riverside and footpaths east of Dursley. A gentle walk with some undulations and a few stiles. All well behaved dogs will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a prize donated by Dursley Pet Shop.

There will be a small bag of treats for all dogs, also donated by Dursley Pet Shop. The walk should finish at 15:30 with complimentary tea and biscuits at The Lions Den.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome. Maximum 2 dogs per walker.

Leader/organisation:

Dursley Lions Club
www.dursleylions.co.uk
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk
Telephone 07743 307686

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 13 - 14:00

Cam's Historic Graveyards.

Duration/distance:

2 hours 2 miles

Start point/grid ref:

Outside Berry Blue, Cam, GL11 5PS SO 749003

Brief description:

This heritage tour will visit the graveyards of four Cam churches. The focus will be on the graves of notable individuals plus other points of historic interest. There is some uneven ground in the graveyards. The walk will take place on pavements and footpaths. Stopping time included. There will be stops at each graveyard to indicate selected gravestones and points of interest. There will be little opportunity to sit down except for the interior visit to Cam Methodist Chapel. Bring Drink. Free public car park in front of Cam Parish Council offices. Additional parking is available in Tesco car park (if staying more than 3 hours you must register your car at the Tesco customer service desk or you will receive a fine from the Tesco central system).

Whilst this is a relatively short walk we will need to walk at a brisk pace between the sites in order to see everything in the time allocated. Buggies welcome.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Jenny.
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk
No need to book for the walk - just turn up.

Optional tea and cake £4.00 at Berry Blue at 16.00. Please book in advance by phone or text to 07743 307686, or email dursleywaw@gmail.com if you wish to book for Berry Blue.

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Pet and Garden Supplies
17 Parsonage Street, GL11 4BW
01453 542798
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Walk 14 - 16:00

**Apple scrumping in
Breadstone.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 1 Miles 0.25

Start point/grid ref:

Ponderosa, Twyditch Lane,
Breadstone, GL13 9HF
SO 713008

Brief description:

A chance to collect apples at your own pace in a secure orchard. You will need boxes to collect the apples in. Your collected apples can be pressed at The Chantry Centre on Saturday, see walk 19 for details. Suitable for buggies if dry.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Symon, Chantry Centre Secret Garden. www.chantrycentre.org
Email: steepground@outlook.com

Booking required for this walk:

Please email steepground@outlook.com to make a booking or telephone 0747 7404056.

Walk 15 - 17:30

**Sunset Photography
Walk around Uley
Bury.**

Duration/Distance:

Hours 1.5 Miles 2

Start point/grid ref:

Lay-by at top of Crawley Hill on
B4066. ST 787993

Brief description:

A gentle walk with lots of stops for nature photography. If the weather is clear we will watch the sun set around 6.30pm over Dursley and Stinchcombe Hill. If the weather is poor there are woods nearby with interesting details.

Bring any camera and a torch. Warm clothes required as we will be stopping lots and not moving fast.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Tim Taphouse Photography.
www.timtaphouse.com

Booking required for this walk. Please email hello@timtaphouse.com to make a booking.

**Friday 5th
October
19:30 Quiz.**

Come and join us for an enjoyable evening and take part in our quiz at Dursley and District Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Glos, GL11 4BX

Teams of four. Prizes and raff e.

The quiz evening will cost £6.00 per person which will include a ploughman's supper. Bar available.

Supper bookings must be received by Wednesday 4th October.

To book text or call 07743 307686. Email dursleywaw@gmail.com

Tickets £3.00 (excluding food) may be available on the door if space permits.



Saturday
6th October

Walk 16

The Lantern Way Challenge.

Start time: Between 8am - 9am

Distance: 14 miles

Diff culty: Strenuous

Start and f nish point: Upstairs in Dursley Town Hall, Market Place,
Dursley GL11 4BS. ST 756981.

Hot/cold water (please bring your own mug) and toilet facility available at start/f nish.

This is a self-guided walk along the Lantern Way, a signposted walk with way markers along the route. The Lantern Way follows a route clockwise from DursleyTown Hall through Cam & Coaley to Uley and back to Dursley. The walk has some climbs, including a climb to Uley Bury. This rural walk takes you through farmland, woodland and country lanes; conditions of footpaths, gateways and stiles will vary along the route and it may be muddy in places.

Entrants will receive a copy of the Lantern Way Walk route description leaf et plus a pen and certif cate for f nishing. It is recommended that you bring a picnic lunch and plenty to drink. All participants are required to check in at Coaley Village Community Shop and The Vestry Cafe, Prema, Uley. Refreshments are available for purchase at both check points if required. Runners welcome.

Terms and conditions for entering - you need to be in good physical health to enter this walk. The walk has some steep sections so care is needed. You may encounter some f elds containing livestock. There is some road crossing and lane walking, be aware of traff c and take care.

Participants must carry a mobile telephone and they must contact the event team if they plan to drop out for any reason. We will require contact details and a back up phone number.



Walk 17 - 09:30

Bus Walk - Berkeley to Dursley via the Tyndale Monument.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 7 Miles 13

Start point/grid ref:

May Lane Bus Station, Dursley.
GL11 4JH ST 754981

Brief description:

Starting with a bus ride to the Berkeley area we will be following a mixed terrain walk back to Dursley; there will be opportunities for a breather on ascents.

Please bring food and drink although there may be an opportunity to visit a local hostelry for a drink and snack.

Sturdy walking footwear required along with suitable clothing. We may encounter livestock.

Please check bus timetable (no 62) or website to confirm bus times. Bring bus pass or bus fare (£2.60 at last check).

For a fuller description of this walk please see our website or the booking page on Eventbrite.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Ruth Narramore

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival
Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).

Walk 18 - 10:00

Geology and Scenery around Frocester and Nympsf eld.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 6 Approx 6 miles

Start point/grid ref:

Coaley Peak Picnic Site, car park entrance on B4066 near Woodchester Park entrance
SO 794012

Brief description:

This will be a circular walk taking in the Cotswold escarpment at Frocester and the dip slope at Nympsf eld studying the relationship between the different rock types and scenery, including slopes, soils, vegetation, human occupation and land use. The terrain will include at least one steep climb and descent of the Cotswold escarpment but all will be along well marked tracks and footpaths. The walk will include many stops to look at scenery and the underlying rocks; these stops would generally be for periods between 2 and 10 minutes. It is also possible that lunch could be taken in a pub, which would require a longer stop than 30 minutes for a picnic. Short stops will be standing, lunch seated, these stops have been included in the total time. Bring food and drink. Stout, ankle-supporting boots with good grip are important in all weathers, but dress appropriately for the forecast weather. A camera and handlens (loupe) may be useful equipment to bring.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Dave Green

Davegeostudies@gmail.com

01594 860858

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 19 - 10:00

Heritage Walk Dursley Town Centre.

Duration/distance:

Hours 1.5 - 2 Miles 2

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description:

A slow amble around Dursley's streets with frequent stops to look at some of the town's old buildings and other locations with a focus on their history. Mostly on pavements and streets so should be suitable for buggies. Frequent short stops of a few minutes each.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Andy Barton, Dursley Heritage Centre. www.dursleyhc.org.uk

Booking required for this walk:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival
Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).



Photographs in this programme of Dursley and surrounds have been taken by members of Dursley Welcomes Walkers and Dursley Health Walks except where indicated.



Walk 20 - 10:00

Apple pressing in the Chantry Centre Garden.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 4 Miles 0.1

Start point/grid ref:

The Garden at The Chantry Centre, Long Street Dursley. GL11 4HL ST 577981

Brief description:

Pressing of your scrumped apples (from walk 14). You can take the apple juice home for drinking or fermenting into cider or both! Tea, coffee and drinks will be available all day in the garden. The pizza oven will be fired up for delicious varieties of pizza cooked to your order.

Standing up cutting apples to be scrapped and then pressed.

Small charge for pizza and refreshments.

Please bring empty bottles to take your juice home in.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Symon, Chantry Centre Secret Garden.

www.chantrycentre.org

Email: steepground@outlook.com

Booking not required for this event - just turn up. All welcome in the garden.

Walk 21 - 10:00

A Gorilla in the (Cotswold) Mist.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 4 Miles 7.5

Start point/grid ref:

Cam Peak Car Park ST 767993

Brief description:

A walk through the delightful Cotswold village of Uley and its environs including Uley Bury and Owlpen. It is a moderate walk with some steep climbs. This walk is organised by Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, the voluntary arm of the Cotswolds Conservation Board. These walks offer an interesting and often entertaining way of exploring our wonderful Cotswold countryside and landscape.

Bring food and drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Nigel Meredith/Helen Furnidge, Cotswold Voluntary Wardens www.cotswoldsaoib.org.uk

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 22 - 10:00

River and Deer Park.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 5 Miles 8.2

Start point/grid ref:

Outside Town Hall Berkeley, GL13 9DB GR ST683992

Brief Description:

Along Berkeley Pill and then south on the Severn Way, across fields and quiet lanes to the deer park (two short wet muddy sections through a farm yard so suitable footwear needed, walking boots are fine, and one stile that large dogs will have to be lifted over).

Bring food and drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

South Cotswold Ramblers. ann.elizabeth.adams1@gmail.com 01453 839089 www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Booking not required, just turn up.



Dursley Rambling Club

Celebrating our 50th year in 2018!

Come and join your local friendly walking club.

We have walks to suit all abilities.

For more information contact:

dursleyramblingclub@mail.com

Walk 23 - 10:00

Nordic Walking Free Taster Session.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 0.75 Miles 1

Start point/grid ref:

Ashen Plains campsite

GL11 6AD. ST760966

Brief description:

A 45 minute session that will help you understand just how beneficial Nordic Walking can be and how it is far more than just walking with poles! Nordic walking is a great way to get fit, tone your whole body and lose weight. A fun and friendly class – all are welcome. Nordic walking poles are provided free of charge. Details will be given out at the end of the session about our 'Learn To' Nordic walk courses. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for the season. Hat, gloves and waterproofs if necessary for the weather. There are parking and toilets at Ashen Plains Campsite.

Places are limited to 12 per session, no experience is necessary, over 18's only. Booking is essential.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only

Leader/organisation:

Helen Richardson - 0787 655

7500 email:

helen@allseasonsnordicwalking.co.uk

Booking Required:

Helen Richardson 0787 655 7500

All Seasons Nordic Walking

www.allseasonsnordicwalking.co.uk

Walk 24 - 10:00

From Coaley Peak to Silver Street.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 3.25 Miles 5.5

Start point/grid ref:

Coaley Peak Picnic Site Car Park.

SO 794012

Brief description:

Before leaving Coaley Peak we will take a few minutes to admire one of the best views in the Cotswolds. We set off south on the Cotswold Way through woodland and then descend through Coaley Wood to lovely field paths and quiet country lanes to Tickshill and Silver Street. From here we climb through fields and woodland passing Sandford's Knoll to rejoin the Cotswold Way back to our starting point. Members of South Cotswold Ramblers will give you a warm welcome and do their best to ensure that you enjoy your walk.

This is quite a hilly walk and there are several stiles. It is suitable for people who are fit and used to country walking. Walking boots recommended. Bring food, drink, camera and binoculars.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Karen and Tony, 01453 545824

South Cotswold Ramblers.

www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Booking not required for this walk - just turn up.

Walk 25 - 10:15

Station Walk to Dursley via Cam Peak.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 6.75 Miles 10

Start point/grid ref:

Cam and Dursley Railway Station,

GL11 5DJ SO 753021

Brief description:

This is a moderate walk taking in one good climb to Cam Peak and a section of the Cotswold Way and a good number of stiles. The route from the station follows a gentle ridge to the north of Cam with views of the Severn Vale and towards the Cotswold escarpment. The route then turns southwards to give views of Upper Cam church and Stinchcombe Hill before turning up to Cam Peak itself with its panoramic views. The Cotswold Way is then followed into Dursley Town Centre where there will be about an hour to explore and search out a local pub, cafe or restaurant for lunch.

The return journey is via the town's recreation ground and on towards Upper Cam where a section of the Lantern Way is then followed to return to the Station. Bring drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Catherine Dewar and Susanne Zamze, Gloucestershire Area Ramblers.

Booking not required, just turn up.

This walk is part of the Wessex Wanderer Railway Walks programme. For more information on their walks see their website. www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk

Nordic Walking



Walk 26 - 10:15

Walk 27- 10:45

Walk 28- 14:00

Station Walk to Slimbridge to visit the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 6.75 Miles 7.5

Start point/grid ref:

Cam and Dursley Railway Station,

GL11 5DJ

SO 753021

Brief description:

The walk is generally quite level but includes a crossing of the railway line and an underpass of the motorway as well as a number of stiles.

The walk includes a 3 hour stop at Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetland Trust (group entrance charge of £8.50 per person).

Bring drink. Cameras and binoculars will help your enjoyment of the Trust grounds which includes hides giving views across the wetlands of the Severn floodplain. There are several stiles along the route.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only. Please note that The Wildlife Trust only allow registered assistance dogs on site by prior arrangement. Please email or telephone us if you wish to bring a registered assistance dog on this walk.

Leader/organisation:

Mick and Pam Thorpe,
Gloucestershire Area Ramblers.

Booking not required, just turn up.

This walk is part of the Wessex Wanderer Railway Walks programme. For more information on their walks see their website. www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk

Library walk and Booktalk.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 3.5 Miles 5-6

Start point/grid ref:

Dursley Library, May Lane Dursley.

GL11 4JH ST754981

Brief description:

This is a walk between Dursley and Wotton Libraries and takes in stretches of the Cotswold Way as well as Tyndale Monument. This is a hilly walk with several stiles, not suitable for buggies. Please wear walking boots as route could be muddy and a waterproof. Bring good and drink. Please bring along any book that you would like to recommend or talk about - it doesn't have to be a library book.

NB Walkers coming from Wotton can catch the Number 60 bus at 10.10 am at Wotton War Memorial. This will get you into Dursley in time for the start of the walk.

We will aim to catch the number 60 bus to Dursley at 4.10pm.

(Bus times correct as of May 2018).

Costs involved:

Bus fare needed between Dursley and Wotton or bus pass required.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Julie Davies, Dursley Library.

julie.davies@gloucestershire.gov.uk

07468615911

Booking not required, just turn up



Uley through Ages.

Duration/distance:

Approx. 3.5 Hours 3.6 Miles

Start point/grid ref:

The Green in Uley, in front of the Old Crown.

GL11 5SN

ST 791986

Brief description:

From the meeting point in Uley we ascend a fairly steep path to Uley Bury, a fascinating Iron Age fort in the Cotswold AONB. Far reaching views surround the fort, including Uley Valley and the Vale of Berkeley - even to the River Severn on clear days. After exploring the fort, we cross open fields to reach Uley Long Barrow (known locally as Hetty Pegler's Tump). Do you dare enter into the darkness to explore the chambers of the Neolithic tomb? Descending through ancient woodland, we will experience the atmospheric site where temples from the Neolithic and Roman eras once stood, before ambling through fields back to our starting point. Throughout the route we will see what flora and fauna awaits us. Recently there have been sightings of a red kite that has moved into the area. Stoats have been seen in Toney Woods. A myriad of nature waiting to be admired.

Bring drink, torch, camera and walking poles (leader has some poles to borrow if you don't have your own).

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Kate Thompson, 07766 703334
Cotswold Guided Walks.

www.cotswoldguidedwalks.com

Booking required:

To book your place please email info@cotswoldguidedwalks.com



Walk 29 - 14:00

Korean Friendship Trail Circular Walk.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2.5 Miles 5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.

GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description:

Meeting at the historic Market Place in Dursley town centre, we will walk through the town centre along Parsonage Street which has a lovely range of local shops. We follow the Cotswold Way through attractive woodland as you climb Stinchcombe Hill itself arriving by Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club. The walk then follows the Korean Friendship Trail, which is part of the Cotswold Way, following it around the top of the hill offering several vantage points with wonderful views. We will then work our way back down Stinchcombe Hill and back to the Market Place. A mix of roads, wooded paths and common land. Stinchcombe Hill is steep and can be challenging.

If you would like to join the walk but avoid the hill then please join us at 14:30, Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club, GL11 6AQ. Park in their car park and enjoy refreshments before and after the walk. Toilets at May Lane car park and at Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club. Bring a camera to capture the wonderful views, a light snack and a drink. Trekking or Nordic walking poles if you have them to help with the hill - all are welcome.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Helen Richardson,

Email:

helen@allseasonsnordicwalking.co.uk
www.allseasonsnordicwalking.co.uk

Booking Required:

Call Helen Richardson on 0787 655 7500 to book your place.

Walk 30 - 17:00

Over the hills to Uley, a pub meal, then a night walk back.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 5 Miles 8

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.

GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description:

Following the Cotswold Way out of Dursley, we ascend some steep hills and potentially muddy paths. Dropping down into Uley, we'll be hungry for dinner at The Old Crown Inn. After a good meal, we'll set off again for the walk back to Dursley through the woods at night. Bring a drink and a torch (not just a phone), preferably a head torch, with enough batteries for 3 hours of light. Bring warm clothes for the night time section. Meals start at around £10, without a drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Tim Taphouse Photography.

www.timtaphouse.com

Booking required for this walk.

Please email

hello@timtaphouse.com to make a booking.

Looking ahead to 2019

The Dursley Walking Festival 2019 will take place from Wednesday 2nd October through to Sunday 6th October.

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Saturday 6th October

19:30

The Vale of Berkeley Railway - Illustrated talk.

Dursley Town Hall, Market Place, Dursley GL11 4BS

Grid Reference ST 756981

Visitors, residents and walkers are all invited to attend this illustrated talk by representatives of the Vale of Berkeley Railway.

On the banks of The River Severn at Sharpness volunteers are creating a working railway and museum that honours the heritage of the area.

Come and hear how their ambitious plans for the railway are progressing as they take great strides towards reviving an historic piece of the joint line of the Midland and Great Western Railways.

There will be a charge of £3.00 per person, payable at the door, this includes tea and biscuits.

Access to the historic Town Hall, which is on the first floor, is via an external flight of stairs. For this reason it might not be accessible for those with some mobility problems.

Phone 07743 307686. www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk



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Sunday 7th October

Walk 31 - 09:00

Walk 37 - 14:00

The Dursley Figure of Eight.

Each walk is an 8 mile half day walk or you can join both for a challenging 16 mile day walk.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 9 Miles 16

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley GL11 4BS
ST 756981

Brief description:

The Dursley Figure of 8 Walk is a new walk to celebrate Dursley's selection as a Gateway Town to the Cotswolds. The morning walk is a fairly strenuous 8 miles to the east of Dursley. After an hour's break for lunch in Dursley town centre, the afternoon walk is a slightly less strenuous 8 miles to the west. The walk has a number of climbs and stiles along the route. We will pass through fields where livestock and horses will be encountered. Please bring food and drink as required.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Mick Thorpe/John Roberts,

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

07743 307686

Email: dursleywaw@gmail.com

Booking not required, just turn up.

For a fuller description of this walk please see our website.

Walk 32 - 10:00

The Lantern Way through Ashen Plains.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 3 Miles 6

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley GL11 4BS
ST 756981

Brief description:

Steep climb through woods to Breakheart Quarry, then a zigzagging undulating path through Ashen Plains plantation, returning via Twinberrow and Folly Woods. Bring drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Cotswold Wardens David A and David H.

Cotswold Volunteer Wardens.

Booking not required, just turn up.



Walk 33 - 10:00

Cam, Dursley and Uley Greenway.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 3 Miles 5.5

Start point/grid ref:

Cam and Dursley Railway Station, GL11 5DJ (or Dursley Bus Station)

Brief description.

The walk follows the approximate route of the Cam, Dursley and Uley Greenway from Uley Road, Dursley to Cam & Dursley Railway Station.

Plans, problems and options will be discussed. Participants can park for free at railway station. There is an initial walk of 0.5 miles to the bus stop and a bus journey to Dursley Bus Station (you can join at Dursley bus station if you can get back from the railway station at the end). The walk is through Dursley to the Uley Road where the route options from Uley are discussed. The walk then proceeds to the railway station with brief stops for discussions. The walk is fairly flat with one flight of steps to negotiate at Sainsbury's car park. Between Cam centre and the railway station there are a small number of easy stiles and kissing gates. The walk includes a bus journey from Draycott to Dursley Bus Station at 10:20, bring bus passes or bus fare (£2.40 when last checked). Bring drink.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on short lead welcome. Bus company may charge for dogs.

Leader/organisation:

John Fowles.

Dursley Welcomes Walkers

Booking not required for this walk, just turn up.

Walk 34 - 10.30

Exploring the Ewelme Valley.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 3.5 Miles 5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley
GL11 4BS GR ST 756981

Brief description:

The walk starts at Dursley Market Hall and proceeds down Long Street following the Cotswold Way. Leaving the Cotswold Way behind, the route skirts around the foot of Downham Hill initially crossing fields then continuing on ancient bridleways and tracks to the outskirts of Uley. Dropping down to cross the main Dursley-Uley road we then reverse direction to walk back to Dursley along the other side of the Ewelme valley, giving good views of Cam Peak, Cam Long Down, Downham Hill and Uley Bury. Bring food and drink. Stout footwear required and poles/sticks if you use them.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

There are a number of stiles on this walk and there is also likely to be livestock (cows) in some fields.

Leader/organisation:

Jocelyn Dawson-Wood 07917 550524

www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/

Booking not required, just turn up

Walk 35 - 13:30

A Circular Walk to Breakheart Quarry and Rockstowes.

Duration/Distance:

Hours 2.75 Miles 5

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description:

Starts with a long climb, steep in places, to Breakheart Quarry. Good views, field paths, woods. Quite steep descent to Uley valley. 12 stiles. Bring drink. Some fields may contain livestock.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome

Leader/organisation:

David, Dursley Rambling Club
Email: dwithcom1@gmail.com

Booking not required, just turn up.



Walk 36 - 14:00

Heritage Walk Uley Road and Woodmancote area.

Duration/distance:

Hours 2.5 Miles 3

Start point/grid ref:

Market Place, Dursley.
GL11 4BS ST 756981

Brief description.

A slow walk around the Uley Road and Woodmancote areas of Dursley with frequent stops to look at and talk about places and items of historical interest.

These will include the old mill area of Ferney, Mawdsley's, Rangers House, St Mark's Church and Dursley's first Grammar School in Woodmancote as well as the impact of WW2 on the town. The walk will mostly be on streets but some of it will be across fields, gates and stiles so it may be uneven in places. Frequent and regular stops of 2 to 5 minutes, standing.

Dogs allowed?:

Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Leader/organisation:

Andy Barton, Dursley Heritage Centre. www.dursleyhc.org.uk

Booking required:

Make booking for this walk on line at Eventbrite Dursley Walking Festival .

Alternatively phone 07743 307686 (leave message).



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Walk 37 - 14:00

(Part 2)

The Dursley Figure of Eight.

Part 1 of this walk started at 09:00 this morning

This 2nd part starts at 14:00.

Brief description:

Please see Walk 31 for walk description.

Dogs allowed?:

Registered assistance dogs only.

Leader/organisation:

Mick Thorpe/John Roberts,

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

07743 307686

Email: dursleywaw@gmail.com

Booking not required, just turn up.

For a fuller description of this walk please see our website.



Sunday 7th October from 15:00 to 18:00

Afternoon teas

Walkers, visitors, residents all are welcome.



Methodist Church Hall, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982 (opposite Market Place)
Sunday teas. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.
A chance to relax at the end of the Walking Festival.
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Travel and Transport

By Train

The nearest railway station to Dursley is Cam and Dursley station. This station is located on the main Bristol-Birmingham line, between Yate and Gloucester. The station is served by Stagecoach bus services that will take you to the centre of Cam or Dursley.

Full details on train times during the Dursley walking festival can be found at www.gwr.com

Bus Information

As well as serving the railway station Stagecoach buses also link Dursley with Bristol, Berkeley, Thornbury, Gloucester, Stroud, Cheltenham, Gloucester and more. For full details on bus services in Dursley see www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Car parking

Long stay parking is available at the car park in Hill Road Dursley. ST 753980 GL11 4JQ
3 hour parking is available at Castle Street by the Pulse and behind Sainsbury's supermarket.
If you park on the road please ensure that you do not inconvenience residents, other road users or pedestrians.

For walks starting in locations other than Dursley then please see individual walk details for information on parking.

Updated information on car parking will be entered onto our website during festival week.

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10th to 13th October



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To avoid disappointment please read below to get you ready and prepared for the wonderful walks and events in our festival...

- The walk leaders are in charge of the walk. Their decision on participation is final. Each walker is responsible for their own safety and for determining their capability to complete the chosen walk. Attendance at a walk/event is at your own risk.
- A responsible adult must accompany vulnerable people and under 18's.
- The walk leaders are experienced but have to take your word that you are sufficiently fit for your chosen walk. The Dursley area is hilly and many of the walks will be strenuous - please consider any health issues you may have before deciding to join the walks and advise walk leaders of any concerns before setting off.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn. There have been reports of more ticks than usual in recent years. For this reason we suggest that you wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers rather than shorts.
- Please ensure that you take a drink with you and a snack or packed lunch where necessary.
- Please do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.
- Many walks involve stiles and or kissing gates so we apologise that for this reason many of the walks may not be accessible for people with some mobility issues or may be unsuitable for push chairs. Please check with walk leaders in advance.
- Dogs are allowed on some walks (see individual walk details). The owner is responsible for their dog at all times. Dogs must be well behaved and kept on a short lead and under control at all times. The owner must ensure that their dog does not trip, alarm or inconvenience other people or cause damage. They must clean up after their dog. If a walk leader thinks that your dog is not sufficiently well behaved you will not be allowed to join the walk. Walks may contain stiles which dogs could find difficult to negotiate. When walking through a field containing livestock or horses, people with dogs should walk at the back of the group. Dogs must not worry livestock. If the livestock/horses become threatening then please let the dog go. The dog will be able to run away and the livestock/horses' interest will be diverted from the walkers to the dog.
- Please do not feed any animals you meet on the walks and make sure that you take all litter home with you.
- The duration of each walk has been estimated by the walk leader. Sometimes walks take longer than estimated e.g. if there are large numbers of walkers or difficult conditions underfoot on the day or it is necessary to change the route slightly due to path closures. Please bear this in mind if you use a short stay car park.
- In the unlikely event that it becomes necessary to alter or cancel a walk or event we will post a notice on our Facebook page and our website www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk as soon as possible. If you are travelling a long distance for a specific walk/event we advise you to check our website before travelling.
- Generally festival walks are free – donations to Dursley Welcomes Walkers or to the organising groups are at the walker's discretion.
- Photos will be taken throughout the festival and may be used for publicity purposes.