

# BATHSCAPE WALKING FESTIVAL 2019 PROGRAMME



To book onto any of these walks, please call the Bathscape team on 01225 477265.

## Saturday 14th September

### Following in the Footsteps of the Navigators

Description: Scenic walk through the beautiful valleys of Combe Hay and Midford

Terrain: The walk involves some uphill, there will be some paths through fields and some muddy stretches. There is the occasional stile.

Meet Point: Odd Down Park & Ride, BA2 8PD

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 5 Miles

Duration: 3 Hours

### My postcard walk to you:

Description: A slow-paced short walk along Bathampton Meadows river path

Terrain: This flat terrain has a graded slope each side of the bridge. There are benches along the river path giving moment to rest and draw in the view. This path is full accessible for all to enjoy.

Meet Point: Car Park, London Road East, Batheaston, BA1 7NB

Start Time: 11am

Distance: Less than 500 metres

Duration: 1-1.5 Hours

### Bat Walk Bath City Farm

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: The Farm has steep paths, which aren't paved, and we'll be on those. It may be slippery or muddy in places and we'll be walking through fields with livestock.

Meet Point: Bath City Farm, Kelston View, Bath BA2 1NW

Start Time: 7pm

Distance: Approx 500 metres

Duration: 1.5 Hours

## Sunday 15th September

### Foraging Bath

Description: A look at some of the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plant life readily available near Bath

Terrain: Moderately hilly.

Meet Point: Smallcombe Community Nuttery, off of Horseshoe walk, in Smallcombe Vale

Start Time: 11am

Distance: Approx 1.5 km

Duration: 2 hours

### Smallcombe Woods, Bath Natural History Society

Description: A chance to join Bath Nats for a slow exploration of ancient woodland

Terrain: The pathways through the wood are not paved, and may be slippery/muddy, with many trip hazards. There are some steeper sections. Stout, waterproof footwear is advised

Meet Point: Entrance to Smallcombe Cemetery, top of Smallcombe Lane

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: Approx 1.5 km

Duration: 2 hours

### The Throne of Bath - Ralph Allen's Landscape

Description: Landscape walk based on the story of Ralph Allen

Terrain: This walk is downhill most of the way, on pavements and footpaths, with some steeper, uneven sections.

The route through the Gardens will depend on building work.

Meet Point: Main entrance to Prior Park Landscape Garden on Ralph Allen Drive, BA2 5AH

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 2 Miles

Duration: 2.5 Hours

### Bat Walk - Springfield Park, Foxhill

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: It may be wet/muddy underfoot, we'll be walking through long grass under trees.

Meet Point: Springfield Park, Meare Road, Bath BA2 5PX

Start Time: 7.15pm

Distance: 500 metres

Duration: 1.5 hours

## Monday 16th September

### Upper Swainswick - city circular

Description: Countryside and city walk, through beautiful villages

Terrain: The walk does involve some steep climbs which may be slippery if the ground is wet. There are some stiles.

Meet Point: The slip road for Upper Swainswick from the A46

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 10 miles

Duration: 5.5 hours

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## Rediscovering Beechen Cliff

Description: Andrew Swift leads a walk with great views, hidden corners, steep steps, as well as a few surprises

Terrain: Paths (possibly muddy) through fields and woods; steep steps downhill

Meet Point: Laura Place, on the corner of Johnstone Street, BA2 4BH

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 2.5 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

## On the Trail of Emperor Haile Selassie

Description: Keith Bowers' walk about the Ethiopian Emperor's exile in Bath between 1936 and 1940

Terrain: Mainly flat. Includes steep steps to canal towpath.

Meet Point: Outside west front door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 2 miles

Duration: 2 hours

## Building Bath - Following the Footsteps of John Wood

Description: Join Amy Frost to explore the architectural ideas and creations of Wood and his son

Terrain: The walk will move up through Bath centre ending at the Royal Crescent so there is a slight hill up Gay Street.

Meet Point: Duke Street, Bath, BA2 4AD

Start Time: 5pm

Distance: 1 mile

Duration: 2 hours

## Tuesday 17th September

### Sydney Gardens, Dementia Friendly

Description: Enjoyable and relaxing wander around the park

Terrain: Accessible. Flat with slight inclines. Please ask us for further information if you need it.

Meet Point: Sydney Gardens, Bath, behind the Holburne, BA2 4DB

Start Time: 11am

Distance: 300-500 metres

Duration: 1.5 hours

## Feelgood Walks

Description: Meet new people, feel fitter, enjoy the outdoors and have fun

Terrain: Mainly flat, short walks.

Meet Point: Twerton – St Michael's Surgery

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 1-2 miles

Duration: 1 hour

## Over the Fields to Weston

Description: Andrew Swift leads a walk which perfectly shows off how close the countryside is to the centre of Bath

Terrain: Paths (possibly muddy) across fields; one steep descent with steps

Meet Point: Queen's Parade, Bath, BA1 2NJ

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 5 miles

Duration: 3.5 hours

## Nordic walking taster session RVP

Description: Free introductory session given by an experienced and qualified instructor from All Seasons Nordic Walking

Terrain: Mostly flat

Meet Point: Botanical Gardens, Royal Victoria Park,

Bath Start Time: 4pm

Distance: under 1 mile

Duration: 45 mins

## Champion and Rare Trees of Royal Victoria Park

Description: A walk to revel in the vital contribution trees make to the landscape city

Terrain: To look at the trees in detail we'll be leaving the paths, so whilst reasonably flat, it's not all on hard surfaces.

Meet Point: West of cross roads of Marlborough Lane and Royal Avenue, Bath

Start Time: 5.30pm

Distance: 0.5 km

Duration: 1 hour

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## Bat Walk Royal Victoria Park

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: It may be wet/muddy underfoot, we'll be walking off the pathway and under trees.

Meet Point: Obelisk Monument, west of Marlborough Lane BA1 2LZ

Start Time: 7.15pm

Distance: less than 1 mile

Duration: 1 hour

## Wednesday 18th September

### Kennet and Avon Canal - its wildlife and history

Description: Short walk along the canal, hearing about the wildlife that thrives there and the history of the canal

Terrain: The walk is flat and on pathways the whole way

Meet Point: Top Lock, Lock Keepers Hut, Kennet & Avon Canal, Bath BA2 6DH

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 2 miles (4 miles there and back)

Duration: 2 hours

### AgeUK B&NES Short Walk

Description: If you are over 55, come and join this 45 minute walk

Terrain: Flat

Meet Point: Pavilion Cafe, Royal Victoria Park, Bath, BA1 2NR

Start Time: 10:20am

Distance: 2 km

Duration: 45 minutes

### Walk the View

Description: Uncover the story behind the view, as we walk from Twerton Roundhill towards Englishcombe

Terrain: There are some steeper sections, but we will take those slowly. It may be muddy and slippery in some of the flatter sections.

Meet Point: Top of Twerton Roundhill, Southdown, Bath, BA2 1HG

Start Time: 10.30am

Distance: 3 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

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Meet Point: Car Park, London Road East, Batheaston, BA1 7NB

Start Time: 11am

Distance: Less than 500 metres

Duration: 1-1.5 Hours

## Freshford by Train

Description: Andrew Swift explores the woods, fields and valley of the River Frome and Freshford Village

Terrain: Muddy paths, steep slopes and steps. Walking boots essential. Poles recommended..

Meet Point: Freshford Station, BA2 7WQ

Start Time: 2.20pm

Distance: 3 miles

Duration: 2 hours

## Mindfulness Walk in Sydney Gardens

Description: Join Huw Griffiths from Mindfulness Bath to take time in the green space of Sydney Gardens

Terrain: Accessible. Flat with slight inclines. Participants can make their own routes around the area avoiding steps and inclines. Please ask us for further information if you need it.

Meet Point: Sydney Gardens, Bath, BA2 4DB

Start Time: 6pm

Distance: 50-200 metres

Duration: 1 hours

## Bat Walk Carr's Wood

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: It may be wet/muddy underfoot, we'll be walking off the pathway and under trees.

Meet Point: Walwyn Close, Twerton, Bath

Start Time: 7pm

Distance: 500m

Duration: 1 hour

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## Thursday 19th September

### Bath Skyline

Description: Undertake the iconic bath skyline walk.

Terrain: Varied including some roads, footpaths and surfaced paths, steep hills, uneven sections, steps and stiles.

Meet Point: Laura Place, Bath, BA2 4BJ

Start Time: 9.30am

Distance: 7 Miles

Duration: 4.5 Hours

### The Tumps Natural Neighbourhood Walk

Description: Examine all kinds of plant life from tiny mosses to large trees.

Terrain: The pathways through the wood are not paved, and may be slippery/muddy. There are some steeper sections and trip hazards abound. Sturdy footwear is advised.

Meet Point: Odd Down Sports Ground, Chelwood Drive, off Bloomfield Road, BA2 2PR

Start Time: 10am

Distance: Up to 2 km

Duration: 3 Hours

### Stunning Countryside Walk Canals and River

Description: A gentle nine mile meander through stunning Bath area countryside

Terrain: All flat and on solid paths. Watch the footwear as there could be some muddy bits.

Meet Point: Bath Spa Railway Station - to the left of main entrance

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 9 miles

Duration: 6 Hours

### Soccersise for women, Odd Down

Description: If you're female, aged 18+ and are looking for a fun way to keep active, walking football/Soccercise sessions are for you!

No booking required. All abilities welcome.

Meet Point: Odd Down Sports Ground, BA2 2PR

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 1 mile

Duration: 1 hour

### Bath and the sinews of slavery

Description: Andrew Swift explores Bath's links to slavery

Terrain: All on pavements

Meet Point: Bath Street, outside the Cross Bath, BA1 1SJ

Start Time: 11am

Distance: 2 Miles

Duration: 2 Hours

### The Lost Pleasures of Bathwick and Walcot

Description: Kirsten Elliott leads this walk through lost Georgian pleasure gardens

Terrain: Mostly flat. There are a couple of paths which can be muddy. The full route has some steps, but alternative, step free routes are available for wheelchair users. However, the paths in Kensington Meadows are rather uneven.

Meet Point: Laura Place, on the corner of Johnstone Street, BA2 4BH

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 3 Miles

Duration: 3.5 Hours

### After school nature walk and seed sowing

Description: A walk round Kensington Meadows followed by sowing seeds

Terrain: Footpaths and grass may be wet/muddy, but it's flat all the way. We'll be doing some practical work to prepare the ground for the seeds.

Meet Point: Kensington Meadows (inside the park at the Morrisons end, by the notice board), BA1 6AN

Start Time: 4pm

Distance: Less than 1 Mile

Duration: 1.5 Hours

## Friday 20th September

### Lansdown Loop

Description: Discover the rich history and experience the wonderful scenery North of Bath

Terrain: Mostly over fields, some steep sections and stiles so proper walking boots are essential.

Meet Point: Lansdown Park & Ride, Bath BA1 9BJ

Start Time: 9:30pm

Distance: 11 Miles

Duration: 6 Hours

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## From Plateau to Packhorse

Description: A circular walk from the Plateau above Southstoke down into the Cam Valley, finishing at Packhorse community pub

Terrain: Along Public Footpaths, Bridleways and through fields. Some walking along lanes. One long descent but mostly flat with one ascent towards the end into Southstoke. Could be muddy in places if wet. Stout footwear is advised. Some stiles and steps. As there may be livestock, dogs are not permitted on this walk.

Meet Point: Cross Keys Inn, Combe Down BA2 5RZ

Start Time: 9.45am

Distance: 6.5 miles

Duration: 4 hours

## Three Crescents

Description: A walk starting with beautiful rural views then blending into the city centre

Terrain: Flat, then downhill into Bath before a short climb to Lansdown Crescent, and then level to the end. There may be slippery/muddy places in the meadows. Some walking on country lanes.

Meet Point: Lansdown Park & Ride, Bath BA1 9BJ

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 5 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

## Stunning Little Solsbury Hill

Description: A lovely rural walk from Batheaston up to little Solsbury Hill

Terrain: Steep hills, uneven ground, can be muddy

Meet Point: Riverside Car Park London Road, Batheaston BA1 7NB

Start Time: 10.30am

Distance: 4 miles

Duration: 2 hours

## The Lost Pleasures of Lyncombe and Widcombe

Description: Kirsten Elliott leads the second of her Lost Pleasures walks

Terrain: All but one part of the route is on made-up paths and pavements but there are some steep hills. However, the route is largely step free.

Meet Point: Laura Place, on the corner of Johnstone Street, BA2 4BH

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 3.5 miles

Duration: 3 hours

## Bat Walk Moorlands Park

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: It may be slippery or muddy in places as we won't be on pathways.

Meet Point: Moorlands Park, Englishcombe Lane, Bath BA2 2ES

Start Time: 7pm

Distance: Approx 500 metres

Duration: 1.5 Hours

## Saturday 21st September

### William Beckford's Lansdown

Description: William Beckford's Lansdown

Terrain: This is an uphill walk, on pavements.

Meet Point: 19 Lansdown Crescent, BA1 5EX

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 1 Miles

Duration: 1.5 Hours

### Fun family woodland walk

Description: A lovely varied family stroll through woods, hedgerows, open fields and a nuttery

Terrain: "We will be on footpaths and in the woods, so unsuitable for buggies. Some steep sections, but they are suitable for children."

Meet Point: The footpath entrance to Bathwick Fields, near the Youth Hostel

Start Time: 10am

Distance: 1.5 Miles

Duration: 2 Hours

### Canals, classical Bath & coffee!

Description: The canal walk includes several locks and beautiful bridges

Terrain: Mostly flat with a few flights of steep steps

Meet Point: The George Inn, Bathampton BA2 6TR

Start Time: 11am

Distance: 5 Miles

Duration: 3 Hours

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## Where have all the flowers gone?

Description: Blooming Whiteway explore the role of city gardens and green spaces in providing vital habitat for species under threat

Terrain: Mainly flat and on pavements.

Meet Point: Bath City Farm, Kelston View, Bath, BA2 1NW

Start Time: 11am

Distance: Less than 1 Miles

Duration: 2 Hours

## Building Bath - John Wood and Three Country Churches

Description: Enjoy the glorious countryside of the Lam Valley and visit three historic churches

Terrain: The walk will involve walking through fields accessed through stiles, steep hills and quiet country lanes.

Meet Point: St Mary the Virgin Church, Upper Swainswick, BA1 8DA

Start Time: 1pm

Distance: 3 Miles

Duration: 3 Hours

## Walking with Death

Description: A stroll around the city of Bath, with Molly Conisbee, to uncover varied stories of dying and death

Terrain: A flat, pavement-based citywalk

Meet Point: Outside BRLSI, 16-18 Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HN

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 1 Miles

Duration: 1.5 Hours

## Bath's Hyde Park - to story of Royal Victoria Park

Description: Kirsten Elliott takes a leisurely tour around the Park, revealing its history

Terrain: Mainly flat on pavements and paths and across the park. There is a more challenging section with steps in the Great Dell, but those who do not wish to take this route can wait and relax on seats in the dell.

Meet Point: Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HA

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 2.5 Miles

Duration: 2 Hours

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## A Storywalk Through Bath

Description: Local writers read stories springing from the stones beneath our feet as we take this charming linear walk

Terrain: There are a couple of steep, hilly sections to the walk, but the majority of the walk is flat. There are steps up to Hedgemoor Park, although there is sloped entrance which can be used as an alternative.

Meet Point: Walcot Chapel, Walcot Street. BA1 5BG

Start Time: 2pm

Distance: 1.5 Miles

Duration: 1.5 Hours

## Nordic walking taster session RVP

Description: Free introductory session given by an experienced and qualified instructor from All Seasons Nordic Walking

Terrain: Mostly flat

Meet Point: Botanical Gardens, Royal Victoria Park, Bath

Start Time: 4pm

Distance: under 1 Miles

Duration: 45 mins

## Bat walk, Newton St Loe

Description: Come and find out more about these mysterious little creatures that live in Bath and use the Farm. We'll use bat detectors to track them and hopefully spot them flying

Terrain: Mainly on pavements, some field/footpath

Meet Point: Holy Trinity Church, Newton St Loe, BA2 9BU

Start Time: 7pm

Distance: Less than 1 mile

Duration: 1 Hour

## Sunday 22nd September

### Julian House Circuit of Bath Walk

Description: A spectacular walking event, exploring some of the beautiful countryside surrounding Bath and raising vital funds for Julian House

Terrain: Varied including some roads, footpaths and surfaced paths, steep hills, fields, uneven sections, steps and stiles.

Meet Point: Various

Start Time: All day

Distance: 2-20 Miles (you can choose)

Duration: Dependent on distance

My postcard walk to you:

Details as for Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 11am.

