



High Weald
Walking
Festival

Guided Walks Programme 12th - 20th September

Maps of meeting points, together with helpful hyperlinks, and contact details for leaders will be found as integral parts of the on-line Festival programme. Before committing to a walk please check the details on our website as space constraints in this publication mean that some information has been left out

Date and time	Leader and organisation	Walk name	Walk description	Meeting point	Booking required	Distance, duration, difficulty
Saturday 12 10:00am	Anne Woodroffe Mid-Sussex Ramblers	East Grinstead Morning Walk	This walk takes us through the High Street from the station to join the countryside via the Forest Way, High Weald Landscape Trail and the Sussex Border Path. We walk towards the Weir Wood Reservoir and Standen.	Outside East Grinstead station, by the East Grinstead Information Board. Next to the car park. What3Words - memory.dent.scarcelly	No	7 miles 4 hours Moderate
Saturday 12 10:00am	Wil Morris Rother Ramblers	Ancient Routeways - Benenden and Rolvenden	A lovely walk along routes that have been trodden for centuries. We will pass through ancient woodland, agricultural pastures and orchards. Part of the route will be along the High Weald Landscape Trail. Historical points of interest along the route.	St George's Church, Benenden, TN17 4DL, TQ809327. Roadside parking by the village green. What3Words - dazzling.ownership.tone	No	8½ miles 4 hours Moderate
Saturday 12 10:00am	Robertsbridge Footpath Group, Rother Ramblers & Southeast Communities Rail Partnership	Introduction to walking in the countryside	A short walk organised to introduce all to enjoyable and safe walking in the countryside.	Meet at the entrance to Robertsbridge railway station. Parking in the station is £4 or it is free along Station Road, TN32 5DD, TQ734234. What3Words - crawled.mice.initiates	Yes via website	1½ miles 1 hour Easy
Saturday 12 2:00pm	Robertsbridge Footpath Group, Rother Ramblers & Southeast Communities Rail Partnership	The furnace walk	A circular walk taking in local history and the Wealden natural beauty.	Meet at the entrance to Robertsbridge railway station. Parking in the station is £4 or it is free along Station Road, TN32 5DD, TQ734234. What3Words - crawled.mice.initiates	Yes via website	5½ miles 3 hours Moderate

Sunday 13 10:00am	Barbara Gosden High Weald Walkers	Immerse yourself in the delights of Chiddingly	A delightful walk through green meadows and woodland, with charming farmhouses, cottages and beautiful views. Revealing local history. The Six Bells pub will be open for refreshments and food after the walk.	Chiddingly village car park, BN8 6HT, TQ544142. What3Words - airbrush.branched.laugh	No	5½ miles 3 hours Moderate
Sunday 13 10:00am	Mike Hoare Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Circular walk from Balcombe Train Station	Undulating walk in the wooded valleys of the High Weald with views over the Ouse valley and viaduct and towards the South Downs, passing some historic houses.	Balcombe station, RH17 6JQ, TQ307300. What3Words - export.continues.tapers	Yes - via website	10 miles 5 hours, Moderate
Sunday 13 10:00am	June Simpson Battle Ramblers	Beckley Circular	This walk takes in both the Sussex Border Path and the High Weald Landscape Trail and passes through the famous Flatroper's Wood and Nature Reserve.	Beckley Village Hall, TN31 6RL, TQ853241. What3Words - unto.winded.directors	Yes - via website	6½ miles 3½ hours Moderate
Sunday 13 10:00am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	A Weald Village – Forest Row	A circular walk around the environs of Forest Row with a history dating back to the 14th Century. Views across Wier Wood Reservoir, Ashdown Forest and towards East Grinstead. Passing by the Brambletye House ruins and walking on the old rail-track from Tunbridge Wells to Three Bridges.	Forest Row Community Centre, RH18 5FY, TQ426350. Free parking. Additional road parking available. What3Words - dimes.anyway.tint	No	5 miles 2½ hours Moderate
Monday 14 9:45am	Hilary Wingfield High Weald Walkers	A walk in the High Weald of Sussex	Discover the rolling landscapes of the High Weald on this scenic eight mile countryside walk through East Sussex.	High Hurstwood Village Hall car park, Chillies Lane, High Hurstwood, TN22 4AD, TQ494261. Free parking. What3Words - pythons.memory.furnish	No	8 miles 4½-5 hours Moderate
Monday 14 10:00am	John Harmer Battle Ramblers	Burwash - across the River Dudwell	The walk follows quiet footpaths and ancient tracks, passing through wooded ghylls, open farmland and picturesque hamlets. There are sweeping views across this nationally protected landscape.	Burwash Village car park, TN19 7ET, TQ673246. What3Words - afflicted.polar.courts	No	4 miles 2½ hours Leisurely
Monday 14 10:00am	Rye Harbour Wellbeing Walkers	A short Rye Harbour stroll	Join our walks volunteer team at Rye Harbour Reserve for a friendly, gentle walk taking in several wildlife habitats and water bodies, starting from the village of Rye Harbour and ending at Rye Harbour Discovery Centre.	The shelter adjacent to the public toilets on the corner of Harbour Road, TN31 7TU, TQ942190. What3Words - station.kindest.basics	Yes - via website	3¼ miles 2½ hours Leisurely

Monday 14 10:00am	Judith Bowron Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Varied landscapes to the east of Horsted Keynes	A circular walk taking in the Birch Grove Estate, (one time home of Harold MacMillan PM), Chelwood Common and Shefford Forest.	Horsted Keynes car park, Chapel Lane, RH17 7AE, TQ384281, Adjacent to the playing field. What3Words - outlawing.parsnip.exonerate	No	8½ miles 5 hours Moderate
Monday 14 8:00pm	Samantha Nicholas High Weald National Landscape team	Walk amongst the stars	Your chance to see the High Weald at night from Bewl Water, to discover the constellations above our heads and discover what might be stopping us seeing them in the future.	The meeting point will be identified, in due course, to those that book a place.	Yes - via website	Minimal distance 1 hour Easy
Tuesday 15 9:30am	Val Harris High Weald Walkers	Cansiron Lane - An Ancient Ridgeway	The clue is in the name. This is a historical walk along an ancient ridgeway that connected communities when the south east was covered in a large forest. There are also amazing views across the High Weald.	Lay-by on the south side of the A264 at Holtye, east of the Holtye Golf Club. TN8 7ED, TQ460392. What3Words - elaborate.punt.sting	No	5½ miles 3 hours Moderate
Tuesday 15 10:00am	Wil Morris Rother Ramblers	Explore the southern edge of the High Weald	The walk starts and finishes in the small village of Pett, on the south eastern edge of the High Weald.	Pett Village Hall, TN35 4HB, TQ867139. Please keep off the grass when parking at the hall car park. Additional parking available at the roadside. What3Words - outlawing.crowns.expert	No	8½ miles 4 hours Moderate
Tuesday 15 10:00am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	Groombridge circular & the High Weald landscape	A circular walk through part of the best surviving medieval landscapes in Northern Europe - a landscape of wooded, rolling hills studded with sandstone outcrops; small, irregular-shaped fields; scattered farmsteads; and ancient routeways.	Groombridge Village hall car park (free), TN3 9QY, TQ531373. Plenty of street parking if car-park is full. What3Words - sharpens.scraper.shadowing	No	10¼ miles 6 hours Moderate
Tuesday 15 10:00am	Harry Reece Kent High Weald Partnership	High Weald Landscape Walk	Join this walk through ancient woodland in the High Weald, exploring sites that reveal a rich history of land use. Discover evidence of traditional woodland management and learn how these practices have shaped today's habitats. The walk will also highlight current conservation efforts and the importance of these woodlands for biodiversity, offering insight into how past and present management supports the unique character of this nationally important landscape.	Cinderhill Wood car park, Matfield, TN12 7EF, TQ651424. What3Words - explorer.downward.troll	Yes - via website	5 miles 3 hours Moderate
Tuesday 15 11:00am	Peter Hogan Countryside ranger at Buchan Park	The History and Habitats of Buchan Country Park	A leisurely walk around the Country Park, taking in the history, habitats and natural history of the Park.	Buchan Country Park, Countryside Centre, RH11 9HQ, TQ244346. Meet outside the Countryside Centre. What3Words - gained.bounty.dizzy	No	3 miles 3 hours Leisurely

Wednesday 16 10:00am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	The High Weald Landscape	A stroll through part of the best surviving medieval landscapes in Northern Europe - a landscape of wooded, rolling hills studded with sandstone outcrops; small, irregular-shaped fields; scattered farmsteads; and old routeways.	Groombridge Village hall car park (free), TN3 9QY, TQ531373. Plenty of street parking if car-park is full. What3Words - sharpens.scrapecr.shadowing	No	6 miles 3 hours Moderate
Wednesday 16 10:00am	Rebecca Dennison	Wellbeing Walk at Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest	Wellbeing walks at Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest provide a beautiful opportunity to connect with nature, stretch your legs, and forge new friendships.	Bedgebury Forest, Lady Oak Lane, TN17 2SJ, TQ716331. Parking charges apply. Meet in the Atrium at Bedgebury. What3Words - nightcap.sculpture.amazed	Yes - via website	1½-2 miles 1 hour Easy
Wednesday 16 10:30am	Tony McElhill High Weald Walkers	Around and about Scotney Castle	This is a circular walk, stopping half way round for a short break & use of the facilities at Scotney Castle tea room (NT membership not required). The terrain is mixed, with some woodland as well as open sections; the route goes across a golf course, through a hop farm, and past the remains of Scotney Castle.	Follow directions to Lamberhurst Golf Club, then continue past the club, on Church Lane, then right into Church Road, park at the end, near the church (note that space should be left for cars turning, near the church), TN3 8DT, TQ681366. What3Words - hamsters.neater.pokers	No	6 miles 3 hours Leisurely
Wednesday 16 1:00pm	Keeley Atkinson Kent Wildlife Trust	Take a walk on the wild side	Join us for a guided walk around Ironhurst and discover how former farmland is being transformed. This informal, outdoor session will explore the site's journey from traditional agricultural use to a more natural, dynamic landscape, supporting wildlife, improving habitat diversity, and reconnecting ecological processes. Along the way, you'll have the chance to hear about the vision for the site, the challenges and opportunities of wilding, and the positive impacts already being seen on the ground.	Elephants Head, Furnace Lane, Hook Green, TN3 8LJ, TQ655358. What3Words - stolen.deny.iterative	Yes - via website	3 miles 3 hours Leisurely
Thursday 17 10:00am	Pete Mason High Weald Walkers	Underneath the arches	Ouse Valley Viaduct - Circular walk including a stop for photographs and a brief history of the structure.	The car park in the SE corner of Ardingly Reservoir, RH17 6SQ, TQ335286. Meet where paths intersect close to Cafe/Activity Centre. What3Words - egging.airports.tacky	Yes - via website	4¾ miles 3 hours Moderate
Thursday 17 10:00am	Brad Draga-Williams & Harriet Bristow Wadhurst Park Estate	Wadhurst Park walk	A walk through Wadhurst Park, a private estate managed to protect and enhance its nature, wildlife, cultural heritage and beauty.	Wadhurst Park Estate Office, Wadhurst Park, TN5 6NT, TQ631289. What3Words - pocket.aviators.ombudsman	Yes - via website	5 miles 2-3 hours Moderate
Thursday 17 10:00am	Suzanne Kynaston & Ash Walmsley	Return of the Pine Martens?	Discover why Pine Martens disappeared from the High Weald, find out what they would need to thrive here again, and learn about plans to reintroduce them. This will be a walk with stops to talk.	Ashdown Forest visitor centre car park, Colemans Hatch Rd, Hartfield, Forest Row, RH18 5JP, TQ432323. Ashdown Forest will exempt car parking charges for this walk. What3Words - introduce.kneeled.routines	Yes - via website	1¾ miles 2 hours Moderate

Thursday 17 10:30am	Elizabeth Berry Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Danehill & Birchgrove, two counties circular walk	Circular walk from East Sussex to West Sussex and back. Mostly on well used woodland paths with two short stretches of road walking. Walking near Birch Grove House the former home of Prime Minister Harold MacMillan.	Free parking on School Lane, Danehill, about 180 yards from the junction of the A275, RH17 7JE, TQ410282. What3Words - offerings.belonged.leave	Yes - via website	5½ miles 3 hours Leisurely
Thursday 17 11:00am	Cathy Ramblers Wellbeing Walks	Ninfield Wellbeing Walk	Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about one hour. Please come and join us to see our beautiful village and surrounding area, you are assured of a warm welcome.	Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, Ninfield, TN33 9JN, TQ706124. Roadside parking nearby. What3Words - author.outlooks.elders	No	2 miles 1¼ hours Easy
Friday 18 9:30am	Pauline Bastick High Weald Walkers	Three sites with historic interest on the south of the Ashdown Forest	A circular walk which takes in the grounds of the Ashdown Park Hotel, the Vachery and the WW2 air strip.	Ashdown Forest visitor centre car park, Colemans Hatch Rd, Hartfield, Forest Row. Parking charges will apply. RH18 5JP, TQ432323. What3Words - introduce.kneeled.routines	No	5½ miles 2½ hours Moderate
Friday 18 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.	Abbey Green, Battle, (opposite the entrance to Battle Abbey), TN33 0AD, TQ748157. What3Words - responds.diverged.types	Yes - via website	2¼ miles 1½ hours Easy
Friday 18 10:00am	Heather Rae Rother Ramblers	Ghylls and tracks of the Weald	This is a hilly walk with far-reaching views. We will explore Wealden farmland and woodland, and see how the drought has affected the micro-climate of the ghylls.	Cranbrook central car park, off the High Street, adjacent to the Co-Op, TN17 3DN, TQ775359. What3Words - known.noun.conspired	No	10 miles 5 hours Moderate
Friday 18 1:30pm	Fiona Humphreys William Robinson Gravetye Charity	William Robinson Walk	Visit Gravetye Estate to learn more about 'wild gardening' and how we are improving biodiversity and forest resilience on the High Weald.	House Martins Volunteer Centre, Home Farm, Gravetye Estate Vowels Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 4LH, TQ364344. What3Words - refusals.shut.deriving	Yes - via website	2¼ miles 1¾ hours Leisurely
Friday 18 3:00pm	John Daniels Battle Ramblers	Rye Harbour Nature Reserve	A pleasant walk around the nature reserve and past historic Camber Castle. Bring binoculars to view the many birds that visit the reserve. Largely flat and without stiles.	Rye Harbour car park, Harbour Road - free to use but has voluntary contribution collection boxes, TN31 7TY, TQ942189. What3Words - reliving.objective.renewals	Yes - via website	5½ miles 3 hours Leisurely
Saturday 19 10:00am	Helena Griffiths & Andy Bliss Local archaeologists	Tracking the Prehistoric hunter gatherers of the High Weald	Come and explore the High Weald landscape with archaeologists who have been digging Prehistoric hunter gatherer camps and finding flint tools that were used over 8000 years ago!	Horsted Keynes car park, Chapel Lane, RH17 7AE, TQ384281. Adjacent to the playing field. What3Words - outlawing.parsnip.exonerate	Yes - via website	5½ miles 3 hours Leisurely

Saturday 19 10:00am	Jackie Bennett Rother Ramblers	Broadcloth Heyday. Sissinghurst to Cranbrook circular	Who visited Cranbrook in 1573? We will walk to Cranbrook from Sissinghurst and learn about some of its history. Cranbrook had a very successful broadcloth industry. We will see St Dunstons church and also the Union Windmill, built in 1814.	Next to the Milk House pub, The Street, Sissinghurst, TN17 2JG, TQ795375. On street parking or the Ringo car park next to the pub. What3Words - embellish.strut.serenade	No	8 miles 4½ hours Moderate
Saturday 19 11:00am	Anna Wang Diversity Resource International	Walking Roots – Women's Ecosystemic Walk for Women from the Global Majority	Join Walking Roots, a welcoming women-only walking group for women from the global majority, funded by the High Weald Nature and Community Fund and organised by Diversity Resource International (DRI) CIC. Enjoy gentle guided walks through the beautiful High Weald countryside, led by an experienced eco-systemic therapist and walk leader. Boost your wellbeing, build friendships, reconnect with nature, and explore local woods, streams, and ancient paths while developing a stronger sense of belonging.	Ashdown Forest visitor centre car park, Colemans Hatch Rd, Hartfield, Forest Row, RH18 5JP, TQ432323. Parking charges will apply. What3Words - introduce.kneeled.routines	Yes - via website	2¼ miles 1½ hours Leisurely
Saturday 19 1:00pm	Jill Tyson Groundwork South	Into the woods	A walk through Warren & Fairlight Glens in Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. Learn all about amazing habitats and wildlife that lives here. This walk will go through the heart of Fairlight Glen to the Dripping Well where rare mosses and liverworts thrive.	The Bale House Visitor Centre, Lower Coastguard Lane, Fairlight, Hastings, TN35 4AD, TQ860116. What3Words - dugouts.nosedive.stumps	Yes - via website	2½ miles 3 hours Moderate
Sunday 20 9:45am	John & Rona High Weald Walkers	Balls Green to Ashurst circular	A gentle loop that takes you across the lush fields of the Weald, and along the River Medway.	From the B2110, take the Station Road heading towards Balls Green. Having driven through Balls Green, on the right hand side there are two laybys for parking. These are before the small bridge crossing the Upper Medway. Nearest postcode TN7 4BT, TQ498363. What3Words - business.riskiest.resources	No	5 miles 2½ hours Moderate
Sunday 20 10:00am	David Boniface Kent Hop Pickers Group	Goudhurst village and the route of the former Hop Pickers' railway	A walk alongside the former railway line that brought thousands of residents from the East End of London to the region every summer for their annual hop picking 'holiday'.	Goudhurst Free Public car park, south of the village pond on Balcombe Hill, TN17 1AT, TQ722375. What3Words - electrode.passing.hydrant	Yes - via website	4 miles, 2½ hours Leisurely
Sunday 20 10:00am	Andrew Hilder Maidstone Ramblers	A Cranbrook town and country stroll	An easy walk, that is half in Cranbrook Town, and half in the countryside just outside the town.	Cranbrook central car park, off the High Street, adjacent to the Co-Op, TN17 3DN, TQ775359. What3Words - known.noun.conspired	No	4 miles, 2½ hours Easy

Sunday 20 10:00am	Mark Lavenstein West Kent Ramblers	Tunbridge Wells - the Rock Tour	Join Mark exploring Tunbridge Wells' spectacular sandstone landscapes, trails, folklore. Discover Wellington Rocks, Mount Edgcumbe, Bulls Hollow, and Balancing Toad. Visit Sweeps Cave before reaching dramatic High Rocks beside railways. Explore Harrison's Rocks, Eridge Rocks, and peaceful Broadwater Forest trails. This scenic adventure blends natural history, countryside beauty, and folklore.	Meet on the Upper Cricket Ground on Tunbridge Wells Common. The car park is 3 hours only, so park on Fir Tree Road, Major York's Road, Bishops Down Road or Hungershall Park. Nearest postcode is TN4 8BU, TQ577391. What3Words - votes.begun.fnely	No	13½ miles 7 hours Moderate
Sunday 20 10:00am	Anne Woodroffe Mid-Sussex Ramblers	Ashdown from Goat	Welcome to this Ashdown Forest walk which should offer some splendid views over the High Weald National Landscape.	Goat car park, (parking charges apply), at the junction of Priory Road, Hindleap Lane, Plawhatch Lane & Legheath Lane on Ashdown Forest, nearest post code RH18 5JF, TQ402326. What3Words - muffin.joystick.glitter	No	7¾ miles 4½ hours Moderate
Sunday 20 10:00am	Judith Bowron Mid-Sussex Ramblers	A tour of Ashdown Forest	An opportunity to visit several areas of the Forest in one day and discover the paths that link them. A varied walk with good High Weald views.	Kings Standing car park, (parking charges apply), off the B2026 near to the junction with the B2188 on Ashdown forest, nearest postcode is TN22 3JB, TQ473301. What3Words - node.limit.freed	No	10 miles 5½ hours Moderate
Sunday 20 10:30am	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	The forgotten clump on Ashdown Forest	Fine view to the north and stepping stones across a stream; a circular walk to Greenhall Toll Clump - often excluded from clumps walks due to its isolated location on the forest.	Broadstone car park, (parking charges apply), Colemans Hatch Road, Ashdown Forest, RH18 5JP, TQ436327. What3Words - limiting.leaflet.wobbles	No	4½ miles 2½ hours Leisurely
Sunday 20 10:30am	Alaina Lally Battle Ramblers	Robertsbridge to Burgh Woods Circular, dual option walk	Beautiful circular walk with a variation of views and countryside and a meander through Burgh Wood. There are six mainly well maintained stiles, and one short steep incline on the 7 mile walk. The 5 mile walk is more leisurely with less stiles. WC and refreshments available at start and finish. The shorter walk is suitable for accompanied children.	Meet at the entrance to Robertsbridge railway station. Parking in the station is £4 or it is free along Station Road, TN32 5DD, TQ734234. What3Words - crawled.mice.initiates	No	7 miles with option of 5 mile peel off 3½ or 2½ hours. Moderate
Sunday 20 11:00am	Ellie Brown Ashdown Forest warden	Ellie's excursion into Ashdown Forest	Join Ellie for a guided walk through the beautiful Broadstone Valley and Tabell Ghyll area of Ashdown Forest. Discover a rich variety of habitats, including chestnut coppice, heathland and valley bogs, while looking out for the wildlife and fascinating archaeological features that make this landscape so special.	Ashdown Forest visitor centre car park, (parking charges apply), Colemans Hatch Road, Hartfeld, Forest Row, RH18 5JP, TQ432323. What3Words - introduce.kneeled.routines	No	3½ miles 2½ hours Leisurely

Sunday 20 11:00am	Tony McElhill High Weald Walkers	Nutley Windmill & the Ashdown Forest	A walk of two halves, punctuated by a visit to Nutley Windmill. Starting at Friends Clump with great view across to the South Downs, we traverse through undulating terrain on the way to the windmill. Stop here for a tour of the mill and a snack. The second part is down a gradual incline before doubling back uphill, passing the Airman's Grave on our return.	Friends Clump car park, (parking charges apply), Crowborough Rd. Ashdown Forest, nearest postcode TN22 3HY, TQ456289. What3Words - melon.executive.game	No	5½ miles 4½ hours including mill tour Leisurely
Sunday 20 2:00pm	Sue Berry Mid Sussex Rambles	Where the Forest meets its neighbours	Enjoy the tranquility of one of the quieter parts of Ashdown Forest as it drops down to the village of Forest Row and the Royal Ashdown Golf Club.	Broadstone car park, (parking charges apply), Colemans Hatch Road, Ashdown Forest, RH18 5JP, TQ436327. What3Words - limiting.leaflet.wobbles	No	4 miles 2 hours Leisurely
Sunday 20 2:30pm	Clive Grumett High Weald Walkers	The attraction of Ashdown Forest - views, clumps and a ghyll	This is a taster walk with a ridge walk that has fine views, one of the forests many clumps and a wooded valley called Tabell Ghyll.	Broadstone car park, (parking charges apply), Colemans Hatch Road, Ashdown Forest, RH18 5JP, TQ436327. What3Words - limiting.leaflet.wobbles	No	3½ miles 2 hours Leisurely

The following walk is a bonus walk, and is in addition to those scheduled for the actual Festival period

Saturday 26 10:00am	Andy Daw Broadwater Warren site manager	A walk through Broadwater Warren & Eridge Rocks	A guided walk looking at the wildlife and history of Broadwater Warren and the Sussex Wildlife Trust's Eridge Rocks.	Broadwater Warren car park, Broadwater Forest Lane, TN3 9NZ, TQ554372. What3Words - begun.firewall.grand	No	3 miles 2½ hours Easy
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