



# *Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks*

**9th to 17th September 2023**

**Sat Sep 9 2023**

**Roxton**

**12 miles**

Meet at Roxton Village Hall at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK44 3ED GR: TL153546. Leader is Anne G Tel: 07715 983431

From a Thatched Chapel to a Medieval Dovecote: A picturesque circular walk using the Kingfisher and Ouse Valley Ways, four villages and two rivers. Bring a packed lunch and plenty of drinks as this is a full day walk. No dogs please.

**Sat Sep 9 2023**

**Stockwood Park**

**6 miles**

Meet at Meet at and start from entrance Stockwood Park Discovery Centre at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU1 4LX GR: TL087197. Leader is Andy B Tel: 07984 954461

A circular walk towards Markyate and Pepperstock.

Please text leader to book a place.

**Sat Sep 9 2023**

**Stately home views from Riseley**

**4.3 miles**

Meet at Fox & Hounds PH at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK44 1DT GR: TL039626. Leader is Sandra K Tel: 07889 691025

Meet at the Fox and Hounds Riseley, for a country walk north of Riseley towards Melchbourne, taking in a view of Melchbourne House. No dogs please.

**Sat Sep 9 2023**

**Exploring Northern Bedfordshire**

**7 miles**

Meet at Fox & Hounds PH, Riseley at 1.30 PM

Post Code: MK44 1DT GR: TL039626. Leader is Sandra K Tel: 07889 691025

Across the fields to the hamlet of Knotting Green and the beautiful church. No dogs please.\_x000D\_

**Sun Sep 10 2023**

**Amphill Park**

**7 miles**

Meet at Amphill Park West Car Park at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK45 2LU GR: TL024382. Leader is Andrew T Tel: 07770 166489

A walk through Millbrook and Steppingley with no stiles, but one high railway footbridge. Undulating with one steep ascent. Total ascent 425 ft

**Sun Sep 10 2023      Around Ancient Wootton Wood      6 miles**

Meet at Wootton Village Hall, Church Road, Wootton at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK43 9EU GR: SP007450. Leader is Bob & Celia W Tel: 07474 303545

A walk past the Ancient Wootton Wood to Roxhill and back, with views over the Marston Vale

**Sun Sep 10 2023      Toddington Figure of 8      11 miles**

Meet at Toddington Village Hall at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU5 6AJ GR: TL007288. Leader is Karen V Tel: 07359 385993

A morning walk of 7 miles out towards Upper Sundon via Chalgrave Manor and Chalton and back. After a lunch break, step out for a shorter afternoon walk of 4 miles starting at 1.45pm, via Lodge Farm, Herne Green Farm and Toddington Park. Both gently undulating. Join me for either or both!

**Sun Sep 10 2023      Wootton Gateway Woods      4.5 miles**

Meet at Wootton Village Hall, Church Road, Wootton at 1.45 PM

Post Code: MK43 9EU GR: SP007450. Leader is Bob & Celia W Tel: 07474 303545

A walk through the new Wootton Gateway Woods planted by the Forest of Marston Vale

**Mon Sep 11 2023      Priory Park SPEED WALK      4 miles**

Meet at Priory Park Visitors' Centre, off Barkers Lane at 8.30 AM

Post Code: MK41 9DJ GR: TL072494. Leader is Marcus K Tel: 07754 100266

A speed walk of 4 miles in 1 hour followed by optional coffee and cake

**Mon Sep 11 2023      Beeston Green Wellbeing Walk      3 miles**

Meet at Meet and start by the noticeboard at the jct of The Green and The Crescent at 9.30 AM

Post Code: GR: TL168481. Leader is Gillian W Tel: 07890 232685

A gentle, flat walk mostly on farm tracks for approx. 1 hour

**Mon Sep 11 2023      Mindfulness Walk Blows Down NR      2 miles**

Meet at Blows Down Nature Reserve Oakwood Ave Dunstable at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU5 4AR GR: TL030209. Leader is Gill P. Tel: 07816 541321

Come and join officers from Dunstable Town Council and Wildlife Trust, to take part in a mindfulness walk, collecting some litter along the way. The walk is open to all, and under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear suitable footwear as there are some hills within the route that will be taken.

**Mon Sep 11 2023      LB Wellbeing Walk (Intermediate)      2.5 miles**

Meet at Bell Close Car Park opposite Morrisons Garage at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU7 1TS GR: SP924247. Leader is Julian C Tel: 07770 344914

A 60 minute Wellbeing Walk taking in some of the green areas in Leighton Buzzard  
Pub Stop: The Picture House (coffee)

**Mon Sep 11 2023**

**Toddington**

**6 miles**

Meet at Toddington Village Hall at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU5 6AJ GR: TL007288. Leader is Mike & Helen S Tel: 07835 096057

A circular walk from Toddington via Milton Bryant, Happyland Farm, Toddington Park and back to Toddington

**Mon Sep 11 2023**

**All Because of the Railway**

**4.5 miles**

Meet at Riverside Square, Bedford at 1.30 PM

Post Code: MK40 1AR GR: TL049496. Leader is Barry I Tel: 07860 348347

The Oxford to Cambridge Railway came to Bedford in 1862 and existed for over 100 years, bringing growth to the town particularly on the southeast side. This informative two & a half hour walk winds its way around the area exploring its history and development and seeing its legacy. Easy walking mostly on hard surfaces. Some busy road crossings. Bring a snack as there will be a break during the walk

**Tue Sep 12 2023**

**Woburn Sands Figure of 8**

**11 miles**

Meet at Meet and start from CP outside Aspley Heath Lodge, Church Rd, Woburn Sands at 9.30 AM

Post Code: MK17 8TS GR: SP924343. Leader is Innes G Tel: 07946 297622

A figure of 8 walk of 2 shorter walks of 5.5m each. Mainly through woodland. Includes one stile and some steep hills, and may be slippery in places after heavy rain. 2nd to start c. 12:30. Choose either or both.

**Tue Sep 12 2023**

**A Walk to see a Panoramic View**

**3.7 miles**

Meet at Silsoe Community Sports Centre at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK454FQ GR: TL079350. Leader is Victor T Tel: 07742 965555

A walk via the village then out towards Flitton, returning around the outside of Thrift Wood with a stop to view the Greensand Ridge across the valley with the Clappers and Pulloxhill in the distance, then descend back to Silsoe.

**Tue Sep 12 2023**

**Spring t' Top's**

**12 miles**

Meet at Old Road near recreation Ground, Barton-le-Clay at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK45 4LD GR: TL083304. Leader is Tom C Tel: 07743 128645

A moderate paced walk with hill climbs and far reaching views

Pub Stop: Lilley TBC

**Tue Sep 12 2023**

**Woburn**

**6 miles**

Meet at Woburn Car Park, Park Street (opposite St Mary's Church) at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK17 9PG GR: SP950331. Leader is Peter B Tel: 07950 951453

A circular walk from Woburn via Husbourne Crawley & Aspley Guise No stiles, but one steep climb

**Wed Sep 13 2023                      LB Wellbeing Walk (Short)                      1.5 miles**

Meet at Bell Close Car Park opposite Morrisons Garage at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU7 1TS GR: SP924247. Leader is June A Tel: 07835 212513

A 30-40 minute Wellbeing Walk taking in some of the green areas in Leighton Buzzard.

Particularly aimed at those with some walking difficulties

Pub Stop: The Picture House (coffee)

**Wed Sep 13 2023                      Pushing the Boundaries                      11 miles**

Meet at Harrold Country Park at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK43 7DS GR: SP956567. Leader is Tony W Tel: 07709 212817

A beds/Northants Country Walk: West then North into Bozeat and circle around through Odell Great Wood. Could be muddy and a small amount of road walking. No dogs please.

**Wed Sep 13 2023                      Southcott Trot                      5.5 miles**

Meet at Tiddenfoot Waterside Park Car Park, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU7 2AE GR: SP913240. Leader is Pamela B Tel: 07957 221844

A local walk from Tiddenfoot up through Southcott Stud, skirting Linslade Wood and back along the canal. One or two stiles.

**Wed Sep 13 2023                      Stoke Hammond                      7 miles**

Meet at Park and start from picnic area opposite Three Locks PH. at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK17 9DD GR: SP893283. Leader is Colin B Tel: 07787 413957

A walk across woodland, Rushmere Country Park (coffee stop with toilets) and Great Brickhill. Mildly undulating with a couple of stiles, finishing along a section of the Grand Union Canal.

**Thu Sep 14 2023                      A Great Day Out on the River                      5.5 miles**

Meet at Priory Park, Bedford. Meet at Totem Pole outside cafe. at 9.30 AM

Post Code: MK43 9DD GR: SP956567. Leader is Anne G Tel: 07715 983431 Email:

A flexible and interesting day combining a walk and a trip on the John Bunyan Community Boat between Bedford & Great Barford. The entire trip takes about 7 hours and costs Â£20 plus a booking fee.

Choose whether travel both ways by boat or to walk part/all of the way to Gt Barford, returning to Bedford by boat (arrive back around 17:00)

<p>Booking essential:

<a href="https://tinyurl.com/BunyanBoatNBR">Book Here</a> </p>

**Thu Sep 14 2023                      LB Wellbeing Walk (Long)                      3.5 miles**

Meet at Bell Close Car Park opposite Morrisons Garage at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU7 1TS GR: SP924247. Leader is Gill K. Tel: 07857 851164`

A 90 minute fast Wellbeing Walk taking in some of the green areas in Leighton Buzzard

Pub Stop: The Picture House (coffee)

**Thu Sep 14 2023                      Upstream Downstream                      4.5 miles**

Meet at Tempsford, by the Church at 10.00 AM

Post Code: SG19 2AT GR: TL162531. Leader is Jan W Tel: 07895 045410

A Riverside Amble Ramble: Walking at a slower pace than most IVW walks. Starting with a short walk to view the remains of Cannock's Castle in Tempsford then retrace our steps to follow the footpath to Blunham on the east side of the River Ivel. Crossing the river at The Trap in Blunham we will stop for a short break. A walk through the village to Grange Road where we will return to Tempsford via the footpath west of the Ivel. Some kissing gates but no stiles. There may be cattle in the meadows, so no dogs please. Bring a drink and a snack.

**Thu Sep 14 2023                      Woburn                      6 miles**

Meet at Woburn Car Park, Park Street (opposite St Mary's Church) at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK17 9PG GR: SP950331. Leader is Nigel N Tel: 01525 374024

A walk around Woburn, the safari park and Woburn Park.

**Thu Sep 14 2023                      A 'Round' without a Ball                      5 miles**

Meet at Colmworth Golf Club. Meet in CP off New Road at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK44 2AP GR: TL096570. Leader is Victor T Tel: 07742 965555

Past the GC fishing lake then south & east to Top End Wilden. Continue north to Colmwood Community Wood (being created) - poss, refreshment stop - then via the church yard to cross the old dam, passing Tythe Farm to a bridleway via Cherry Tree farm and back to the GC.

**Fri Sep 15 2023                      Leighton Buzzard Local                      6 miles**

Meet at Plantation Road Riverside Walk at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU7 3HJ GR: SP921260. Leader is Steph C Tel: 07762 657293

Taking Riverside Walk towards the Grand Union Canal, this walk will explore the surrounding area, enjoying Linslade Woods, Heath Wood and Meadow and Knolls Wood.

Pub Stop: The Stag

**Fri Sep 15 2023                      10 things you didn't know ...                      4.5 miles**

Meet at Car Park in Greenfields, off Bury Road, Shillington at 10.00 AM

Post Code: SG5 3NX GR: TL124343. Leader is Derek T Tel: 07410 973338

... about Shillington. Some villages have a long and fascinating past - it's at least 240,000 years since humans first came to Shillington. Hear 10 important aspects of the village's history as you walk the local footpaths. The Crown (0.5 miles) and the Musgrave Arms (1 mile) will be open for refreshments at the end of the walk

**Sat Sep 16 2023                      Peter's Green                      6.5 miles**

Meet at Bright Star PH. Park in road around green. at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU2 9QP GR: TL142190. Leader is Paul B Tel: 07413 209202

Descend into Upper Lea Valley, along the valley towards Luton and on to Someries Castle (ruins), returning to Peter's Green

**Sat Sep 16 2023      Follow The Hare and Hounds      6.5 miles**

Meet at Drive up Church Lane and meet in the car park by Old Warden church. at 10.00 AM

Post Code: SG19 9HD GR: TL136443. Leader is Margaret S Tel: 07780 933729

Please leave a donation for parking. A pleasant walk going through woods towards Cople and a beautiful view. Then return to Old Warden. No Stiles. No dogs please.

**Sat Sep 16 2023      A Saturday afternoon well-spent      7 miles**

Meet at Meet by St Leonard's Church, Stagsden. at 1.30 PM

Post Code: MK43 8SQ GR: SP982491. Leader is Geoff S Tel: 07504 965725

Gentle and quiet country walk along fieldside footpaths with some cross field sections and a short section on quiet road. One field may have sheep so NO dogs please. (Park considerately in side road by church or in High Street.)

**Sat Sep 16 2023      New Church to the Church Ruins      6 miles**

Meet at Park & meet on High Street near the new Church - St Mary's at 1.30 PM

Post Code: MK45 4BJ GR: TL092389. Leader is Sandra K Tel: 07889 691025

A walk from Clophill to Hayes and back with two churches. Park and meet on High Street near the new church, St Mary's. No dogs please

**Sun Sep 17 2023      Studham to Whipsnade      5 miles**

Meet at Red Lion Studham. Park on the road or in the small car park opposite at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU6 2QA GR: TL022158. Leader is Julian C Tel: 07770 34914

A lovely walk in the Chilterns from Studham to Whipsnade by way of Holywell.

Pub Stop: Red Lion Studham

**Sun Sep 17 2023      Biggleswade      12 miles**

Meet at Dan Albone Car Park (free on Sundays) at 10.00 AM

Post Code: SG18 0BQ GR: TL187452. Leader is Roy D Tel: 07713 464510

A pleasant walk taking in the River Ivel, Biggleswade Common, the RSPB at Sandy and the village of Sutton, before returning to Biggleswade Lunch stop at Sutton church

**Sun Sep 17 2023      Sundon Hills      5.5 miles**

Meet at Sundon Hills Country Park CP, Harlington. w3w: coherent.performs.fortified at 10.00 AM

Post Code: LU3 3PE GR: TL047286. Leader is Ajay G Tel: 07940 589207

A walk from Sundon Hills to the Sharpenhoe Clappers, with some gradual ascents and descents and a steep downhill flight of steps. No stiles, some gates. On this walk we will have breathtaking panoramic views of the Chilterns. Booking by Text to the the walk leader.

**Sun Sep 17 2023**

**Along Ravensden Brook**

**6 miles**

Meet at Park & meet in Mowsbury Park CP off Kimbolton Road at 10.00 AM

Post Code: MK41 8AH GR: . Leader is Margaret S Tel: 07780 933729

Walking along the fields and uphill to Ravensden House and returning along the Brook.

Walking down through the Plantation into Renhold, through Marsh Wood, pass the golf course to Putnoe Woods and back to Mowsbury Park.

**Sun Sep 17 2023**

**From Windmill to Motte & Bailey**

**6 miles**

Meet at Meet at Eileen Wade School, High St, Upper Dean. CP available or on street. at 1.30 PM

Post Code: PE28 0ND GR: . Leader is Sandra K Tel: 07889 691025

Circular walk via Shelton, Yeldon and Melchbourne taking in the Motte & Bailey at Yelden. May be muddy if recent rain. No dogs please.