



As part of maintaining my whitehorseWalks website, I'm always looking for ways to encourage more people to get out walking in natural settings. Also walking festivals are a neat social walking event. Currently I'm trying to set one up in Whitehorse in the Yukon.

In 2025, as a Canadian walker who often visits the UK—and has gone to 4 UK walking festivals—I wanted to see if I could show 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 in various areas at certain dates.

In 2026, this is still very much a concept map. Some 2026 festivals will be done before this 2026 draft gets wider distribution. I see growth eventually having a more organized section with a short intro to each festival: who runs it, age of festival, number of walks per day, number of days,...

Click on festival names to go to websites. Dotted lines are to make longer lines easier to follow. Festivals come and go. White entries are festivals that have happened in the past or simply not this year. Money? Volunteer capacity? Covid? Taking a break? They might restart? In 2026 I found a couple that restarted and some that had a festival in 2025, but not in 2026. Clearly a

dynamic situation!

A next version will have lists in order by day and month as places often repeat festivals at the same time of year. Locations are my try at locating festivals (but I live in Canada and am guessing as to regional grouping. Lists will have mistakes and will for sure need updates. Let me know. Further updates will address places like Haltwhistle with its 2 Festivals in 2025 (but not in 2026!)

I'll also try and make it neater!

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 that year's festival and then removes it after the festival. Or those that build the date into the web page name. Looking for each, finding its website and seeing what each festival offered was a travelogue in itself!

The value will show in people being able to plan ahead and see coming year possibilities. Hopefully it can help create a buzz in attending a walking festival. It may even inspire people to start more.

The task of finding these various festivals is amazing. I keep stumbling on more!

Peter

**Aherlow Winter Walking Festival**

Jan. 30–Feb. 2, 2026, Ireland

**Fort William Mountain Festival**

Feb. 12–15, 2026, Scotland

**Crickhowell Walking Festival**

March 7–15, 2026, Wales

**Causeway Coast and Glens Walking Festival**

March 13–15, 2026, Northern Ireland

**Sperrins and Killeter Walking Festival**

March 20–22, 2026, Northern Ireland

**North Leitrim Gens Hill Walking Festival**

April 4–5, 2026, Ireland

**Chepstow Walking Festival**

April 7–12 & Oct. 23–25, 2026, Wales

**Walk Scilly Walking Festival**

April 10–19, 2026, England

**South Kesteven Walking Festival**

April 11–26, 2026,

**Watchet Walking Week**

April 14–18, 2026, England

**Killarney Wander Wild Festival**

April 17–19, 2026,

**Galashiels Walking Festival**

April 23–26, 2026, Scotland

**Frodsham Festival of Walks**

April 24–May 4, 2026, England

**Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival**

April 24–May 4, 2026, England

**Haltwhistle Spring Walking Festival**

April 25–May 4, 2026, England

**Ulverston Walkfest**

April 25–May 4, 2026, England

**Settle Carlisle ride2stride Walking Festival**

April 28–May 4, 2026, England

**Mole Valley Spring Walking Festival**

April 29–May 6, 2026, England

**Alton Walking Festival**

May 1–31, + Oct. n-n+7 2026, England

**Bristol Walk Fest**

May 1–31, 2026, England

**Burren in Bloom**

May 1–31, 2026, Ireland

**Connemara Mountain Walking Festival**

May 1–3, 2026, Ireland

**Greater Manchester Walking Festival**

May 1–31, 2026, England

**Talgarth Walking Festival**

May 1–4, 2026, Wales

**Wirral Walking Festival**

May 1–30, 2026, England

**Dorchester Walking Festival**

May 2–10, 2026, England

**Garstang Walking Festival**

May 2–10, 2026, England

**Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival**

May 2–10, 2026, England

**Slieve Bloom Walking Festival**

May 2–4, 2026, Ireland

**Stevenage Walking Festival**

May 2–10, 2026, England

**Bingley Walking Festival**

May 4, 2026, England

**MK Walking Festival**

May 6–10, 2026, England

**International Waendel Walk**

May 8–10, 2026, England

**Newton Stewart Walking Festival**

May 8–14, 2026, Scotland

**Whitchurch Walking Festival**

May 8–10, 2026, Ireland

**Coleford Area Walking Festival**

May 9–17, 2026, England

**Isle of Wight Walking Festival**

May 9–17, Oct. 3–11, 2026,

**Bishop's Castle Walking Festival**

May 14–17, 2026, England

**Arran Mountain Festival**

May 15–18, 2026, Scotland

**Crieff and Strathearn Drover's Tryst**

May 15–18, 2026, Scotland

**Isle of Arran Mountain Festival**

May 15–18, 2026, Scotland

**Keswick Mountain Festival**

May 15–17, 2026, England

**National Forest Walking Festival**

May 15–29, 2026, England

**Prestatyn and Clwydian Range Festival**

May 15–17, 2026, Wales

**Trefriw Walking Festival**

May 15–17, 2026, Wales

**Winchcombe Walking Festival**

May 15–17, 2026, England

**Women With Altitude**

May 15–17, 2026, Northern Ireland

**Ballater Walking Festival**

May 16–22, 2026, Scotland

**Blackstairs Challenge Hike**

May 16, 2026, Ireland

**Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival**

May 16–31, 2026, England

**Malvern Hills Walking Festival**

May 16–May 25, 2026, England

**Rutland Walking and Cycling Festival**

May 16–29, 2026, England

**The Moonwalk London**

May 16, 2026, England

**Achill Camino Challenge**

May 18–19, 2026, Ireland

**Guernsey Spring Walking Festival**

May 23–June 7, 2026, Channel Islands

**Telford Walk Week**

May 25–May 31, 2026, England

**Bantry Walking Festival**

May 30–11, 2026, Ireland

**Wotton Walking Festival**

June 5–7, 2026, England

**English Riviera Walking Festival**

June 6–21, 2026, England

**North Kesteven Walking Festival**

June 6–21, 2026, England

**Wrexham Walking Festival**

June 6–14, 2026, Wales

**Corsham Walking Festival**

June 12–14, 2026, England

**Moray Walking and Outdoor Festival**

June 12–22, 2026, Scotland

**Pendle Pub Walk**

June 13, 2026, England

**Walk with Us**

May 18–31, 2026, Northern Ireland

**Winchester Walking Weekend**

June 18–21, 2026, England

**Exmoor Running and Walking Festival**

June 19–21, 2026, England

**Wold Rangers Way Walking Festival**

June 19–21, 2026, England

**Killeshandra Walking Camino**

June 20, 2026, Ireland

**Evesham Walking Festival**

June 24–28, 2026, England

**Otley Walking Festival**

June 27–July 5, 2026, England

**Irish 4 Peaks Challenge**

June ??, 2026, Ireland

**Castlebar International 4 Days' Walks**

July 2–5, 2026, Ireland

**Ballinamore Camino**

July 11, 2026, Ireland

**Croagh Patrick–Reek Sunday**

July 25, 2026, Ireland

**Cuilcagh Camino**

Aug. 20, 2026, Ireland

**East Lothian Walking Festival**

Aug. 22–Sept. 1, 2026, Scotland

**Dartmoor Outdoor Festival**

Aug. 28–Sept. 4, 2026, England

**Kendal Walking Festival**

Aug. 28–31, 2026, England

**Castlerock Walkfest**

Aug. 29, 2026, Northern Ireland

**Gillingham Walking Festival**

Aug. 29–Sept. 5, 2026, England

**Bradford on Avon Walking Festival**

Sept. 4–6, 2026, England

**Scottish Borders Walking Festival**

Sept 4–12, 2026, Scotland

**Stonehouse Walking Festival**

Sept. 4–13, 2026, England

**Bedfordshire Walking Festival**

Sept. 5–13, 2026, England

**Bollington Walking Festival**

Sept. 5–13, 2026, England

**Gower Walking Festival**

Sept. 5–13, 2026, Wales

**Somer Valley Walking Festival**

Sept. 11–13, 2026, England

**Wee Binnian Walking Festival**

Sept. 11–13, 2026, Northern Ireland

**YHA Walking Festival**

Sept. 11–Oct. 11, 2026, ?

**Barmouth Walking Festival**

Sept. 12–21, 2026, Wales

**High Weald Walking Festival**

Sept. 12–20, 2026, England

**Sidmouth Walking Festival**

Sept. 12–18, 2026, England

**Walk East Yorkshire Festival**

Sept. 12–20, 2026, England

**Wellington Walking Festival**

Sept. 14–20, 2026, England

**Dorset Walx Festival**

Sept. 17–20, 2026, England

**Purbeck Walking Festival**

Sept. 17–20, 2026, England

**Richmond Walking/Book Festival**

Sept. 18–27, 2026, England

**Isle of Man**

Sept. 20–25, 2026, Isle of Man

**Kington Walking Festival**

Sept. 24–26, 2026, Wales

**Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli Walking Weekend**

Sept. 25–27, 2026, Wales

**Moffat Walking Weekend**

Sept. 25–27, 2026, Scotland

**Ross-on-Wye Walking Festival**

Sept. 25–27, 2026, England

**Skibbereen Walking Festival**

Sept. 25–27, 2026, Ireland

**White Cliffs Walking Festival**

Sept.???, 2026, England

**Carlow Autumn Walking Festival**

Oct. 2–4, 2026, Ireland

**Dursley Walking Festival**

Oct. 7–11, 2026, England

**Ballyhoura Walking Festival**

Oct. 9–11, 2026, Ireland

**Montgomery Walking Festival**

Oct. ??, 2026, Wales

**Braemar Mountain Festival**

March 6–9, 2027, Scotland

**Festival Of Winter Walks 2026**

Dec. 20, 2026–Jan. 5, 2027+B109, UK