

SEVERNSIDE WALKING FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING THE WONDERFUL LANDSCAPE OF THE LOWER SEVERN VALE LEVELS

SEVERN BEACH HISTORY WALK 5.5km 12noon-2:30pm Sun 3 June, Severn Beach

Discover some of Severn Beach's hidden history and enjoy being beside the mighty river. We'll see signs of Severn Beach's past as the Blackpool of the West and river crossings old and new.

BIRDS & FLOWERS 3km

4:30-6pm Sat 9 June,
Severn Beach

Come wildlife spotting on this short walk led by broadcaster and naturalist Ed Drewitt! Experience the big skies and fresh breezes as we look out for waders on the estuary and grassland flowers.

TWO BRIDGES 10km 10am-1:30pm

Mon 11 June, Aust
Join the Severnside Ramblers for a walk along a thrilling stretch of the River Severn, walking from the Severn Bridge down towards the Second Severn Crossing before returning through gentle farmland. A great walk for people who love engineering, architecture, and wildlife.

WINDBOUND WANDER 3.5km

6:30-8:30pm
Tue 12 June, near
Shepperdine

Wander along the River Severn with its scenic views and amble along quiet country lanes and public footpaths that lead you through this beautiful countryside of ancient fields, verdant hedgerows, old orchards – and a tin church!

SPANORIUM SKYWAY 8.5km

1-4pm Wed 13 June,
Easter Compton

This route includes far-reaching views from the top of Spanorium Hill west towards the River Severn and east over Bristol. Along the route there is an ancient church, old houses and quiet woods!

ARCHAEOLOGY HIKE 5.5km

9:30am-12:30pm Sat
16 June, Hill

Join archaeologist Paul Driscoll to discover how the Lower Severn Vale Levels have been shaped by man over thousands of years. This journey through the past will be illustrated by some wonderful views of the Lower Severn Vale Levels.

WILDLIFE WALKS



COUNTRYSIDE HIKES

FAMILY STORYWALKS



HISTORY WALKS



The festival is organised by A Forgotten Landscape, a heritage lottery funded project working to restore, conserve and explore the Lower Severn Vale Levels:
www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk



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The Severnside Walking Festival celebrates the wonderful landscape of the Lower Severn Vale Levels. A Forgotten Landscape has created 15 new walking routes in the area. From June all the routes will be signposted and leaflets available with maps and route descriptions. To celebrate the new routes we are walking them 13 May-17 June. Come join us and explore the area's special wildlife habitats, discover hidden histories, hear a story or just enjoy the view!

All ages from young to old and all levels of fitness are welcome. Walks range from 2-10km.

All events are free but booking is essential. For more information and booking visit: <http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/walkingfestival> or call 01454 864265

WALKS ARE MARKED AS



Easy – mainly flat without steep gradients, gentle pace



Moderate - ground may be varied with steeper gradients, may include steps and stiles, moderate pace.



Family friendly – These walks are particularly child friendly. Children are also welcome on all other walks as long as they are happy to complete the distance at a reasonable pace.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE 5km



2-5pm Sat 13 May, Oldbury

A wild walk around Oldbury and along the River Severn with naturalist Steve England. Discover what might be lurking in the hedgerows, who's roosting overhead, and how to forage for your own food!

EXPLORE LAMPLIGHTER'S MARSH 2km



6:30-7:30pm Mon 14 May, Shirehampton

Explore this haven alongside the River Avon with The Friends of Lamplighter's Marsh. We'll follow the 'yellow brick road' winding through this local Nature Reserve, looking out for wildlife along the way.

LITTLETON LONG LOOP 7km



10am-1pm Sat 19 May, Littleton

The Severnside Ramblers will be leading this walk through lovely countryside, past ancient churches and traditional farmhouses, through small hedgerow-bound fields and out under the wide open skies along the vast Severn Estuary.

SHIREHAMPTON STORY WALK 2.5km



1-3pm Sun 20 May, Shirehampton

Join storyteller Fiona Eadie for an amble along the Avon followed by a walk back through Shirehampton with story stops along the way. This walk is for children and adults alike.

A STROLL ALONG THE SEVERN 2.5km



2-4pm Wed 23 May, Severn Beach

Wonderful views greet you along the River Severn on this walk. Experience the big skies and fresh breezes and views of the Second Severn Crossing. You can easily catch the train from local Bristol stations.

EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF A VILLAGE 2km



10am-1pm Sat 26 May, Littleton

Join local historians Lyn Carnaby and Carole Watkins for a guided walk around the village of Littleton on Severn. Discover some of

Littleton's past and how landscape features can be used to help uncover social history. We will also visit Littleton's St Mary de Malmesbury church.

AVONMOUTH STORYWALK 2km



2-3:30pm Mon 28 May, Avonmouth

A fun-filled family storywalk around Avonmouth. As you walk Fiona will tell the story of Jack and his adventures trading on the high seas!

OLDBURY-KINGTON LOOP 6km



10am-12noon Thur 31 May, Oldbury

A leisurely on-road walk between the ancient villages of Oldbury and Kington. We'll pass farm houses that are hundreds of years old and the stunningly sited St Arilda's church, from which there are beautiful views across the estuary.

OLVESTON WALKS 2-3:30pm Sat 2 June, Olveston

A choice of 3 walks around Olveston! There is no need to book for

these 3 walks. Each route will start at the White Hart and finish at the Parish Church for tea and biscuits! Please park on the roadside or follow temporary sign at the White Hart pub.



Round Olveston – 4km A great walk for families with children. It's easy, goes through two play areas and passes the well populated duckpond!



Olveston and Old Down – 4km

Two wonderful views, one on the way out and one on the way back are contrasted with a more intimate stretch along the lanes of Old Down hamlet and through to The Inner Down.



Down to the Motorway – 3km

A walk through parkland, fields and woodland providing extensive views across the Severn Vale to South Wales on the far horizon.



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