

SANDBACH WALKING FESTIVAL 2023



Everyone welcome
Saturday 24th June
to Sunday 2nd July

9 days of walking with something for all.
Short easy strolls to longer distance hikes.

Nature trails to heritage tours.

All led by knowledgeable guides.

£1 per walk unless otherwise stated.

QUIZ WALK WITH PRIZE HAMPER

Quiz-walk around Sandbach Town.

Win a prize hamper by Godfrey C Williams.

Entry sheets from

Godfrey C Williams & Son, £3.

All walks are at your own risk

All mileages and durations approximate.

Dogs welcome except where stated.

Children must be with a responsible adult.

Saturday 24th June

MORNING

1) 9.30am Old Hall Dog Walk. 3 miles, easy, no stile, free. We join our friends at the Old Hall for their monthly walk from the pub. Meet at the pub for a bacon butty and a brew before setting off around 10.0am, dogs not essential.

2) 10.30am Opening Walk. 3 miles, easy, no stile, free. Town Trail with the Mayor of Sandbach Town Council. Meet at Sandbach Market Square.

3) 10.00am Warmingham Walk, lunch at Bear's Paw pub. 12 miles, 6 stiles, some rough grass, £1, plus refreshments at the pub, (optional) lunch £7 to £15. Route: Brook Wood to Wheelock, Trent & Mersey canal to Moston, lunch at Bear's Paw, Warmingham. Return via The Cosy (The Moat), Elworth, Bradwall Manor and fishing lakes. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13.**

AFTERNOON

4) 1.30pm Jacob's Ladder from Wheelock. 3.5 miles, no stile, rough grass, £1. A lovely walk with views all around, passing Wheelock Heath Farm, to Jacobs Ladder (it's only 5 steps), across golf course, return on canal towpath. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank. **P1.**

5) 3pm Tree Trail, Sandbach Park. 2 miles, easy, no stile, £1. Discover the wealth of trees in and around the Town Park. Meet outside Sandbach Library. **P14.**

EVENING

6) 7pm St. John's and Arclid Quarry. 5.8 miles, no stile, £1 some rough grass, slight inclines. A very popular walk with extensive views and a history first hand from a quarry retiree. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13.**



Sunday 25th June

MORNING

7) 5am Early morning wildlife wander. 5 miles, some stiles, some rough grass, slight inclines, £1. A dawn chorus, bird watching and wildlife walk, via Elton & Watch Lane Flashes and The Moat. Bring your binoculars. *Sorry, no dogs, no Hi-Vis, booking essential, limited to 10 places.* Meet at Hall Lane canal parking, **P10.**

8) 10.30am Betchton Heath from Malkins Bank Golf Club. 5 miles, 6 stiles, some rough grass, slight inclines, £1. Meet at Malkins Bank Golf Club, **P8.**

AFTERNOON

9) 2pm A tour of Trails created by Sandbach Woodland & Wildlife Group. 5.5 miles, easy no stile, £1. St Mary's Dell, Dingle Wood, Offley Wood, Filterbed Wood, Brook Wood. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13.**

EVENING

10) 7pm Winterley and Hassall. 5.8 miles, 6 stiles, £1 some rough grass, slight inclines. Meet at Winterley Pool lay-by. **P3.**

Monday 26th June

MORNING

11) 10am Betchton Valley via Secret Salt Line. 8.5 miles, 10 stiles, rough grass, challenging, £1. See the beautiful Betchton Valley. Bring your packed lunch and drinks. Meet at Salt Line car park Hassall Green, **P5.**

AFTERNOON

12) 2pm Mindfulness Walk. 2.5 miles, about 2 hours, no stile, some rough grass, £1, bring a mat to sit on. Clear your mind of clutter and restore your sense of focus. *Sorry, no children, no dogs, booking essential, limited to 8 places.* Meet at Wheelock Methodist Chapel, Crewe Road, **P2.**

13) 2pm Tall Chimneys. 4.5 miles, no stile, rough grass, £1. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13.**

EVENING

14) 7pm River Wheelock. 3.5 miles, no stile, some rough grass, £1. The peaceful River Wheelock, returning via the canal. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank, **P1.**

Tuesday 27th June

MORNING

15) 10.30am Library walk for the under 5s. Easy walk, £3 with storytelling in Sandbach Park hosted by Sandbach Library. A free book for every child – "A Good Place" by Lucy Cousins. Meet outside Sandbach Library. **P14.** *Limited to 20 places. Booking essential via the Library in person or call 01270 375355.*

16) 10.30am Hawk Inn, Haslington, plus pub lunch option. 4.5 miles, easy, some rough grass, no stile, £1. An appetite stimulating walk in open country followed by an optional pub lunch at the newly refurbished Hawk Inn. Book lunch on arrival. Meet at Hawk Inn car park, Haslington, **P4.**

17) 10am Dunnocksfold and Salt Line. 9 miles, 8 stiles, £1, challenging. Bring your packed lunch and drinks. From Lower Waitrose car park, Brook Wood, Hassall Moss, School Farm, Dunnocksfold Road to Alsager, Salt Line, Canal, Tall Chimneys, Houndings Lane, to return. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13.**

AFTERNOON

18) 1pm Bradwall Manor and optional refreshments at The House. 3.5 miles, no stile, some rough grass, £1. Across fields taking in Bradwall Manor and Pillarbox Lane, open country to Cookesmere Lane and return to The House Coffee Shop for drinks etc at about 3pm. Meet outside the Military Arms pub. **P14.**

EVENING

19) 7pm Hassall Green Nature Reserve. Easy, 3 miles, £4 no stile. This is a very popular event, so book early. Not usually open to the public the walk is guided by the Reserve Ranger, showing the wide variety of flora and fauna. Meet at Salt Line car park Hassall Green, **P5.** *Booking essential, limited to 25 places.*

20) 7pm Hassall Pool from Wheelock Green Bank. 4.5 miles, £1, 1 stile, gentle inclines, fairly easy, mostly fields with a little lane walking. The walk takes in Hassall Pool, passing Daisy Bank, then via Hassall Moss, Jubilee Villas, the golf course and returning on the canal towpath. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank, **P1.**

Wednesday 28th June

MORNING

21) 10am Dane Valley and Swettenham. 6 mile 1 stile, £1, some rough ground and inclines. From Brereton Heath Country Park, parking £3. *(Do not park by double yellow lines).* Walk includes the Lovell Quinta Arboretum (entry £2.50), returning for a walk round Brereton Pool. Bring your own packed lunch and sit in the Arboretum. Meet at Brereton Heath Country Park. **P12.**

22) 10.30am Winterley Figure of 8.

4 miles, 5 stiles (some awkward) £1. Followed by optional refreshments at Kazy's Kitchen. Meet at Winterley Pool lay-by. **P3.**

AFTERNOON

23) 2pm Watch Lane and Crabmill Flash. 3.5 miles, 13 stiles, rough grass, £1. Look out for wildlife, bring your binoculars. Crabmill Flash is only accessible on the Public Footpath. Meet at Canal car park, Plant Lane, **P6.**

EVENING

24) 7pm Mindfulness Walk. 2.5 miles, about 2 hours, no stile, some rough grass, £1, bring a mat to sit on. Clear your mind of clutter and restore your sense of focus. *Sorry, no children, no dogs, booking essential, limited to 8 places.* Meet at Wheelock Methodist Chapel, Crewe Road, **P2.**

25) 7pm Foden's Tour. About 3 miles, no stile, led by local historian. Learn about the wealth of Sandbach and Elworth's Foden industrial legacy. Easy 3 miles no stile £1. Meet at Elworth Cricket Club, **P7.** *Booking essential, limited to 18 places.*



Festival organised by Sandbach Footpath Group (SFG)

Thanks to all local businesses for their support.

Thursday 29th June

MORNING

26) 10.30am Rode Heath Ramble. 5.5 miles, some inclines and rough grass, £1. A varied walk from Salt Line car park over open fields and canal. Meet at Salt Line car park Hassall Green, **P5**.

AFTERNOON

27) 1pm Daisy Bank. 7.5miles, 7 stiles, some rough grass, £1. A circular open-country and canal walk. Break for drinks/toilets at Malkins Bank Golf Club. Meet at Sandbach United Football Club, drinks available on return, **P9**.

28) 2pm Moston Figure of 8. 3.3 miles, easy walking, canal and lanes, £1. Meet at Canal car park, Plant Lane, **P6**.

EVENING

29) 7pm Photography walk. 4 miles, no stile, easy, £1. A walk round Arclid quarry seeking photo-opportunities. Led by an experienced photographer. *Booking essential, limited to 15 places.* Meet at Sandbach Heath, St John's Church car park, **P11**.

30) 7.30pm Brook Wood and Houndings Lane. 4.5 miles, no stile, easy, £1. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13**.



All £1 donations go to SFG for projects, e.g. new Kissing Gates to replace stiles, or to help Sandbach Woodland & Wildlife Group (SWWG) maintain local paths.



Friday 30th June

MORNING

(*SUFC = Sandbach United Football Club*)

31) 9.30am Breakfast and Walk from SUFC, £1. Option for breakfast (extra £s). Walk at 10.30am, Tall Chimneys, no stile, about 5 miles. Meet at SUFC, **P9**.

32) 10am Brereton Heath map reading walk. £1, initial map reading practice, then 9 mile walk towards Congleton, return via Somerford Booths. Bring a packed lunch/drinks. Meet at Brereton Heath Country Park, car parking £3, **P12**

AFTERNOON

33) 2pm Dancing & Iron Bridges from SUFC. 5 miles, no stile, easy, £1. Followed by optional drinks and cake at SUFC. Meet at SUFC, **P9**.

EVENING

34) 7pm Sandbach Industrial Heritage. 4.4 miles, easy, no stile, £1. Trent and Mersey canal to Wheelock, return on Wheelock Rail Trail, highlighting industrial features over the last 200 years. *Booking essential, limited to 15 places.* Meet at Hall Lane Canal parking, **P10**.

Saturday 1st July

MORNING

35) 10.30am Merlin Brewery, Arclid. 5.8 miles, 3 stiles, easy, some rough grass, £20. Experience the brewery talk and tour and a selection of cask or bottled beers to sample with a buffet. Circular walk returning by Taxmere. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13**. *No dogs. Booking essential, limited to 30 places.*

AFTERNOON

36) 1pm Sandbach Wildlife Corridor followed by tea/cakes at Jenny's tea shop. 3 miles, no stile easy £1 (plus tea or coffee, cake or scone, £6). Meet at Sandbach Crosses. *Booking essential limited to 18 places.*

37) 2pm Hassall Green and Hood Lane. 6 miles, 4 stiles, £1, challenging. Via Arclid quarry and Tall Chimneys. Meet at Lower Waitrose car park Brookhouse Road. **P13**.

EVENING

38) 7pm Warmingham via the Moat. 4.5 miles, 2 stiles, some rough grass, £1. Ancient woods, fields, lanes and canal. Meet at Canal car park, Plant Lane, **P6**.

Sunday 2nd July

MORNING

39) 10.30am Hollins Green & Albion Lock. 4.2 miles, flat and easy, 5 stiles, £1. Canal, green fields and quiet lanes. Meet at Canal car park, Plant Lane, **P6**.

Sunday Afternoon – GRAND FINALE, 3 WALKS

All starting from The Crosses, Market Square. On return, join us for a drink and buffet from the Military Arms pub.

Buffet with wide selection. Vegan available if required, please select when booking on **"bookwhen"**.

Please book for the buffet, 4 days prior, £6.50 each.

40) 2pm

Jacobs Ladder & Tall Chimneys, 6 miles, no stile, easy, some rough grass and gentle inclines, £1. The ever-popular Ladder (only 5 steps) and the magnificent Chimneys.

41) 3pm

Brook Wood & Houndings Lane, 4.5miles, no stile easy, £1 Visit the woodland paths created by SWWG.

42) 3.30pm

Filterbed Wood, Offley Wood, Parkhouse Meadow, Dingle Wood, 2 miles, £1. Woodland walks created by SWWG.

All return at about 4.30pm to the Military Arms.

P – How to find the meeting places / Parking

P1 - Wheelock Green Bank - From Sandbach, follow Crewe Road down to Wheelock, over the canal, and turn left at Mill Lane. Park in the small car park or on local roads.

P2 – Wheelock Methodist Chapel is before **P1** on right.

P3 – Winterley Pool Lay-by - From Sandbach follow Crewe Road through Wheelock, and up to the roundabout with the A534, straight over, lay-by parking is 1 mile on the left.

P4 – Hawk Inn Haslington - Follow as **P3** above, but continue for 1 mile to Haslington, Hawk Inn is on the right.

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P5 – Salt Line Car Park, Hassall Green - From Sandbach traffic lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, over the M6, then after 1 mile, turn right into New Inn Lane. Ignore a road right and a minor road left, over the canal, under M6 and the Salt Line car park is on the right.

P6 – Canal car park / Plant Lane - From Sandbach, take the Middlewich Road to Elworth, over the railway bridge, then first left into Moss Lane and after 0.5 mile, over the canal bridge and the car park is on the left.

P7 – Elworth Cricket Club - Follow as **P6** above to Railway bridge, pass Moss Lane, ECC is immediately on the right

P8 – Malkins Bank Golf Club - From Sandbach traffic Lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, turn right opposite the chip shop into Hassall Road over speed humps, follow the road to the left and the entrance to Malkins Bank Golf Club is on the right.

P9 – SUFC - Sandbach United Football Club - From Sandbach, take Middlewich Road, then left into Abbey Road, left at roundabout, into Hind Heath Road, the SUFC car park is on the left.

P10 – 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.

P11 – St. John's Church car park - From Sandbach, take the A534 towards Congleton, over the M6 and take the first right into Church Lane. The car park is 0.5mile on the right.

P12 – Brereton Heath Country Park - From Sandbach, across M6 at J17, then left and at A50 go left then right and right again into School Ln, then after 1 mile left into Bagmere Ln. Keep straight then right into the car park.

P13 – Lower Waitrose car park is on Brookhouse Road off the large roundabout near the traffic lights.

P14 – Library, Military Arms, The House Coffee Shop are all by the large Commons car park.

All walks £1 unless otherwise stated for events and pub meals etc.

You can bring cash to give the walk leader, OR You can transfer direct to our bank account: The Sandbach Footpath Group
Sort code: 30-12-59 Account number: 18742868

For further information, please email sandbachwalkingfest@gmail.com

Please see the **SFG Website** for background information and over 20 walks free to download anytime. www.sandbachfootpaths.org.uk

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Leaders and backmarkers will have first aid kits.

BOOKING

*** Where numbers are limited, please book early at: www.bookwhen.com/swf2023**

In case of difficulty, email: tickets4swf@gmail.com
OR, phone 07436 535867

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

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