

Dursley Walking Festival

A range of free walks to suit all abilities exploring
the landscape and heritage of the glorious
Cotswolds

1st to 4th October 2015
Dursley, Gloucestershire

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Thursday 1st October 14:00 Walk 1 - A Circular Walk towards Uley (with optional cream tea after the walk at The Hummingbird, Dursley)

Duration/distance: 4 miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: Castle Stream millpond, Rockstowes, Mill Farm. Fairly level walk, average pace, paths, fields and stiles. After the walk there will be an option of a cream tea at The Hummingbird, cost for this will be £4.00 payable on the day. No need to book for the walk – just turn up. For those wishing to enjoy the cream tea please telephone to confirm your place.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on a short lead permitted.

Contact details leader/organisation: Greta, 01453 542161, Cam and Dursley U3A

Thursday 1st October 14:00 Walk 2 - Walking for Health (with optional cream tea after the walk at The Hummingbird, Dursley)

Duration/distance: 45 minutes

Start point/grid ref: Outside Barclays Bank, Parsonage Street, Dursley GL11 4BP ST 755982

Brief Description: A walk on footpaths around Dursley, suitable for non-regular walkers. After the walk there will be an option of a cream tea at The Hummingbird, cost for this will be £4.00 payable on the day.

No need to book for the walk – just turn up. For those wishing to enjoy the cream tea please telephone to confirm your place.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details leader/organisation: Shirley and Jim, 07749 364526
Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Friday 2nd October - At 09:45 the 4th Dursley Walking Festival will be formally opened near the Dursley Market Place by Neil Carmichael MP for Stroud, all are welcome to attend the launch.

Friday 2nd October 10:00 Walk 3 - Walking and Sketching with Ronald Swanwick

Duration/distance: 2 to 3 miles. Return approx. 13:30

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: A walk around the surrounds of Dursley to find some interesting sketching locations. Each stop will have a selection of subjects to choose from so everyone should be able to tackle something. Ronald Swanwick will be on hand to demonstrate some of his techniques and offer one to one guidance. Bring your own sketch pads A4 or A5 and a selection of pens and pencils. You might like to bring a portable seat/shooting stick or a pad to sit on but this is not essential. Sensible walking shoes required. This will not be an arduous walk.

Booking required: To secure your place on this walk please ring 07743 307686 or email dursleywaw@gmail.com.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Leader Ronald Swanwick. 07743 307686
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk



Friday 2nd October 10:00 Walk 4 - Photographic Walk with Clifton Cameras

Duration/distance: 4 miles

Start point/grid ref: Clifton Cameras, 28 Parsonage Street, Dursley, GL11 4AA ST 756982

Brief Description: To Stinchcombe Hill and back with representatives from Clifton Cameras. Opportunity to take in some wonderful views with help and guidance on hand from Clifton Cameras. Suitable for all abilities from children with compact cameras to experienced photographers. The walk has a steep ascent and descent and good views.

Booking required: To book your place telephone Clifton Cameras on 01453 548128.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Cotswold Warden Dave A. with support from Clifton Cameras representatives. www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk www.cliftoncameras.co.uk

Friday 2nd October 10:15 Walk 5 - Stonehouse to Dursley (Bus Walk)

Duration/distance: 10 miles 5½ hours (includes bus travel times)

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: We will take the Stagecoach bus 61 from Dursley to Stonehouse and return to Dursley using footpaths, lanes and tracks passing by Stroudwater Canal, Eastington, Stanley Downton, Frocester, Coaley and Ashmead Green. If you have a bus pass please bring it with you, if you don't then you will need cash for the bus fare. Bring packed lunch with you. The walk has some ups and downs, mainly on footpaths across fields. No need to book, just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Linda and Chris, 07749 364526
Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Friday 2nd October 10:30 Walk 6 - Downham Hill

Duration/distance: 5 miles 2½ hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: North on Cotswold Way to Far Field, Downham Hill, Uley Valley. Stunning panoramic views of Dursley, Cam Peak, Cam Long Down, Uley Bury and the Uley Valley and an opportunity to see evidence of the smallpox hospital that gives Downham Hill its colloquial name. One moderate climb on tarmac, one fairly steep track that could be muddy after rain. No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Rob and Marjory, 07749 364526
Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Friday 2nd October 13:30 Walk 7 - Walkies with Ron and his Black Labrador Holly

Duration/distance: 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. The Lions will be giving a £10 pet gift voucher for the best behaved dog, also a small bag of treats for all dogs. Finish at 15:30 with complementary tea and biscuits.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome. No need to book, just turn up. Maximum 2 dogs per walker.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Ron R. 01453 860305. Dursley Lions Club
www.dursleylions.com



Friday 2nd October 14:00 Walk 8 - Cam and the Winterbothams

Duration/distance: 2 hours (or 2 ½ including tour of mill)

Start point/grid ref: Cam Parish Council Offices, GL11 5PS, SO 749003

Brief Description: This Local History guided walk on pavements and footpaths explores the parts of Cam and Upper Cam which are associated with the Winterbotham family who developed Cam Mills during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The tour will help to explain how the history, economy and character of Cam was influenced by Cam Mills and the Winterbothams through an external viewing of the existing Winterbotham buildings and other aspects of the family's legacy to Cam. An optional half hour visit to Cam Mills itself is available to participants at the end of the tour at approximately 16:00.

Free Public Car Park in front of Cam Parish Council offices. Additional parking is available in the Tesco Car Park but you must enter the store and register your car at the customer service desk. If you do not register your car you will get a parking fine from the Tesco central system if you stay more than 3 hours!

Booking Required: Limited numbers. To book please phone or text 07929 168460 or email dursleywaw@gmail.com

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Jenny, 07929 168460
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Friday 2nd October 19:30 - Quiz

Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Glos, GL11 4BX

Quiz evening – £6:00 per person to include ploughman's supper. Teams of four. Prizes and raffle. Bar available. Tickets £3.00 (excluding food) may be available at the door if space permits. Supper bookings must be received by Monday 28th September. To book call 07743 307686. Registered assistance dogs only. www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Saturday 3rd October 09:00 Walk 9 - A Family Breakfast Walk

Duration/distance: 4 miles 2½ hours

Start point/grid ref: St Giles Church, Uley, GL11 5SN, ST 791985

Brief Description: A moderate walk in the Uley area suitable for families but not pushchairs walking through fields and over footbridges and stiles. It may be wet underfoot in places as there are springs and streams in the area. Bacon rolls or veggie alternative and a drink will be served at about 10:30 and the walk should finish at approximately 11:30.

Booking required: Please book with the leader on 01453 546795 by Wednesday 30th September. Cost of food £3 per adult, £1.50 per child. All profits to Uley church.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Helen F. and Nigel M., 01453 546795
Cotswold Wardens www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Saturday 3rd October 09:20 for 09:30 Walk 10 -

The Fields and Byways of Cam

Duration/distance: 4½ to 5 miles 3 hours

Start point/grid ref: Cam Parish Council Offices, GL11 5PS, SO 749003

Brief Description: Elstub Lane, Draycott, Halmore Lane, Cam Green, Upper Cam Church, Sandpits. Undulating, mainly in fields but a small amount of pavement and road walking with a coffee break of up to ½ hour. A few stiles, some of which can be circumvented. Free Public Car Park in front of in front of Cam Parish Council offices. Additional parking is available in the Tesco Car Park but you must enter the store and register your car at the customer service desk. If you do not register your car you will get a parking fine from the Tesco central system if you stay more than 3 hours! No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Frank, 01453 542873 please leave a message and someone will ring you back. St.Bart's Ramblers.

Saturday 3rd October 09:50 for 10:00 Walk 11 - Wood, hills and valleys

Duration/distance: 10 miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: Dursley, Hermitage Wood, Bowcott Farm, Waterley Bottom and Breakheart Hill. Bring your own lunch. Quite hilly/Strenuous. No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only

Contact details/leader/organisation: Allen, 01453 545588, mobile on day 07749 564232
South Cotswold Ramblers www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Saturday 3rd October 13:50 for 14:00 Walk 12 -

Shakespeare's walk and view

Duration/distance: 5½ miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: This walk will follow Shakespeare's walk uphill, Hermitage Wood, Little Hill and a circuit of Stinchcombe Hill. 875 feet of climb and descent. No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Sue and Peter, 01453 860797.

South Cotswold Ramblers www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk (Mobile on day 07854 634090)

Saturday 3rd October 14:30 Walk 13 - Cam Peak and Long Down Birdwatching Walk

Duration/distance: 2 to 2½ hours

Start point/grid ref: Car park at the base of Cam Peak (marked Peaked Down on OS map)
ST 767944

Brief Description: We will walk around the base of Cam Peak and then along the lower shrubby areas of Long Down before climbing to the summit where there are wonderful views over the Severn Vale and towards Uley and district. Our return will be along the top of Long Down to Cam Peak and then back to the car park. There are some steep areas in places and also some steps as part of the route will be along the Cotswold Way. During the walk we will be looking for a variety of birds to be seen in the various habitats including woodland birds, buzzards, skylarks and possibly ravens. Possibly some muddy areas if previously wet. Quite a steep climb to the summit of Long Down. No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Ron S. Dursley Birdwatching and Preservation Society
www.dursleybirdwatchers.btck.co.uk

Saturday 3rd October 14:30 Walk 14 - Introduction to geo-caching, a modern treasure hunt

Duration/distance: 2 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: This walk provides an introduction to geo-caching, a modern day "treasure hunt" with the aid of GPS and brief clues. Bring GPS or tablet if you have one. Walk will be in local woodland with a steep ascent. Suitable for families but not pushchairs.

Booking required: Please phone to book – no charge but numbers limited.

Dogs allowed?: Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Linda and Chris, 07749 364526, Vale Vision
www.valevision.org.uk



Saturday October 3rd 19:30 Mills of the Dursley, Wotton & Uley area - An illustrated talk by Dr. Ray Wilson

Brief Description: The importance of the woollen cloth industry in the area for centuries has left a rich heritage. Using historic and modern photographs, the talk will look at a number of sites, some of which are instantly recognisable, while many others are relatively unknown. The processes used to make the cloth and the organisation of the industry will also be considered. No need to book – just turn up. There is a charge of £2 per person, payable on the door. This includes tea and biscuits.

Start point/grid ref: Town Hall, Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Access: Access to the historic Town Hall, which is on the first floor, is via an external flight of steps. For this reason it may not be accessible for those with some mobility problems. Phone 07743 307686 www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Sunday 4th October 09:00 Walk 15 - Down the Vale and up the Edge

Duration/distance: 17 miles 7 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: Dursley, Stinchcombe, Berkeley Road into the Vale, Tumpey Green, Gossington, Draycott, Upthorpe, Hamshill, Frocester Hill, Coaley Peak, top of Knapp Lane, Uley Bury, Cam Long Down, Upper Cam, Dursley. A full day's walk of about 17 miles at an average speed of 2.5mph, with breaks. Very mixed terrain: farmland, woods and some road, steep ascents and descents, some uneven ground, muddy if wet. Several stiles, horses, sheep and cattle are expected in fields. Bring food and drink for morning break and lunch. No need to book – just turn up. Teas available afterwards (small charge).

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

Contact details/leader/organisation: John R, 07790 657041.

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Sunday 4th October 10:00 Walk 16 - A section of the Lantern Way

Duration/distance: 6 miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: The Cotswold Wardens who led the 2014 Lantern Way walk to the northwest of Dursley will explore the way to the southeast via Breakheart Quarry, Ashen Plains, Twinberrow and Folly Woods. Steep and muddy in places with a few stiles. No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: David H. and David A. Cotswold Wardens 07743 307686
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Sunday 4th October 13:30 Walk 17 - Peaked Down and Cam Long Down

Duration/distance: 2 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Brief Description: A hilly walk on field paths with some stiles. Up Peaked Down and along Cam Long Down hopefully to admire the views of the River Severn. Teas available afterwards (small charge). No need to book – just turn up.

Dogs allowed?: Well behaved dogs on short lead permitted.

There may be sheep and cattle in the fields.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Sally, 01453 549156, Dursley Rambling Club

Sunday 4th October 14:30 Walk 18 - Dursley Heritage Walk

Duration/distance: 1 ½ - 2 miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

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. Teas available afterwards (small charge). No need to book – just turn up. If you want any further information please contact the leader.

Dogs allowed?: Registered Assistance Dogs only.

Contact details/leader/organisation: Andy 01453 549323. Dursley Heritage Centre

Sunday 4th October 15:00 - 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 (£2.50, free drink re-fill). A chance to relax at the end of the Walking Festival.

Draw for puzzle trail winners will take place at 17:00 (see below for details of puzzle trail).

19th September to 3rd October - Dursley Welcomes Walkers Puzzle Trail

Win a pair of wellies in your favourite colour. Open to children aged 4 to 11 years. Collect your entry form from Dursley Library, Dursley Swimming Pool, Baileys Newsagents or Clifton Cameras. *Full details of competition are given on entry form. Completed forms to be left at collections points (Bank Cafe and Co-Op Pharmacy) by 4 p.m. on 3rd October and all correct entries will be entered into a draw on Sunday 4th October at the teas event.*



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Important Notes:

- To avoid disappointment please read the booking instructions carefully.
- 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.
- For all but the shortest walks wear strong footwear and bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing. This year there have been more ticks than usual. For this reason we suggest that you wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers rather than shorts.
- Please ensure that you take water with you and a snack or packed lunch where necessary.
- Please do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.
- Many walks involve stiles 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.
- All of the walks are free – donations to Dursley Welcomes Walkers or to the organising groups are at the walkers' discretion.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. We have tried to indicate where walks are particularly suitable for children in the individual walk descriptions. Walk leaders will be happy to advise you further if you phone them 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. 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 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 the website before travelling.

Travel and transport

Parking: For all walks starting in Dursley, long stay parking is available at:

Hill Road: ST753980 GL11 4JQ or at Sainsbury's: ST755983 GL11 4BS see note below for special arrangements to use this car park.

There is a limited number of parking places available at Sainsburys for the festival. Permits are required to be displayed for those who will be stopping longer than 3 hours. Call 07743 307686 for further information. Please note that parking spaces beyond the barrier are only accessible when Sainsburys is open. For walks starting in other locations please see individual walk description for information about parking. If you park on the road please ensure that you do not inconvenience residents, other road users or pedestrians.

Nearest railway station: Cam and Dursley

Bus information: Traveline South West www.travelinesw.com



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