

**SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP - SFG Summer Weekend Walks,  
19 to 21 July and 26 to 28 July 2024**

**Walk 1. 2pm Friday 19th July. From SUFC.** Route tba, about 5 miles followed by optional refreshments at SUFC. Leader John Hind, back marker Alan Boardman/Trevor Boxer. No need to book, just turn up, parking at SUFC.

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**Walk 2. 10am Saturday 20th July. 8.5 miles with 9 stiles. Moston & Warmingham with lunch at the Bears Paw.** Meet at Wheelock Green Bank, lunch at Bears Paw at about 12.30pm. River Wheelock, Elton Flashes, Crabmill Flash, Warmingham. 4.5 miles out to Bears Paw plus 4 miles back via Watch Lane and the Flashes then canal to Wheelock. Leader Richard Vickery, back marker Mel Yewer. Please "buy" a ticket via Ticket Tailor (use link below), so we can inform the pub on numbers. <https://buytickets.at/sandbachfootpathgroup/1306311>

**Walk 3. 6.30pm Saturday 20th July. About 5 miles. Meet at Wheelock Green Bank. Corn, Salt and Silk - Industrial History of Wheelock & Malkins Bank**  
Wheelock - Green Bank - Mill Lane - Golf Course - Malkins Bank (road) - Cross Bridge into Golf Club House - Canal to Wheelock Wharf - over the bridge and down the Zan side of the canal and back through Zan Yard - Crewe Road to Green Bank.  
No need to book, just turn up. *Note the early start time.*  
Richard Hovey is the leader and local history guru, back marker Trevor Boxer.

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**Walk 4. 10.30am Sunday 21st July. Salt Line and Borrowpit Meadow.** About 3.8 miles. Meet at Salt Line car park Hassall Green. Please car share if possible, to save car parking spaces. Leader Trevor Boxer, back marker Mel Yewer. No need to book, just turn up.

**Walk 5. 2pm Sunday 21st July. Winterley Figure of 8.**  
Meet at Winterley Pool. A varied open country walk, about 4 miles, 3 stiles. Leader Dave Peever, back marker Richard Hovey. No need to book, just turn up.

**Walk 6. 7pm Sunday 21st July. Malkins Bank & Mill Lane from Third Avenue, Sandbach,** Mill Hill Lane, the Valley and FP23 to canal, via golf course, returning via Mill Lane, 4.2 miles. No need to book, just turn up. Leader Alan Boardman, back marker Alison Gidman, Andy Bailey

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**Walk 7. 2pm Friday 26th July. From SUFC.** Route tba, about 5 miles followed by optional refreshments at SUFC. Leader John Hind, back marker Alan Boardman/Trevor Boxer. No need to book, just turn up, parking at SUFC.

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**Walk 8. 10am Saturday 27th July. Swettenham Arms to Brereton Pool.** Meet at large car park by Swettenham Arms. Bring a packed lunch. Lanes over River Dane to Brereton Pool, round the Country Park (toilets if needed) and return, about 3.5 miles. Packed lunch in the Arboretum, entrance £2.50 cash. Leader Julie Hayes, back marker Carole Reece. No need to book, just turn up.

**Walk 9. 2pm Saturday 27th July. Albion Lock and Hollins Green.**  
Meet at Moston Plant Lane car park. Canal to Albion Lock and new estate, across railway to Hollins Green, Wood Lane and footpath/track to Elworth, and return via Moss Lane. Leader Mel Yewer, back marker Richard Hovey. No need to book, just turn up.

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**Walk 10. 10.30am Sunday 28th July 7 miles Daisy Bank, with 8 stiles.** Meet at lower Waitrose car park. Taking in Brook Wood through to canal, Jubilee Villas, Bank Farm, Daisy Bank, Salt Line, canal to Betchton Road, Stannerhouse Lane, Tall Chimneys, Houndings Lane, and return to lower Waitrose car park at about 3.30pm.

**Please bring your packed lunch/snack and drink.**

No need to book, just turn up. Leader Eileen Dorman, back marker Richard Hovey.

**Walk 11. 2pm Sunday 28th July. Bradwall Manor from Sandbach.**  
Meet outside Sandbach Library. About 4 miles, across open fields passing Bradwall Manor to Pillar Box Lane, then fields to Cookesmere Lane and return. Leader Keith Haines, back marker John Hind

*We suggest a 50p donation to the leader for all walks to cover SFG expenses.*

**Walk 12. 7pm Sunday 28th July. 4.3 mile. From Third Avenue. Wildlife Corridor.**

Houndings Lane, Smithfield Lane Filterbed Wood, Offley Wood, cross A534 at controlled crossing and return via Dingle Wood. Leader Trevor Boxer, back marker Alan Boardman.

No need to book, just turn up.

**How to find the start/meeting points**

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**Sandbach United Football Club, SUFC:**

**From Sandbach, driving.** Follow Crewe Road out of Sandbach towards Wheelock, but at the traffic lights, turn right onto Hind Heath Road. SUFC large car park is about a mile on the right.

**From Elworth, driving.** Follow Middlewich Road towards Sandbach, then turn right onto Abbey Road, then at the roundabout turn left and SUFC large car park is on the left.

**From Sandbach, walking about 1.5miles.** Follow Middlewich Road out of Sandbach, ignoring Park Lane and Moorland Road on the left, then go left onto Abbey Road eventually coming to a roundabout. Immediately before the first exit from the roundabout, follow the wooded walkway on the left (Wheelock Rail Trail) and after about 200m arrive at SUFC. We meet in the car park to the right of the Rail Trail.

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**Plant Lane canal car park.** From Sandbach follow Middlewich Road to Elworth, straight at traffic lights, then immediately after the iron railway bridge, go left just before the Fox Inn onto Moss Lane. Follow Moss Lane as it twists left then right, over the canal bridge and Plant Lane car park is immediately on the left. Take care parking the ground is very uneven. There is also parking on Plant Lane just after the car park.

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**Green Bank Wheelock.** Follow Crewe Road out of Sandbach down to Wheelock, Green Bank small car park is on the left after river. If full, go back up Crewe Road and left after canal, park in Forge Fields.

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**Salt Line & Borrowpit car park.** *(You are recommended to follow the driving instructions below, rather than Google Maps which might go down narrow lanes, with large farm vehicles).*

From Sandbach traffic lights follow the road called The Hill over M6, then in about a mile turn right into New Inn Lane. At a little green triangle with a tree, ignore the road forking to the right, then keep on ignoring minor roads right and left, go over the canal, under the M6 and very soon the Salt Line car park will be on the right, overflow car parks beyond main car park.

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**Winterley Pool Lay-by** - From Sandbach follow Crewe Road through Wheelock, and up to the roundabout with the A534, straight over, lay-by parking is 1 mile on the left.

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**Third Avenue.** Follow Crewe Road out of Sandbach, Third Avenue is on the left. Park in nearby residential roads.

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**Swettenham Arms.** Follow Congleton Road out of Sandbach, over M6, then left on A5022, after 1.5 miles, left on A50 to Holmes Chapel. At traffic lights, go right, over railway bridge, then left at roundabout onto Manor Lane, going right at next roundabout on A535. Go over River Dane to Twemlow Green, then follow road to the right very soon going right onto Forty Acre Lane. After 1.5 mile, go right onto Congleton Road, follow this for about 1 mile, then very sharp right to follow brown sign to Swettenham Arms large car park, 0.5mile on right immediately after church.

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**Canal car park / Plant Lane** - From Sandbach, take the Middlewich Road to Elworth, over the railway bridge, then first left into Moss Lane and after 0.5 mile, over the canal bridge and the car park is on the left.

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