

Bath Central Walk Programme October – December 2019

All of these walks take 1-1.5 hours (approx.) and start from Bath Bus Station (railway end).

Assemble at 10:20am for a prompt 10:30am start.

Please note: Wear good shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather. Trousers will protect your legs against nettles and ticks. Sun cream, water and a hat are also advisable in the summer. If we get very adverse weather, we shall always try to have a walk, but the exact walk planned may have to be altered appropriately. In the event of extreme weather, please ring the office to check if the walk is still taking place (01225 466135).

October 4. Circular Walk Around Batheaston And Northend. From the bus station we will take the 3 or 3A bus to Batheaston and walk through the village towards Northend and Solsbury Hill. Walking through the fields with lovely views over the market gardens we complete a circular walk along taking in some of St Catherine's valley and then back to Batheaston high street (where there is Gather cafe for anyone wanting refreshments) and the bus back to Bath. NB: Part of the walk is uphill/downhill and if the weather is wet please wear walking boots or appropriate shoes. (*Walk Leader: Sharon Lewis*)

October 11. Winsley to Hartley Farm. Catch the D1 bus to Winsley. Take the Bradford road and then cross the bypass in the direction of Hartley. Passing near Hartley Farm we go towards Haugh Farm. We finish the walk at Hartley Farm Shop. Walkers can catch the bus back to Bath at the Winsley Shop. (*Walk Leader: Janet Rissen*)

October 18. Seven Stars at Winsley to Bradford on Avon. Taking the D1 bus to the pub, following the path down to the aquaduct at Avoncliffe. Just after here we turn off the canal down to the river path, through Barton Farm Country Park to Bradford on Avon. Please note that the path from the canal to the river is steep, but there is a handrail. If it is very muddy we can continue along the canal to BoA instead. D1 back to Bath, or refreshments in the town. (*Walk Leader: Jackie Chamberlain*)

October 25. Dundas to Sydney Gardens. A lovely canal-side walk of 4 miles. Those who wish to can drop out at Bathampton. The 10:35am D1 bus will take us to Limpley Stoke / Dundas from where we will walk back to Bath. All flat today but watch the footwear and clothing. It could be damp. (*Walk Leader: Richard Mann*)

November 1. Westonbirt Arboretum. By popular demand, we return to Westonbirt on this all-day outing. We will leave Bath on the 10:35am "620" bus, arriving at Westonbirt at 12:01pm. We return on the 15:01pm bus arriving back in Bath at about 16:34pm. The cost of entering the Arboretum will be £7, and we will have a good walk, either as a group or in pairs, etc. Bring a packed lunch, although there are a number of food outlets so we will not starve. Please be at the bus station by 10:15am, in order to secure seats on the bus and watch the footwear and clothing. **PLEASE NOTE: ADMISSION CHARGE.** (*Walk Leader: Richard Mann*)

November 8. A walk around Claverton Down. U1 bus to Oakley. From Copseland we follow a circular path around Claverton Down to the top of Bathwick Hill for the bus back. This is an open flat walk, but may be muddy after rain.

(Walk Leader: Jackie Chamberlain)

November 15. Bath Spa Uni to Newton St Loe. U5 bus to uni, walk around the lake and walled garden. We then walk up the lane to the village of Newton St Loe. Pennyquick takes us down to the main road for the bus back, or stop for coffee in the farm shop. *(Walk Leader: Jackie Chamberlain)*

November 22. Newbridge to Kelston. A lovely walk from Newbridge to Kelston via the old railway track. We will take the No. 37 bus to Newbridge and then via the old railway track and a field, walk to Kelston. All flat today but there is a field to walk through. It could be muddy, so watch the footwear and the clothing. It is now winter. Back into Bath on the No. 19/19A bus from outside the pub at Kelston.

(Walk Leader: Richard Mann)

November 29. Combe Down to Combe Grove Manor. Catch the No. 2 bus to Combe Down church. Walk along Church Road until reaching the Monkton Combe playing fields. Go along North Road to the entrance to the Manor. Walk past the hotel and along the track to the back entrance. Follow Shaft Road to the viewpoint. Walk up past Mount Pleasant to the playing fields and cross back to Church Road. Deli in village for coffee. Return to Combe Down church to catch the bus back to the bus station.

(Walk Leader: Richard Croston)

December 6. London Road and Grosvenor Bridge to Bathampton via Batheaston

Bus no. 3. Cross river via Grosvenor Bridge; walk along canal path to the George at Bathampton, then over the field via good path to Batheaston and, for those who want to, walk along river to Bathampton Toll. Bus back to city centre or refreshments at the café in Batheaston.

(Walk Leader: Janet Rissen)

December 13. Walk and Christmas Lunch (£13). We will do our traditional pre-lunch walk to the Cricket Club (lunch venue) at Combe Park from Lansdown Crescent (via No. 620 bus). We will sit down at 12:15pm, the menu will be available in early November, the cost being £13 to include the lunch, a couple of glasses of wine and a "grand raffle". Names to Richard Mann (0785 440 5141) from October 1st and seats are limited to 30. Do come on the walk even if not attending the lunch and as usual, watch the footwear and clothing.

(Walk Leader: Richard Mann)

December 20. The canal to Alice Park. An easy pre-Christmas walk from the bus station along the canal, taking the footpath that crosses the river towards Larkhall and Alice Park where there is a very nice cafe. From Alice Park walking towards Larkhall Square or London Road where there are buses back to Bath bus station. The walk is mainly flat. *(Walk Leader: Sharon Lewis)*