

Dursley Walking Festival 2014

10th to 12th October 2014
Dursley, Gloucestershire
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Friday 10th October 10:15 – Walk 1: The Cotswold Way from Stonehouse to Dursley (Bus Walk)

Brief description: We will take the Stagecoach bus 21 from Dursley to Stonehouse and return to Dursley by the Stroudwater navigation, and then the Cotswold Way over Selsley Common, Coaley Peak and Cam Long Down. There are a number of steep ascents and descents on this route but also spectacular views. If you have a bus pass please bring it with you, if you do not have one you will need cash for the bus fare. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 10 miles, 5 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756 982

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only

Contact details/leader: Chris and Linda 07743 307686

Organisation: Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Friday 10th October 10:30 – Walk 2: Dursley Welcomes Dogs

Brief description: This walk heads towards the Quarry. Much of the route is level but there are several inclines. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 2.5 miles, 2 hours

Start point/grid ref: Cam Parish Council Offices, GL11 5PS SO 749003

Free Public Car Park in front of building. Additional parking is available in the Tesco Car Park but **you must enter the store and register your car at the customer service desk** (next to the tobacco counter). If you do not register your car you will get a parking fine from the Tesco central system if you stay more than 3 hours!

Dogs allowed? Well behaved dogs on short leads welcome. The owner takes full responsibility for their dog. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.

Contact details/leader: Simon 07971 220976

Organisation: Dursley Lions Club www.dursleylions.com

Friday 10th October 14:00 – Walk 3: Cam Stone Stiles, Severn Vale Views and Severn Vale Micro-Brewery Walk

Brief description: This circular walk is around the outskirts of Cam and focuses on some of the many stone stiles which are unusual in an area where hedges are the principal field boundary. Towards the end of the walk there is a visit to the Severn Vale micro-brewery including a guided tour and a possible taster. **There may be a charge for beer consumed!** This is a moderate walk but the first mile is all uphill (wonderful views from the top!). Some stiles have been removed or replaced with kissing gates but there are still a few that need some agility. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult and well supervised throughout the walk. We recommend that you bring something to drink en route.

It is not essential to book in advance but it would be useful for the brewery to know approximately how many people are attending. Please phone the leader in advance if possible. NB There is no charge for the brewery tour but **there may be a charge for any beer consumed.**

Duration/distance: Approximately 3.5 miles. Estimated duration 3 hours (depending on brewery tour timings).

Start point/grid ref: Cam Parish Council Offices, GL11 5PS SO 749003

Free Public Car Park in front of building. Additional parking is available in the Tesco Car Park but **you must enter the store and register your car at the customer service desk.** If you do not register your car you will get a parking fine from the Tesco central system if you stay more than 3 hours!

Dogs allowed? Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome. Dogs must be well supervised. NB there are livestock in some of the fields. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.

Contact details/leader: John F. Telephone 01453 548529

Friday 10th October 14:00 – Walk 4: Dursley Town Centre to Cam Peak, Cam Long Down and return

Brief description: This walk takes in Cam Peak and Long Down, returning via the Cotswold Way. It includes several moderate ascents/descents and one steep climb but rewards the walker with amazing views. A reasonably high level of fitness is required to complete the walk within 2 hours. There are a number of stiles and some road walking. Suitable for adults, and older children/teenagers. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. We recommend that you bring something to drink. No need to book, just turn up.

Duration/distance: 5 – 6 miles, 2 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Rob Telephone 01453 544521 or 07779 943407
Organisation: Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Friday 10th October 19:30 – Quiz

Brief description: Quiz evening – £5.00 per person to include ploughman's supper. Teams of four. Prizes and raffle. Bar available. Tickets £2:50 (excluding food) may be available at the door if space permits.
Start point/grid ref: Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Glos, GL11 4BX
Dogs allowed? Registered Assistance Dogs only.
Booking information: Supper bookings must be received by Monday 6th October.
To book telephone 07743 307686.
Organisation: Dursley Welcomes Walkers www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Saturday 11th October 09:30 – Walk 5: Urban Birding Walk

Brief description: A circular walk towards May Lane, the Slade, Water Street and the Broadwell. From here following footpaths to Chestal and Ferney and along the River Ewelme towards Uley. Crossing the Uley road to Riversmill we return along the Ewelme via playing fields. Fairly easy going with mostly pavements or footpaths, some inclines and steps on route in various locations, no stiles but some gates. Some footpaths could be muddy in places if previously wet. Suitable for adults and children. Not suitable for wheelchairs but pushchairs could cope. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book – just turn up.
Duration/distance: 2 - 2½ hours – 2 miles
Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982
Dogs allowed? Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.
Contact details/leader: John M. Telephone 01453 546174
Organisation: Dursley Birdwatching and Preservation Society
<http://dursleybirdwatchers.btck.co.uk>

Saturday 11th October 09:50 for 10:00 – Walk 6: Wotton Edge and back

Brief description: Dursley, Stinchcombe Hill, Waterley Bottom and Laycombe Ditch Woods. Hilly with some level walking. **Bring a packed lunch and enough to drink.** This is a strenuous walk and requires a good level of fitness. Not suitable for children. No need to book – just turn up.
Duration/distance: 9 miles, 4.5 - 5 hours
Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982
Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.
Contact details/leader: Allen: 01453 545588
Organisation: South Cotswold Ramblers www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Saturday 11th October 10:00 – Walk 7: Cam to Coaley and back

Brief description: There is a gentle uphill gradient at the start of the walk, but largely over level ground. The route is mainly across fields rather than on paths. There are stiles but these are not dog-friendly. There will be livestock in the fields. There will be a chance to look at a small scheme to generate electricity from the River Cam. The pace will be gentle and only a moderate degree of fitness is required. No need to book – just turn up.
Duration/distance: Approximately 2.5 hours
Start point/grid ref: Cam Parish Council Offices, GL11 5PS SO 749003
Dogs allowed? Dogs on a short lead are permitted but note the stiles are not dog friendly. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.
Contact details/leader: Barbara Telephone 01453 890679
Organisation: St Bart's Ramblers



Saturday 11th October 11:00 – Walk 8: Health Walk

Brief description: A walk on footpaths and pavements around Dursley, suitable for non-regular walkers. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 45 minutes

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Chris and Linda 07743 307686

Organisation: Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Saturday 11th October 14:00 – Walk 9: Uley Bury and back

Brief description: Up round Uley Bury, Angeston Grange, Stouts Hill and back via Owlpen. Marvellous views at the top on a clear day. One steep climb at the start. This walk is suitable for fit adults and teenagers. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch and drinks are available at the pub before the walk and drinks afterwards but food is not available again until 6pm. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 5 miles, 3 hours

Start point/grid ref: Uley, The Old Crown, GL11 5SN, ST792985

Park in pub CP if using pub, otherwise carefully by church.

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Denys: 01453 751581 (mobile 07783 269574 on day of walk only)

Organisation: South Cotswold Ramblers www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

Saturday 11th October 14:30 – Walk 10: Introduction to geo-caching, a modern “treasure hunt”

Brief description: This walk provides an introduction to geo-caching, a modern day “treasure hunt” with the aid of GPS directions and brief clues. Bring GPS or tablet if you have one. Walk will be in local woodland via a steep ascent. **Please phone to book. No charge but numbers are limited.**

Duration/distance: 2 hours

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Chris and Linda 07743 307686

Organisation: Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Saturday 11th October 15:00 – Walk 11: Sunset over the Severn – a photography walk

Brief description: A walk around the perimeter of Stinchcombe Hill taking in the views across the Severn and towards the Tyndale Monument. The walk is suitable for almost all abilities as the terrain is undulating on marked paths and bridleways. On the way round there will be a chance to stop and take pictures at the best views and the leader will discuss some ideas and technical advice that can improve your images. Bring your camera or just come and enjoy the view and get some photographic tips for the future. No need to book.

Duration/distance: 2 miles, 1.0 - 1.5 hours

Start point/grid ref: Stinchcombe Hill public CP (not the golf club car park) ST 743983

Nearest postcode GL11 6AQ.

Dogs allowed? Well behaved dogs on a short lead welcome. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the “Important Notes” section.

Contact details/leader: Matt 07901 110830

Organisation name: Tyndale Photography Club www.tyndalephoto.org

Saturday 11th October 19:30 – The History of Dursley, a talk by David Evans, local historian and president of the Dursley & Cam Society

Brief description: The recorded history of Dursley goes back as far as the Norman Conquest when the settlement was part of a very large estate based on Berkeley. Always small in size, the town never played a major role in national affairs. However its influence was sometimes felt nationally and internationally as individuals and products achieved more than local fame. David’s talk rambles through the 900 plus years since 1066, as Dursley evolved into the present pleasant market town, and ends with a look at the four hills that surround it, each of which has its own story. David will be bringing a few historical artefacts which will be on display in the Town Hall. There may be an opportunity to visit the Heritage Centre after the talk. No need to book – just turn up. **There is a charge of £2 per person, payable on the door. This includes tea and biscuits.**

Start point/grid ref: Town Hall, Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982
Access: Access to the historic Town Hall, which is on the first floor, is via an external flight of steps. For this reason it may not be accessible to those with some mobility problems.
Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only. Please also consider the above statement regarding access.
Contact details/leader: Dursley Walkers are Welcome phone 07743 307686

Sunday 12th October 09:00 – Walk 12: Dursley, Owlpen, Nailsworth round

Brief description: A full day's walk through wood, field and town. Very mixed terrain: some steep ascents and descents in places, some uneven ground and muddy if wet. Several stiles. Bring food and drink for morning break and lunch. Re-supply possible at shop in Nailsworth. This is a strenuous walk and a good level of fitness is required. Teas available afterwards (see below). No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 15 – 16 miles. At an average speed of 2.5 mph the walk should be finished soon after 4pm.

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982.

Dogs allowed? Well trained dogs on short lead welcome. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.

Contact details/leader: John R. 07791 657041

Sunday 12th October 10:00 – Walk 13: A section of the Lantern Way between Dursley and Coaley

Brief description: This walk will introduce you to the first section of the proposed new Lantern Way (a 15 mile circular walk around Dursley devised by one of today's leaders) along the lower slopes of Stinchcombe Hill, via Upper Cam church, over fields between Cam and Coaley and back to Dursley via the new Littlecombe development. Several stiles and muddy stretches with 2 or 3 climbs. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 5.5 miles (9KM)

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982.

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Leaders: Cotswold Wardens DH and DA.

Organisation: Cotswold Wardens www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Sunday 12th October 11:00 – Walk 14: Health Walk

Brief description: A walk on footpaths and pavements in and around Dursley, suitable for non-regular walkers. No need to book – just turn up.

Duration/distance: 45 minutes

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982.

Dogs allowed? Registered assistance dogs only.

Contact details/leader: Chris and Linda 07743 307686

Organisation: Vale Vision www.valevision.org.uk

Sunday 12th October 13:45 – Walk 15 A circular walk towards Uley

Brief description: This walk heads towards Uley and takes in Castlestree millpond, Rockstowe and Mill Farm. Teas available afterwards (see below). No need to book – just turn up. For further information contact walk leader.

Duration/distance: 4 mile

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982.

Dogs allowed? Well behaved dogs on a short lead permitted. Please refer to the general guidance on dogs on walks in the "Important Notes" section.

Contact details/leader: Greta 01453 542161

Organisation: Dursley Rambling Club

Sunday 12th October 14:30 – Walk 16: Heritage Walk

Brief description: Heritage Walk – a slow amble around Dursley's streets with frequent stops to look at some of the town's old buildings and other locations with a focus on their history. Teas available afterwards (see below). No need to book – just turn up. If you want any additional information please contact the leader.

Duration/distance: 1 ½ - 2 miles

Start point/grid ref: Market Place, Dursley, GL11 4BS ST 756982.

Contact details/leader: Andy 01453 549323

Sunday 12th October 15:00 - 18:00 – Sunday afternoon teas

Start point/grid ref: Methodist Church Hall, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS, ST 756 982
(opposite Market Place)

Brief description: Sunday teas. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake (small charge).
A chance to relax at the end of the Walking Festival.

Important Notes:

- To avoid disappointment please read the booking instructions carefully.
- The Dursley area is hilly and many of the walks will be strenuous - please consider any health issues you may have before deciding to join the walks and advise walk leaders of any concerns before setting off.
- For all but the shortest walks wear strong footwear and bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing. This year there have been more ticks than usual. For this reason we suggest that you wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers rather than shorts.
- Please ensure that you take water with you on all but the shortest walks and a snack or packed lunch where necessary.
- Please do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.
- Many walks involve stiles so we apologise that for this reason many of the walks may not be accessible for people with some mobility issues. Similarly these routes may be unsuitable for push chairs. Please check with walk leaders in advance.
- All of the walks are free – donations to the organising groups are at the walkers' discretion.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. We have tried to indicate where walks are particularly suitable for children in the individual walk descriptions. Walk leaders will be happy to advise you further if you phone them in advance.
- Dogs are allowed on some walks (see individual walk details). The owner is responsible for their dog at all times. Dogs must be well behaved and they must be kept on a short lead and under control at all times. The owner must ensure that their dog does not trip, alarm or inconvenience other people or cause damage and they must clean up after their dog. If a walk leader thinks that your dog is not sufficiently well behaved you will not be allowed to join the walk. Walks may contain stiles which some dogs could find difficult to negotiate. When walking through a field containing livestock or horses people with dogs should walk at the back of the group. If the livestock/horses become threatening then let the dog go. The dog will be able to run away and the livestock/horses' interest will be diverted from the walkers to the dog.
- Please do not feed any animals you meet on the walks and make sure that you take all your litter home with you.
- The duration of each walk has been estimated by the walk leader. Sometimes walks take longer than estimated e.g. if there are large numbers of walkers or difficult conditions underfoot on the day or it is necessary to change the route slightly due to path closures. Please bear this in mind if you use a short stay car park.
- In the unlikely event that it becomes necessary to alter or cancel a walk or event we will post a notice on our website www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk as soon as possible. If you are travelling a long distance for a specific walk/event we advise you to check the website before travelling.
- There is a Farmers Market in Dursley Market Place in the morning on Saturday 11th with tea and cakes available in the Town Hall (small charge). Do have a look round if you have time.

Travel and transport

Parking: For all walks starting in Dursley, long stay parking is available at:

Long Street: ST757982 GL11 4LS - Hill Road: ST753980 GL11 4JQ - Sainsbury's: ST755983 GL11 4BS see note below

There is a limited number of parking places available at Sainsburys for the festival. Permits are required to be displayed for those who will be stopping longer than 3 hours. Call 07743 307686 for further information. Please note that **parking spaces beyond the barrier are only accessible when Sainsburys is open**. For walks starting in other locations please see individual walk description for information about parking. If you park on the road please ensure that you do not inconvenience residents, other road users or pedestrians.

Nearest railway station: Cam and Dursley

Bus information: Traveline South West www.travelinesw.com