

Sheffield Walking Festival 2022

Stocksbridge - Steel Town Heritage Walk

Friday 9 September, 10:30 - 12:00

0.6 miles (1km)

Start: Outside Zorros cafe by the fountains in Fox Valley shopping mall off Manchester Road (SK274985)

Parking: Free for 4 hours in Fox Valley

Public transport: Yellow tram to Middlewood then the Tramlink SL1/1a bus.

Terrain: Mostly level / Grade: easy

A short walk around Stocksbridge to introduce the history of the steelworks of Samuel Fox, home of the Paragon umbrella. We will also visit heritage buildings and hear more about the early Coop movement.

Led by Ruth Morgan and Daphne Mather from Stocksbridge and District History Society

Sheffield Old Town: Echoes of the Past

Friday 9 September, 10:30 - 12:30

2 miles (3.2km)

Start & Finish: Sheffield Cathedral

Terrain: City streets / Grade: easy

A fascinating stroll through the canal basin, by the River Don and on to West Bar, returning via Paradise Square to learn about Sheffield's Industrial Heritage.

Led by: Local historian Les Seaman

The Sheffield Deer Park Boundary Walk

Friday 9 September, 10:30 - 14:00

5 miles (8km)

Start: Lidl Supermarket, Castlebeck Avenue, S2 1DS

Finish: Moorhead, Eyre Street, S1 4QY

Parking: First left after Lidl on Saxonlea Drive (bus back to car)

Public transport: 24 bus from AG3 on Arundel gate at 10:02

Terrain: Hilly at start before levelling off

Grade: intermediate

A historical exploration of the largest Deer Park in England, using ancient footpaths that defined the boundary wall, part of which can still be seen. Led by a knowledgeable Elizabethan historian and author. Maps relating to the walk will be on sale and there is a cafe and toilets en route.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: David Templeman, Chair of the Friends of Sheffield Manor Lodge

Rivelin, Redmires and Reservoirs

Friday 9 September, 10:30 - 15:30

8.5 miles (13.7km) or 7 miles (11.3km)

(Please note that tree felling in the Nature Reserve may shorten the route slightly).

Start & Finish: Car park at rear of the Sportsman pub, Redmires Road (SK282862)

Public transport: 51 to Lodge Moor terminus. Continue 300m to start.

Terrain: Mainly good paths but with a few fairly steep and uneven sections in places

Grade: moderate

We take in the woodlands, cloughs and moorland around and overlooking the attractive reservoirs of Redmires and Rivelin, with extensive views over to Stanage Edge and back towards the city.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Steve Hughes and Christine Whittaker from Sheffield Ramblers

18th & 19th Century Black History of Sheffield

Saturday 10 September, 09.30 - 11:00

Start: Premier Inn, Angel Street, S3 8LN

Finish: City Hall, Barker's Pool, S1 2JA

Terrain City Streets

Grade: easy

Be all shook up by visitors to our city such as Olaudah Equiano, fugitive 'runaways' from America, Pablo Fanque & Ida B. Wells. Who spent their final years here?

Led by: Mark Hutchinson from Journey to Justice

The Heritage of Bolsterstone - Inventors and Archaeologists

Saturday 10 September, 10:00 - 12:30

2.5 miles (4km)

Start & Finish: Outside the lych gate of Bolsterstone church (SK271968)

Park in village centre or on Stone Moor Road (where toilets are located).

Public transport to within 1km - yellow tram to Middlewood and tramlink SL1 bus to Cedar Road, then walk up Stone Moor Road

Terrain: Level to slightly hilly, walking on tarmac and grass

Grade: easy

We begin with a tour of the churchyard, seeing the bolsterstones and the grave of the inventor of the Paragon umbrella frame. We then explore the village and the site of excavations of Bolsterstone Castle, and walk along the ridge up to Whitwell Moor to learn about the Ewden Valley, the Wilsons of Broomhead Hall and recent archaeological surveys. We return the same way back to the village.

Led by Ruth Morgan from Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group.

From Source to Nowhere Near the Sea

Saturday 10 September, 10:30 to 14:30

6.6 miles (10.6km)

Start: Hollinsend Tram Stop (SK385839)

Finish: Woodhouse Washlands

Public transport: Blue route tram from Castle Square at 10:09. 52 or X5 bus back to town

Terrain: Mostly natural paths

Grade: intermediate

Shire Brook is probably the most underrated of Sheffield's waterways. Rising in Gleadless it flows east for a mere 5 miles before joining the Rother at Woodhouse Washlands, but it flows through some of the finest scenery in the city and is historically one of the most famous boundaries in the country. This linear walk follows this pretty stream as closely as possible on its short journey.

Bring food & drink

Led by Rob Haslam, author of Walking South Yorkshire and the Sheffield Greenway

Peak to Park: Padley to Endcliffe

Saturday 10 September, 10:45 - 16:00

8 miles (13km)

Start: Grindleford Station cafe, S32 2JA

Finish: Endcliffe Park, S11 7AB

Public transport: 10:14 train to Grindleford

Terrain: Paths and tracks

Grade: moderate

Join the National Park Rangers for a rural to urban odyssey, exploring the wonderful Sheffield Moors, Padley Gorge and Porter Valley. Come and appreciate this diverse landscape and learn about its history, wildlife and management under the Sheffield Moors Partnership. Optional drink at the Lescar pub at the end.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Tom Lewis, Outreach Ranger, Peak District National Park Authority

20th Century Angelic or Angry Troublemakers?

Sunday 11 September, 13:30 - 15:00

Start: Premier Inn City Centre, Angel Street, Sheffield, S3 8LN

Finish: City Hall, Barker's Pool

Parking: £1 all day in city centre on Sunday

Terrain: City Streets

Grade: easy

We delve into the methods and moments of Sheffield's civil rights history including the likes of Paul Robeson, British Black Panthers, Sheffield's Asian Youth Movement & Malcolm X. Were women's voices heard?

Led by: Mark Hutchinson from Journey to Justice

The Sheffield Home of Football Walking Tour

Sunday 11 September, 14.00 - 15.30

1 mile (1.6km)

Start: Crucible Theatre entrance, S1 1DA

Finish: Cutlers Hotel, George Street, S1 2PF

Parking: £1 all day in city centre on Sunday

Terrain: City streets

Grade: easy

Explore some of the highlights of Sheffield's unique football heritage, including the world's two oldest clubs, Sheffield FC (1857) and Hallam FC (1860); the founding of SWFC and SUFC, Bramall Lane and Yorkshire Cricket Club.

Led by: Dr John Wilson, trustee of Sheffield Home of Football

Mills and Hills: an introduction to the beautiful Loxley Valley

Sunday 11 September, 10:35 - 14:30

5 miles (8.5km)

Start & Finish: Rowell Bridge (foot of Rowell Lane) SK299895

Parking: Limited off road, otherwise roadside - no restrictions

Public transport: 52a from Church St at 09:48 to Admiral Rodney pub, or 61 from Hillsborough Interchange at 09:55 to Rowell Lane

Terrain: Hilly with some stiles

Grade: intermediate

A varied walk across the Loxley Valley taking in wood and farmland, hillside villages, viewpoints, and historic industry.

Bring food & drink

Led by: Stewart Kemp from Friends of the Loxley Valley

Burngreave Burner

Sunday 11 September, 10:15 - 14:00

6 miles (10km)

Start & Finish: Outside WH Smith in Sheffield Interchange

Parking: £1 all day in city centre on Sunday

Terrain: City streets and urban green space

Grade: intermediate

Unexpected green spaces and historic urban sites combine to provide a fascinating insight into one of Sheffield's most diverse and lively neighbourhoods, including Victoria Quays, River Don, Parkwood Springs, Pitsmoor and Burngreave Cemetery.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Graham Jones from Sheffield Ramblers

From Tip to Trail – the next phase of the Upper Don Trail

Monday 12 September, 14:00 to 17:00

3.7 miles (6km)

Start & Finish: Junction of Station Rd/Wortley Rd, Deepcar

Parking: on Station Rd

Public transport: 57 bus from Sheffield Interchange or SL1 and SL1A from Middlewood Park & Ride

Terrain: Mostly paths and tracks

Grade: intermediate

We explore the next planned route of the Upper Don Trail and the Trans Pennine Trail on a journey of contrasts. We will pass through the forgotten industrial moonscapes of Deepcar Brickworks, More Hall Tips and Wraggs Quarry, but also take in the spectacular valley landscape, unspoilt river banks, the beautiful Wharncliffe woods and learn about dragons, mines, orchids and the birthplace of English climbing.

Led by: Simon Ogden and members of the Upper Don Trail and Steel Valley Trusts

Dore and Moor

Monday 12 September, 10:10 to 14:40

7 miles (11.3km)

Start & Finish: Dore & Topley station (SK324813)

Parking: Station P&R car park or on Dore Road opposite

Public transport: 218 bus leaves transport interchange at 09:40 (97 and 98 buses also stop at the station)

Terrain: Countryside paths and quiet lanes

Grade: intermediate

There is a short steep climb up steps at the start of the walk and one longer gradual climb onto Blackamoor on this exploration of this beautiful area in the southwest of the city.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Sue Gray from Sheffield Ramblers

The Sheffield Country Walk

Monday 12 September

8.5 miles (13.7km)

Start: Moscar Lodge

Finish: Worrall

Public transport: Meet outside WH Smith in Sheffield Interchange at 09:45 to catch 256 bus at 09:55

Terrain: Moorland, riverside and fields

Grade: moderate

This linear walk in the north west of Sheffield follows includes Moscar Lodge, Dale Dike, Low and High Bradfield (possible break-off points at 4.25 or 5 miles), Holdworth and Worrall.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Judy Gathercole from Sheffield Ramblers

Sheffield: A Civilised Place

Tuesday, 13 September, 11:00 - 13:30

2.75 miles (4.4km)

Start & Finish: Sheffield Cathedral

Terrain: City streets / Grade: easy

You will see buildings and structures, various forms of transport (road, rail, tram and water) and the bridges they need. You will not see hidden essentials like water supply and drainage, but you will learn something about where they are. You will see different materials being used in different forms - all designed and constructed by engineers, applying science and using engineering principles. We will learn how special steels contribute to our world and learn about the key people involved in their inventions.

The walk is suitable for all abilities including wheelchairs and pushchairs. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Led by: Duncan Froggatt from the Institution of Civil Engineers

A Brief History of Professional Theatre in Sheffield

Tuesday 13 September, 14:30 - 1600

1.8 miles (3km)

Start: Outside Lyceum Theatre, S1 2LA

Finish: Townhead Street, S1 2ED

Terrain: City streets

Grade: easy

A walk round the city centre, visiting the sites of the city's surviving and former theatres and concert halls. You will hear tales of travelling players to current theatre practices via Georgian, Victorian and Repertory Theatre.

Led by Chris Reece, former manager of Sheffield Theatres

Tales of City Centre Music Halls

Tuesday 13 September, 17:45 - 19:15

1.8 miles (3km)

Start: Outside Lyceum Theatre, S1 2LA

Finish: Shakespeare's pub, Gibraltar Street, S3 8UA

Terrain: City streets

Grade: easy

A walk round the West Bar area - the Shaftesbury Avenue of Sheffield, visiting the sites of long-gone Music Halls, circuses and singing rooms (pubs). You will hear tales of the managers, artistes and clientele of these establishments. This year, the tour will contain references to how showmen promoted recent inventions like Steam Power, Electric lighting and Moving Pictures into their fairs, circuses and shows.

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Wood, River and Common

Tuesday 13th September, 10.10 - 14:00

6.2 miles (10km)

Start & Finish: Middlewood Park & Ride Tram Stop SK326910

Parking: Middlewood Park & Ride

Public transport: 09.51 Yellow tram from Cathedral

Terrain: Mostly countryside footpaths

Grade: intermediate

We climb west through Wadsley Park Village to Wadsley and Loxley Commons, through Sycamore Park, Coumes Wood and Sensical Park to Oughtibridge, returning to the start along the River Don.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Angela Coles from Sheffield Ramblers

Kelham Island to the World's End

Wednesday 14 September, 17.00 - 19.00

1.9 miles (3km)

Start: Ball Street Bridge SK350883

Finish: Herries Road (buses and trams back to town)

Parking: Neepsend Lane or Millsands NCP

Terrain: Surfaced and un surfaced footways. Unsuitable for wheelchairs

Grade: intermediate

We follow the River Don along the emerging Upper Don Trail, a route that offers decay and regeneration, hidden history, a haunting cemetery, quirky characters and surprising beauty.

Led by Simon Ogden and other members of the Upper Don Trail Trust

Heritage Walk in the Loxley Valley

Wednesday 14 September, 10:30 - 13:00

3 miles (4.8km)

Start & Finish: Loxley Village Green (junction of Loxley Road/Rodney Hill) SK308899

Parking: Roadside - no restrictions

Public transport: 52a from city centre or 61/62 from Hillsborough Interchange

Terrain: Even going

Grade: easy

An easy walk looking at local history and heritage items en route

Led by: Bradfield parish archivist, Malcolm Nunn

Dore & Totley Delights via the Back Doors

Wednesday 14 September, 10:05 - 15:00

9.5 miles (15.3km)

Start & Finish: Dore & Totley Station (S17 3LB), SK324813

Parking: Station P&R car park or on Dore Road opposite

Public transport: 218 bus from Interchange at 0940 or the 97 and 98

Terrain: Undulating with two short climbs

Grade: moderate

Poynton & Gillfield Woods, Strawberry Lee Lane, Blacka Moor, Lenny Hill & Blacka Dike, Old Hay Becks, Dore Village & Ecclesall Woods.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Sonia Gayle from Sheffield Ramblers
07748 180720

Tales of City Centre Music Halls

Thursday 15 September, 18:00 - 19:30

1.8 miles (3km)

Start: Outside Lyceum Theatre, S1 2LA

Finish: Shakespeare's pub, Gibraltar Street, S3 8UA

Terrain: City streets

Grade: easy

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Parkwood Springs - from Deer Park to Country Park

Thursday 15 September, 17:30 - 19:30

1 mile (1.6km)

Start & Finish: Parkwood Springs Car Park, Shirecliffe Road, S5 8XB

Public transport: 32 from B2 in Sheffield Interchange at 17:00

Terrain: Mostly good paths

Grade: easy

We will walk around Parkwood Springs, originally a medieval deer park, now a 150 hectare green space, which the ongoing masterplan sets out make into "Our Country Park In The City." We will see great views over the city and hear about the changing uses of the site.

Led by: Friends of Parkwood Springs

Highs and Lows of Bradfield

Thursday 15 September, 10:30 - 13:30

5.3 miles (8.5km)

Start & Finish: The Sands car park, Low Bradfield SK263920

Public transport: 09:55 61 bus from Hillsborough Interchange to Low Bradfield

Terrain: Mostly defined paths with gentle ascents

Grade: intermediate

From Low Bradfield we climb through fields to High Bradfield. The route passes St. Nicholas' Church and Bailey Hill and then passes through woodland before crossing more open land. The final section is along permissive paths around Agden Reservoir. The route has excellent views across this section of the Dark Peak.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Bradfield Walkers are Welcome

It's Rough around Rivelin

Thursday 15 September, 10:30 - 15:30

8.5 miles (6 miles)

(Please note that tree felling in the Nature Reserve may shorten the route slightly).

Start & Finish: Car park at rear of the Sportsman pub, Redmires Road (SK282862)

Public transport: 51 to Lodge Moor terminus. Continue 300m to start

Terrain: Valley sides with paths fairly steep and uneven in places.

Grade: moderate

We walk through woodland down to Rivelin Dams, through Rivelin Rough and field paths to Stannington before descending back into the Rivelin Valley and climbing gently through woodland to the start.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Steve Hughes and Christine Whittaker from Sheffield Ramblers

Sheffield Old Town: Echoes of the Past

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2 miles (3.2km)

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A fascinating stroll through the canal basin, by the River Don and on to West Bar, returning via Paradise Square to learn about Sheffield's Industrial Heritage.

Led by: Local historian Les Seaman

In Search of the Lost River Sheaf

Friday 16 September, 17:00 - 19:00

1.9 miles (3km)

Start: Junction of Granville Square and Queens Road (SK358865)

Finish: Blonk Street Bridge

Terrain: City streets and footways, suitable for wheelchairs

Grade: easy

We follow the River Sheaf overground from where it disappears into mysterious culverts to its secret confluence with the Don. On the way you will hear how and why the Sheaf was lost and how we could soon get sizeable sections back, plus plenty of history and glimpses of the future. The tour concludes with an exclusive drink and look inside the yet to open Two Rivers Bar in an abandoned but totally transformed Gents Toilet on Blonk Street Bridge.

Led by Simon Ogden and other members of the Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust

Moo've it to Molly's - Stannington to Dungworth and Back

Friday 16 September, 11:00 - 14:00

5 miles (8km)

Start & Finish: Stannington Library, Uppergate Road, Stannington S6 6BX (SK302886)

Public transport: 81 bus from Angel St at 10:31 to library

Parking: Small car park behind library or street parking

Terrain: Some steep climbs and stiles

Grade: moderate

We have tremendous views towards the Loxley Valley out-bound and the Rivelin Valley home-bound, with the opportunity to augment your sandwiches with an ice cream from Our Cow Molly on the way past.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Sue Lee. Ramblers Wellbeing Walks, Step Out Sheffield, 07905239699

Seven Halls in Seven Mile

Friday 16 September, 10:40 to 14:40

7 miles (11.3km)

Start & Finish: Junction of Totley Hall Lane and Baslow Road. S17 4AA (SK307798)

Parking: Street parking is available off the main road

Public transport: 218 bus at 10:10 from Sheffield Interchange to Bakewell, alighting at the Cross Scythes pub, Totley

Terrain: Fields, woodland and quiet lanes. Some stiles and steady ascents

Grade: intermediate

The Totley area is noted for its historic halls, set in lovely countryside. This circular walk visits Horsleygate Old Hall, Fanshaw Gate, Horsleygate, Unthank, Barlow Woodseats, Cartledge and Woodthorpe.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Simon Gray from Sheffield Ramblers

Beauchief Circular

Saturday 17 September, 11:00 to 13:30

4.4 miles (7km)

Start & Finish: Millhouses Park Café

Parking: Pay and display in Millhouses Park South car park or free on main road

Public transport: 98 from Arundel Gate at 10:29

Terrain: A mixture of paths

Grade: intermediate

From Millhouses Park we head towards Beauchief Park, taking in Ladies Spring Wood and Beauchief Hall before returning to the start.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by Nicki Speakman from Barnsley Ramblers

A Journey to Hidden Places

Saturday 17 September, 11:00 to 15:00

6 miles (10km)

Start & Finish: Outside First Start building in Firth Park S5 6HH (SK368914)

Public transport: Numerous buses from AG 4 and 5 on Arundel Gate, including 1, 1a, 75, 76 and 88

Parking: Free car park on Hucklow Road, behind First Start or road parking

Terrain: A mix of urban, woods, parks and greenspace

Grade: intermediate

Join author, Rob Haslam, to discover the Lost Gateway in an ancient wood, the Star Crossed Queen, the Enchanted Chairs and a remarkable total of 39 exhibits of mostly hidden outdoor art in the suburbs of Firth Park and Wincobank.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Rob Haslam, author of Walking South Yorkshire, the Sheffield Greenway and A Journey to Hidden Places

This walk is in partnership with Heritage Open Days

Hunshelf Bank circular from Stocksbridge

Sunday 18th September, 10:30 - 13:00

5 miles (8km)

Start & Finish: Fox Valley overflow Car Park, Stocksbridge SK275986. A large Regatta flag will mark the entrance

Parking: Regatta Great Outdoors will be offering 10% off all non-sale items for those taking part

Terrain: moorland, woods, fields, tarmac surfaces

Grade: intermediate

We ascend to the Pea Royd Lane Viewpoint and Hunshelf Bank. Extensive views across the Upper Don Valley follow as we traverse Hunshelf Bank before reaching the Green Moor Viewpoint. We then descend to the stepping stones at the Wortley Leppings before returning via Tin Mill, the River Don and the Deepcar bridleway to Fox Valley Shopping Centre.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome

The Sheffield Round Walk

Sunday 18 September, 10:00 - 16:00

15 miles (24km)

Start & Finish: Outside cafe in Endcliffe Park, S11 7AB

Public transport: 82, 83 or 88 from Leopold St. (alight just beyond Hunters Bar roundabout)

Parking: Small car park on Rustlings Road or road parking

Terrain: Some steep inclines and steps, but just one stile. Some busy road crossings

Grade: hard

The full challenge of the Round Walk through the SW suburbs, though there are a number of drop out points where walkers can hop on a bus back to town.

Bring Food & Drink

Led by: Jon Barton, Managing Director of Vertebrate Publishing and author of the guidebook