Bollington Walking Festival
19th - 27th October 2013

Planning your visit

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

104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW
T: 01625 576311, E: info@bridgendcentre.org.uk
bridgendcentre.org.uk

Hotline for Walking Festival Information: 01625 576311

Opening times during Walking Festival:
Monday to Saturday open from 10am - 4.30pm
Open Sundays 10:30am for walkers only

Booking your walk

The walks are led by a number of local organisations and some walks are FREE of charge. Walks led from The Bridgend Centre cost £2.50 for adults, £1.50 for under 16’s. This includes refreshments afterwards.

Booking is not required for most walks, we just ask you to arrive in plenty of time. Where advanced booking is indicated, simply reserve your place by calling the number shown in the walk listing.

Walking essential information

• Please wear suitable footwear, clothing and a waterproof. We reserve the right not to take a person who is not properly equipped as this could affect the safety and enjoyment of the whole group.
• Please check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; dogs are not allowed on some of the walks. To avoid disturbance to farm animals or wildlife, please keep your dog on a lead and under control.
• Most walks leaders are volunteers.

• All walks are circular unless stated.
• In poor weather the leader may modify the walk, or in extreme conditions, cancel it.
• A packed lunch may be required; look for the symbol on the walk detail. It is advisable to carry a drink.
• Young walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
• All those taking part do so at their own risk.

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

Bridgend Centre T: 01625 576311
Bollington Town Hall T: 01625 572985
(Open weekends & Wednesday 2-4pm)
Bollington Discovery Centre T: 01625 572985
(Open weekdays 9.30am-1.30pm)

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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 prevail, 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. The railway, which lasted a century from 1870 to 1970, has been converted into a beautiful linear walkway, known as the Middlewood Way, a haven for walkers and cyclists.

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We’ve got a great programme of walks and social events over the Festival. There are 31 walks of varying length designed to suit all abilities and ages – there’s even a Bear Hunt and activities for children during half term.


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Cheshire’s Peak District

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Visit the Cheshire Rangers’ Centres at Bollington, Higher Poynton, Tegg’s Nose and Macclesfield Forest.

Without their help and support!

The Bollington Walking Festival group would like to thank all the listed public cafés, rents, tenants for their financial support.

Also to Kerridge End Holiday Cottages, Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages, Common Bridgnorth Farm, Red Oak Farm and Hilltop Country House for their sponsorship.

Finally, to the staff at the Bridgend Centre for their continual support to this Festival.

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01625 576311

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Bollington Discovery Centre

Located 4 miles north of Macclesfield just 2 miles from the A523. Situated in the heart of Bollington, the Discovery Centre provides direct access to Stockport and Manchester to the north and Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south.

By train (Silk Road) travelling by road is straightforward.

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More information about bus, rail and coach routes/timetables is available from Cheshire Traveline on 0870 608 2608, open 7 days a week.

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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.

You can be assured of a very warm welcome and we are sure you will return to them during next year’s Bollington Festival. 2014. Other top class accommodation can be found on: www.cheshirepeakdistrict.com
A special evening with two of the best, Jeff Davis accompanied by Brian Peters.

Saturday 19th October

15th to 19th October – ‘Travels with Auntie’
John Kirby travels to exotic places as a television producer/director for the BBC.

Tuesday 22nd October – An evening with Peter Parker (Moorland Adventure).
Join the experienced leaders of Moorland Adventure on a walk around Kerridge to improve countryside.

Highway and Secret Byways
Meeting point: 10.15am, Bridgend Centre.
Explore the ginnels and byways up to Kerridge and return across the Macclesfield Canal.
Organised by Bridgend Centre

High Tea
Meeting point: 1.50pm, Bridgend Centre.
Walk through Arley Clough and the Macclesfield Canal.
Organised by KRIV Volunteers

Waterfall, Wood and Ancient Track
Meeting point: 10.15am, Bridgend Centre.
Enjoy spectacular panoramic views over the Peak Hills, the Cheshire Plain and beyond.
Return across fields and Moorland Canal.
Organised by Bridgend Centre

Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Exploring Harrop Valley
Meeting point: 10.15am, Bridgend Centre.
Walk through Harrop Valley and into the atmospheric Harrop Wood, a magical place, under the beech trees, where the robin red breast is often heard.
Meet at the car park at the top of Harrop Bank.
Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Woodland Walk
Walking distance: 2½ miles. Easy/Moderate.
Meeting point: 2pm, Disley.
Discover the different species of trees and learn about their function.
Organised by Bridgend Civic Society

Saturday 26th October – Craft Fair
High quality handmade goods for sale. Refreshments available.
11am-4pm free admission.
Bridgend, Bollington Wood, Bollington.

Saturday 27th October – Festival Quiz Night in aid of the Bridgend Centre.
The Poachers Inn, Ingersley Road. Starts 8.30pm. £10.00. Pre-booking required.

For more events, please see our website.

www.bollingtonfestival.org.uk

2014 May 16th to June 1st

Keep the date!

Bollington Festival 2014

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