11TH TO 26TH MAY 2024



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SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 2024

WELCOME TO THE 16TH SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL!

I've been delighted to watch the Suffolk Walking Festival grow and grow since the very first event in 2008. Over the years we've explored almost every corner of Suffolk, heard some fascinating stories about our county's history, and seen much of our amazing heritage.

The festival is a true partnership and a huge thanks goes to all our walk leaders who bring their expertise, local knowledge, and great enthusiasm to every walk. It's always a thrill to see what walks have been created. Some all-time favourites make a return and there are always some new suggestions.

This year we're delighted to re-visit Orford Ness with its secrets, enjoy mindfulness moments in an ancient wood, and relax on a river trip before a gentle amble. New for 2024 we venture into the Broads National Park with their team of highly knowledgeable rangers, we turn our hand to creative writing on a Haiku walk, and we're delighted to welcome Ambling African Women, a new walking group based in Ipswich, on a guided walk along the Sailors Path at Snape.

We hope you have a wonderful time exploring Suffolk, hopefully discovering new places you never knew existed, hearing stories you'd never

heard before, and uncovering facts that will amaze you.

Suffolk is a truly special county and we're delighted to share it with you.

David Falk, Festival Director



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 festival programme.

Thank you also to BBC Radio Suffolk and Jayne Lindill editor of The Suffolk Magazine, for spreading the word about the festival.

Thank you to Suffolk's local authorities who generously support the Festival.

And a very special thank you to Lesley Dolphin, the Festival's Patron.



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A MESSAGE FROM





Learn about our Viking history, celebrate the magic of Trees, or join African Ambling Women as they tread the Sailors Path from Snape. It all kicks off at Thornham Walks – I'll see you there!

Lesley Dolphin, Festival Patron

DISCOVER SUFFOLK

Suffolk County Council's Discover Suffolk project promotes hundreds of walking, cycling and horse riding trails all free to download at www.discoversuffolk.org.uk or on the Discover Suffolk App:





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FIND OUT MORE

Find out much more about each walk and book tickets at www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

Nº BOOKING FEES!

TICKET SOURCE

Ticket sales are completed by TicketSource. New for 2024 are no booking fees. You pay the ticket price, not a penny more.

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 agents, or in exceptional circumstances.



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KEY TO SYMBOLS:

- Walk start location
 Estimated time
 Walk distance
 Walk fee
 Estimated step count
 Car parking (charges may apply)
 Toilet facilities
 Bring a packed lunch
 Wheelchair accessible (Please contact the festival if more details are required)
 Family-friendly (children under 16 accompanied by an adult)
 Pushchair accessible
- PACE RATING
 FITNESS RATING

 slow
 Slow A gentle stroll (up to 2mph)
 Easy Suitable for all (short walk at slow pace)

 Medium A steady pace (up to 3mph)
 Moderate Used to walking (longer distance at steady pace)

DISCLAIMER

Dogs allowed

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

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.



LAUNCH JAUNTS

Join us for the launch of the Suffolk Walking Festival in the beautiful surroundings of Thornham Walks, over 2,000 acres of parkland, farmland and woodland in the very heart of Suffolk.

The Launch starts at 10.00 am with refreshments, nibbles, speeches and poems, and is open to all who book on a Launch Jaunt. Launch Jaunts start walking at 11.00.

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









Delve into the history of the Thornham Estate on this short walk taking in farmland, woodland and environmental schemes, highlighting a history of diversification and adaptation.



🚯 3.5 Miles 🚺 7,000 🚹 £5

Discover years of history along an ancient highway, hearing tales of Scottish drovers, before marvelling at remarkable frescos inside a 14th century thatched church, and exploring follies, majestic oaks, and a walled garden.

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Arrive at 10.00 for Festival Launch.



Celebrate our fascinating cultural relationship with plants and their past uses, folklore and myths on a gentle stroll around the Thornham Estate. We'll nibble forgotten foods, uncover ancient remedies and sample hedgeherb tea.

Arrive at 10.00 for Festival Launch. Suitable for children aged 8+











Enjoy a guided walk amund the Country Park

established footpaths with plenty of far reaching views.



Explore the scenic watershed ridge west of Halesworth, visiting Chediston and the captivating St Mary's Church. Includes sandwich and coffee at The Angel.





Ancient buildings, shops and trades make up the story of the High Street. While things lie hidden they won't be overlooked by your guide.



Join us for an early morning stroll through the woodlands and marshes of North Cove reserve and to the river Waveney to experience the wonderful wetland dawn chorus.



Exploring the undulating countryside around Cavendish, along quiet roads and across fields. No toilets. Suitable for children aged 10+

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Enjoy a guided walk around the Country Park and hear stories of the hidden history of the site and its uses over the years. Cafe on site.



1.5 miles Free Enjoy a leisurely walk beside the lovely river Blackbourn, hear stories of recreation and trade, and get a sense of the importance of the river in the lives of the two villages that meet along it, Honington and Sapiston.



Join Andrew, the National Trust Shepherd, and his sheepdog Sweep on a walk around Orford Ness National Nature Reserve. Learn about how the flock of rare breed sheep help maintain this unique environment.





Sudbury 🚯 4 hours 7,000 😭 3.5 miles 🖪 £18.50

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Join us for a scenic walk and boat trip along part of St Edmund's Way and Stour Valley Path. Proceeds go towards the restoration, conservation and education of the Suffolk & Essex River Stour Navigation.







as we take a contemplative walk in the Blyth valley from Halesworth to the chapel ruin in Mells. Bring a notebook and pen! (MED) (MOD Ð



Join one of the National Trust Rangers on a walk around Suffolk's Secret Coast - Orford Ness National Nature Reserve. Learn about this unique environment and the wildlife that now thrives where once weapons were tested.



discovering the tales of the Mendlesham martyrs, and others.



Trimley station to Felixstowe station, via beautiful countryside made up of valleys, farms and panoramic views of the River Deven estuary.

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THURSDAY, BROXTED ESTATE

off with a 'cream tea on the wild-side'. Cafe available on site. Suitable for children aged 8+



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