

UK & Ireland Walking Festivals PAST AND PRESENT

Draft

Open Paths
and Trails
Walking Festivals
Walkers are
Welcome
Ramblers
Organising a
walking festival

World Walking
Festivals
Walking Together
Walking Pages
An annotated list of
walking festivals

Walks around
Britain
Walking Festivals in
Britain
Independant
Hostel Guide
Festivals by date

WW
whitehorsewalks.com
A WhitehorseWalks map
to promote walking
June 4, 2025

LIVE
LINKS

YHA Walking Festival
Sept. 12–Oct. 12, 2025
Festival Of Winter Walks 2025
Dec. 20, 2025–Jan. 5, 2026

Fort William Mountain Festival
Feb. 13–16, 2025
Cowalfest Walking Festival
Sept. 18–22, 2025
Isle of Arran Mountain Festival
May 16–19, 2025
Walk Islay Festival
Newton Stewart Walking Festival
May 9–15, 2025

Frodsham Festival of Walks
April 24–May 4, 2026
Walk the Chalk Festival
Wirral Walking Festival
May 3–11, 2025
Wrexham Walking Festival
June 7–15, 2025
Prestatyn and Clwydian Range Festival
May 16–18, 2025
Trefriw Walking Festival
May 16–18, 2025

Castlerock Walkfest
Causeway Coast and Glens Walking Festival

Sperrins and Killeter Walking Festival
March 1–2, 2025
Women With Altitude
May 9–11, 2025
Mourne International
Walking Festival
Wee Binnian Walking Festival
Sept. 12–14
Ardara's Walking Festival

North Leitrim Gens Hill
Walking Festival
April 19–20, 2025
Castlebar International
4 Days' Walks
July 3–6, 2025
Croagh Patrick – Reek Sunday
July 27, 2025
Connemara Mountain
Walking Festival
May 2–4, 2025

Slieve Bloom Walking Festival
May 3–5, 2025
Wicklow Walking Festival
Carlow Autumn Walking Festival
Oct. 3–5, 2025

Wander Wild Festival
April 17–19, 2026

Bantry Walking Festival
May 30–June 1, 2025

Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli Walking Weekend
Sept. 26–28, 2025
Hay Walking Festival
Talgarth Walking Festival
May 1–4, 2026

Llanelli Walking Festival
Gower Walking Festival
Sept. 6–14, 2025

Crickhowell Walking Festival
March 7–15, 2026
Wales Valleys Walking Festival
???????, 2025
Ross-on-Wye Walking Festival
Sept. 26–28, 2025
Coleford Area Walking Festival
May 10–18, 2025
Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival
Chepstow Walking Festival
April 7–12, 2026

Walk Scilly Walking Festival
April 10–19, 2025

Boscastle Walking Week
March 30–April 5, 2025
Exmoor Running and Walking Festival
June 20–22, 2025
The Somerset & Exmoor Coast Festival
April 7–12, 2025
Somerset Coast Festival
South East Cornwall Walking Festival
Dartmoor Outdoor Festival
Aug. 29–Sept. 5, 2025

Moray Walking and Outdoor Festival
June 13–23, 2025
Ballater Walking Festival
May 17–23, 2025

Angus Glens Walking Festival
Braemar Mountain Festival
March 6–9, 2025
Blairgowrie & East
Perthshire Walking Festival
Crieff and Strathearn
Drover's Tryst
May 9–12, 2025

UFRC Walk Week
June 2–8, 2025

Isle of Man
Sept. 21–26, 2025
Llangollen Walking Festival
Corwen Walking Festival
Barmouth Walking Festival
Sept. 13–22, 2025

Telford Walk Week
May 26–June 1, 2025
Ironbridge Gorge
Walking Festival
May 3–11, 2025

Bishop's Castle
Walking Festival
May 15–18, 2025

Kington Walking Festival
Sept. 18–21, 2025

Walking Talking Festival

Watchet
Walking Week
April 7–12, 2025
English Riviera
Walking Festival
June 14–22, 2025

MidDevon Walking Festival
Sidmouth Walking Festival
Sept. 13–19, 2025
Wellington Walking Festival
Sept. 8–14, 2025
Quantock Hills Walking Festival
June 7–8, 2025

Guernsey Spring Walking Festival
May 24–June 8, 2025
Walking through Spring Festival

Moffat Walking Weekend
Sept. 26–28, 2025
The Moonwalk Scotland
Sept. 6, 2025

Midlothian Outdoor Festival
East Lothian
Aug., 2025
Galashiels Walking Festival
April 24–27, 2025
Scottish Borders
Walking Festival

Keswick Mountain Festival
May 16–18, 2025
Black Combe Walking Festival
Haltwhistle Spring
Walking Festival
April 26–May 5, 2025
Ulverston Walkfest
April 26–May 5, 2025
Kendal Walking Festival
Aug. 22–25, 2025
Garstang Walking Festival
May 3–11, 2025
Settle Carlisle ride2stride
Walking Festival
April 29–May 5, 2025
Pendle Walking Festival
Richmond Walking/Book
Festival
Sept. 19–28, 2025
Bingley Walking Festival
May 5, 2025
Otley Walking Festival
June 28–July 6, 2025
Boroughbridge Walking
festival
Redcar & Cleveland
Summer Walking Festival
Walking Festival at
Guisborough Forest
May 12–18, 2025
North York Moors
National Park Walkfest
Rosedale Walking Festival

Greater Manchester
Walking Festival
May, 2025

Bollington Walking Festival
Sept. 6–14, 2025
Walk East Yorkshire Festival
Sept. 6–14, 2025

Sheffield Walking Festival
Chesterfield Area Walking Festival
May 10–18, 2025

Autumn Footprints
Walking Festival

Staffordshire Moorlands
Walking Festival
April 25–May 5, 2025
National Forest Walking Festival
May 16–26, 2025

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival
May 17–June 1, 2025
Herefordshire Walking Festival
June 14–22, 2025
Malvern Hills Walking Festival
May 24–June 1, 2025

Harborough District Walking Festival
Rutland Walking and Cycling Festival
May 17–30, 2025

South Lincolnshire Walking Festival
Corby Walking Festival
International Waendel Walk
May 9–11, 2025

Evesham Walking Festival
June 25–29, 2025
Winchcombe Walking Festival
May 16–18, 2025
Stonehouse Walking Festival
Sept. 5–14, 2025
Dursley Walking Festival
Oct. 1–5, 2025
Wotton Walking Festival
June 6–8, 2025

Suffolk Walking Festival
Bedfordshire Walking Festival
Sept. 6–14, 2025

Bathscape Walking Festival
Sept. 6–20, 2025
Stevenage Walking Festival
May 3–11, 2025
Corsham Walking Festival
June 13–15, 2025
Chilterns Walking Festival
May 10–June 1, 2025

Henley Walking Festival
North Wessex Downs Walking Festival
WhiteCliffs Walking Festival
June 30–July 6, 2025

Elham Valley Walking Festival
Heart of Kent Walking Festival
March 21–30, 2025

Gillingham Walking Festival
Aug. 30–Sept. 6, 2025
High Weald Walking Festival
Sept. 13–21, 2025
Mole Valley Spring Walking Festival
April 26–May 5, 2025
Guildford Walkfest
Eastbourne Walking Festival

Alton Walking Festival
May 1–31, 2025
Winchester Walking Weekend
June 20–22, 2025

100 km

This is a concept map to see what a map for 2026 could look like. Many 2025 festivals will be done before this initial draft map gets wider proofing and distribution. As part of maintaining my whitehorseWalks website, I’m always looking for ways to encourage more people to get out walking in natural settings.

As a Canadian walker who often visits the UK—and has gone to 4 walking festivals—I wanted to see the possibility of showing locations of walking festivals. None of the sites that I found showed all festivals. Lists of festivals were quite sparse, especially in light of how many I’ve subsequently found and put on this map. It seems that a central registry would certainly benefit those like ourselves who looked for walking festivals close by at certain dates.

Click on festival names to go to websites. Dotted lines are to make longer lines easier to follow. White entries are festivals that have happened in the past or simply not in 2025. Money? Volunteer capacity? Covid? They might restart?

Lists are in order by day and month as places often repeat festivals at the same time of year. Locations are my try at locating festivals. This list will have mistakes and will for sure need updates. Let me know.

Festivals which have their own websites are much easier to track than ones that use a regional website that puts up a special web page for the year’s festival and then removes it after the festival.

Looking for each, finding its website and seeing what each festival offered was a travelogue in itself!

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England	
Heart of Kent Walking Festival	March 21–30, 2025
Boscastle Walking Week	March 30- April 5, 2025
The Somerset & Exmoor Coast Festival	April 7–12, 2025
Watchet Walking Week	April 7–12, 2025
Walk Scilly Walking Festival	April 10–19, 2025
Frodsham Festival of Walks	April 24–May 4, 2026
Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival	April 25–May 5, 2025
Haltwhistle Spring Walking Festival	April 26–May 5, 2025
Mole Valley Spring Walking Festival	April 26–May 5, 2025
Ulverston Walkfest	April 26–May 5, 2025
Settle Carlisle ride2stride Walking Festival	April 29–May 5, 2025
Alton Walking Festival	May 1–31, 2025
Bristol Walk Fest	May, 2025
Greater Manchester Walking Festival	May, 2025
Garstang Walking Festival	May 3–11, 2025
Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival	May 3–11, 2025
Stevenage Walking Festival	May 3–11, 2025
Wirral Walking Festival	May 3–11, 2025
Bingley Walking Festival	May 5, 2025
International Waendel Walk	May 9–11, 2025
Chesterfield Area Walking Festival	May 10–18, 2025
Chilterns Walking Festival	May 10– June 1, 2025
Coleford Area Walking Festival	May 10–18, 2025
Dorchester Walking Festival	May 10–18, 2025
Isle of Wight Spring Walking Festival	May 10–18, 2025
Walking Festival at Guisborough Forest	May 12–18, 2025
Bishop's Castle Walking Festival	May 15–18, 2025
Keswick Mountain Festival	May 16–18, 2025
National Forest Walking Festival	May 16–26, 2025
Winchcombe Walking Festival	May 16–18, 2025
Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival	May 17–June 1, 2025
Rutland Walking and Cycling Festival	May 17–30, 2025
Malvern Hills Walking Festival	May 24–June 1, 2025
Telford Walk Week	May 26–June 1, 2025
Wotton Walking Festival	June 6–8, 2025
Quantock Hills Walking Festival	June 7–8, 2025
Corsham Walking Festival	June 13–15, 2025
English Riviera Walking Festival	June 14–22, 2025
Herefordshire Walking Festival	June 14–22, 2025
Exmoor Running and Walking Festival	June 20–22, 2025
Winchester Walking Weekend	June 20–22, 2025
Evesham Walking Festival	June 25–29, 2025
Otley Walking Festival	June 28–July 6, 2025
WhiteCliffs Walking Festival	June 30–July 6, 2025
Kendal Walking Festival	Aug. 22–25, 2025
Dartmoor Outdoor Festival	Aug. 29– Sept. 5, 2025
Gillingham Walking Festival	Aug. 30–Sept. 6, 2025
Stonehouse Walking Festival	Sept. 5–14, 2025
Bathscape Walking Festival	Sept. 6–20, 2025
Bedfordshire Walking Festival	Sept. 6–14, 2025
Bollington Walking Festival	Sept. 6–14, 2025
Bradford on Avon Walking Festival	Sept. 6–7, 2025
Walk East Yorkshire Festival	Sept. 6–14 , 2025
Wellington Walking Festival	Sept. 8–14, 2025
Somer Valley Walking Festival	Sept. 12–14, 2025
High Weald Walking Festival	Sept. 13–21, 2025
Sidmouth Walking Festival	Sept. 13–19, 2025
Dorset Walx Festival	Sept. 15–21, 2025
Purbeck Walking Festival	Sept. 15–21, 2025
Richmond Walking/Book Festival	Sept. 19–28, 2025
Ross-on-Wye Walking Festival	Sept. 26–28, 2025
Dursley Walking Festival	Oct. 1–5 , 2025
Autumn Footprints Walking Festival	
Black Combe Walking Festival	
Boroughbridge Walking festival	
Corby Walking Festival	
Eastbourne Walking Festival	
Elham Valley Walking Festival	
Frome Walking Festival	
Guildford Walkfest	
Harborough District Walking Festival	
Henley Walking Festival	
MidDevon Walking Festival	
New Forest Walking Festival	
North Wessex Downs Walking Festival	

North York Moors National Park Walkfest
Pendle Walking Festival
Redcar & Cleveland Summer Walking Festival
Rosedale Walking Festival
Sheffield Walking Festival
Somerset Coast Festival
South East Cornwall Walking Festival
South Lincolnshire Walking Festival
Suffolk Walking Festival
Walk the Chalk Festival

Ireland

Wander Wild Festival	April 17–19, 2026
North Leitrim Gens Hill Walking Festival	April 19–20, 2025
Connemara Mountain Walking Festival	May 2–4, 2025
Slieve Bloom Walking Festival	May 3–5, 2025
Whitchurch Walking Festival	May 9–11, 2025
Bantry Walking Festival	May 30–June 1, 2025
Castlebar International 4 Days’ Walks	July 3–6, 2025
Croagh Patrick – Reek Sunday	July 27, 2025
Ballyhoura Walking Festival	Oct. 3–5, 2025
Carlow Autumn Walking Festival	Oct. 3–5, 2025
Ardara’s Walking Festival	
Walking Talking Festival	
Wicklow Walking Festival	

Northern Ireland

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Causeway Coast and Glens Walking Festival	
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Scotland

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Blairgowrie & East Perthshire Walking Festival	
Midlothian Outdoor Festival	
Scottish Borders Walking Festival	
Walk Islay Festival	

Wales

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Kington Walking Festival	Sept. 18–21, 2025
Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli Walking Weekend.....	Sept. 26–28, 2025
Wales Valleys Walking Festival.....	???????, 2025
Corwen Walking Festival	
Hay Walking Festival	
Llanelli Walking Festival	
Llangollen Walking Festival	
Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival	

Various

Guernsey Spring Walking Festival (Channel Islands)	May 24–June 8, 2025
Walking through Spring Festival (Channel Islands)	
Isle of Man (Isle of Man)	Sept. 21–26, 2025
YHA Walking Festival (?).....	Sept. 12–Oct. 12, 2025
Festival of Winter Walks 2025 (?).....	Dec. 20, 2025–Jan. 5, 2026

May 22, 2025. Added <http://www.walksaroundbritain.co.uk/juneaug.html>
Wotton Walking Festival

6–8 June, 2025

<https://wottonwalkingfestival.com/>

Dartmoor Outdoor Festival

<https://www.dartmooroutdoorfestival.co.uk/#/>

29 Aug.–5 Sept., 2025

Eastbourne Walking Festival

<https://www.visiteastbourne.com/> [plan-your-visit/trade-and-press/latest-news/2024/8/27/booking-2024-a2842](#)

Heart of Kent Walking Festival

21–30 March, 2025

<https://www.visitmaidstone.com/walking-festival>

<https://www.crickhowellfestival.com>

Festival Of Winter Walks 2025

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/festival-of-winter-walks-2025/>

December 20, 2025 - January 5, 2026

Boroughbridge Walking festival

<https://walkersarewelcome.org.uk/events/boroughbridge-walking-festival-2/>

International Waendel Walk

<https://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk/visitor-information/international-waendel-walk-2025/>

Friday 9 to Sunday 11 May 2025

Watchet Walking Week: a programme of guided walks with a difference! From Shanty Walks to History

<http://www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events>

Watchet Walking Week

April 7–12, 2025

MidDevon Walking Festival	
North York Moors National Park Walkfest	
Scottish Borders Walking Festival	
Angus Glens Walking Festival	
Llanelli Walking Festival	
Hay Walking Festival	
Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival	
Ardara’s Walking Festival	
Castlerock Walkfest	
Walk Islay Festival	
Llangollen Walking Festival	
Corwen Walking Festival	
Sheffield Walking Festival	
Blairgowrie & East Perthshire Walking Festival	
Harborough District Walking Festival	
Walk the Chalk Festival	
North Wessex Downs Walking Festival	
Suffolk Walking Festival	
Somerset Coast Festival	
Henley Walking Festival	
South East Cornwall Walking Festival	
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Mourne International Walking Festival	
Walking Talking Festival	
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Causeway Coast and Glens Walking Festival	
Eastbourne Walking Festival	
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