

SATURDAY, 19th MAY

10.00 am Kings Norton Mini-walk - 2 miles

Description: A walk along the Worcester Canal to Bournville and then return via Cotteridge Park.

Start Point: Kings Norton Playing Fields, B30 3EU

Contact: Jenny 0121 444 4094

10.00 am Cannon Hill, Edgbaston & Birmingham University - 5 miles

Description: This walk will pass several Blue Plaques and brief explanations will be given about the honoured people. It will go through Cannon Hill Park, the lovely grounds of Birmingham University and the canal.

Start Point: Lake side entrance, the MAC, B12 9QH (Charge £2 for 4 hours)

Contact: Leslie & Carolyn 07905 088927

10.00 am Along the Rea, Worcester & Birmingham Canal - 8 miles

Description: Circular walk along the Rea, back along the Worcester & Birmingham Canal through the University Campus.

Start Point: The MAC car park. B12 9QH (Charge)

Contact: Mike & Diane 07910 977647, 0121 449 1134

10.25 am Up and Under in Dudley - 7.7 miles

Description: Walk over Turners Hill, the highest point in the West Midlands then through the 3,000+ yards unlit, Netherton canal tunnel (see Ramblers Routes). **TORCHES ESSENTIAL**

Start Point: Dudley Port Station DY4 8UB

By train: 10.08 New Street (or 9.37 Kings Norton then change at New Street)

Contact: Ted 07738 081837 or Patrick 07791 733090

SUNDAY, 20th MAY

10.00 am Bournville Parks and Local Bye-Ways - 9 miles

Description: This is a figure of eight walk centred on Rowheath such that those who want to can just do the first loop of 4 miles around Bournville parks and open spaces. The second loop, of about 5 miles also seeks to avoid walking on roads and pavements wherever possible.

Start Point: Car Park to Rowheath Pavilion, Heath Road, Bournville B30 1HH (Free)

Contact: Stephen 0121 458 3226 or 07532 269122

10.15 am Great Alne - 5.3 miles

Description: A fairly gentle walk with only a couple of uphill sections and mainly through woodland, fields and country lanes.

Start Point*: Huff Cap Public House Car Park, Sperrall Lane, Great Alne B49 6HY (left hand side of car park away from the building)

Contact: John 07584 673029

10.00 am Stourbridge - 8.5 miles

Description: a varied undulating walk, taking in some urban walking, but mostly through pleasant countryside with lovely views.

Start Point: Main gate, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge DY8 2AA

Contact: Elaine 07845 468231

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South Birmingham Ramblers

WALKING FESTIVAL

16th – 20th May 2018

South Birmingham Ramblers have been walking near and far for 25 years. Help us to celebrate our Anniversary and join us for a walk. This leaflet includes details of walks from 2 miles to 10 miles, many of them local. New walkers are very welcome and all walks are free.

General Information

Start point: Please see walk details. If this is in **red with an asterisk***, there will be an optional meet up at Kings Norton Playing Fields (Pershore Road South, B30 3EU) at 9.15am to arrange car sharing to the start of the walk.

Start time: Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time so that the walk can begin promptly.

Clothing: Stout footwear and waterproofs are recommended.

Stops and food: Leaders will plan breaks. For short walks please bring a snack and drink. For longer walks, bring drinks and a picnic lunch.

Dogs: No dogs are allowed on walks except for assistance dogs.

Contact: Contact numbers are given in case of queries but it is okay to just turn up on the day.

For more information

www.sbramblers.co.uk

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY

10.15 am Wren's Nest Linear Walk - 6-7 miles, return to start point by bus

Description: A limestone ridge walk mostly with special industrial and geological interest and plenty of information panels to peruse, you will walk through the beautiful Wren's Nest and a wooded green corridor to Sedgley Beacon and descend to catch a bus back to Priory Park. Steep wooden steps in places.

Start Point*: entrance to Priory Park , Priory Rd, Dudley (between two statues of a doe and a stag), DY1 4EU

Contact: Margaret 07836 526777, 0121 472 8233, Astrid 07903 346828

10.15 am Hedgelayers Walk, Bromsgrove - 5 miles

Description: A pleasant walk taking us to Dodford along lanes, across fields and some canal walking. There is a café in Sanders Park for refreshments afterwards if required.

Start Point*: Sanders Park (far end of car park) Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove B61 7JP (Free)

Contact: Sandra 07900 173818 or Janet 07854 688981

2.15 pm Bournville and Northfield - 5 miles with a 2.5 miles option

Description: A circular walk through the parks and playing fields of Bournville and Northfield. Generally flat with no stiles, with some road walking. Option to take a bus back from half way point at the Grosvenor Centre.

Start Point: Kings Norton Playing Fields, B30 3EU
Contact: Peter 07703 336088

THURSDAY, 17th MAY

10.00 am Lickey Hills – approx 9 miles but figure of eight so option to finish after 5 miles

Description: This walk starts and ends in Lickey Hills Country Park and passes through Barnt Green. Varied walking across fields, on canal towpaths and some lanes with lovely views along the way.

Start Point*: Lickey Hills Visitor Centre car park, Warren Lane, Rednal B45 8ER (Free)

Contact: Janet 07766 344242, Liz 07833 252732

10.00 am Rowheath - 3 miles

Description: This is a pleasant walk through the parks of Bournville and around the Boating Lake. We will also explore Bird Cage Walk and the Girls' Garden before returning to Rowheath Pavilion with the option of a drink in the cafe.

Start Point: Rowheath Pavilion Car Park, Heath Road, Bournville B30 1HH - near road entrance (Free)

Contact: Sandra 07817 361619

10.15 am Bidford - 8.3 miles

Description: The walk takes in parts of both the Shakespeare's Avon Way and the Heart of England Way. There are two pretty villages, the river, locks, gliding club, one short but steep ascent and only 6 stiles.

Start Point*: Bidford on Avon Big Meadow car park B50 4FX (Charge), there are two free car parks back over the bridge in the village.

Contact: Steve 07701 074140, Steve 07974 150314 or John 07908 485284

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FRIDAY, 18th MAY

9.30 am Kings Norton Nature Reserve - 4 miles

Description: An urban figure of eight walk exploring Kings Norton Nature Reserve including some of the more secluded parts. An opportunity to learn about the development of the Reserve over the last 10 years.

Start Point: Kings Norton Playing Fields, B30 3EU
Contact: Peter & Sarah 07840 965822

10.15 am Astwood Bank - 8 miles

Description: A walk along the Millenium Way to Coughton then the Arden Way before returning via Sambourne and the Ridgeway.

Start Point*: Nevill Arms pub, The Ridgeway, Redditch B96 6NB

Contact: Frank & Sandra 07940 052347

10.15 am Arley – 10 miles

Description: A circular walk along the River Severn and woodland paths.

Start Point*: Hawkbatch Wood Car Park, Wyre Forest, DY12 3AF (Free)

Contact: Jim 07816 901675

6.30 pm Cofton, Lickeys & Rednal Pub Walk- 4 miles with a 2.75 mile option

Description: A walk along park paths and some lanes but no stiles. Easy walking with a short sharp hill (optional) with very good views. Includes Cofton Park, Lickeys Country Park and the house in Rednal where Tolkein lived as a child.

Start Point: The Oak Tree (Generous George) pub, Lickey Road, Rednal B45 8UX

Contact: John 07720 053557

