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After a 2-year gap we are delighted to welcome you back to the Suffolk Walking Festival.

Our new 16-day programme offers over 70 walks including many popular favourites and many brand new. There's the ever popular Walk n' Water river trips in Sudbury; mysterious Orford Ness with Sweep the sheepdog; the Red Barn Mystery, a tragic tale of love lost in deepest Suffolk; and tuning into bats in an ancient woodland on a Twilight Safari.

New walks this year include Hawkedon Horizons exploring west Suffolk's rolling hills and idyllic green villages; walks from Martlesham Creek on the Deben Valley Delights; stories of smugglers and shipping

routes on Dunwich Heath on Turbulence to Tranquillity; Woads, Weavers and Wizards in Lavenham; and Celebrating 75 years at RSPB Minsmere. Plus there are 3 challenging walks from Abbey Gardens to the north, south and east of Bury St Edmunds.

We hope you enjoy this year's Festival as much and the Festival team enjoy putting it together.

David Falk, Festival Director



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON



I'm so excited with the programme for this year's Suffolk Walking Festival. I know as the patron that I am bound to say that, but it's true. We live in a beautiful county

and we are constantly being told to take more exercise so here is the event that ties those together. For over 2 weeks from the 14th May there will be lots of opportunities to get out and take a stroll or stomp and learn about Suffolk. Amongst the 70 walks there is an opportunity to take a walk with a Ranger on Orford Ness, see a dragon in an outstanding landscape, and find your favourite coast and woodland walks along Suffolk's iconic coastline. David Falk and his team have worked really hard to organise events in every corner of Suffolk and to create a walk to suit you, so have a browse and book yourself in! I've dusted off my trainers and I can't wait to get walking – see you there!!

Lesley Dolphin Producer/Presenter BBC Radio Suffolk

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THANK YOU!

The Suffolk Walking Festival could never happen without the generosity of so many. Thank you to all our walk leaders, many of whom give up their time voluntarily and put in so much effort creating the walk programme.

Thank you also to BBC Radio Suffolk and especially Lesley Dolphin, the

Festival's Patron; to Archant and especially Jayne Lindill editor of The Suffolk Magazine.

And thank you to all of Suffolk's local authorities and our sponsor, East of England Co-op, who generously support the Festival.

DISCOVER SUFFOLK

Discover Suffolk is Suffolk County Council's guide to exploring the countryside. Discover 100s of walking, cycling and horse riding trails across the county on www.discoversuffolk. org.uk.

New for 2022 is the Discover Suffolk outdoor app. Download the app and let it guide you around Suffolk's landscape.

There are walks in all parts of the county and new walks are being added all the time.



Look out too for our new QR codes. More and more will be appearing on rights of way signposts providing information on visiting the great outdoors.

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FIND OUT MORE

Discover much more about each walk and book your tickets at www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

KEY TO SYMBOLS:

- Walk start location
- Estimated time
- Walk distance
- Walk fee
- Estimated step count

PACE RATING

- Own Whatever pace you feel comfortable at
- Slow A gentle stroll (up to 2mph)
- Medium A steady pace (up to 3mph)
- Fast A strong walk (over 3mph)

FITNESS RATING

- Easy Suitable for all (short walk at slow pace)
- Moderate Used to walking (longer distance at steady pace)
- Hard Experienced walker (full day's walk at strong pace)
- Car parking (charges may apply)

personal accident cover before taking part.

- Toilet facilities
- Bring a packed lunch
- Wheelchair accessible
- Family-friendly
- Pushchair accessible
- Dogs allowed

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ONLINE TICKET SALES TICKETSOURCE

Online ticket sales are completed via TicketSource who charge a booking fee. This will be added to the cost of your ticket. Free walks do not incur a booking charge.

BOOK TICKETS IN PERSON

(no booking fee):

Whilst we endeavour to make all our walks as safe as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk. Due care has been exercised in organising the WALKING FESTIVAL, however, the COUNCIL and sponsors accept no

You should choose walks within your capabilities; the walk leaders are experienced but must take your word that you

are sufficiently fit for the grade of walk you have chosen. In the event of any unforeseen circumstances, the Suffolk

Walking Festival partners reserve the right to change or cancel a walk without prior notice.

liability for loss, accident or injury caused to any person following the routes. You are advised to check your own

Bury St Edmunds: The Apex, 1 Charter Square,

Bury St Edmunds. IP33 3FD. Tel 01284 764667.

Sudbury: Sudbury Visitor Information Centre, The Town Hall, (Gaol Lane Entrance), Sudbury CO10 1TL. Tel 01787 372331.

All walks must be booked and paid for in advance. Refunds will not be given unless a walk is cancelled by the organisers or their partners.

LAUNCH JAUNTS

Join us for the launch of the Suffolk Walking Festival in the historic and atmospheric surroundings of Clare Castle Country Park.

The park has a long and fascinating history: occupied by the Romans; named 'Clara' in the Doomsday Book; a rich history linked to the Norman de Clare family who built the 11th century castle; lost much of the castle's stonework to building the town;

and has the only railway within the grounds of a castle!





The launch starts at 10:30 with refreshments and nibbles and is open to all who book on one of the Launch Jaunts.

We look forward to seeing you at the launch of the Suffolk Walking Festival.



11.30am





Clare (1) 1.5 Hours









A short stroll through historic Clare Castle Country Park to see its varied green space habitats and heritage. Arrive at 10.30 for festival launch.















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THE WALKS

SATURDAY 9.30AM

BLUEBELL WALK

Wherstead

5 hours 12 miles

🚹 24,000 🖪 £10

A walk taking in the seasonal bluebells, ancient woodlands and Alton Water Reservoir with spectacular views of the Orwell Bridge and the Orwell Estuary. MED. HARD P WG



Yaxley (1) 4 hours

5 miles 10,000 £ £8

A walk with an Airfield Historian around the unused runways of the disused Eye Airfield, home to USAAF 490th Bomber Group in WWII.















BARKING, BATS AND BIRCH

Barking (1) 2 hours

3 miles 6,000 £ £11

After sunset, explore the dark side of ancient woodland Priestley Wood. Tune into the secret world of bats, listen for Muntjac and enjoy refreshing birch sap and woodruff tea.







9.30AM

WESTLETON WIGGLE

Westleton

A long distance walk using mainly footpaths

6 hours 7 13 miles

1 26,000 £ £10



Sudbury

2 hours 2 miles

4,000

£5 R Free

Explore the market town of Sudbury. Hear about its many industries from weaving woollen and silk cloth, to brewing beer, to building barges and boat propellors!



MONDAY

16 MAY

10.00AN







Cavendish (1) 2 hours



🜎 3.5 miles 🚺 7,000 🖪 £3

A walk with far reaching views of the Stour Valley, and listen to interesting WWII stories at Robb's Farm. SLOW EASY P R



CIRCULAR WALK FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH AKENHAM VIA ST PETER'S CHURCH CLAYDON





6,000 £ £10 6 £7.50

A scenic walk from St Mary's Church in Akenham to Claydon to see the vibrant stained glass at the Saxon church of St Peter.

MONDAY

10.30AN

3 miles





OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPES WALBERSWICK TO DUNWICH FOREST CIRCULAR

Walberswick 5 hours

16,000 fa £10 8 miles

Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of Dingle Marshes and Dunwich Forest along the Suffolk Coast Path from Walberswick village green.

MED. MOD. P WC (*)

taking in Leiston Abbey on the way to Leiston, returning via the Sandlings Walk and Eastbridge back to Westleton.



Sudbury (1) 2 hours

2 miles 4,000 £ £6

Join the River Stour Trust for a short boat ride to Great Cornard and walk 1.5 miles back to Sudbury for complimentary refreshments at The Granary Tea Room.















Explore the natural history and built heritage of Christchurch Park with a Blue Badge Guide, through lovely landscape, wildlife and the magnificent trees.















AND BRICKS

Framlingham (1) 3 hours



A walk from Framlingham Castle to Lampardbrook and over fields to Kettleburgh, returning past Redbricks and via an old railway station. MED. MOD. P WC RA



ORWELL TO ALDERMAN MONDAY A JOURNEY THROUGH 16 MAY TIME AND SPACE o Ipswich 1.5 hours

3 miles

6,000 f £9

Encounter alien invaders and hear about the mystery of the ice age River Saracens. Sample a wild herb tisane, spot egrets and jellyfish and maybe see some seals! SLOW EASY

FUESDAY

Orford

3.5 hours

5 miles

10,000

£20

Join the National Trust Ranger around Suffolk's Secret Coast, on the unique environment of Orford Ness Nature Reserve, where wildlife now thrives where once weapons were tested.



TUESDAY 17 MAY 10.00AM

THE STOUR VALLEY

Long Melford (1) 3.5 hours

7 miles

14,000 Free

Walk through the River Glem Valley following the Stour Valley Path, around Glemsford to Stanstead and the Great Woods, returning via Kentwell Downs. MED. MOD.



5 miles

COAST AND WOODLAND WONDERMENT

Eastbridge

2.5 hours

Walk past RSPB Minsmere, see the contemporary glass installation 'A Wing and a Prayer' in abbey ruins, see the sea, before returning via Coastguard Cottages and

10,000 Free























AND THE UPPER STOUR VALLEY

O Clare O 2 hours 6 5 miles

5 miles 10,000 £ £12 A lovely Nordic Walk in the Upper Stour Valley,

taking in Clare Upper Common and beyond. With views of Stoke by Clare and across the valley.



ICONIC LANDSCAPES - FROM TUESDAY DRAGONS TO REWILDING

 Bures (5 hours 7 miles 14,000 £ £10

Walk through the Stour Valley's outstanding landscape, see a dragon! and enjoy a tour by Suffolk Wildlife Trust around Hullback's where rewilding is supporting nature recovery.



EXPLORE ICKWORTH PARK WEDNESDAY Horringer (1) 1.5 hours 18 MAY 👣 3 miles 🚹 6,000 🖪 Free 10.00AN

Explore Ickworth Park across parkland, through the perimeter woods and beside two lakes, returning past the church and site of the old village. MED. MOD. P WC 👫 😭



Walking around the Thornham Estate we will consider our changing climate and draw inspiration from nature to see how our actions can help recovery. SLOW EASY P WC ST



FHURSDAY 19 MAY 10.30AM SEAFRONT WALK

O Lowestoft (1) 1 hour

2 miles 4,000 Free

From Sparrow's Nest bandstand we'll walk along the seafront, climbing Links Road, the top of Gunton Cliffs and ravine, and Belle Vue Park. SLOW EASY P WC A

28 THURSDAY 19 MAY 11.00AN

LITTLE BRADLEY AND THE BEAUTIFUL UPPER STOUR

Little Bradley (1) 3 hours

6 miles 12,000 ££5

A gentle walk in the Stour Valley with far reaching views of surrounding countryside followed by an optional visit to the Anglo-Saxon church of All Saints, Little Bradley.



HAWKEDON HORIZONS FRIDAY Hawkedon (5.5 hours 20 MAY 😘 11 miles 🚹 22,000 10.00AN 110 £10

Explore the rolling hills and idyllic green villages of Hawkedon, Denston and Stansfield, passing five lakes, a mill, a hall, and west Suffolk's most stunning views! MED. (HARD) (P)

30 DEBEN VALLEY DELIGHTS FRIDAY Easton (1) 2.5 hours £ £6 20 MAY 10.30A 10,000 5 miles

Passing a crinkle-crankle wall, this walk crosses over the River Deben to St Mary's Church and remains of the old priory, then round the former Easton Hall estate. MED. MOD. P WC R R

WOADS. WEAVERS FRIDAY AND WIZARDS 20 MAY Lavenham (1.5 hours) 2.00PM 7 1.5 miles 🚺 3,000 🗯 £6

Discover the unfolding story of the wool trade

Join a local historian on this walk to explore the defensive role of the area where the remnants tell the story.

SLOW EASY P WC (14)

WEDNESDAY

Shotley 2.5 hours

5.5 miles 11,000 🚰 £2

Walk beside the Rivers Stour and Orwell, passing through the 'Golden Wood' to Shotley Church and Shotley Marina with unique views of the Port of Felixstowe. MED. MOD. P WC (**)

NEDNESDAY 18 MAY

THE RED BARN MYSTERY

Polstead (2.5 hours

👣 3 miles 🚹 6,000 🖪 £5

Walk through the countryside around Polstead where little has changed since the famous and intriguing 19th Century murder.



25 THURSDAY 19 MAY 10.00AM

WALK N'WATER. SUDBURY & GREAT HENNY

Sudbury 4 hours

3.5 miles 17,000 £ £16

Join the River Stour Trust on a walk to Great Henny. Complimentary refreshments during the midway stop at the Visitor Education Centre. Return to Sudbury by boat.



26 THURSDAY PICTURESOUE VILLAGE 19 MAY IN SUFFOLK? 10.00AM Hadleigh (1) 5.5 hours

12 miles 1 24,000 ££10

From Hadleigh this long distance walk follows a lovely, undulating route to the popular village of Kersey. MED. HARD P WC

and money interwoven with artists, nursery rhymes and blockbuster films, in one of the best preserved medieval villages in England.

SLOW EASY P WC & R & R

FRIDAY 20 MAY 6.00PM

EYE AIRFIELD SHORT WALK 💽 Eye 🕔 2 hours 🌑 3 miles

6,000 £1 £8

A gentle walk around the unused runways of the disused Eye Airfield, home to USAAF 490th Bomber Group in WWII.

SLOW EASY P WC & R &

33 10.30AN

SATURDAY SHORT WALK

O Clare 1 hour 2 miles

2 miles 4,000 🖪 £5

A lovely gentle walk on both sides of the River Stour, showcasing the best of the countryside close to the town of Clare.



SATURDAY HISTORY OF MENDLESHAM Mendlesham (1) 2 hours 3 1 miles 1 2,000 1 £2

Discover Mendlesham's fascinating history through buildings and photographs.

SLOW EASY P &

SATURDAY 21 MAY 1.00PM

AND CREAM TEA

Thornham (1) 3 hours

3 miles 6,000 £17

Enjoy a gentle amble foraging for wild foods before sampling scones, jams, jellies and infusions made from foraged items in a 'cream tea on the wild side'!

SLOW EASY P WC & # 1



Join the River Stour Trust on a country

walk in Sudbury visiting historic sites with a complimentary tea/coffee at The Granary Tea

Room afterwards. MED. MOD. P WC

Join the River Stour Trust for a short boat ride

Sudbury for complimentary refreshments at The

to Great Cornard and walk 1.5 miles back to

Granary Tea Room. MED. MOD. P WC





EAST OF THE ABBEY GARDENS.

£5

FAMILY WILDCRAFTS WALK 51

3 miles



THURSDAY

A HILL AND A VALLEY RAMBLE. DIPPING A TOE INTO ESSEX

10.30AM

Wiston (1) 2.5 hours

3 miles 6,000 £ £5

A walk in Dedham Vale along the Stour Valley, taking in the slope towards Little Horkesley in Essex. MED. MOD. P WC

THURSDAY

MARLTESHAM CREEK WITH VIEWS OF THE RIVER DEBEN

Martlesham (1) 1.5 hours

3 miles 6,000 Free

A pretty walk to Martlesham Creek from the church, across fields, through a boatyard and into woods. MED. MOD. P (*)



Q Lackford (1.5 hours 2.5 miles 5,000 £ Free

A mixed terrain walk exploring this marshy breckland nature reserve, with an opportunity to view waterfowl from a hide.



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10.00AN





ROMAN ROADS AND RIVER CROSSINGS

Opennington 3 hours

6 miles 12,000 £ £6

A walk towards historic Oakenhill Hall and Badingham crossing an old Roman Road by Clay Hill and traversing the River Alde before returning via Capon's Green.









West Stow () 5.5 hours

26,000 £ £10 60 13 miles



Enjoy this walk in expansive King's Forest through belts of pine trees to find the River Lark and the impressive grounds at Culford School.



SATURDAY 28 MAY

CLARE AND CAVENDISH CIRCULAR WALK

Clare (1) 3 hours 17 miles

14,000 🗗 £5

A lovely walk from Clare along the Stour Valley to Pentlow and Cavendish, returning to Clare on the north side of the valley.

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SATURDAY 28 MA

FARMS AND RIVERS WALK

Shotley (1) 3 hours

7.5miles 🚮 15,000 😝 £2

A walk alongside both the River Orwell and River Stour connected by lovely farm and meadow land. MED. MOD. P WC (**)

SATURDAY

Thornham (1) 2.5 hours

2 miles 4,000 ££12

Join foraging expert and brush up your whittling skills, make a bread twist damper, then cook it over an open fire in the woods!

SUNDAY

CONSTABLE COUNTRY

10 miles 20,000 £ £10

A leisurely walk beside the River Stour in the Dedham Vale AONB with time to explore Flatford for lunch before a 'surprise' in the

10.00AN

WALK N'WATER SUDBURY AND GREAT HENNY

Sudbury

4 hours

3.5 miles 7,000

£16

Join the River Stour Trust on a walk to Great Henny. Complimentary refreshments during the midway stop at the Visitor Education Centre. Return to Subury by boat.

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ORCHARDS IN HISTORIC EYE Eye (1) 3 hours

6 miles



A walk from the historic centre of Eye over rolling arable farmland, with fish ponds, church ruins, apple orchards, and the site of a large discovery of Roman coins. MED MOD P WC



THE RIVER DEBEN AT SUTTON

Sutton (1) 1.5 hours

👣 3 miles 🚺 6,000 🖪 Free

A walk on the wild side of the River Deben with summer migrants swooping overhead as leisure craft sail on the water. SLOW EASY P



THE 'GRANDMOTHER TREE'

Nnettishall (1) 1.5 hours 6 3 miles

6,000 Free

Discover Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve taking in the Peddars Way, the Icknield Way, a burial mound and a meeting with the 'Grandmother Tree'

MED. MOD. P WC 徐爺

churchyard in East Bergholt! HARD P WC

SUNDAY GREAT CORNARD RIVERSIDI Sudbury (1) 2 hours

Join the River Stour Trust for a short boat ride to Great Cornard and walk 1.5 miles back to Sudbury for complimentary refreshments at The Granary Tea Room. MED. MOD. P WC 😭

SUNDAY

SAINTS CHURCH, WORDWELL

2 miles 4,000 £ £6

West Stow 1.5 hours 2.5 miles

🚹 5,000 🖪 £10 👭 £7.50

A scenic walk from St Marys Church, West Stow to All Saints Church, Wordwell, restored by the Victorians but still containing stone carvings and a Norman chancel arch. MED. MOD. P (R)



A PUNCHBOW! STRO!!

Battisford Tye (1) 2 hours

4 miles 8,000 ££3

Following field edges and green lanes giving pretty views, we'll pause at the small church of St. Mary's, Little Finborough, overlooking a shallow valley. MED. MOD. P WC (**)

SUNDAY

HERITAGE WALL

Shotley (1) 2.5 hours

5 miles 10,000 ££2

Discover the fascinating maritime history of Shotley including the role of HMS Ganges, Shotley Church and the Submariners Memorial.















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