



NORTH SOMERSET WALKFEST

1-31 MAY 2026

CHOOSE FROM LOTS OF AMAZING WALKS
IN AND AROUND NORTH SOMERSET

Options to join different walking activities for a range of abilities. Most walks are **FREE**
For full information: n-somerset.gov.uk/nswalkfest or call **01275 882730**

#NSWALKFEST



We've brought together a whole programme of walks to make sure there is something for everyone: so, head out for a walk for the joy of walking, talk it through on a walk and talk, or give walking sports a go.

Visit the [website](#) to find out more information about local groups and walking routes.

HEALTH WALKS

These are aimed at individuals who want to start and stay active. They are led by volunteers who have attended leader training to ensure a safe and enjoyable walk for all. Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead and Weston offer a variety of distances for all abilities.

WALK EVERY DAY IN MAY

Start a new habit and challenge yourself to walk every day during Walk Fest. The distance isn't important. Download the tracker from our website [here](#) and tick off every day that you walk.

 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

 WALKING SPORTS

 NATURE AND WILDLIFE

 WALKING FOR PLEASURE

 ART, CULTURE AND HISTORY

WALK GRADES AND THEMES

EASY - mainly flat on paved surfaces without features such as steps; gentle pace.

FAIRLY EASY - mainly flat on paved surfaces with features such as steps; gentle pace.

MODERATE - more challenging slopes and the ground may be varied, may include steps and stiles; moderate pace.

CHALLENGING - suitable for experienced walkers able to walk longer distances over mixed terrain and gradients at a brisk pace.

Workplace Challenge

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? Yes – [sign up by 28 April](#)

Free? Yes

Organisation: North Somerset Council

Organisation website:

betterhealthns.co.uk/information/workplace-walking

This challenge for North Somerset workplaces will take place during from 1 to 31 May.

Join a team of up to 10 colleagues and challenge other North Somerset workplaces. All we need to know is how many steps you and your team did each week.

At the start of June, we will collect the final number of steps your team has done. The aim of the challenge is to encourage people to walk a little more, so it doesn't matter how many steps you do.

There are 10 x £20 Love to Shop vouchers available as prizes, these will be chosen at random.

You could also challenge your team to walk the length of Britain which is about 870 miles. As 2,000 steps is about a mile, your team would need to walk 1,740,000 steps!

Contact email: getactive@n-somerset.gov.uk

A-Z of Walking Routes Across North Somerset

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Distance: Various

We have put together an extensive list of walking routes around North Somerset.

Some of the routes within the listings are accessible and suitable for people who are using wheelchairs and/or walking with dogs and children. Some routes are more challenging.

Notes are provided against each route including the distance, accessibility, plus a guide to how long the walk may take depending your fitness levels.

[Click here to see the routes.](#)



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on foot, by bike or on
horseback**



With over 500 miles of Public Rights of Way, enjoy everything from gentle countryside walks to stunning coastal routes.

Footpaths, bridleways and byways link beautiful landscapes, historic villages and wildlife-rich spaces, perfect for families and outdoor adventurers.

Visit our website to plan your next adventure, with:

- An interactive rights of way map
- Access and responsible use guidance
- Wildlife protection advice
- How to report issues

Start exploring: www.n-somerset.gov.uk



Clevedon Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10.30am **Duration:** 1 hour

Location: [Boots, Clevedon, BS21 6HX](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

Organisation website: betterhealthns.co.uk/get-active/walking

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Contact email: getactive@n-somerset.gov.uk

Contact phone: 01275 852 663

Walking Cricket Clevedon

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? Yes

Free? First 3 sessions free

Time: 10.30am **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Location: [Strode Leisure Centre, BS21 6QG](#)

Organisation: Somerset Cricket Foundation

Organisation website: somersetcricketfoundation.org/community-programmes/walking-cricket/

Walking cricket is a slower version of the traditional game, played at a 'walking' pace and with adapted rules for indoor spaces. Everyone welcome, usually aged 50 plus.

Contact name: Mustafa

Contact email: mustafa.shaikh@somersetcricketfoundation.org

Contact phone: 07385 818493

Every
Friday

We Are Aware Walk and Talk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Grade: Easy

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 1.30pm **Duration:** 1-2 hours

Location: Nailsea - full info on booking

Organisation: We Are Aware CIC

Organisation website: weareaware.info

We Are Aware is a mental health lived experience peer community providing groups and activities for connection and support.

Our Walk and Talks provide gentle exercise, conversation and connection in a safe and supportive group setting - rotating across Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Backwell locations.

Contact email: admin@weareaware.info

Contact phone: 07503 191276

Every
Friday



parkrun

parkrun is a free, 5k community event that takes place every Saturday morning. You can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit, and no one finishes last as there is always a volunteer tail walker. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? No, but please register [here](#) first.

Free? Yes

Time: 9am **Distance:** 5km

Every
Saturday

Ashton Court parkrun

Location: [Ashton Court, BS41 9JN](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Contact email: ashtoncourt@parkrun.com

Clevedon Salthouse Fields parkrun

Location: [Clevedon Salthouse Park, BS21 7TU](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Email: clevedonsalthousefields@parkrun.com

Marine Parade parkrun

Location: [Marine Parade, BS23 1BE](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Contact email: marineparade@parkrun.com

Failand Bluebell Walk

Category: Nature and Wildlife

Grade: Moderate

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10am **Distance:** 6 miles **Duration:** 4.5hrs

Location: [Community shop/cafe, Clevedon Rd, BS8 3UL](#)

Organisation: Bristol Ramblers

Organisation website: bristolramblers.org.uk

A picturesque circular walk starting from Failand and undulating through fields and woods. On a clear day, there are extensive views across the Severn Estuary, and there are several bluebell woods.

Buses to the start: X6.

There is parking along the road to the left after the shop (if travelling from Bristol).

Contact email: secretary@bristolramblers.org

Bristol's Harbourside

Category: Nature and Wildlife

Grade: Moderate

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10am **Distance:** 5.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Location: [Mansion House, Clifton Down, BS8 3LJ](#)

Organisation: Bristol Ramblers

Organisation website: bristolramblers.org.uk

From Clifton Down, we will meander down to the docks via back alleys. Iconic views of Bristol around the harbour side. We will return up to Clifton through the Ashton Court Estate.

Contact email: secretary@bristolramblers.org.uk



Churchill and Cheddar Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10.30am **Duration:** 60 minutes

Location: [Hannah More Cottage, Lower North Street, Cheddar, BS27 3RA](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

Organisation website: betterhealthns.co.uk/get-active/walking

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A shorter walk and coffee meet up is available at 11am from the same starting point.

Contact name: Adrian

Contact email: adrianmale99@gmail.com

Contact phone: 01934 743 527

Rotating around Rickford

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Grade: Moderate

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 12pm **Distance:** 4.2 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Location: [Blagdon Village Club, BS40 7TA](#)

Organisation: Wellbeing Walks for Women

Organisation website: [Via Facebook](#)

There may be lots of ups and downs through fields and woods on this walk but the views across the Wrington Vale are spectacular. A mix of terrain, environment and effort required – not difficult but not for those who like a comfortable stroll. We will stop at The Plume of Feathers for quick refreshment break (and loo stop) nearer the end of the walk. They do hot beverages as well as alcohol / non-alcoholic cold ones!

Contact name: Tori Harper

Contact phone: 07888 486118



Bridge Tour

Category: Arts, Culture and History

Grade: Easy

Must book? No

Free? Yes (suggested donation of £5)

Time: 2pm **Distance:** **Duration:** 1 hour

Location: [Clifton Toll House, BS8 3NA](#)

End: [Clifton Suspension Bridge Museum, BS8 3PA](#)

Organisation: Clifton Suspension Bridge Museum

Organisation website: cliftonbridge.org.uk

Join our knowledgeable volunteer guides as they share stories about the history and maintenance of the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge! Tours begin at the Clifton Suspension Bridge Toll House on the Bristol side of the bridge. You will then cross the bridge before finishing at the museum. Join us to learn about all things Bristol, Clifton Suspension Bridge and Brunel!

Contact name: Emily Larsen

Contact phone: 0117 974 4664

Contact email: getinvolved@cliftonbridge.org.uk

Repeats
often!

Junior parkrun

A 2k event, dedicated to 4–14-year-olds and their families, every Sunday morning. Junior parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last as there is always a volunteer tail walker.

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? No, but please register [here](#) first.

Free? Yes **Time:** 9am **Distance:** 2km

Every
Sunday

Clevedon Seafront Junior parkrun

Location: [Clevedon Bandstand, BS21 7EH](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Contact email: clevedonseafontjuniors@parkrun.com

Nailsea Golden Valley Playing Field

Junior parkrun

Location: [Golden Valley Playing Field, BS48 2LL](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Email: goldenvalleyplayingfieldjuniors@parkrun.com

Yatton Recreation Junior parkrun

Location: [Yatton Recreation Ground, BS49 4HS](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Email: yattonrecreationjuniors@parkrun.com

Weston-super-Mare Junior parkrun

Location: [Walford Avenue Neighbourhood Open Space, BS22 7RD](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Email: westonsupermarejuniors@parkrun.com



Clevedon Sunday Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10am **Duration:** 1 hour

Location: [Pier Copse, City Place, BS21 7QW](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

Organisation website: betterhealthns.co.uk/get-active/walking

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Contact email: getactive@n-somerset.gov.uk

Into Leigh Woods: Ancient Woodland Walking Tour

Category: Nature and Wildlife

Grade: Moderate

Must book? Yes

Free? No Cost: £10

Time: 1pm **Distance:** 4km **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Location: [Leigh Woods South, North Rd, BS8 3PL](#)

Organisation: Man About Country

Organisation website: manaboutcountry.co.uk

Discover 500 acres of enchanted ancient woodland with over 2,000 years of history and legend. With James as your guide, embark on an adventure blending history, storytelling and nature connection.

An important site for biodiversity, with hundreds of ancient trees, rare plants and wildlife - including peregrine falcons! We'll journey into the deep woods and experience the benefits that the woodland has to offer. Suitable for all ages and experience levels.

Contact name: James Lawrence

Contact phone: 07961 932241

Contact email: james@manaboutcountry.co.uk

Portishead Sculpture Trail

Category: Arts, Culture and History

Grade: Fairly easy

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 2pm **Distance:** 1.4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Location: [The Precinct, Portishead, BS20 6AH](#)

End Location: [Parish Wharf Leisure Centre, Harbour Road, BS20 7DD](#)

Organisation: Portishead Town Council

Organisation website: portishead.gov.uk

Portishead probably has the largest most diverse sculpture trail in the UK.

All art is story telling and each exhibit on this trail tells the story of the Port, its history, people and communities. You can enjoy this experience electronically via our excellent leaflets or with a guided tour with the council's specialist tour guide, a local man and artist with a passion for the sculpture and the town's history.

Contact name: Martin Dowling

Contact email: enquiries@portishead.gov.uk

Every
Sunday





Walk this May

Our sister event, **Bristol Walk Fest**, also takes place throughout May and celebrates all things walking.

Why not join in and discover even more walks, walking groups and challenges.

bristolwalkfest.com



- **Bristol Ring Challenge**
- **Category:** Walking for Pleasure
- **Grade:** Challenging
- **Must book?** No
- **Free?** Yes
- **Time:** Up to you! **Distance:** 33 miles in total
- **Location:** Section 1 starts at [Bristol Temple Meads](#)
- **Organisation:** Go Jauntly
- **Organisation website:** gojauntly.com
- Fancy taking on all 6 nature-rich sections of the Bristol Ring? The breathtaking new circular walk launches in May 2026.
- Sign up for free in the Go Jauntly app and join the Bristol Ring Challenge, ticking off all 6 sections of the trail, crossing North Somerset.
- Walk over 33 miles and link green corridors, urban watersides and enjoy iconic views.
- Sign up to the challenge [here](#) (available in May)



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Enter the draw by completing our participant survey.

Scan the QR code below or [click here](#) to access the online survey.

