



# Frome Walking Festival 2024

August 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

Guided walks for all ages and abilities.



# Welcome back to Frome's annual walking festival!

This year's programme of 18 guided walks over 3 days has something for everyone.

Make sure you book your tickets early as spaces are limited.

## How to book

The easiest way to book is online at [discoverfrome.co.uk/frome-walking-festival](https://discoverfrome.co.uk/frome-walking-festival)



## No internet? No problem.

Pop into Frome Town Hall or call 01373 465 757.

If you're booking spaces on a paid walk, you'll need to provide your card details.

All walks leave from the Frome Walking Festival stand outside the Cheese & Grain, BA11 1BE unless otherwise stated.

The end times we've listed are approximate. Walks often overrun so please keep half an hour free at the end.



For ways to enjoy Frome on foot all year round, visit the Discover Frome website for local walking groups and downloadable self-guided walks.

[www.discoverfrome.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome](https://www.discoverfrome.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome)

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# Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

## Health Walk: Parks & Green Spaces of Frome Starting outside Frome Library

Explore the green spaces of Frome and take in various points of local interest on a moderate walk.

This is a free Somerset Health Walk, these walks take place regularly to increase wellbeing.

3-mile walk led by Tricia Golinski.

10:15am  
- 12:15pm

FREE

## War Graves

### Starting at St John's Church forecourt

This moderate 2-mile walk will visit Frome's

Commonwealth War Graves, over 50 across 4 churchyards, finishing at Frome Memorial Theatre which is home to the

Charlie Robbins statue and the Town War Memorial. Dr Jim Clipson, a Royal Navy veteran, will lead this walk. Dr Clipson has visited the

224 graves of the Great War men from Frome listed on the Town War Memorial in a remarkable research project cycling across Europe.

This walk is unsuitable for children under 12 and dogs.

*\*Suggested donation. Proceeds from this walk will go to the Trussell Trust.*

10:15am  
- 12:15pm

£5\*

## Frome Building Stones

Discover the different stones used to build Frome, with local geologist Simon Carpenter. Simon will discuss how

the stones were formed and what they tell us about ancient environments, and will bring along some local fossils to help

with interpretation. This fascinating 2-mile walk sold out fast last year, so make sure you book early if you'd like to come along.

2:00pm  
- 3:30pm

FREE

# Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August (continued)

## Plaques of Frome

The trail follows the plaques established by the Frome Society for Local Study to explore the rich heritage of Frome through its buildings and the interesting people who occupied them, including figures like poet Christina Rossetti and the Duke of Monmouth, who attempted to overthrow King James II. 4-mile walk led by Mary Henderson.

2:00pm  
- 4:00pm

FREE

## A Very Short Walk Around the Long History of Frome

If you love hearing about local history but don't fancy climbing a mile up and down steep cobbled streets, try this gentle version of regular walk Heart of Frome. Frome Town Guide Lisa Kenwright will take you on a short walk exploring the historic centre of the town in detail, uncovering the hidden layers of the past and how they have shaped the modern town we can see today. The walk will be over pavement with two road crossings at dropped kerbs and mostly flat with one short steep slope, and will finish at the foot of Church Steps. The content is suitable for all, particularly families. 0.3 miles.

6:30pm  
- 7:30pm

FREE



# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## Longbridge Deverill

**Starting at the George Inn, BA12 7DG**

A mostly level walk on quiet country roads, good footpaths and forest tracks, exploring Longbridge Deverill and the historic area of Sand Hill and Southleigh Woods. No stiles.

Toilets and refreshments available at the end, at the pub.

4-mile walk led by Michael Weale. Free parking at the George Inn.

10:00am  
- 12:00pm

FREE

## Orchardleigh

Using riverside paths, tracks and field paths, this walk will pass Orchardleigh Church and down the driveway to Orchardleigh House. It will then return to Frome via Spring Gardens and Packsaddle Fields.

5.5-mile walk led by Sue Worringham.

10:00am  
- 1:00pm

FREE

## River & Rodden Nature Reserve

This walk will follow the river through Rodden Meadow and on to Rodden Nature Reserve, looking at the history of the river, its wildlife, pollution issues, flooding, development and the Friends of River Frome strategy. Bring lunch with you.

4-mile walk led by Rich Ackroyd.

12:00pm  
- 3:00pm

FREE

## Kindness Trail

Kindness is all around us. Enjoy an uplifting 2-mile walk following Frome's Kindness Trail, discovering places with either a historical or present touch of kindness. We'll finish up at the Good Heart Cafe around 3pm for tea and cake.

*\*Pay What You Can - please donate at the end if you're able to.*

2:00pm  
- 3:00pm

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# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August (cont.)

## Family Walk with Frome's Missing Links

Join Frome's Missing Links for a 2-mile, family-friendly walk along the charity's recently completed section of path through Whatcombe Fields, along the river, to the poplar woods near Selwood Hall. There will be plenty to spot along the way and an activity sheet at the end. The route is suitable for buggies, scooters, and small feet, and will be walkable whatever the weather. This is a relaxed walk, lasting an hour or two. Stay as long as you like.  
*\*Suggested donation per family to pay on the day.*

2:00pm

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## Frome Walking Wheel Inner Ring

This walk follows the Inner Ring of Frome Walking Wheel, which takes in many of the town's green spaces and heritage architecture.

5-mile walk led by Dorothy-Anne and Andrew Bryant.

4:00pm  
- 7:00pm

FREE

## Silent Disco: Siggers Plays Pop

Join eminent whistorian Virginia Siggers on a 2-mile silent disco walking tour of Frome. Virginia has "modernised" her approach, offering insight into the popular culture of the 1970s, 80s and 90s complete with a carefully curated soundtrack.

Let her lead you down the rabbit hole, uncovering some hidden gems and tickling the beige underbelly of the town. A blend of improvised comedy and stream of consciousness scriptwriting, Rare Species Theatre Company delight and surprise at every turn.

Contains adult themes and some strong language. Headphones provided.

6:00pm  
- 7:00pm

£15



# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

## Part of the Frome Walking Wheel

Spend the day exploring beautiful countryside and surrounding hamlets and villages. We'll follow Spoke 4 of the Walking Wheel to the outer ring, along to Spoke 7 and back into Frome on Spoke 8. (No prior knowledge necessary.) 13-mile walk led by Les Stather. Bring packed lunch, snacks and water.

10:00am  
- 3:00pm

FREE

## Plants and their Uses

This 2-mile walk will teach you about the native (and non-native) plants around us, how to identify them, their medicinal properties and the benefit they have to wildlife. The walk will also include some foraging advice. 2-mile walk led by Katie Wood.

11:30am  
- 12:30pm

£7

## Heritage Trees of Frome

Join local author and heritage tree specialist Julian Hight on a walk to see some of Frome's most majestic trees and hear about their history, legacy and lore. This easy 1.5-mile walk will include Millennium Green and Rodden Meadow.

2:00pm  
- 3:30pm

£8

## Coleford Canal

### Starting opposite Coleford Co-Op, BA3 5NJ

This walk goes from Coleford to Edford and back, following the route of "the canal that never was" and passing coal workings that would have benefited from the canal. Once a hub of industrial activity, it is now delightful countryside to walk through. Route includes several stiles, some steep sections and plenty of uneven ground. See ticket page for parking and meeting point details. 4.5-mile walk led by Veryan Conn. Not suitable for dogs.

2:00am  
- 4:30pm

FREE