

# Sandbach Walking Festival 2022

Saturday 25th June - Sunday 3rd July



Nine days of walking with something for all!  
Short strolls to longer distance hikes, all led  
by local, knowledgeable guides

Everyone welcome

All mileages and durations approximate

All walks are at your own risk

Dogs welcome except where stated

Saturday 25th June

Morning

**1) Old Hall Dog Walk 9.30am** - We join our friends at the Old Hall for their monthly walk from the pub. Meet at the pub for a bacon butty and a brew before setting off around 10.00am. *Dogs not essential!*

**2) Town and Greens 10.30am** - The official opening walk of the Festival, led by Cllr. Kathryn Flavell, Sandbach Town Mayor. 2 miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach Crosses/Market Square.

**3) Betchton Valley Long walk 10.30am** - Passing the quarry, the former Arclid Airfield, to Hassall Green and along the canal. 10.5 miles. Bring a packed lunch. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).

Afternoon

**4) Winterley Figure of Eight 2.00pm** - To Moss Cottages and the crossing point, to Bridgehouse Farm, back to the crossing point, then approaching Haslington Hall before returning to Winterley. 4 miles/no Stiles. Meet at Winterley Pool Layby (P3).

Evening

**5) St. John's and Arclid Quarry 7.00pm** - The ever popular quarry walk, passing both the old and new workings of Bathgate's Arclid Quarry, returning via St. John's and FP14. 4.5 miles/no stiles. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).



Sunday 26th June

Morning

**6) Early Morning Wildlife Wander 5.00am** - A Dawn Chorus bird watching and wildlife walk including Elton and Watch Lane Flashes and The Moat. Walking around 5 miles. Meet at the canal car parking area, Hall Lane (P8). *Sorry, no dogs. \*Booking Essential, limited to 10 places.*

**7) Daisy Bank 10.30am** - A Sunday morning stroll, Along the canal, past the Pink Church, crossing the Salt Line Way, with great views towards Mow Cop. 3.8 miles/10 stiles. Refreshments available at the Golf Club. Meet at Malkins Bank GC (P6).

**8) Tree Trail 10.30am** - Discover the wealth of trees in Sandbach Park and the Green corridor. 2 miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach Library.

Afternoon

**9) Brookwood & Houndings Lane 1.00pm** - Finishing in Sandbach Park with the option of Coffee and Cake from Blackwater & Grubb. 4.5 miles/no stiles. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).

Evening

**10) Jacob's Ladder 7.00pm** - A beautiful walk with views for miles in all directions. To Wheelock Heath Farm, up to Jacobs Ladder (not a ladder, but 5 steps) across the golf course and return to Wheelock. 3.5 miles/no stiles. Meet at Green Bank, Wheelock (P2).

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Monday 27th June

Morning

**11) Brereton & Smallwood 10.30am** - Past Brickhouses Quarry to Taxmere, on to Brereton Country Park for lunch returning via Arclid, Arclid Quarry and Sandbach Heath. Bring a packed lunch. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).

**12) Betchton Valley and Hassall 10.30am** - A 4.5 mile walk finishing with Lunch at The Cheshire Cheese, Wheelock. Meet Wheelock Green Bank (P2). Main Course £5.00, pudding extra. *\*Booking essential.*

Afternoon

**12a) Accessible/ Inclusive Walk 1.00pm** - Teaming up with Sandbach Art Room, we're offering an accessible walk, demen-

tia and wheelchair friendly, around Sandbach Park with refreshment afterwards. Meet at Sandbach park. Refreshments served at Sandbach ArtRoom.

**13) Mindfulness Walk - 2.00pm** - Clear your mind of clutter and restore your sense of focus. Meet Wheelock Green Bank (P2). *Sorry, no children or dogs. \*Booking Essential, limited to 8 places.*

**14) Jacob's Ladder 2.00pm** - Expect some great views on this walk to Jacobs Ladder (not a ladder, but 5 steps) Refreshments available on return. 3.5miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach United FC (P7).

Evening

**15) Tall Chimneys from Malkins Bank 7.30pm** - Along the canal and to Tall Chimneys, the former residence of the vicars of St. Mary's. Refreshments available at the Golf Club. 5 miles/no stiles. Meet at Malkins Bank GC (P6).



Tuesday 28th June

Morning

**16) "Tidy" (Under 5's) 10.30am** - Storytelling, a craft activity, a treasure hunt, songs and games in Sandbach Park for the under-fives hosted by Sandbach Library. A free book for every child. *Limited to 20 places. Booking essential via the Library, in person or call 01270 375355 Cost: £3.00*

**17) Bradwall Manor 10.30am** - Fields Farm, Bradwall and returning along Cooksmere Lane, with optional lunch at Gibson's Deli and Greengrocers. 3.5 miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach Crosses, Market Square – *\*Booking essential, if eating.*

Afternoon

**18) Hollins Green via Albion Lock 2.00pm** - Along the canal, crossing the Middlewich Branch line to Hollins Green and returning via Elworth. 4.5miles/6 stiles. Meet at Plant Lane, canal car park (P5).

Evening

**19) Hassall Green Nature Reserve 7.00pm** - Not usually open to the public, we walk along the Salt Line to the former waste site now beautifully restored, where Andrew Hunt the ranger will lead a guided tour giving the history of the reserve and showing us the wide variety of flora and fauna. Approx. 3 miles walking and no stiles. Meet at the Salt Line car park (P4). *\*Booking Essential. Cost £4.00, limited to 25 places.*

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Wednesday 29th June

Morning

**20) St. John's and Arclid Quarry 10.30am - (See Walk 5)** - Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).

Afternoon

**21) Winterley & Hall O'the Heath 2.00pm** - Winterley Pool, to Stockton Farm and the myriad of old farm machinery to Hall o'the Heath, a conservation site. 4 miles/no stiles. Meet at Winterley Pool Lay-by (P3).

**22) Bradwall Manor 2.00pm** - Fields Farm, Bradwall and returning along Cooksmere Lane. Finishing at "The House" for an optional coffee and cake. 3.5 miles/no stiles. Meet at The Military Arms, Congleton Road.

Evening

**23) Town and Greens 7.00pm** - Explore Sandbach, its historic building and the wildlife corridor, with a Pie and Chips supper at Sandbach's oldest pub, The Lower Chequer. Meet at The Crosses, Market Square. *Cost £9.50. \*Booking essential, limited to 25 places.*

**24) Photography walk 7.00pm** - Bring your camera along and join local photographer Kevin Dowe as we walk to Arclid Quarry and hopefully get to snap the Buzzards. Meet St. John's Church car park (P9). *Sorry, no dogs. \*Booking Essential, limited to 15 places.*

## Thursday 30th June

### Morning

**25) Rode Heath Ramble 10.30am** - Along the Salt Line, joining the canal at Rode Heath, with a stop at the Broughton arms for a coffee or a pint. Alternatively you can bring your own drink / packed lunch and enjoy it on the picnic benches opposite. We return along the Trent and Mersey canal. 5.5 miles/no stiles. Meet at the Salt Line car park (P3).

### Afternoon

**26) Solar System” and Borrow Pit Meadows 2.00pm** - A flat walk along the Salt Line and through the Borrow Pit Meadow Nature Reserve, returning along the Salt Line. 4.5 Miles/no stiles. Meet at the Salt Line car park (P4).

### Evening

**27) Mindfulness Walk - 7.00pm** - clear your mind of clutter and restore your sense of focus. Meet Wheelock Green Bank (P2). *Sorry, no dogs. Booking Essential, \*limited to 8 places.*

**28) Houndings Lane and Brook Wood 7.30pm** - To Houndings Lane and over the bypass, down to Mill Lane, under dancing bridge and along the canal, into Wheelock and looping back to Mill Lane, before walking through Brook Wood and back to the start point. 4.5 miles/no stiles Meet at Brookhouse Road car park (P1).



## Friday 1st July

### Morning

**29) Rail Trail & River Wheelock** - Breakfast at Sandbach United FC from 9.00am – walk from 10.30am. Walk 4 miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach United FC (P7). *\*Booking essential.*

### Afternoon

**30) Ramble and sketch 1.00pm** - With Sandbach Art Room. A short ramble, stopping to do some quick sketches. You don't

need to be good at drawing or to have done it before. It's the relaxing and absorbing nature of the activity that's important. Bring a sketch/note book and a pen/pencil. Materials can be supplied for a charge of £4. Refreshments after at the Art Room. *\*Booking essential.*

**31) Wheelock Rail Trail and Canal 2.00pm** - Along the Rail Trail and the Canal, with optional Coffee and cake at Sandbach United FC. 4 miles/no stiles. Meet at Sandbach United FC (P7).

### Evening

**32) Watch Lane and Crabmill Flashes 7.30pm** - An opportunity to see a variety of wildlife in the Sandbach Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Crabmill Flash is only accessible from the Public Footpath which follows the River Wheelock towards Warmingham. 4 miles/10 stiles. Meet at Plant Lane, canal car park (P5).

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## Saturday 2nd July

### Morning

**33) Arclid and Smallwood Long walk 10.00am** - Past Brickhouses Quarry, Taxmere to Arclid woods, stopping at the Blue Bell Inn for drinks and sandwiches (pay at the pub) returning via Arclid Quarry and Sandbach Heath. 11 miles. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1).

**34) Merlin Brewing Co. 10.30am** - Walk via Church Lane, Sandbach Heath, return via Brickhouse farm, miles. Brewery tour/talk and a selection of draft beers to sample with nibbles. Meet at Brookhouse Road car park (P1). Cost - £18.00. *Booking essential. No dogs. \*Limited to 30 places*

### Afternoon

**35) Sandbach Wildlife Corridor 1.00pm** - Explore the wildlife corridor, followed by coffee / Tea with either Scones or cake at Jenny's Tea Shop - £5.50. 2.5 miles/ no stiles. Meet Brookhouse Road CP (P1). *\*Booking essential Sorry no dogs in the Tea Shop.*

**36) Winterley & Hassall 2.00pm** - Another walk with great views. 4.5 miles/no Stiles. Meet at Winterley Pool Lay-by (P3).

### Evening

**37) Warmingham via the Moat 7.00pm** - Oakwood Lane and through The Moat Nature Reserve, to Green Lane and into Warmingham, we head for Crabmill Lane and take the Public Footpath across to Plant Lane, returning to the parking area. 5 miles/8 stiles. Meet at Plant Lane canal car park (P5).



## Sunday 3rd July

### Morning

**38) Betchton Heath 10.30am** - Stannerhouse Lane to Tall Chimneys and Betchton Heath, Dean Hill, over A533 to Hassall Green and return on the canal. 5 miles/6 stiles. Refreshments available at the Golf Club. Meet at Malkins Bank GC (P5).

## Sunday Finale!

**We end the Festival with Three afternoon walks all starting from The Crosses on Market Square. On the return, join us for a drink and something from the Barbeque at The Lower Chequer.**

**39) 2.30pm – Jacobs Ladder /Tall Chimneys** - 6 miles/no stiles.

**40) 3.00pm Brook Wood and Houndings Lane** - 4.5 miles/no stiles.

**41) 3.30pm Town & Greens** - 2.5 mile/no stiles.

## Meeting Points / Parking

**P1 - Brookhouse Road car park** - often called the “Lower Waitrose car park - located below Waitrose, off the Old Mill Road Roundabout.

**P2 - Wheelock Green Bank** - From Sandbach, follow Crewe Road down to Wheelock, over the canal, and turn left at Mill Lane. Park in the small car park opposite Shampaan or on local roads.

**P3 - Winterley Pool Lay-by** - From Sandbach follow Crewe Road through Wheelock, and up to the roundabout with the A534. Go straight over the roundabout and after about 1 mile, park in the lay-by on the left.

**P4 - Salt Line Car Park, Hassall Green** - From Sandbach traffic lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, over the M6, then after 1 mile, turn right into New Inn Lane. Ignore a road right and a minor road left, over the canal, under the M6 and the Salt Line car park is on the right.

**P5 - Plant Lane / Canal car park** - From Sandbach, take the Middlewich Road to Elworth, over the railway bridge, then first left into Moss Lane and after about 0.5 mile, over the canal bridge and park on the left. If full, go back up Moss Lane and park outside the Edwin Foden Centre.

**P6 - Malkins Bank Golf Club** - From Sandbach traffic Lights near Waitrose, follow the road called The Hill, turn right opposite the chip shop into Hassall Road over speed humps, follow the road to the left and the entrance to Malkins Bank Golf Club is on the right. Please park in the Overflow car park at the bottom.

**P7 - Sandbach United Football Club** - From Sandbach, follow Middlewich Road, then left into Abbey Road, at roundabout, turn left into Hind Heath Road, the car park is on the left.

**P8 - Hall Lane Canal car park** - by United Phosphorus. From Sandbach, follow Middlewich Road, then left into Abbey Road, at roundabout, go straight into Elton Road, dip under railway, over canal then left and park near canal.

**P9 - St. John's Church car park** - From Sandbach, take the A534 towards Congleton, over the M6 and take the first right into Church Lane, where the car park can be found on the right.

All walks are free unless otherwise stated, although we would appreciate a donation to cover our costs and any surplus will be used to further the aims of Sandbach Footpaths Group, in particular help fund additional kissing gates to enable us to carry on our “Miles without Stiles” project.

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The Sandbach Footpath Group

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**\*Where numbers are limited/Booking is essential (Walks, 6,12, 13,17,19,23,24,27,29,32 and 34)**

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**Where no limit is stated, no need to book, just turn up with time to spare.**

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