

***Welcome to the fourth Somer Valley Walking Festival. Our aim is to encourage local people and visitors to explore the beauty of the area's countryside and discover its rich heritage.***

***The Festival opens on Friday 13th September with a talk about Wildlife in the Somer Valley. It continues over the weekend with a programme of free short, medium and longer walks. Simply turn up and register at the starting point.***

## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Wildlife in the Somer Valley. Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP:**

**Admission £4, 7.00-8.30pm**

The talk will be given by a leading member of the Cam Valley Wildlife Group.

## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Priston Music Festival from the entrance to Bath Business Park near the Circle Hospital, Foxcote Avenue, Peasedown St John, BA2 8SQ:**

**10am** A 7.5 mile walk to Priston across fields and quiet country roads to enjoy live music for three hours at the Festival ([www.priston.org.uk/festival](http://www.priston.org.uk/festival)) arriving back by 5.30pm. Walkers wishing to make their own way home should advise the leader. *This walk will be led by Kathy Thomas.*

**A history tour of Paulton from Paulton Library Hub, BS39 7QG:**

**10.30am** A short circular walk of 90 minutes which includes stops to look at old buildings and industrial heritage. *This walk will be led by Anne Miall.*

**Paulton Countryside Walk from Paulton Library Hub, BS39 7QG:**

**2pm** A 3.75 mile circular walk along the Limestone Link to Langford's Lane, with the chance of spotting kingfishers. *This walk will be led by Anne Lyons and Jackie Woodland.*

**Westfield Village Walk from the shops at Elm Tree Avenue, Westfield, BA3 3SX:**

**2pm** A 4 mile circular walk around the village of Westfield visiting interesting landmarks of this former mining village. *This walk will be led by parish councillor, Geoff Fuller.*

**History Walk around Radstock Town Centre from Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP:**

**2pm** A short circular walk looking at Ludlow's Colliery site, the sheepwash bridge, the Victoria Hall and industrial heritage. *This walk will be led by the manager of the Radstock Museum, Nick Turner.*

**History Walk from Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP:**

**2pm** A 3 mile circular walk to the village of Haydon looking at traces of the mining heritage of the area. *This walk will be led by Sue Sparkes.*

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Paulton to Hallatrow, from Paulton Rovers Football Ground, BS39 7RF:**

**10am** A circular walk of about 7.5 miles climbing up to the old coal batch, Simon Hill. The walk emerges high above Radford and follows part of the old cart track before joining the Limestone Link. The walk takes in Hallatrow and Arnheim Memorial before returning for tea and cake. *This walk will be led by Beryl and Peter of the Somer Valley Ramblers.*

**Paulton to the foot of the Mendips, from Paulton Rovers Football Ground, BS39 7RF:**

**10am** A 9.5 mile circular walk visiting two nature reserves and two wooded areas. The lunch stop will provide the opportunity to learn of the history of a local church described by John Betjeman as the Rip Van Winkle of churches. The walk back to Paulton follows a section of the Limestone Link before returning to the start for tea and cake. *This walk will be led by Carol, Kirsteen and Marilyn of the Somer Valley Ramblers.*

**Paulton to Priston from Paulton Rovers Football Ground, BS39 7RF:**

**10am** A 13 mile circular walk at a brisker pace, with some hills. The walk heads north and then east towards the ancient burial chamber, Priest Barrow. At Priston, relax at the Festival for an hour before returning via a gentle valley with a brook. There is a moderate climb to the Cam Valley before joining the route of the Somerset Coal Canal back to Paulton for tea and cake. Admission to the festival is free to those on foot. *This walk will be led by Tessa, Tim and Jane of the Somer Valley Ramblers.*

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### *Sunday walks continued*

#### **Circular Walk around Timsbury from St Mary's Church, The Avenue, Timsbury, BA2 0LG:**

**10.15am** A 5.1 mile circular walk taking in undulating hills around this former mining village with good views and passing sites of industrial heritage. Please, no dogs, except assistance dogs which must be on a short lead. *This walk will be led by Larry Cunningham.*

#### **Nature Walk from Que Club, Kilmersdon Road, Haydon, BA3 3QR:**

**10.30am** A 2 hour circular walk taking in Haydon Batch and Grove Wood, looking at local wildlife. *This walk will be led by a member of the Cam Valley Wildlife Group.*

#### **Afternoon Stroller from Paulton Rovers Football Ground, BS39 7RF:**

**2pm** A classic Sunday afternoon stroll of about 3.8 miles with footpaths across fields, green lanes and country lanes. Admire the beautiful valley at Clandown Bottom with its impressive display of mature trees. Return to Paulton along the high route above Withy Mills seeing the layout of the village from the top of Simon Hill before dropping down to the start of the walk for tea and cake. There is one 'up' hill in the middle of the walk. *This walk will be led by Rose and Ruth of the Somer Valley Ramblers.*

### **How to Join In!**

Places are limited. You are welcome to turn up on the day but if you wish to guarantee a place, call 01225 477265 or email [info@bathscape.co.uk](mailto:info@bathscape.co.uk)

**Children:** Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on all the walks.

**Dogs:** Well behaved dogs, on a short lead, are welcome unless otherwise specified.

**What should I wear/bring?** For all the walks, appropriate footwear should be worn. For the longer walks, walking boots are recommended. Please dress for changes in the weather with layers, waterproofs, hat and sunscreen. Please bring any food or drink you may need. If you would like to bring your own OS map, you will need Explorer 142.

**Accessibility:** Please note that the walks are on uneven ground and are therefore unlikely to be suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

**With thanks to all the walk leaders and other volunteers and also to our partners and sponsors: Bath and North East Somerset Council, Cam Valley Wildlife Group, Paulton Parish Council, Radstock Museum, The Ramblers and the Somersetshire Coal Canal Society.**



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## **13th, 14th & 15th September 2019**

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