

Walk	Day	Time	Cost	
1. Chepstow to Parkend	Saturday 7th	09:30	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Real Ale Trail	Saturday 7th	11:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mugglewort Woods Geology	Saturday 7th	14:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Coleford Area Ramble	Sunday 8th	10:00	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Westbury and Rodley Loop	Sunday 8th	10:30	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The Forests' Reptiles	Sunday 8th	14:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Hewelsfield / Devils Pulpit	Monday 9th	10:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Wenchford Bluebell Walk	Monday 9th	14:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The Highmeadow Trail	Tuesday 10th	10:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Royal Forest Jubilee Stroll	Tuesday 10th	14:30	£3	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Heroes Trail	Wednesday 11th	10:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Mallards Meander 	Wednesday 11th	14:30	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Soudley Tramways / Railways	Thursday 12th	10:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Lydney Docks	Thursday 12th	15:00	£3	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Art Walk with Tom Cousins	Thursday 12th	18:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. The Working Forest	Friday 13th	10:30	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Pillowell and Yorkley	Friday 13th	14:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Bespoke Brewery Walk/Talk	Friday 13th	18:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Mushet's Heritage Walk	Saturday 14th	10:30	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Scowles and Caves	Saturday 14th	14:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Ross on Wye to Coleford	Sunday 15th	09:30	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. To the Yellow Swing	Sunday 15th	11:00	£5	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Clements End & Little Drybrook	Sunday 15th	15:00	£3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Festival Freedom Pass available for £15/person for as many walks as you like (please tick walks to allow us to manage numbers)

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:

Please note parking charges will apply at some start locations.



Accommodation in and around Coleford

If you wish to visit the area and stay for a few nights we have plenty of local facilities including camping, B&B's, hotels and self catering cottages.

Details can be found via www.colefordtown.net or www.visitdeanweye.co.uk

For further information about the festival

For more detailed information on each of the walks please visit our official website at:

www.colefordareawalkingfestival.co.uk

Alternatively, please contact the Tourist Information Centre on **01594 837135**

Please ensure

- You wear appropriate footwear and clothing
 - You bring water/snacks/lunch as appropriate
 - You respect that the walk leader is in charge of the walk and will make changes in consideration of the walkers' needs, the weather and unforeseeable events
 - You understand that walk lengths and times are approximate
 - You check whether dogs are allowed on the walks you book.
 - Please be aware that dogs should be sociable and kept on a lead.
- Please bring poo bags
- You understand that refunds will not normally be given
 - Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult.

Please look after our Forest and take your rubbish home.
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Special thanks

The following individuals and organisations have assisted in the delivery of this years festival:

Forestry England, Barnwood Trust, Coleford Welcomes Walkers, Coleford Tourist Information Centre volunteers, Diana Standing, Stuart Cox, Janet Marrott, The Forest of Dean Ramblers, The Dog House Micro Pub, Tom Cousins, Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Tour Guides, Clare Ham, Bespoke Brewery and all Walk Leaders.

Coleford is now a Walkers are Welcome accredited town

Coleford Area Walking Festival

7th -15th May 2022



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SATURDAY 7 MAY

1. Chepstow to Parkend - 13 miles approx - Strenuous - 09:30

To mark Coleford gaining Walkers are Welcome status, this linear walk starts at another Walkers are Welcome town and follows the Gloucestershire Way back into the heart of the Forest. It follows paths, tracks and quiet country lanes through woodland and farmland and gives extensive views of the River Severn and the Cotswold scarp. Park at the Nagshead Nature Reserve Car Park GR606084 to be driven to Chepstow, then enjoy the walk back.

2. Real Ale Trail - 6 miles approx - Moderate - 11:00

Join Greg Daniel at The Dog House Coleford for a trail around some of the areas finest pubs inc. Newland, Clearwell and Sling. Suitable for dogs but probably not children. The first pint is on us!

3. Mugglewort Wood Geology Trail - 2 miles approx - Moderate - 14:00

This walk traverses the Blaisdon Fault, part of the major Malvern Fault system, forming the western edge of the Severn Vale and the eastern, upturned edge of the Forest coalfield. Multiple movements on the fault over hundreds of millions of years have severely deformed the rocks. Park near the old Sunday School in Flaxley SO693151.

SUNDAY 8 MAY

4. Coleford Area Ramble - 8 miles approx - Moderate - 10:00

Meeting in the Railway Drive Car Park in Coleford, join the Forest of Dean Ramblers for this pleasant walk through our local countryside taking in Broadwell, Dark Hill and Ellwood.

5. Westbury and Rodley Loop - 8.5 miles approx - Moderate - 10:30

This a fairly long but gentle walk that follows the bank of the River Severn as it meanders between Westbury on Severn and Bollow, giving the opportunity to see at close range what lies on the opposite bank. It then returns via field paths and country lanes to Westbury Church. Park in the layby on the A48 at Westbury Court Gardens GR718139

6. The Forests' Reptiles - 2 miles - Easy-Moderate - 14:00

Meeting at the car park for Dark Hill Ironworks this walk covers elements of the local areas history whilst looking for signs of reptiles along the way. A knowledgeable walk leader from the Foresters' Forest project will be able to talk about their varied work throughout the area and hopefully point out signs of reptile life.

MONDAY 9 MAY

7. Hewelsfield and the Devil's Pulpit - 7 miles approx - Moderate/Strenuous - 10:00

This circular walk passes through woodland and farmland to reach the Devil's Pulpit which overlooks the Wye Valley and Tintern Abbey. It then returns to Hewelsfield via Oakhill Wood and Cows Hill. Park near Hewelsfield Church GR567021

8. Wenchford Bluebells - 4 miles approx - Moderate - 14:00

This walk takes place when the bluebells are at their best in a part of the Forest that has some of the best bluebells, so expect their heady scent. The walk is through open woodlands with some gentle climbs on good forest tracks. There are good views of the Severn, and the Cotswolds beyond, from Blakeney Hill. Please meet at the car park at Wenchford Forestry site.

TUESDAY 10 MAY

9. The Highmeadow Trail - 11 miles approx - Strenuous - 10:00

A well known and challenging trail with several steep ascents and descents. It passes the Buckstone, Suckstone and Near Harkening Rock before crossing the River Wye at The Biblins. It visits King Arthur's Cave and recrosses the river using a chain ferry [charges apply]. The route returns to Christchurch via Yat Rock. Park in Bracelands Drive, Christchurch near the entrance to Forest Holidays GR568129.

10. Royal Forest Jubilee Stroll - 1 mile - Easy - 14:30

Where better to see the Queens Green Canopy than the Speech House woods and the Royal Plantings. Starting in Speech House Woodlands car park, H M Verderer Ian Standing will lead the stroll along under the Cathedral Window past Kensley Lodge and return via the King Edward the VII Yews and the Royal plantings including a group of Birches planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. Finish in the Speech House and a view of the Queens spade in the Verderers Court (conditional on the room being free).

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

11. Heroes Trail - 6.5 miles approx - Moderate - 10:00

This walk has been designed to visit plaques to commemorate 2 local heroes from WW1 taking in the villages of Clearwell and Sling. A mixture of surfaces can be expected incorporating approx 800 feet of climbing enjoying vistas off to the distant Black Mountains. Meet at the Clock Tower with parking in the main town car park (fees apply).

12. Mallards Pike Meander - 1 mile approx - Accessible - 14:30

A free accessible circular walk, looking above and wondering what's below. There will be drawing and some music. Bring a notebook, pens and perhaps a picnic to share. Meet at the cafe building.

THURSDAY 12 MAY

13. Soudley Tramways and Railways - 5.5 miles approx - Moderate - 10:00

Explore some of the industrial history of Soudley using what is still visible in the landscape before walking up to the Blaize Bailey viewpoint and returning via Soudley Ponds. The walk contains one fairly steep climb and then a long gradual ascent. Park at Soudley Village Hall GR658103

14. Lydney Docks - 1 miles approx - Easy - 15:00

Join local resident and renewed tour guide Bob Turner for a stroll around Lydney Docks, learning about the once busy industrial port and its surrounding area. Meet outside the cafe.

15. Tom Cousin's Art Walk - 5 miles approx - Moderate - 18:00

This circular walk from Coleford takes in some of Tom Cousin's works of Public Art. He will accompany us and explain his inspirations and methods. Starting in Coleford we go to Whitecliff then follow Rock Lane and the golf course to Coalway, through the trees to Broadwell and return down fields with views across Coleford. Meet at the Clock Tower.

FRIDAY 13 MAY

16. The Working Forest - 2 miles approx - Moderate - 10:30

Join a Forestry England Community Ranger on a walk to learn about woodland management practices and how the Forest of Dean is managed for people, wildlife and timber in an ever-changing world. And how, with careful planning and implementation, we are working towards our shared forest objectives ensuring we have a woodland that will thrive for generations to come. The exact location of this walk will be confirmed nearer the time.

17. Pillowell and Yorkley - 2.6 miles - Moderate - 14:00

The walk will cover an area that Will Harvey knew so well. We will meet in Parkend, then be taken to Yorkley by minibus. We will then walk the pavements and quiet roads of Yorkley and Pillowell before making our way back to Parkend through woodland. Along the way we will hear some poems appropriate to the locations.

18. Bespoke Brewery Littledean Talk and Walk - 3.5 miles approx - Moderate - 18:00

An early evening walk. Learn something about the brewery. Then take a short walk around Chestnut's Hill and Pope's Hill before returning to the brewery where you can quench your thirst. Park and meet at Bespoke Brewery in Littledean. GR671134

SATURDAY 14 MAY

19. Musheret Heritage Walk - 5 miles approx - Moderate - 10:30

The first of two walks today celebrating the Musheret's strong connection with our town. This walk will take in Whitecliff Furnace, Dark Hill Iron Works and other pertinent sites along the way. Meet at Coleford Clock Tower.

20. Scowles and Caves - 4.5 miles - Moderate - 14:00

Much has been made of Coleford's most famous residents, David and Robert Musheret. The large local deposits of Iron Ore provided the materials for their experimental smelting. Walk through ancient scowles, past mine entrances, Clearwell Caves, along transport routes, colour works offices and an engine house. Your knowledgeable guide will explain all along this circular walk. Meet at Coleford Clock Tower.

SUNDAY 15 MAY

21. Ross-on-Wye to Coleford - 14 miles approx - Strenuous - 9:30

To mark Coleford gaining Walkers are Welcome status, this linear walk links Coleford with a neighbouring Walkers are Welcome town. The route largely follows the Wye Valley Walk through woodland and farmland to Kerne Bridge and then passes both Welsh and English Bicknor before returning to Coleford via Christchurch. Meet at Coleford Tourist Information Centre to be driven to Ross and enjoy the walk back.

22. To the Yellow Swing and back - 1.5 miles approx - Easy - 11:00

Meet at the Coalway Oak (GL16 7JS) for this enjoyable Sunday morning walk. Bring notebook and pens, expect some drawing, story telling, map making and even a swing! Numbers are limited so please book soon.

23. Clements End and Little Drybrook - 3 miles approx - Easy - Moderate - 15:00

Starting at the chapel in Clements End the walk follows lanes, tracks and footpaths taking in the Oakwood Valley, Clements Tump and Little Drybrook

Booking Form Coleford Area Walking Festival 7th-15th May 2022

Please complete your name and contact details below, along with your walk choices overleaf. Full information of all walks is available from our website - www.colefordareawalkingfestival.co.uk or the Tourist Information Centre in Coleford.

If the booking covers multiple persons please add all names to the form.

Name (s):

Address:

Postcode:

Email: Tel:

Please note our preferred method of communication with you will be via email.

Return this form, together with a cheque for the total amount (made payable to Coleford Area Partnership), to: Coleford Area Walking Festival, c/o Tourist Information Centre, 4 Lords Hill, Coleford, Glos. GL16 8BD.

Please note that walks may be subject to change without notice. Please advise your walk leader of any health concerns prior to the start of the walk.