



Led Walks Programme September 7th - 15th 2024

Maps of meeting points, together with helpful hyperlinks will be found as integral parts of the on-line Festival programme

Date and time	Leader and organisation	Walk name	Walk description	Meeting point	Booking required	Distance, duration, difficulty
Saturday 7 Sept 9:30am	Pauline Bastick High Weald Walkers	The Vachery and the Old Airstrip	Ashdown Forest walk which includes the Old Airstrip, built as an emergency landing site in WWII and a visit to the old Vachery Garden recovered by the Friends of Ashdown Forest. A circular walk across open ground.	Meet at Long car park, Ashdown Forest. Map ref TQ426311. RH18 5JN (nearest). what3words.com/jaws.mouse.outnumber Parking charges apply	No	5 miles 3 hours leisurely
Saturday 7 Sept 10:00am	Andy Daw & Ian Bevis RSPB	Broadwater Warren and Eridge Rocks	A guided walk with the Tunbridge Wells Museum curator, Ian Bevis and the RSPB's site manager for Broadwater Warren, Andy Daw. Looking at the wildlife and history of Broadwater Warren and Eridge Rocks. The path is uneven in places and not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. Some moderate slopes.	Broadwater Warren car park. Map ref TQ554372. TN3 9JP (nearest). what3words.com/elbowing.overlaid.overheard	No	3 miles 2.5 hours moderate
Saturday 7 Sept 11:00am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	The appeal of Ashdown Forest. Views, wooded valleys and clumps.	A ridge walk with fine views to the north and the latest forest clump, before descending to visit an ancient wooded stream lined valley. Please bring a drink and a snack.	Broadstone car park, Ashdown Forest. Map ref TQ435323. RH18 5JP (nearest). what3words.com/famines.commended.wishes Parking charges apply	No	4 miles 2 hours moderate
Sunday 8 Sept 10:00am	Andrew Hider Maidstone Ramblers	Summer Seeds	Guided walk exploring the natures of seeds and fruits. Optional pub stop at The Star at the end of the walk.	Free car park at rear of Matfield village green. Map ref TQ657418. TN12 7JU. what3words.com/biked.nest.flippers	No	5 miles 3 hours leisurely

Sunday 8 Sept 10:00am	Jill Brown Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Forest Row and The High Weald Landscape Trail	There is an easy rise of 220ft over the first mile, after which it is either downhill or level. Two stiles. Bring a drink and take a bite to eat. Accompanied children and dogs on leads welcome Text leader Jill to join this walk. Mobile No: 079388 33868	Meet at the car park beside the Community Centre in Hartfield Road (B2110), Forest Row. Map ref TQ428348. RH18 5DZ. what3words.com/look.bench.tilts	Yes	5.5 miles 3 hours moderate
Sunday 8 Sept 10:00am	Simon Stonard Battle Ramblers	Bodiam Salehurst Circular via the Rother Valley	A delightful walk from Bodiam Castle car park across the north side of the Rother Valley and back along the banks of the Rother. Only moderate inclines, stiles and bridges. NT café or pub across the road from the car park for after the walk refreshments. A visit to the castle is also available.	Meet at Bodiam Castle NT car park. Fee £4 per per day for non-members. Map ref TQ784254. TN32 5UA. what3words.com/pronouns.guidebook.tolls	No	6 miles 3.25 hours leisurely
Sunday 8 Sept 2:00pm	Guides from Tenterden & District Local History Society	Tenterden Town Guided Tour	These lively tours are conducted by experienced guides with fascinating local knowledge. This walk is on offer twice, Sun 8 th Sept & Sun 15 th Sept and requires booking a week in advance so guides can be arranged. Please book by Sat 31st August or Sat 7th Sept, using the HWWF booking system.	Town Hall, 24 High Street Tenterden. Map ref TQ884333. TN30 6AN. what3words.com/pave.shame.overused Free parking in the Bridewell Lane car park on Sundays	Yes 40. 8 per guide. 5 guides	1 mile 1.5 hours easy
Monday 9 Sept 10:00am	John Harmer Battle Ramblers	Kipling Country	A countryside walk, much of which is in the Bateman's Estate where famous author, Rudyard Kipling, lived for the final 34 years of his life. 5 stiles; moderately steep down to and up from the valley. Please bring a drink and a snack for a refreshment stop. WC adjacent to the car park. Pubs and cafe in the village.	Meet in the large public car park next to the Bear public house. Park at the far end. Map ref TQ673246. TN19 7EU. what3words.com/observer.jolt.singer Assemble on the green near the entrance.	No	5 miles 2.5 hours leisurely
Monday 9 Sept 10:00am	Anne Woodruffe Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Chuck Hatch, Hartfield & Withyham, via Pooh Bridge	Well known walk on the edge of Ashdown Forest. Park at Chuck Hatch the parking for Pooh Bridge. We cross the bridge and walk on down towards Hartfield to join the Forest Way. From the disused railway line we cross the fields towards Withyham, here we join the Weald Way. We walk through the edge of Five Hundred Acre Wood, returning through Posingford. Dogs welcome.	Meeting Point. Chuck Hatch car park, Chuck Hatch Lane, also called Pooh Bridge Car Park. Map ref TQ472331. TN7 4EX (nearest). what3words.com/charities.villa.prefect	No	7 miles 4 hours moderate
Monday 9 Sept 10:30am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	The High Weald Landscape	The walk shows off the High Weald landscape which developed as a medieval landscape of wooded, rolling hills studded with sandstone outcrops; small, irregular-shaped fields; scattered farmsteads; and ancient routeways. A few stiles and 650 ft of ascent	Groombridge village car park. Map ref TQ531372. TN3 9QX. Street parking also available. what3words.com/ retrieves.handyman.shutting	No	6 miles 3 hours moderate
Monday 9 Sept 2:00pm	Lionel Pringle Battle Ramblers	Views of the High Weald around Goudhurst	If we are blessed with a good sunny day you will be treated to some spectacular views across the High Weald.	Meet at Goudhurst Village Pond. There is a car park to the south of the pond on Balcombe Hill. Alternative roadside parking on North Road on the opposite side of the crossroads. Map ref TQ722376. TN17 1AT. what3words.com/nags.fury.reject	No	5.5 miles 3 hours moderate

Tuesday 10 Sept 10:00am	Hilary Wingfield High Weald Walkers	Swimming in wine or gin?	We discover a hidden relic of the forerunner of 'wild swimming', from a bygone era. This lovely walk with many ups and downs, gives glorious views across the High Weald. Through various woodlands, down some ancient sunken tracks, open parkland, orchards and fields, and some walking on quiet country lanes. Passing a variety of beautiful country houses, hidden away small local industry, and community collaboration. Six stiles, steep and narrow woodland paths, maybe wet & slippery - poles and sturdy boots advisable.	Meet in the rear overflow car park of Mayfield Memorial Hall. Map ref TQ588271. TN20 6PA what3words.com/snows.however.zinc	No	9 miles 5 hours moderate
Tuesday 10 Sept 10:00am	Anne Woodruffe Mid-Sussex Ramblers	A Reservoir, a Lake and a Garden	Across Ardingly Show Ground and down into the valley to cross one of the limbs of the reservoir. We will walk along the shoreline of the reservoir before heading towards Balcombe Lake and then taking the footpath through the grounds of Wakehurst Place. Crossing a road we follow a track through the woods on the High Weald Landscape trail to return to the start. This walk includes on of my favourite views	Meeting point at the South Entrance to South of England Show Ground, (Ardingly). Parking in the Little London layby or laybys alongside either of the entrances to the show ground. Map ref TQ345299. RH17 6TH what3words.com/magazines.replying.slippers	No	7.2 miles 4 hrs moderate
Tuesday 10 Sept 10:00am	Wil Morris Rother Ramblers	Cadborough Cliff and the Tillingham Valley	The walk starts with a section of the popular 1066 Country Walk, then heads North across the scenic Tillingham Valley to Peasmarsch Church which dates from 1070. Our return route follows the High Weald Landscape Trail back to the ancient town of Rye. Expect open spaces, wildlife and fine views. Accompanied children welcome, well-behaved dogs allowed but will need to be on a lead near farm animals. Bring a packed lunch.	Meet near the public toilets opposite Rye Train Station. All day car parking £2.50 at Rope Street Car Park, other car parks and roadside parking available. Map ref TQ919205. TN31 7NA what3words.com/quest.campsites.fruity	No	7.5 miles 4.5 hours moderate
Tuesday 10 Sept 10:30am	Fiona Humphreys & Kari Thomas Gravetye Estate	William Robinson Gravetye Charity walk	The theme is to spread knowledge of the pioneering gardener William Robinson and the Gravetye Estate he gifted to the nation. Below are two links to the charity's website on this theme. The guided walk is the short lake walk shown on the estate map (a circular route starting and finishing at car park C point 2) but altered to start and finish at House Martins (our volunteer hub) at Home Farm. Home Farm is seen on the map located between Bushy Wood and Warren's Wood. There is plenty of parking in the farmyard at Home Farm. Information about William Robinson Gravetye Estate Map Book using the HWWF booking system.	Start and finish at House Martins our volunteer hub. Some moderate slopes. House Martins, Home Farm, Gravetye Estate Vowels Lane. Map ref TQ361340. RH19 4LJ what3words.com/frail.helpless.kilts	Yes 25	1.7 miles 1.5 hours easy

Wednesday 11 Sept 10:00am	Susan Best High Weald Walkers	Roman and iron workings	A walk through ancient countryside.	Granary' lay-by on the A264 at Holtye near the golf course. A Yellow Car will be parked there. Map ref TQ457392. TN8 7EL (nearest). what3words.com/piper.cried.pulled No facilities on this walk, wild comfort breaks if needed! There will be breaks for water and one for food/drink so please bring your own supply	No	6.5 miles 3 hours moderate
Wednesday 11 Sept 10:00am	Peter Hogan WSCC	Buchan Country Park – A High Weald treasure	This will be a leisurely walk around Buchan Country Park exploring the history and habitats which can be found in the Park. Barista serving coffee and snacks. Weather dependant. Please book using the HWWF booking system.	Buchan Country Park visitor centre. Map ref TQ245345. RH11 9HQ. what3words.com/deals.ranged.then	Yes 12	3 miles 3 hours leisurely
Wednesday 11 Sept 10:00am	Bedgebury Forest	Ramblers Wellbeing Walk	To celebrate High Weald Walking Festival, we are offering visitors a chance to join a special Ramblers Wellbeing Walk. Delivered in partnership with Forestry England, Ramblers Wellbeing Walks are the perfect way to get out into the forest, stretch your legs, and meet some new people. Why not stay for a cuppa and cake afterwards. Phone 01580 879820 to book. Reduced vehicle admission for attendees available	Visitor Centre, Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, Lady Oak Lane, Goudhurst. Map ref TQ715332. TN17 2SL (nearest). what3words.com/mills.village.daffodils	Yes 15	2.5 miles 1 hour easy
Wednesday 11 Sept 2:00pm	Tim Cornish Wealden D C	Mayfield Medieval Deer Park	Local historian Tim Cornish describes how the Archbishops' deer park operated: lodge and farm, fishponds, agistment, tile production, quarry, deer management (hunting, breeding, ritual and conventions) and visit one of the best-preserved ironworks sites in Sussex. Four stiles and one steep hill. Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.	Meet in the rear overflow car park of Mayfield Memorial Hall. Map ref TQ588271. TN20 6PA what3words.com/snows.however.zinc	Yes 40	3.5 miles 2 hours leisurely
Wednesday 11 Sept	William Coleman Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Danehill Dips	A short circular walk exploring local paths at Danehill. A leisurely walk for those who appreciate a slower pace using undulating paths. Three stiles, one short hill and crossing an A road. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended. Accompanied children and dogs on leads welcome	Meet at Danehill Church. Street parking. Map ref TQ402275. RH17 7ET what3words.com/demoted.minimums.sharper	No	2.6 miles 2 hours leisurely
Thursday 12 Sept 10:00am	Lucy Bowyer High Weald National Landscape	Discover Rye Harbour	Rye Harbour Nature Reserve is one of the largest and most important wildlife sites in England, set in an exceptional coastal and wetland landscape and home to more than 4,000 species. This 2 mile walk will give you an introduction to the nature reserve and its wildlife, and is suitable for buggies, mobility scooters and some wheelchairs. We will end at the Discovery Centre where you can find out even more about this special place, or stop off for coffee and cake or a light lunch. Flat, mostly tarmac, some stony paths, no stiles.	Meet at the Rye Harbour car park, Map ref TQ94118. TN31 7TY what3words.com/shifts.safari.downturn	No	2 miles 2 hours easy

Thursday 12 Sept 10:00am	Pete Manson High Weald Walkers	Underneath the Arches	Ouse Valley Viaduct - Circular walk including a stop for photographs and a brief history of the structure. Four stiles and some gradual inclines. Some cattle experienced on pre-walk	Car park in the SE corner of Ardingly Reservoir. Meet where paths intersect close to Café/Activity Centre. Map ref TQ335286. RH17 6SQ (nearest but will not take you to the car park). what3words.com/important.property.archives	No	4.75 miles 3 hours moderate
Thursday 12 Sept 10:30am	Worth Abbey Estate	Guided walk through Worth Estate	This walk will be through the estate, including the gardens and forests. The guides are experts on the farm, trees, woodland, wildlife and birds will be on hand to answer any questions and point out areas of interest. There will be an opportunity to see inside the Abbey Church. Walkers can Join the Monastic Community for midday prayers at 1pm, which lasts 15 minutes. There will be refreshments available to buy at Worth Abbey or people are welcome to bring your own picnic.	Meeting at Worth Abbey Church Piazza. Map ref TQ318342. RH10 4SB. what3words.com/passport.enjoyable.condense Parking available in Worth Abbey Church car park.	No	2.9 miles
Thursday 12 Sept 10:00am	Paul Saunders High Weald Walkers	The Airman's Grave	A walk from the Crow and Gate public house onto the Ashdown Forest and toward Fairwarp. We visit the memorial and then onto Friends Clump and Old Lodge nature reserve before we return via Kings Standing. 2 stiles and various hills. Please take a packed lunch.	Crow and Gate public house, Uckfield Rd, Crowborough, Please park in the bottom of the car park. Map ref TQ491288. TN6 3TA. what3words.com/untruth.complain.gums	No	
Thursday 12 Sept 2:00pm	TBA Worth Abbey Estate	Guided walk through Worth Estate	Details as per the 10:30 entry above	Details as per the 10:30 entry above	No	2.9 miles
Friday 13 Sept 10:00am	Audrey Koop Battle Health Walks	Battle Heritage Walk	A leisurely stroll taking in Battle's historic landscape, with views of the Abbey, St Mary's Church and other heritage buildings. Bring your own refreshments. Accompanied children welcome. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on short leads and under close control at all times. Not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. Book using the HWWF booking system.	Abbey Green, Battle, (opposite the entrance to Battle Abbey). TQ748157. TN33 0AE what3words.com/covertly.lighter.mainland	Yes 10	2 miles
Friday 13 Sept 10:00am	Rebecca Kent High Weald Partnership	Archaeological Walk around Barnett's Wood	It's time to investigate Barnett's Wood Local Nature Reserve! Learn all about it's amazing history stretching back thousands of years. No Toilets. Well behaved dogs welcome. Not fully wheelchair or pushchair accessible.	The Entrance to Wheelers Field, Powdermill Lane Roundabout Map ref TQ591420. TN4 9DR. what3words.com/half.clean.jumpy	Yes	1 mile 1.5 hours Leisurely
Friday 13 Sept 10:00am	Wil Morris Rother Ramblers	Sandhurst & Bodiam circular	An interesting, easy walk through open farmland, visiting the picturesque castle at Bodiam. A walk with few stiles. Well behaved dogs allowed, will need to be on a lead near farm animals. Bring a packed lunch or eat at pub or café at Bodiam.	Roadside parking on the approach road to Sandhurst Church. Please park considerably near junction with surfaced track to Old Place Farm. Map ref TQ790274. TN18 4NS. what3words.com/another.irritate.collapsed	No	6 miles 3 hours leisurely

Friday 13 Sept 2:00pm	Lionel Pringle Battle Ramblers	Goddard's Green circular	An interesting walk through Hemsted Forest and some typical High Weald landscapes. You may well see industrious wood ants hard at work in the forest.	Meet in Hemsted Forest car park, off Goddard's Green Road, Benenden Map ref TQ812344. TN17 4AN what3words.com/trackers.repair.overused	No	5.5 miles 3 hours moderate
Friday 13 Sept 5:00pm	John Daniels Battle Ramblers	Brightling Circular	A lovely walk around some of John 'Mad Jack' Fuller's follies. One awkward stile or gate to climb plus other stiles. There will be a short break for refreshments, bring own drinks and snacks. Book using the HWWF booking system.	St Thomas a Beckett Church, Brightling. Map ref TQ683209. TN32 5HH. what3words.com/invisible.topped.cultivation	Yes	4.5 miles 2.5 hours moderate
Saturday 14 Sept 9:00am	Duncan Thatcher Ashdown Forest Warden	Walk with the Wardens on Ashdown Forest	Join the Ashdown Forest Warden and Ranger for a social stroll from The Ashdown Forest Centre. If you'd like to learn a bit more about the Forest, discover a new walk or just chat about wildlife this is the walk for you. As with any walk on Ashdown Forest there will be hills and uneven ground so sturdy footwear is a must. There are toilets, and limited refreshments (teas, coffees and cakes) at the Ashdown Forest Centre. Dogs are more than welcome to accompany their well-behaved owners – please remember to bring poo bags and a lead. Unfortunately, this walk will not be suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs.	Ashdown Forest Centre Car Park, Wych Cross, Map ref TQ432323. RH18 5JP what3words.com/powering.ecologist.appointed	Yes 20	3.3 miles 2 hours leisurely
Saturday 14 Sept 10:30am	TBA Worth Abbey Estate	Balcombe to Worth Abbey and return	This walk in the High Weald with great views is from Three Bridges Railway Station to the Estate of Worth and return. Undulating landscape and stiles. Advise wear walking boots or shoes and bring a drink. Join the Monastic Community for midday prayers at 1pm. There will be refreshments available to buy at Worth Abbey or people are welcome to bring your own picnic. Book using the HWWF booking system.	Meet outside Three Bridges train Station to depart promptly at 10:30am. Arrive by either by public transport or parking at the train station. Map ref TQ288369. RH10 7AA. what3words.com/junior.whites.split	Yes 15	4.3 miles 2 hours each way leisurely
Saturday 14 Sept 11:00am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	A Forest Ridge walk with stunning views to the north.	An amble along the northern ridge of the forest taking in the Millennium Clump, some stepping stones, a wooded stream lined valley, and a disused quarry. Returning via the Visitors Centre where there will be a chance to visit the museum and take refreshment at the new cafe.	Broadstone car park, Ashdown Forest. Map ref TQ435323. RH18 5JP (nearest). what3words.com/famines.commended.wishes Parking charges apply.	No	4 miles 2.5 hours moderate
Saturday 14 Sept 2:00pm	William Coleman Mid-Sussex Ramblers	World of Woodlands	A short circular walk on footpaths & bridleways, amidst meadows and woodlands with flowers and ferns. A leisurely walk on gently sloping ground for those who appreciate a slower pace. One stile and one short incline. Beware tree roots and uneven ground. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended. Accompanied children and dogs on leads welcome	School Lane, Hadlow Down below St Marks School, look for sign to 'Burial Ground' Map ref TQ531241. TN22 4HY what3words.com/missions.shrimps.plausible Street parking	No	3 miles 2 hours moderate

Sunday 15 Sept 10:00am	Mark Lavenstein West Kent Walking Group	Castles & Rivers. Penshurst, Chiddingstone and the Medway	We start at the stately Penshurst Place before heading out west towards the National Trust village of Chiddingstone. We later meet the Medway at Chafford Bridge having gone through the delightful hamlet of Bassetts Mill. We then follow the Medway home. A number of stiles.	Penshurst Place Car Park, Penshurst Map ref TQ529440, TN11 8BH what3words.com/suffer.random.smoke	No	12.5 miles 6 hours moderate
Sunday 15 Sept 10:00am	Mike Hoare Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Balcombe High Weald Circular	Wooded Valleys of the High Weald with views over the Ouse Valley and towards the South Downs. Café and Pub in Balcombe. Nine stiles, four climbs, one steep. Suitable for older teenagers. No dogs. Book using the HWWF booking system.	Balcombe Station Car Park. Map ref TQ306301. RH17 6JQ what3words.com/fishnet.spaceship.tops	Yes 20	8-10 miles
Sunday 15 Sept 10:00am	David Boniface Kent Hop Pickers	Goudhurst Village and the route of the former Hop Pickers' Railway	Footpaths alongside the route of the former railway line; climb to viewpoint at 50m; descend past 15thC/16thC Manor houses; climb to Church and medieval centre of Goudhurst Village at 115m. Light lunch available in the Grade II listed Village Hall. Busy road crossing on walk. Book using the HWWF booking system.	Balcombes Hill car park, Goudhurst. Map ref TQ722376. TN17 1AT what3words.com/presuming.global.ticket Limit 15 cars on car park	Yes 22	4 miles 2.5 hours moderate
Sunday 15 Sept 10:00am	June Simpson Battle Ramblers	The Battle Gun Powder Works and Local Mills	Delightful Historical walk, through local fields and woods taking in the Hotels Estate lakes. Moderate difficulty with some inclines and a couple of stiles.	Top car park, Powder Mills Hotel, Powder mill Lane, Battle. Map ref TQ742145. TN33 0SP. what3words.com/opposite.factoring.summit This meeting point is by arrangement and is not a public car park. Book using the HWWF booking system.	Yes 10	6 miles 3 hours moderate
Sunday 15 Sept 2:00pm	Alan Brand Tenterden Footpaths Group & K&ESR	Millponds and Roman Roads	Walk on park land, grassy fields and Roman Roads to old millpond features and sites. Does include some road walking. Two stiles, three fairly stiff climbs, some steps, possible muddy patches. Dogs on short leads. Not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs	Tenterden K&ESR Station Car Park. Map ref TQ882335. TN30 6HE what3words.com/gossiped.flushed.racing	No	3.6 miles 3 hours leisurely
Sunday 15 Sept 2:00pm	Guides from Tenterden & District Local History Society	Tenterden Town Guided Tour	These lively tours are conducted by experienced guides with fascinating local knowledge. This walk is on offer twice, Sun 8 th Sept & Sun 15 th Sept and requires booking a week in advance so guides can be arranged. Please book by Sat 31 st August or Sat 7 th Sept, using the HWWF booking system.	Town Hall, 24 High Street Tenterden. Map ref TQ884333. TN30 6AN. what3words.com/pave.shame.overused Free parking in the Bridewell Lane car park on Sundays	Yes 40. 8 per guide. 5 guides	1 mile 1.5 hours easy

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