Discover Bollington

Nestling in Cheshire’s Peak District, Bollington is surrounded by great walking country. These wonderful walks led to the creation of the Bollington Walking Festival, now established as an annual event.

Come and explore this unique countryside. Until the 17th century, most Bollingtonians spent their working lives sheep farming, stone quarrying or coal mining. The onset of the Industrial Revolution changed the face of the town forever when it became a thriving mill town bringing hundreds of families to the area. Today a landscape of quaint stone cottages, majestic mills and mill chimneys prevails, providing a backdrop for some wonderful walks, brimful of history and heritage.

The advent of canal and railway transport brought the Macclesfield Canal with its soaring aqueduct, which bears testimony to the incredible engineering skills of the 19th century. It’s a region with stunning landscapes and panoramic views, historic houses, beautiful gardens, rich cultural attractions, unique experiences and world-class events. Discover the famous Gritstone Trail and Bakestone Moor.

Cheshire’s Peak District

Situated in Cheshire’s Peak District and close to Macclesfield, Bollington is an ideal base for walking. Cheshire’s Peak District encompasses nearly 100 square miles of Cheshire’s peaks and plains, including part of the Peak District National Park, from the moors above Buxton and the Goyt Valley in the north to the moorlands of Biddulph in the south.

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18th - 27th October 2014

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The Bridgend Centre

The Bridgend Centre is the main information point for the Walking Festival. The Centre is also the starting point for a number of the walks – it’s a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes.

Plan your visit

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104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW

Hotline for Walking Festival Information: 01625 576311

Opening times during Walking Festival:

Monday to Saturday open from 10am-4:30pm
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Booking your walk

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Get involved…… Make sure you keep up to date with exclusive news, special offers and competitions on facebook://visitcheshirepeakdistrict twitter://visitcheshirepeakdistrict

Visitor Information

Cheshirepeakdistrict.com has a wealth of information to help plan your visit. For Bollington, useful information can be found at visitbollington.co.uk and:

Bridgend Centre T: 01625 576311
Bollington Town Hall T: 01625 572985
Bollington Library T: 01625 378266
Bollington Discovery Centre T: 01625 572985

Other top class accommodation can be found on:

www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk
www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk
www.hilltopcountryhouse.co.uk
www.redoaksfarm.co.uk

Bed and Breakfast

• Unique Industrial Heritage
• Dramatic Landscapes
• Guided Walk Programme

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Where to Stay

Our Festival offers a great way to explore this area with a different walk every day. If you are thinking of taking a break or looking for somewhere to stay then all the listings underneath the map are local and offer very good value.

Bollington’s ‘Walkers are Welcome’ status means you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Common Barn Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574078
Red Oak Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574201
Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self catering 01625 573008
Kerridge End Holiday Cottages Self catering 01625 424220
Hiltop Country House Weddings and Civil ceremonies 01625 829940

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### Walks

**Saturday 18th October**

**In the Footsteps**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 9 miles

**Nordic Walking**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 4 miles

**Children’s Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 10.30am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Saturday 19th October**

**Valleys and Views**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 9 miles

**Introduction to Geocaching**
- **Meeting point:** Adlington Road CP
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Up Hill, Down Dale**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 4 miles

**Monday 20th October**

**Nature’s Secrets**
- **Meeting point:** 10.30am Adlington Rd CP
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Walkers are Welcome Celebration**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Waterways**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 2 miles

**Tuesday 21st October**

**A Trail to the Chapel and Back**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Cheshire Union Canal to Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 12 miles

**Canal and Railway Heritage**
- **Meeting point:** 2.00pm Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 2 miles

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### Deer, Wildlife and Early Morning Sounds
- **Meeting point:** 6.30am or 7.00am Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 4 to 7 miles

**Historic Bollington**
- **Meeting point:** 10.30am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Old Roads and Forest Tracks**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Adlington Rd CP
- **Distance:** 1 or 2 miles

**Mee Hillside**
- **Meeting point:** 2.00pm Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Birds Eye View Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 5 miles

**Milk Way Night Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 20.30pm Adlington Road CP
- **Distance:** 3 miles

**Thursday 23rd October**

**Old Roads and Forest Tracks**
- **Meeting point:** 10.15am Adlington Rd CP
- **Distance:** 1 or 2 miles

**Art in the Landscape**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 2 miles

**Paths through Green Fields**
- **Meeting point:** 10.30am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 4 miles

**Circumnavigating Bollington**
- **Meeting point:** 10.30am Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 15 miles

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### Additional Information

**Children’s Bear Hunt**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Bollington Library
- **Distance:** 5 miles

**Children’s Quiz Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 2 miles

**Beer Celebration Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 4.5 miles

**Children’s Nature Walk**
- **Meeting point:** 10.00am Bridgford Centre
- **Distance:** 2 miles

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### Key to Symbols
- Dog must be on a lead
- Braille print on a page
- There is a change on the day—includes refreshments at end

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### Bollington Walking Festival
- **Website:** www.bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/bollingtonwalkingfestival
- **Twitter:** @BollingtonFest

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### Walk grade symbols

- **Easy:** No steep climbs and take at gentle pace
- **Moderate:** May have steep climbs, but if they do will be accompanied by an adult
- **Strenuous:** Very steep climbs, activity would best suit 8-10 year olds.