



From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, the Chilterns Walking Festival provides over 50 opportunities to enjoy beech woodlands, nature reserves, family walks and much more, all in the expert care of a knowledgeable guide.

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## KEY













# Covid-19 - Keeping you safe

All Chilterns Walking Festival walks and events will be risk assessed and **Covid-19 safety precautions adhered to**, including maintaining a 2 metre social distance and limiting numbers.

**Booking is essential** for all events and participants will be asked to provide telephone and email details for purposes of contact tracing.

For further information see here. www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest





#### Routes to the Past: Chinnor





Walk (0009)

Join Community Heritage Officer Sam Johansen for a walk taking in some of the Historic Routeways on Chinnor Hill. We will discuss how the routeways of the Chilterns are developed in response to the unique local conditions, and walk down some fantastic examples of sunken lanes (holloways).











## A Turnpike down a Holloway







Walk (1602)

The Lambert Arms, an old coaching inn, is the perfect place from which to explore the highways and byways of the Chilterns escarpment. We set off along the ancient Icknield Way and, after discovering a vanished railway, we climb the hill on the medieval 'London Weye' and the old London to Oxford turnpike. Continuing through Chilterns beechwoods and onto Beacon Hill we can take in the panoramic views before following an old holloway back to the Lambert Arms.

Adult £8 Senior £8 Child £7





Saturday 17

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for a beer or lunch if you fancy.





Walk (1001)

You can choose a morning walk, an afternoon walk, or both. Morning walk is 5 miles (3 hours) heading north of Nettlebed. Picnic on the Green at Nettlebed at 1pm. Afternoon walk starts at 1.30pm from the Kiln as well and is 4 miles.

Walk to the Trenches

Join us for a bacon butty and cuppa (on the house) in the Teepee at

The Royal Oak before venturing out onto the lovely Marlow Common.

Explore the wonderfully preserved WW1 practice trenches and soak up the magic of these beautiful beech woods, then back to the pub

(1) 10am



2 miles







Walk (0005)



# Chilterns landmarks with the Ridgeway Officer

Rusty, Knights, Mosquitos and more ...

A historical walk around High Wycombe, starting from High

Wycombe Museum. Hear about the industry that made Wycombe

famous throughout the world, handle a chair-maker's wage packet

from 1913, learn about Wycombe's serial criminal and also of the

club where practical jokes and amorous pursuits were encouraged.

10.15am + 3 miles



Saturday 17





10.30am - 3.5 miles Walk (0007)

Walk (0001)

Join the Ridgeway Officer and discover the best of the Chilterns. The walk will take in the Prime Minister's country residence, the largest box woodland in the country, historic routeways, Beacon Hill viewpoint, flower-rich chalk grassland, the Boer War monument and traditional mixed farmland.....followed by a tasty lunch produced on the land you walked!

Adult £8











#### The River Meadow at the Pile of Stones



Walk (0701)

Note this walk is repeated on 24 and 31 October. The River Meadow at the Pile of Stones' is a series of photographs created bu photographer and local resident Matt Writtle. They explore the relationship between humanity and the environment in the English hinterland and are exhibited outside and displayed at the location they were taken.

This creates the walk that follows the course of the River Chess and takes the participant on a journey through the town of Chesham, with descriptions of historic and geographic information by Matt himself, to the beginning of the beautiful Chess Valley walk at Chesham Moor. Here, further images will be displayed providing a perfect spot for a picnic and a continuing journey along the Chess Valley.











## Practical Map Reading - the art of not getting lost



We will navigate through tupical Chilterns terrain of fields and woodland paths, using common navigation techniques. We will also familiarise ourselves with the useful bits of information a map can give to help you plan walks. During the walk we will introduce compass techniques, which will be useful for walking in more remote areas.

## Viking silver and Chilterns chalk





Find Kim's camp in Watlington Chalk Pits nature reserve, where you'll be able to warm yourself at the fire, learn more about the chalk pit itself, and the Watlington Viking Hoard. You'll also get a chance to learn some Viking fighting techniques. Take some time to explore the Icknield Way and for Watlington Hill before heading home.











#### Bledlow, and Lodge Hill







10am = 5.5 miles

Walk (0201)

Leisurely walk through open countryside and beech woods. Excellent views from Lodge Hill, a site of special scientific and botanical interest. The route follows a section of the Ridgeway National Trail.







#### Short walk from Peppard







Sunday 18 (7) 10.30am 🐈 4.5 miles

Walk (0501)

An attractive walk through farmland and woodland on the outskirts of Henley. The walk takes in Peppard Church, Crosslanes, Greys Green and Rotherfield Greus.









#### **Midsomer Staucation** (The Disappearance of the Drum and Plough)







The towns, villages and countryside of the Chilterns and surrounding area are at the very heart of Midsomer County so why not treat yourself to a Misomer Staycation at the Lambert Arms! Grab your boots and join us as we step out in the footsteps of DCI Tom Barnaby.

Our route through pretty villages and up the Chilterns escarpment passes several locations featured in this popular long running TV series. We will also get to survey much of Midsomer County from the vantage point of 'Moonstone Ridge'. This is an enjoyable 7 mile walk for everyone, not just Midsomer Murders fans!

Adult £10 Senior £10 Child £8











### Chinnor Hill, Old Kiln Lakes and Steam on the Ridaewau









Discover Chinnor Hill nature reserve with its wide ranging views. Red Kites can often be seen as they hover using the hill's thermal currents. Return via the Ridgeway National Trail and the historic Donkey Lane to explore Old Kiln Lakes.

Here we see former chalk quarries which are now managed as wildlife lakes, and also a rare example of an early 20th century beehive kiln. There will then be a steam train return journey of about an hour's length to Princes Risborough, with glorious views of the Chilterns from the train.



Free event

Family























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Range: 1 - 5



#### Gone Rustic up a Fair Mile









Join us for a 'Literary Hitchhike' from the historic riverside market town of Henley-on-Thames. Our route takes us along the Henley Riverside and up the Fair Mile to Lower Assendon where author Čecil Roberts once lived.

Following in the footsteps of Charles I and Dick Turpin we make the steady climb up into Henley Park, returning through the Park back to Henley and the River Thames. Along the way we will discover delightful, and sometimes humorous, insights and curiosities into the area through the writings and accounts of poets, authors and diarists.

Adult £8 Senior £8

### Kew Little Pig walk







Walk (0011)

This event is repeated on 26 October. Spend some time walking around our Miniature Pig farm in Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Our piggies love a cuddle, and love people! You'll be walked around the farm meeting our pigs and learning all about them.

Adult £5 Senior £4 Child £4







## To pole or not to pole? Introduction to Nordic walking



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Monday 19 7 2pm





Walk (0019)

Why go Nordic walking? Learn for yourself the fantastic benefits of pole walking. A fun and enjoyable way to improve your fitness in the beautiful outdoors. Improve cardiovascular health, strengthen muscles, better posture, help with weight management.

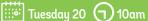








## Walters world - explore Tring Park and its history





Walk (0023)

Discover Tring Park (in Victorian times home to wallabies, giant tortoises and zebras!), its natural beauty and some of its quirky history.

Adult £5 Child £5







#### Hambleden Hilly (Take 2)



Wednesday 21 (7) 10am + 7 miles



Walk (1501)

A hilly walk exploring the Hambleden Valley and surrounding hills is ideal for Nordic walkers though all walkers welcome. This is England at its best - Chilterns countryside, rolling hills, towering beech woods, a sparkling chalk stream and an idullic picturesque village with brick and flint cottages and a thriving pub. Nordic walkers

must be competent in the Nordic walking technique. Adult £8 Senior £8



#### Discover the Power of Poles, Wigginton



Wednesday 21 11am + 3 miles



Walk (0601)

A mixture of country roads, footpaths through fields and woods. We will walk up and down gentle rolling hills with stunning views across the valley. we will teach the best way to get the most out of your walking poles. A sociable and effective way to keep fit and active.

Adult £5 Senior £5 Child £5

### A poor king and rich commoners create a unique townscape in Amersham



Wednesday 21 (7) 11am 🐈 2miles



Walk (0015)

This event is repeated on 31 October. No other medium sized town has a medieval street plan untouched by post 1800 development. A short woodland walk starting at Amersham station through the beech woods down to Amersham Old Town will explain how this came about: including a charter of King John and evidence of domination in the 18th century by the Drake family.

There will be a rare opportunity to see impressive memorials to this family in the Drake Chapel. The walk around the medieval street plan will finish outside Amersham Museum.

£5 adults (senior and children free)

### **Watlington Nature Walk**



Thursday 22 (7) 8am + 4miles



Walk (1804)

Steven Gozdz of GG Wildlife Walks is a lover of wildlife, particular birds, as well as a wildlife photographer. He operates a number of wildlife walking routes in The Chilterns area, and will be leading this walk. This is an earlier start than some walks, but generally earlier is better for seeing an array of birdlife and wildlife. The route takes in some wonderful scenery of chalk downland, beech woodlands and ancient pathways. It follows a stretch of the Oxfordshire Way up towards Christmas Common, returning via the chalk pits and a stretch of the Ridgeway National Trail. **This event is part** of the Watlington Nature Festival. Adult £3

#### Stokenchurch and Chiltern Wau Walk







Thursday 22 (7) 10.30am + 6 miles Walk (0003)

Starting from Stokenchurch, our undulating route takes us through woods and over commons. We will follow the Chiltern Way to Town End in the beautiful Radnage Valley, then to Sprigg's Alley, Lott Wood and Mallard's Court.









# Open workout Walx





Walk (1703)

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Join us for a Walxridgeway workout Mini Group Nordic Walk exploring woodland, hills and meadows. With or without poles.

Adult £5 Senior £5 Child £5

## Ding Dong Bell, there's an Elephant on the Well!







In days gone by the rural communities in the Chilterns often suffered from severe water shortages. The dry valleys of the Chilterns (known as bottoms) did not provide water and piped water did not reach many communities until the mid-1900s. So how did these communities survive? This 12 mile circular walk explores the historical importance of water to the hill communities and villages of the Chilterns.

Our walk takes us on a well safari over the Chilterns plateau through the villages and hamlets of Peppard, Gallowstree Common, Kidmore End and Highmoor Cross, each with their covered wells, and Stoke Row with the magnificent Maharajah's Well, complete with golden elephant!

Adult £10 Senior £10 Child £8







#### Routes to the Past: Coombe Hill



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+ 4.5 miles Walk (0010)

Join Community Heritage Officer Sam Johansen for a walk taking in some of the Historic Routeways around Coombe Hill. We will discuss how the routeways of the Chilterns are developed in response to the unique local conditions, and walk down some fantastic examples of sunken lanes (holloways).







#### A little bit of Mindfulness











Reconnect with your senses on this Mindfulness themed walk. Enjoy the sounds, smells and natural beauty of the outdoors. We will walk past the 'hidden' Amaravati monastery before returning to the garden centre for well earned refreshment.

#### **Butties, Birds and Beautiful Views** A walk from The Alford Arms





Saturday 24 (7) 9.30am + 4 miles

Walk (0008)

Join us for a bacon butty and cuppa (on the house) at The Alford Arms before venturing out into the lovely Gade Valley. The walk starts out along a Roman Road, passes a buddist monastery and through the water meadows beside the River Gade. Along the way there are outstanding views over the valley and the opportunity to spot the local wildlife.

#### Prestwood and John Hampden Country





Saturday 24 (7) 10am + 5.5 miles Walk (0013)

A circular walk through woodland and fields from Prestwood to Great Hampden. The route will include Kiln Common Orchard and Sheepwash Pond, sites maintained by Prestwood Nature, as well as places associated with the Parliamentarian John Hampden.











## Take the Train for a Walk; Reading-Goring-Reading







This is a day-long linear walk of 10 miles. Starting at Reading Station, we catch the Great Western Railway to Goring and Streatley Station. We'll then walk back to Reading, enjoying some classic Chiltern countryside of dry valleys and wooded hilltops. We'll finally drop down (like travellers of old) onto the high, dryer, edge of the Thames floodplain for our return via the ancient settlements of Mapledurham and Caversham.











#### Introducing Midsomer on the Misbourne 1: Great Missenden to Amersham







Walk (0017)

This event is repeated on 28 October. Launching the new Midsomer Murder locations trail, this walk visits the locations for three episodes of Midsomer Murders in Great Missenden and five episodes in Little Missenden. A walk along the river Misbourne and past Shardeloes Lake takes us into Old Amersham used for locations in the very first episode, 'The Killings at Badgers Drift' and the 100th episode, The Killings of Copenhagen'. (A further 20 minute walk or frequent bus will take you to Amersham station for swift return to Great Missenden).

#### The River Meadow at the Pile of Stones





Saturday 24 (7) 11.15am 📫 1 mile



This walk also take place on 17 and 31 October. See 17 October for details.











#### Discover the Power of Poles at Wendover Woods



Saturday 24 (7) 12pm





2miles Walk (0602)

Starting from Wendover Woods we will follow a mixture of paths through woods, fields and country roads. We will teach the best way to get the most out of your walking poles. A sociable and effective way to keep fit and active.

Festival special price £5 for all

#### Last day of British summer vineyard walk



Sunday 25







A beautiful walk in the Chiltern Hills including the village of Bledlow and the Radnage Valley. We will stop at the Daws Valley Winery half way to enjoy a short tour of the local winery and the chance to sample and purchase wine. The walk will include amazing views and the sharing of local knowledge from your guide.









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#### Views of Berkhamsted



Sunday 25





Walk (1301)

This stile-free 5 mile walk takes in some great views of the urban landscape, valleys and woodland to the north and west of the historic town of Berkhamsted.









### A short walk from Henley town centre



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(7) 10.30am 🐈 6 miles Walk (0502)

A scenic walk to Greys Court via Happy Valley, returning through Lambridge Woods. The outward walk is through farmland, the return through a mature woodland.

## Wendover guided trail run (10 miles)







A 10 mile trail run starting from Wendover station, passing through classic Chilterns woodlands to Hastoe and back. Scenic and hilly landscape. This run will be led by Runaway's trail guides at a social pace, with everyone running together in a group.

Adult £8 Senior £8

## **Goring Family Riverside Return**



Sunday 25





2 miles Walk (1805)

Steven Gozdz of GG Wildlife Walks is a lover of wildlife, particular birds, as well as a wildlife photographer. He operates a number of wildlife walking routes in The Chilterns area, and will be conducting this gentle family friendly wildlife walk.

During this walk you will look for birds, animals and insects -Steve will help you and your children spot as many as you can along the way. A bird spotting booklet is included to show what you can hear but don't see. You'll learn where to look for wildlife so you can go exploring with your children on your own wildlife adventures.

Adult £5 Child £3 Festival special price









#### Kew Little Pig walk



Monday 26







This event also takes place on 19 October - see earlier listing for details. Adult £5 Senior £4 Child £4

## Up. down and around Totternhoe



Monday 26







The Totternhoe area is packed with unique features including quarries that supplied stone for important buildings, nature reserves, ancient monuments and large orchards. The leader will tell you more about these and take you to fine viewpoints on this circular walk.









#### Walk and watercolour painting workshop





10.30am + 3 miles Walk (0024)

A leisurely walk from the pretty village of Ivinghoe, passing Pitstone windmill and through chalk meadows before returning to the community hub for refreshments and a guided painting trees masterclass.

Adult £26 Senior £26 Child £20









#### Streatley Woodland Adventurer Wildlife Walk







Wednesday 28 🕤 8am 🐈 3 miles Walk (1806)

A 3 mile circular route starting with a steep climb up to the hills above Streatley- worth if for the unrivalled panoramic view of Goring Gap. We will head through woodland and National Trust land where Raptors appear readily such as Kestrels, Rd Kites and Buzzards, there is even the possibility of a Sparrowhawk or Peregrine Falcon, as well as smaller birds.

Steven Gozdz of GG Wildlife Walks is a lover of wildlife, particular birds, as well as a wildlife photographer. This is an earlier start than some walks, but generally earlier is better for seeing an array of birdlife and wildlife.

£5 per person

## Open Walx 1 Hour Adventure walk



Wednesday 28 (7) 9.30am + 3 miles Walk (1702)



Join us for a Walxridgeway Adventure Mini Group Nordic Walk exploring woodland, hills and meadows. With or without poles.

Adult £5 Senior £5 Child £5





#### The Christmas Common Loop





Starting from the car park at the top of Watlington Hill we will drop down to the charming market town of Watlington where we can purchase some local produce before returning on a different route. The walk takes in some stunning views.

#### **Introducing Midsomer on the Misbourne 1:** Great Missenden to Amersham







This event also takes place on 24 October - see earlier listing for details.







#### The Danesfield House Gardens and Hillfort Tour





Danesfield House Hotel, with its glorious 65 acres of manicured gardens is delighted to open the grounds once more this year with an informative, one-hour tour given by Dan Lawrence, Head Gardener. Discoverthe numerous unique plantings, the Italian garden and rare c1902 Pulham Stone monuments and the remains of an Iron Age hillfort known as Danesfield Camp.













#### LiDAR and the archaeology of Chilterns Woods around Greenfield. Oxon.







:::<sup>6:</sup> Thursday 29 (7) 10am 🐈 7 miles Walk (0901)

In the winter of 2018/19 the Chilterns Conservation Board, with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, flew a high resolution LiDAR survey over the Chilterns in order to detect and map archaeology hidden across the landscape.

On this walk we will use that survey to explore the archaeology along our route around woods and grasslands in the Greenfield, Watlington Hill, and Christmas Common area. Along the way we will see prehistoric field systems, bodgers' saw pits, old enclosures, sunken ways, guarries, and much more.









#### Thames Path Walk



Friday 30





9.45am + 6 miles Walk (0006)

Starting from the centre of Henley we will follow the historic back streets down to the River Thames. We will walk along a beautiful stretch of the Thames Path National Trail towards Hambleden lock. From there we will return through fields and woods. The walk will be led by Richard Mayon-White, author of Exploring the Thames Wilderness'.











#### Capability Brown's Ashridge



Friday 30





Walk (0020)

Explore the natural beauty of the Ashridge Estate and see the impact Capability Brown's extraordinary 17th century landscaping had. Sweeping vistas, 350 year old sweet chestnut trees and an original icehouse. 

Adult £5 Child £5

### Take the Bus for a Walk; High Wycombe-Amersham-High Wycombe







This is a day-long linear walk of 11 miles. Starting at High Wycombe Bus Station, we catch the Arriva 1A bus to Amersham Station. As the bus departs, we'll start back to High Wycombe, heading down initially to the old market town of Amersham before heading north westwards along the Misbourne Valley. At a suitable point we'll leave the calmness of the valley to head south-westwards over the Chalk Hills to High Wycombe.











### A poor king and rich commoners create a unique townscape in Amersham









This event also takes place on 21 October - see earlier listing for details.

## The River Meadow at the Pile of Stones



Saturday 31





11.15am + 1 mile Walk (0703)

This walk also take place on 17 and 24 October. See 17 October for details.





















Our new Pole walking induction POWER of POLES is unique in that it explores the use of both strapless and Nordic walking poles to help you gain the best technique and results! After the first session you can enjoy Nordic WALX with any WALX group across the UK and also with our partners Nordic Walking UK.

£5 for all

## Panoramic views & Prime Ministers' Haunts







Walk (0022)

A steady climb up Coombe Hill to panoramic views over the Aylesbury Vale, drop down to the 12th century church of Ellesborough, through ancient box woodlands and around the edge of Chequers, the 16th centruy manaor, home to prime ministers since 1921.

Adult £5 Child £5

#### Views and woods - Hampden Monument and Grim's Ditich



Sunday 1





10am ÷ 5.3 miles Walk (0301)

This scenic 5 mile walk takes us on an easterly loop through woods and pasture to the John Hampden monument returning via Hampden House and a section of Grim's Ditch.













### **Ghostly Tales from the Riverbank**



10am + 6 miles



Walk (1401)

Do you believe in ghosts? England is a haunted country and along the iconic Henley Reach of the River Thames there are plenty of Ghostly Tales from the Riverbank to be told! So, don't be frightened... on this Halloween weekend join us for a ghost walk and discover Henley's infamous murderous woman, the Phantom of Regatta Island, and more.

Our 6 mile route takes us from Henley along the Thames Path National Trail to Hambleden Mill, returning over the hill via Aston. Donations are welcome for the Bluebells Day Centre; a Henley based charity dedicated to supporting Dementia patients and their families.

Donations on the day welcome.

#### Road, Rail, River and Riots





10.15am 2.5 miles Walk (0002)

Find out who was the first English king to 'tweet', view the best preserved mill wheel on the Wye, walk part of the Brunel engineered railway line to Wycombe, discover the milestone which indicates the halfway point between London and Oxford and hear the story of the 1830 machine breakers' riots.

### A short walk from Henley returning along the Thames







A walk taking in a variety of scenery, with wooded hills and farmland to start, then returning along a stretch of the River Thames.













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The hotel caters perfectly for guests who are looking to enjoy the many routes around the local area.

Guided walks are also available throughout the year.

(Please be sure to ask the hotel in advance for information on any guided tours).

After a long day of walking or cycling and enjoying the hotel surroundings, guests can savour a range of delicious meals inspired by the local area in the Kite Restaurant & Bar, relax in the lounge area or retire to one of the hotel's spacious and comfortable bedrooms.

We also serve a variety of afternoon teas - the perfect option for those on a long walk or cycle ride who are looking to just have a quick bite before heading off on the remainder of their excursion.

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