



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.

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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.](#)



**Discover North Somerset
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



Walking Football

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? Yes

Free? First session free, then £5

Walking Football is an inclusive, fast-growing sport and targeted for older adults. Whilst the game is slower (running not allowed!) it remains relatively competitive and is conducive to improving cardiovascular health, mobility and coordination.

Time: 10am

Location: [Portishead FC, Bristol Road, BS20 6QG](#)

Organisation: Clevedon & District Walking Football Club

Contact email: chairmancanddwfc@gmail.com

- Every Monday and Thursday

Time: 8pm

Location: [The Optima Stadium, BS24 9AA](#)

Organisation: [Weston-super-Mare AFC](#)

Contact email: walking@wsmafc.co.uk

- Every Monday

Talk and Walk

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Grade: Easy

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 10am **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Location: [Woolpack Farm Shop, Shepherds Way, Weston-Super-Mare, BS22 7XE](#)

Organisation: Mamma Social Co

Organisation website: mammасocialco.com

I lead a free talk and walk every Monday for parents, carers and their little ones. The aim of these sessions is to combat loneliness and isolation in parenthood.

Come along, have a chat, and meet new people (we may stop for coffee and cake if you fancy it!)

Contact name: Georgia Arly

Contact phone: 07827 138104

Find out more or book [here](#)

Also
on 11
and 18

Portishead Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10.30am **Duration:** 30-60 mins

Location: [Waitrose Piazza, Portishead, BS20 7DE](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

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

Free and friendly Health Walks are for those who want to start and stay active. Led by volunteer walk leaders who are trained to offer a safe and enjoyable walk for all. If you need support to walk, please bring someone with you. Assistance dogs only please.

30 minute and faster one hour walk options.

Contact phone: 01275 845 736

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



Clevedon Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

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

Location: [Sunnyside Surgery, Clevedon, BS21 7TA](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

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

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Contact phone: 01275 852 663

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

Walking Cricket Weston

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? Yes

Free? First 3 sessions free

Time: noon **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Location: [Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, BS22 8LY](#)

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
Tuesday

Winscombe Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 11am **Duration:** 1 hour

Location: [Woodborough Inn, Sandford Road, BS25 1HD](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

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

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Contact name: Dawn

Contact phone: 07376 126 474

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



Clevedon Seafront

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Grade: Easy

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 2pm **Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Location: [Clevedon Marine Lake, BS21 7TU](#)

Organisation: North Somerset People First

Organisation website: nspf.co.uk

A walking group especially for adults with learning disabilities, autism or both. Meet by Marine Lake for a gentle stroll to Clevedon Pier and back, stopping for refreshments on route (please bring your own money). Enjoy the sea air, meet new people, get some steps in and feel good about it!

Contact name: Nikki Williams

Contact phone: 01934 426086

Contact email: info@nspf.co.uk

Sand Bay Coastal Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Grade: Moderate

Must book? Yes

Time: TBC **Distance:** 5.6km

Location: TBC

Organisation: Hiking with a Chef

One in our series of relaxed coastal and countryside walks around Weston-super-Mare. Fresh sea air, movement, outdoor exercise, conversational English and a friendly community atmosphere.

Contact name: Olena

Contact phone: +38063 0649018

Welcome Loop

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Grade: Moderate

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 2.30pm **Distance:** 7.5km **Duration:** 2 hours

Location: [Skylark, Blagdon Baptist Church, BS40 7RL](#)

Organisation: Trigger

Organisation website: triggerstuff.co.uk

Join us for a welcoming loop walk around Burrington Ham with the Trigger team and participants from our Humanity Club project. Enjoy a joyful chance to explore the landscape, share stories, and connect with refugees, people seeking asylum, and local walkers in this friendly and supportive group as we walk the route together.

Contact name: Anne

Contact email: anne@triggerstuff.co.uk



Gordano Footpath Group Walk: Bloringe Area

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Grade: Challenging

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes - we aim to car share and contribution to petrol and parking are appreciated

Time: 9am **Distance:** 8 miles **Duration:** Full day

Location: [Car Park behind Lidl, Portishead, BS20 7DE](#)

Organisation: Gordano Footpath Group

Organisation website: gordanofpg.org.uk

This walk is part of Gordano Footpath Group's May programme of walks. We are a friendly walking group based in Portishead. We have a varied programme of walks from 4 to 10 miles long, on various days of the week. These are mainly in the local area, but we do also walk further afield, normally within an hour's drive.

Contact name: Sara Marshall

Contact email: sara.gordanofpath@btinternet.com

Worle Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 9.30am **Duration:** 45 minutes

Location: [Worlebury Golf Course, BS22 9SX](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

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

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Contact phone: 01934 511 808

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

Pub Walk

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Grade: Moderate

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 9.30am **Distance:** 4-5 miles **Duration:**

Location: TBC

Organisation: Nailsea and District Footpath Group

Organisation website: nfpg.org.uk

Come and join us for a lovely walk with the option of a pub lunch at the end.

Contact email: info@nfpg.org.uk



Walking Netball: Weston

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? Yes

Free? No Cost: £3.60

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

Location: [Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, BS22 8LY](#)

Organisation: Trailblazers Walking Netball

Open to ladies aged 50+. The game is played at a walking pace - but you can walk as fast as you like, as long as one foot remains on the floor.

Contact name: Tim

Contact phone: 01934 425 900

Every
Thursday

Walking Football

Category: Walking Sports

Must book? Yes

Free? First session free, then £5

Time: 10am

Location: [Portishead FC, Bristol Road, BS20 6QG](#)

Organisation: Clevedon and District Walking Football Club

Walking Football is an inclusive, fast growing sport and targeted for older adults. Whilst the game is slower (running not allowed!) it remains relatively competitive and is conducive to improving cardiovascular health, mobility and coordination.

Contact name: John or Chris

Contact email: chairmancanddwfc@gmail.com
secretarycanddwfc@gmail.com

Every
Monday
and
Thursday

Failand Fanfare

Category: Nature and Wildlife

Grade: Moderate

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 10am **Distance:** 6 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Location: [The Salvation Army Centre, 1 Heywood Road, BS20 0HT](#)

Organisation: Bristol Ramblers

Organisation website: bristolramblers.org.uk

An introduction to this lovely, rural landscape on Bristol's western fringes. A refreshing excursion guaranteed, plus great Channel views. Some steep, green slopes, but your efforts are well-rewarded!

Contact name: Keith

Contact phone: 07312 119175

Contact email: secretary@bristolramblers.org.uk



Clevedon Health Walk

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? No

Free? Yes

Time: 11am **Duration:** 1 hour

Location: [Crab Apple Pub, Clevedon, BS21 5HX](#)

Organisation: North Somerset Health Walks

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

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Contact phone: 01275 852 663

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

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

Location: Backwell - 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

Bridge Tour

Date: 30 May and 31 May

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

Repeats
often!

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

Blaze Trails Family Walk - Ashton Court

Category: Walking for Pleasure

Grade: Moderate

Must book? Yes

Free? Yes

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 1.8m, 3km **Duration:** 2 hours

Location: [Church Lodge Car Park, National Cycle Route 33, BS41 9LX](#)

Organisation: Blaze Trails

Organisation website: blazetrails.org.uk

This welcoming, slower-paced walk is designed for families with baby carriers and confident little legs, so expect plenty of pauses and time to explore.

We'll wander through beautiful woodland trails, spotting seasonal flowers, identifying trees, and enjoying good conversation way. The route follows mainly woodland paths, which can be uneven or muddy in places depending on the weather.

Contact name: Maud

Contact email: Maud.blazetrails@gmail.com

Sign up [here](#)



The Mendip Challenge

Category: Health and Wellbeing

Must book? Yes

Free? No – charity fundraising event

Time: From 6am (dependent on your chosen distance)

Duration: From 5 to 30 miles

Location: Registration at [Weston Cricket Club, BS23 4NY](#)

Organisation: [The Mendip Challenge – Weston Hospicecare](#)

Organisation website: [Weston Hospicecare](#)

The Mendip Challenge 2026 is a fun and rewarding fundraising event to raise vital funds for Weston Hospicecare.

Choose from four routes — 30 miles, 20 miles, 10 miles, or 5 miles — making the challenge perfect for individuals, teams, families (and dogs!). The route follows the stunning West Mendip Way winding through the rolling Somerset hills.

Join hundreds of fellow participants as you take on the Mendip Hills, finishing at Weston Cricket Club, where you can celebrate your incredible achievement.

Contact phone: 01934 423 900

Contact email: info@westonhospicecare.org.uk

Sign up by Sunday 24 May: [The Mendip Challenge](#)

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.

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: goldenvalleyplyingfieldjuniors@parkrun.com

Portishead Esplanade Junior parkrun

Location: [Open Air Pool, Portishead, BS20 7HD](#)

Organisation: [parkrun](#)

Email: portisheadesplanadejuniors@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](#)

Contact email:

westonsupermarejuniors@parkrun.com



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

Every
Sunday

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 towns history.

Contact name: Martin Dowling

Contact email: enquiries@portishead.gov.uk





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)



Win a £50 Love to Shop voucher!
Enter the draw by completing our participant survey.

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

