

SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP - SFG Spring Event, 10th to 12th May 2024

Walk 1. 2pm Friday 10th May. From SUFC. Route tba, about 5 miles followed by optional refreshments at SUFC. Leader John Hind, back marker Alan Boardman/Trevor Boxer. No need to book, just turn up, parking at SUFC.

Walk 2. 5.30am Saturday 11th May. Dawn Chorus walk. Meet at Plant Lane canal car park. Route tba. Leader Paul Hughes, back marker Malcolm Bugler. Limited to 12 people (Ticket Tailor, use link below). No dogs, no hi-vis.

<https://buytickets.at/sandbachfootpathgroup/1242226>

Walk 3. 10.30am Saturday 11th May. 8 miles with 9 stiles. Moston & Warmingham with lunch at the Bears Paw. Meet at Plant Lane canal car park. Several fields have lambs, so please keep dogs on a short lead. All day walk taking in Moston local history via Moston Green and Mill, canal at Tetton bridge to Tetton Hall, past fishponds for lunch at Bears Paw at about 12.30pm. 5 miles out to Bears Paw plus 3miles back. Leader Richard Vickery, back marker Janet Luther. Please say if you are coming via Ticket Tailor (use link below), so we can inform the pub.

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Walk 4. 7pm Saturday 11th May. About 3.5 miles. From Lower Waitrose car park, Wildlife corridor, via St Mary's Dell, Dingle Lane and Copse, Dingle Wood, Filterbed & Offley Woods, Parkhouse Meadows, Town Park, Dingle Lane.

No need to book, just turn up.

Leader Trevor Boxer, back marker John Hind.

Walk 5. 10.30am Sunday 12th May. 7 miles with 8 stiles. Daisy Bank from lower Waitrose car park. Taking in Brook Wood through to canal, Jubilee Villas, Bank Farm, Daisy Bank, Salt Line, canal to Betchton Road, Stannerhouse Lane, Tall Chimneys, Houndings Lane, and return to lower Waitrose car park at about 3.30pm.

Please bring your packed lunch/snack and drink.

No need to book, just turn up.

Leader Eileen Dorman, back marker tba.

Walk 6. 2pm Sunday 12th May. Salt Line and Borrowpit. About 3.8 miles. Meet at Salt Line car park Hassall Green. Limited to 12 cars, due to car park space. Please book via Ticket Tailor per car (eg, one car with 3 people is one booking [not 3]). Use link below.

Leader Paul Hughes, backmarker(s) Malcolm Bugler, John Hind.

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Walk 7. 7pm Sunday 12th May. 4.3 mile. From Third Avenue. Mill Hill Lane, the Valley and FP23 to canal, via golf course, returning via Mill Lane. Leader Trevor Boxer (back marker Alan Boardman?). No need to book, just turn up.

For instructions on how to find the start/meeting point, please read on...

How to find the start/meeting points

Sandbach United Football Club, SUFC:

To find the start:

From Sandbach, driving. Follow Crewe Road out of Sandbach towards Wheelock, but at the traffic lights, turn right onto Hind Heath Road. SUFC large car park is about a mile on the right.

From Elworth, driving.

Follow Middlewich Road towards Sandbach, then turn right onto Abbey Road, then at the roundabout turn left and SUFC large car park is on the left.

From Sandbach, walking about 1.5miles.

Follow Middlewich Road out of Sandbach, ignoring Park Lane and Moorland Road on the left, then go left onto Abbey Road eventually coming to a roundabout. Immediately before the first exit from the roundabout, follow the wooded walkway on the left (Wheelock Rail Trail) and after about 200m arrive at SUFC. We meet in the car park to the right of the Rail Trail.

Plant Lane canal car park

From Sandbach follow Middlewich Road to Elworth, straight at traffic lights, then immediately after the iron railway bridge, go left just before the Fox Inn onto Moss Lane. Follow Moss Lane as it twists left then right, over the canal bridge and Plant Lane car park is immediately on the left. Take care parking the ground is very uneven. There is also parking on Plant Lane just after the car park.

Salt Line & Borrowpit car park

(You are recommended to follow the driving instructions below, rather than Google Maps which might lead you down narrow country lanes, possibly flooded, very muddy and hazardous, especially if large farm vehicles come the other way.)

From Sandbach traffic lights follow the road called The Hill over M6 then in about a mile turn right into New Inn Lane. At a little green triangle with a tree, ignore the road forking to the right, then keep on ignoring minor roads right and left, go over the canal, under the M6 and very soon the Salt Line car park will be on the right.

BOOTS

As with all country walks, please wear **grippy boots** and take care in any mud.