SANDBACH WALKING FESTIVAL



29th June – 7th July 2019

9 days of great walking, from relaxed family strolls to longer-distant hikes and special themed walks.

Family fun and relaxation, fitness and fresh air, excellent company and refreshments, education and a new insight to our lovely countryside.

Three or more fully-guided walks per day with knowledgeable local walk leaders.

Everyone welcome

TRFASURF HUNT

Quiz-walk around Sandbach Town: win a prize hamper by Godfrey C Williams. Entry sheets from Godfrey C Williams & Son, £2.

FREE Sandbach TOWN TRAIL map and guide, available at Williams', the Library, Demeter's, Real Thing and WOW.

SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP

All mileages and durations approximate. All walks are at your own risk Dogs welcome except where stated.

Saturday 29 June Morning

10.30am. Local Town walk. FREE. 1.5miles. 1hour Our first Festival walk. with Sandbach Mayor Town Crier. Meet at Sandbach Market Square.



Afternoon a) 2pm. Sandbach Tree Trail. £1. Identify local trees. 2miles, 2hours. Meet outside library.

b) 2pm. Nordic walking - Introduction.

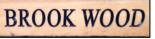
1.5hour taster, £3, no stile. Bev, the leader will lend you *Limited to 12 people. No dogs please. poles.



Evening

Learn how to turn a walk into a workout. Meet at Salt Line car park, D3, Hassall Green (see also 5th July).

7pm. Brook Wood and



Tall Chimneys. £1, 4miles, 2.5hours. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park.

Sunday 30 June

Morning

a) 4.30am. Dawn chorus birding walk. £1, 4miles, 3hours. Meet at Hall Lane canal car park, by United Phosphorus. **D6.** *Limited to 10 people, no Hi-Vis. No dogs please.

b) 10.30am Daisy Bank walk. 4miles. 2hours - with Sunday Lunch at Malkins Bank Golf Club. £1 plus £5.95 Sunday Roast. Meet at the golf club bottom car park, D5. *Limited to 30 people.

Afternoon

2pm. Hollins Green. £1, 4.4miles, 2.5hours. Meet at Plant Lane/canal car park, **D4**.

Evening

7pm. Jacobs Ladder from Wheelock. £1, 4.2miles, 2.5hours. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank

a) 10.30am. Mother and Toddler nature trail with clue-

sheet to search for special things and painted stones along

the way. £1 per toddler, accompanied by a parent. Meet

b) 10.30am. Winterley long walk. £1, 10miles, 5hours.

Monday 1 July Morning

* Where numbers are limited, please book early.

Evening

7pm Town Trail with a Pie and a Pint. £1 plus £9 pie in a box inc. pint/small wine. About 2.5miles, 1.5hours. Start and finish Lower Chequer. **D** For how to find the

Morning

Afternoon

2pm Rode Heath Ramble, £1, 5miles, about 2.5hours, meet at Salt Line car park, Hassall Green, D3.

Evening

7.30pm Geology in TO THE Sandbach Town. £3. CIENT CROSSE about 2miles, 1.5hours, led by Professor Burek and Dr Drew, meet Market Sq. Walking and talking about the local geology, the rock in the built environment e.g. the church, the crosses, cobbles in the roads, shop frontages etc. *Limited to 16 people. See also 7.30pm Monday 1st July

Afternoon

at Sandbach Library.

Meet at Winterley Pool lay-by, D2.

Bring your lunch and drinks.

2pm. River Wheelock return Elton Lane. £1, 3.8miles, 2.5hours. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank, D1.

Evening

a) 7.30pm Tall Chimneys. £1, 5.4miles, 3hours. Meet at Malkins Bank Golf Club, bottom car park, D5.

b) 7.30pm Geology in Sandbach Town. £3, about 2miles, 1.5hours, led by Professor Burek and Dr Drew, meet Market Sq. Walking and talking about the local geology, the rock in the built environment e.g. the church, the crosses, cobbles in the roads, shop frontages etc. *Limited to 16 people.

See also 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd July

b) 10.30am Brereton to Swettenham Arms for lunch and return, £1 plus lunch, 3.8miles, no stile, about 3hours walking. Meet at Brereton Heath Country Park car park (CEC parking fee = £3), **D7**. *Limited to 20 people.

Afternoon

a) 2pm Malkins Bank Golf Club bottom car park, D5, to Ettiley Heath, return via canal no stile. £1, 5.4miles, 2.5hours

Tuesday 2 July

Morning

a) 10.30am Read and Walk from Sandbach Library for children led by library staff and Jane Stanway, £3 per child, accompanied by a parent. The book to read and take home will be "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".

b) 2pm Hassall Green Nature Reserve, guided by the Ranger. £3. Meet at the Salt Line car park, D3, Hassall Green, and walk (0.6mile) to Nature Reserve, 3miles total.

Wednesday 3 July

meeting places, see over

10.30am Strollers Sandbach short walk, £1, about 3miles, 2hours, no stile. Meet at Sandbach Library.



Thursday 4 July

Morning

9am Sandbach to Swettenham via Bradwall. Brereton Country Park, return via Taxmere, £1, 12miles about 12 stiles, 6hours. Meet at Sandbach Market Square. Bring your lunch and drinks.

Afternoon

2pm Saltline and Borrow Pit Meadow, nature walk guided by Cheshire East Rangers, about 3miles, 2hours, no stile. Meet at the Salt Line car park, Hassall Green, D3.



Evening

7.30pm Watch Lane and Crabmill Flashes. £1, 4.5miles, 2hours, about 6 stiles. Meet at Plant Lane/canal car park, D4.

Friday 5 July

Morning

10am. Winterley, "Haslington Circular". £1, 6.5miles, 2.5hour, no stile. Meet at Winterley Pool lay-by, D2.

Afternoon

a) 2pm. Nordic walking - Introduction. 1.5hour taster, £3, no stile. Bev, the leader will lend you *Limited to 12 people. No dogs please. poles. Learn how to turn a walk into a workout. Meet at Salt Line car park, D3, (repeat of 29th June).

b) 1.30pm. Wheelchair and dementia friendly slow walk, accompanied by a carer, walking from Sandbach Library around the park, looking at trees, plants and flowers, about 1.5hours. Gazebo with refreshments, £1.

Evening

a) 7.30pm St. John's and Arclid Quarry walk, £1, 5.2miles, 2.5hours, about 6 stiles. Meet at lower Waitrose car park.

b) 7.30pm. Birding at sunset. £1, 4miles, 3hours. Meet at Hall Lane canal car park, by United Phosphorus D6. *Limited to 10 people, no Hi-Vis. No dogs please.

Saturday 6 July

Morning

a) 9.30am. Old Hall Walk, High Street. FREE - 4miles. Meet at The Old Hall. High Street. Butties to start. then the walk, buy your drinks on return. Led by Emma (Old Hall)

b) 10.30am Merlin Micro-Brewery, near Arclid Crossroads. Walk via Church Lane, Sandbach Heath, return on bus (2.8mile walk) or walk back FRLIN'S G via Brickhouse farm, total 5.8 miles. £1 plus £15 brewery tour of all processes, and a selection of draft and bottled beers to sample with nibbles. Meet at Waitrose lower car park. Not suitable for dogs. *Limited to 20 people.

Afternoon

2pm. To Dancing Bridge then canal, Tall Chimneys, Hassall Green, and return via Houndings Lane. £1. 4.6miles, 2.5hours, 8 stiles. Meet at Sandbach Market Sg.



Evening

7pm. Warmingham via the Moat Nature Reserve, £1, 3.6miles, 8 stiles, 2hours. Meet at Plant Lane/canal car park, D4.

Sunday 7 July

Morning. Wildlife wander

10am. Coppenhall, Maw Green £1, 6.2miles, 3hours, no stile. Meet at Hall Lane canal car park, by United Phos D6.

Afternoon

Grand Finale, all starting from the Market Square, ending at the Market Tavern, about 5pm, for buffet food/drink. All walks on the final afternoon £5, to cover the buffet.

a) 2pm. Jacobs Ladder, via Brook Wood return passing Tall Chimneys 6miles, 3hours, 11 stiles.

b) 3pm. Bradwall Manor walk. 4miles, 2hours, 1 easy stile.

c) 3.30pm. Short local 2.5miles, no stile. High St., Town Park, loop by Dingle Lake, Well Bank, The Commons, Hightown, St. Mary's Dell, Church St., Crown Bank.



With support from: **Cheshire East Council** Sandbach Town Council Godfrey C Williams, Cheshire Rangers, Sandbach Partnership, Sandbach Motor Factors.



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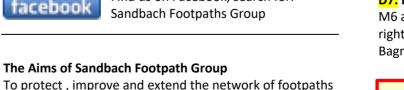


D7. Brereton Heath Country Park. From Sandbach, across M6 at J17, then left and at A50 go left and soon right and right again into School Ln, then after 1 mile left into Bagmere Ln. Keep straight then right into the car park.

Many thanks to all who helped make this happen.

in and around Sandbach, including lobbying for kissing

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D - How to find the meeting places

D1. Wheelock Green Bank. From Sandbach follow Crewe Road down to Wheelock, over the canal, and left at Mill Lane. Park in the small car park opposite Shampaan Restaurant or on local roads.

D2. Winterley Pool lay-by. From Sandbach, follow Crewe Road through Wheelock and up to the roundabout with the A534. Go straight over and after about 1 mile park in the lav-by on the left.

D3. Salt Line Car park. Hassall Green. From Sandbach traffic lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, over the M6, then after about 1 mile turn right into New Inn Lane. Ignore a road right and a minor road left, over canal, under M6 and the Salt Line car park is on the right.

D4. Plant Lane/canal car park. From Sandbach take the Middlewich Road to Elworth, over the railway bridge, then first left into Moss Lane and after about 0.5 mile. over the canal bridge and park on the left. If full go back up Moss lane and park outside the Edwin Foden Centre.

D5. Malkins Bank Golf Club. From Sandbach traffic lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, turn right opposite the chip shop into Hassall Rd, over speed humps, follow the road to the left and the entrance to Malkins Bank Golf course is on the right, go to bottom car park.

D6. Hall Lane canal car park, by United Phosphorus. From Sandbach, follow Middlewich Road, then left into Abbey Road, at roundabout, go straight into Elton Road, dip under railway, over canal then left and park near canal

*Where numbers are limited, please book by: a) email: tickets4swf@gmail.com b) tel: Graham Whitehouse 07436 535 867

> Where no limit is stated, no need to book, just turn up with time to spare.