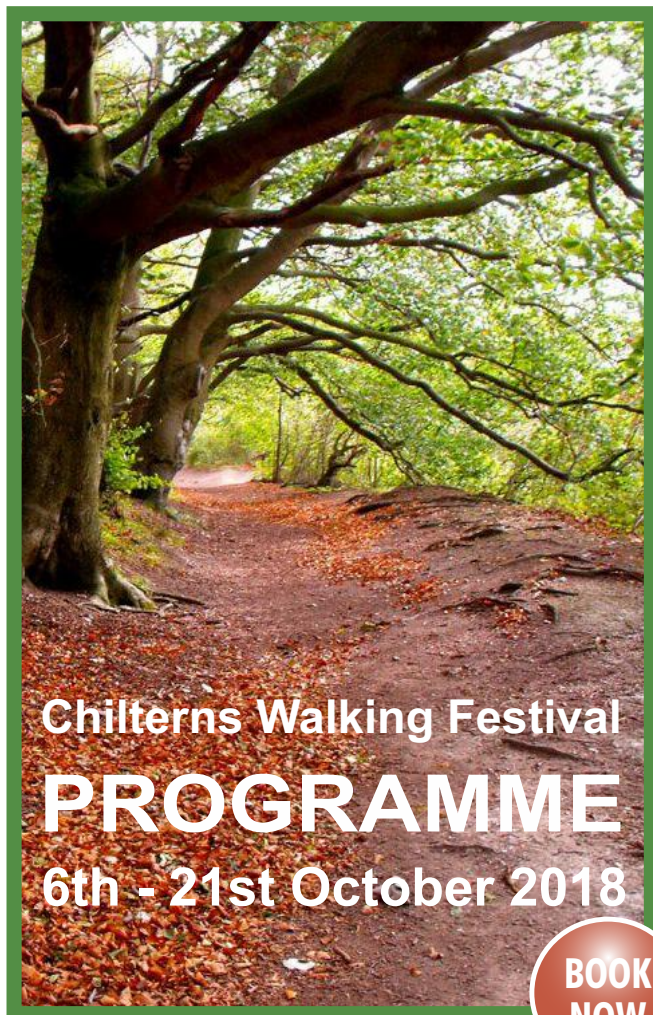


CHILTERN WALKING Festival



Chilterns Walking Festival PROGRAMME 6th - 21st October 2018

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Welcome to the fourth Chilterns Walking Festival

From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, the festival provides over 50 opportunities to enjoy beech woodlands, nature reserves, family walks and much more, all in the expert care of a knowledgeable guide.



Please book your walks

at www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest, where you will also find full details of all events, including information on walk grades, suitability for children & dogs, booking guidance etc.

Where to stay and eat: The Chilterns has a fantastic array of local accommodation and places to eat and drink, so why not make a short break out of it! Read more at www.visitchilterns.co.uk/market-towns.html and search the interactive map at www.chilternsaonb.org/explore-enjoy/interactive-map.html

Symbols used in this programme

- Public transport close to start
- Family friendly
- Suitable for wheelchairs
- Dogs on leads welcome



A series of circular walks at a selection of Brakspear's country pubs. The perfect excuse to enjoy some fresh air, a gentle walk and a guaranteed pint at the end. Book a table and enjoy a bite to eat too.

October

Monday
1st
10:00 am
Walk ref:42

Beacons of the Past - Medmenham and Danesfield: Two hillforts overlooking the Thames



Medmenham and Danesfield hillforts are within a kilometer of each other, a very close pairing for such monuments. Were they contemporary? If not which came first, and why? This walk will allow us to visit both well preserved sites, including the rarely seen surviving ramparts at Deansfield House Hotel, which are not regularly open for viewing. Additionally, we will catch the last operational day of the year for the exquisite early 20th century water garden at the Hotel. **3.5 miles**
Free

Saturday
6th
10:30am
Walk ref:6

Powerful Plants - medicines at our feet



We're surrounded by plants with hidden powers. So many of our hedgerow, lawn and wayside plants are medicines. Let your local medical herbalist show you which ones you can safely use and what they may be used for. **1 mile**
£12 adults, £10 children

Saturday
6th
11:00am
Walk ref:12

Henley's History and its Midsomer Murders Filming Locations



Follow in the footsteps of DCI Barnaby during this tour of Henley-on-Thames where "Midsomer Murders" was filmed. Discover the real-life locations and hear about the Battle of Duck Street and more! **1 mile**
£10 adult / £5 child in advance, £12 / £6 on the day

This event is repeated on Saturday 13th & Saturday 20th October

Saturday
6th
11:00am
Walk ref:8

J H Kennard and Amersham-on-the-Hill Walk



Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Amersham-on-the-Hill and find out about the many projects undertaken by this arts & crafts architect. **1.5 miles**
£3

This event is repeated on Wednesday 10th October

Saturday
6th
1:00pm
Walk ref:35

Landscape & Language: Autumn Safari Walk



English not your first language? Then this trip is for you! Walk and talk - a winning combination to boost your English language skills.

Escape the city and explore the magic of the English countryside in autumn! Only a short train journey from London or Oxford, join our journey on foot into the Chiltern Hills from the historic riverside town of Henley-on-Thames with a friendly walking guide and English teachers to improve your English whilst learning more about the beautiful English landscape. Discover Happy Valley, a 'ha ha' and picturesque historic mansion, golden beech woods, British wildlife, famous people and more!
7.25 miles
£6 per adult, £3 under 16's

Saturday
6th
2:00pm
Walk ref:17

To pole or not to pole?



Introduction to Nordic walking - come and find out all the fantastic benefits of Nordic Walking for your wellbeing. Poles provided.
up to 1 mile
Free- taster session
This event is repeated on Tuesday 9th October (9.30am)

Sunday
7th & Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:40

Learn to Nordic Walk - 2 part course

Learn to Nordic walk with qualified NWUK instructor in the grounds of Greys Court National Trust near Henley on Thames. Two 1.5 hour lessons to learn the technique, where we will walk around the beautiful local area. All equipment provided.
£50

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Chilterns Walking Festival is an initiative of the Chilterns Conservation Board.



Sunday
7th
9:45am
Walk ref:38

In Search of Water - a Well Safari



In days gone by the rural communities in the Chilterns often suffered from severe water shortages. The dry valleys of the Chilterns (known as bottoms) did not provide water and piped water did not reach many communities until the mid-1900s. So how did these communities survive? After the long parched summer of 2018, this 12 mile circular walk explores the historical importance of water to the hill communities and villages of the Chilterns. Our walk takes us on a well safari over the Chilterns plateau through the villages and hamlets of Peppard, Gallowstree Common, Kidmore End and Highmoor Cross, each with their covered wells, and Stoke Row with the magnificent Maharajah's Well, complete with golden elephant! We will take a break for refreshment in Stoke Row (pub/cafe available). **12 miles** **Free**

Sunday
7th
10:00am
Walk ref:44

Lives Cut Short



Step into this almost secret, peaceful green haven, tucked away behind the bustling High Street of the thriving and historical market town of Berkhamsted. This 3-acre Victorian cemetery is being rescued from neglect by a dedicated group of volunteers as a Heritage Lottery Funded project with big ambitions. With over 1,000 gravestones to past town inhabitants it is rich in social history. WW1 matron Sister Cottingham will share some of the poignant stories of young lives cut short in earlier times and ponder on the medical advances which have followed. **1.5 miles** **Free**

Sunday
7th
10:30am
Walk ref:55

Wallingford and an ancient abandoned church



Starting from Wallingford bridge car park, we walk from Wallingford to Newnham Murren across the fields, cross the Thames then return on the Thames Path. See the river from both sides and visit an ancient abandoned church. **3 miles** **Free**

Monday
8th
10:00am
Walk ref:5

These little piggies



Join us on our miniature pig farm in Amersham, and take a guided walk around to see 11 pig pens set in a gorgeous field. We will give you a brief tour of the pigs with information on our farm as well as a Q & A sheet to enjoy. **under 1 mile** **£5.00 adults and £3 children, under 3's free**
This event is repeated on Monday 15th October

Monday
8th
2:00pm
Walk ref:53

A guide to Gadespring Cressbeds



A guided walk and talk looking at the history of the cress beds near Hemel Hempstead, and the flora and fauna on the site. **Approx 1 mile**
Free - donations welcome on the day

Hidden Treasure
Le De Spencers Arms



The 'Le De' is a little flint pub, nestling in the woods at the back of Downley Common surrounded by acres of beautiful AONB land with miles of trails. Making it the ideal refreshment stop after hiking or biking.

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Tuesday
9th
9:30am
Walk ref:18

To pole or not to pole?



Introduction to Nordic walking - come and find out all the fantastic benefits of Nordic Walking for your wellbeing. Poles provided.
up to 1 mile **Free- taster session**
A repeat of the event of Saturday 8th October (2.00pm)

Tuesday
9th
10:00am
Walk ref:27

Beacons of the Past: An investigation of the hillfort on Pulpit Hill



The small hillfort on Pulpit Hill forms part of a series of defended sites established along the Chiltern ridge during the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age. The monument is very well preserved and provides the visitor with a clear example of the nature of early defended settlements in the Chiltern Hills. **2.5 miles** **Free**

Tuesday
9th
10:00am
Walk ref:31

Autumn colours at Stonor



A leisurely walk through Stonor Deer Park overlooking this magnificent historic country house and 12th Century Chapel. Take in the stunning Autumnal colours, red kites and views into 4 counties on a clear day. **4 miles** **Free**

Wednesday
10th
10:00am
Walk ref:24

Rotherfield Greys, via Greys Court

Undulating walk via Greys Court, with a pub stop at the end. **5 miles** **Free**

Wednesday
10th
10:30am
Walk ref:1

Short Walk on Naphill Common



Explore this site of Special Scientific Interest and one of the largest and best commons in the Chilterns, near High Wycombe. Enjoy 155 acres of woodland, paths, bridleways and open glades which lead us to discover wonderful historical features. **2.5 miles** **Free**

Wednesday
10th
11:00am
Walk ref:9

J H Kennard and Amersham-on-the-Hill Walk



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A repeat of the event of Saturday 6th October

Thursday
11th
9:45am
Walk ref:47

'Meet the maker' Craft Walk: pit fired ceramics on a working sheep farm near Christmas Common

A 5 mile circular walk starting at Christmas Common and following the Oxfordshire Way through classic Chilterns beechwoods to The Old Dairy Studio Pottery, located in a magical setting in a secluded Chilterns valley. Jane White will welcome us to her studio where she produces beautiful ceramics, some of them pit fired. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee or local apple juice and home-made biscuits before following the ancient Hollandridge Lane drovers route back up to Christmas Common. **5 miles** **£3**



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Thursday
11th
10:00am
Walk ref:32

Walk through Chiltern beechwoods and chalk grasslands from Princes Risborough



A pleasant and quite hilly circular walk off the Ridgeway through mature beechwoods and chalk grasslands of the Chiltern Hills with some great views. **6.5 miles** **Free**

Friday
12th
10:00am
Walk ref:34

Nordic walking and nutrition!

Join us for a Nordic walking technique session - suitable as an introduction if you've not walked with poles before, or as a refresher. We'll then have a 3 mile walk through the beautiful local countryside, followed a fresh food demo by Sofie in a 16th century beamed cottage! Sophie is a qualified naturopathic nutritionist & will sharing her knowledge with us as she prepares, & we tuck in to, her delicious healthy autumnal recipes. **3 miles** **£28**

Friday
12th
10:00am
Walk ref:26

Bradenham Estate and 'Hearing Dogs'



A lovely walk through the fields of the Saunderton valley before rising up into the beech woods of the National Trust's Bradenham Estate. Returning to The Grange - home for the charity 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' - for lunch / refreshments in their delightful new restaurant. After lunch there will be a one hour private tour of The Grange. **4 miles**
Free - donations welcome. lunch to be paid for individually

Saturday
13th
10:00am
Walk ref:43

'Meet the maker' Craft Walk: Saddles and Ceramics at Idlecombe Farm

A 3 mile walk starting at Idlecombe Farm near the picturesque village of Turville, home to John Nuttgens Pottery Studio and Master saddle maker Alice Nuttgens. John and Alice will each provide a unique behind the scenes tour of their workshop and their craft. We will then walk up through the beechwoods to the Barn Café for refreshments before returning through Idlecombe Woods. **3 miles** **£3**

Saturday
13th
10:00am
Walk ref:2

Take the Train for a walk: High Wycombe - Princes Risborough



This is a day-long linear walk of 12 miles. Starting at High Wycombe, we catch the Chiltern Line train to the market town of Princes Risborough. As the train leaves us, we'll head westwards to Bledlow before ascending the Chalk escarpment and then meander through the dip-slope countryside towards Hughenden, famous as the country home of Benjamin Disraeli. From here we can make the final push to return to High Wycombe's station. **12 miles** **Free**



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Saturday
13th
10:00am
Walk ref:21

The Chess Valley Walk



This is a stile free station to station walk from Rickmansworth to Chesham through the beautiful Chess Valley. The landscape is rich in wildlife, with a long and fascinating history. Along the way there are historic buildings and estates, water meadows, ancient field systems and nature reserves. After the walk train users can return from Chesham Station. **10 miles** **Free**

Saturday
13th
10:00am
Walk ref:45

Perambulate with the Countess of Bridgewater



Step into this almost secret, peaceful green haven, tucked away behind Berkhamsted's bustling High Street. With over 1,000 gravestones to past town inhabitants, this 3-acre Victorian cemetery is rich in social history - come and hear about the Countess of Bridgewater, mistress of Ashridge, who gave the land for the Cemetery - she will let you into her confidence and share her stories of some of her contemporaries who are buried here. **1.5 miles** **Free**

Saturday
13th
11:00am
Walk ref:13

Henley's History and its Midsomer Murders Filming Locations



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A repeat of the event of Saturday 6th October

Saturday
13th
2:00pm
Walk ref:22

Henley to Toad Hall



Starting from Henley we walk along the Fairmile to Fawley, down to Toad Hall garden centre for a delicious tea/coffee break, and back - or by bus if you fancy! **3.5 miles** **Free**



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Saturday
13th
all day
Walk ref:50

Tring Apple Fayre Parade



Join in the apple-y fun in Tring town centre with a special Farmers' Market, Morris dancing, apple pressing and much more. Part of Tring's Apple Fayre which has events throughout October. **Free**

Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:23

Hurley woodland and riverside



A long walk from Hurley to Homefield Wood via Harleyford and back via Mill End, with a picnic stop along the way. **12 miles** **Free**

Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:29

Cookley Green circular walk via Ewelme and Swyncombe



Starting at Cookley Green this simple, circular walk will take us out to Ewelme then back via Swyncombe. On the way we will go along Ladies Walk, the Ridge and Chiltern Ways. We will walk through some super woodlands, ascend/descend some hills, and enjoy some lovely views. **8.5 miles** **Free**

Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:19

Mindful walk



Reconnect with your senses on this Mindfulness themed walk - the sounds, smells & natural beauty of the outdoors, & enjoy a peaceful visit to the 'hidden' Amravati monastery, before savouring a well earned refreshment at the picturesque Frithsden vineyard near Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead. **3.5 miles** **£5 per adult, under 16's free**

Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:40

Learn to Nordic Walk - 2 part course

Part 2 of a 2 part course.
See the event of Sunday 7th October for details

Sunday
14th
10:00am
Walk ref:36

Goring Gap Autumn Gold: Part 1 - Great Chalk Wood and the Thames



On this walk we will take in the special landscape of Goring Gap, where the Chilterns AONB meets the North Wessex Downs AONB - a landscape which has been forged by nature and adapted by man over thousands of years. Our route initially follows the Chiltern Way taking us up through Great Chalk Wood onto the Chilterns plateaux. Here there are some fine views across Goring Gap. We descend through Hartslock Nature Reserve to the river and follow the Thames Path to Goring Lock. A short walk takes back to the village centre. **5.5 miles** **Free**
For a full day walk option, this walk combines well with Goring Gap Autumn Gold: Part 2 - The Holies & Lardon Chase. (Walk ref: 37)

Sunday
14th
10:30am
Walk ref:33

Beautiful beechwoods at Aston Rowant



See the beechwoods of the Chilterns in their beautiful Autumn colours. Views along the Chiltern Escarpment and across the Vale of Aylesbury from Beacon Hill in the Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve, with Red Kites soaring above. Also take in part of the Talking Trail. Walk along an ancient drovers trail and the old London Weye part of which became part of the Stokenchurch to Headington toll road in the 18th Century. **6 miles** **Free**

Sunday
14th
11:00am
Walk ref:10

J H Kennard and Chesham Bois Walk



Discover one of the most important architects in Chesham Bois' 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Chesham Bois and find out about the many projects undertaken by this arts & crafts architect. **1.5 miles** **£3**
This event is repeated on Wednesday 17th October

Sunday
14th
2:00pm
Walk ref:37

Goring Gap Autumn Gold: Part 2 - The Holies & Lardon Chase



On this short afternoon walk we will take in the special landscape of Goring Gap from 'the other side'. Our route takes us from Goring across the River Thames into the North Wessex Downs AONB high above Streatley. Here we explore the Holies and Lardon chase (National Trust). There is a steep climb (and descent) but the autumn gold of the woods hanging above the Thames and the panoramic view across The Gap and the Chiltern Hills is worth it. **4.5 miles** **Free**
For a full day walk option, this walk combines well with Goring Gap Autumn Gold: Part 1 - Great chalk Wood and the Thames. (Walk ref: 36)

Monday
15th
10:00am
Walk ref:30

These little piggies



Join us on our miniature pig farm in Amersham, and take a guided walk around to see 11 pig pens set in a gorgeous field. We will give you a brief tour of the pigs with information on our farm as well as a Q & A sheet to enjoy. **under 1 mile** **£5.00 adults and £3 children, under 3's free**
A repeat of the event of Monday 8th October

Wednesday
17th
10:00am
Walk ref:25

Checkendon woodland and commons



We start in the pretty village of Checkendon with its lovely church and take lanes and paths through Chilterns woodland, passing Wyfold Court, through Kingwood Common, the hamlets of Satwell, Shepherds Green and Greys Green before arriving on Peppard Common for a picnic and pub drink. We return via Shiplake Bottom and Hook End. **10.5 miles** **Free**

Wednesday
17th
11:00am
Walk ref:11

J H Kennard and Chesham Bois Walk



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A repeat of the event of Sunday 14th October

Wednesday
17th
1:30pm
Walk ref:3

Trains and Towpaths A walk from Aylesbury to Wendover



Starting with a train ride from Wendover to Aylesbury, from there we'll walk back to Wendover, combining the Grand Union Canal with other paths. **7 miles** **Free**



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Wednesday
17th
6:00pm
Walk ref:54

Let's go batty!



Come and learn all about bats on the wonderful Box Moor Trust land - there will be a short information session, followed by a walk with bat detectors provided! **Approx 1 mile**
Free - donations welcome on the day

Thursday
18th
10:00am
Walk ref:20

'Windswept' guided watercolour workshop to follow a Dunstable Downs circular walk

Enjoy fabulous views from the top of Dunstable Downs on this circular walk, before re-awakening your creative side in a guided 2.5 hour watercolour workshop run by a professional artist and award winning tutor. Suitable all levels of artistic ability! **5 miles** **£30**

Thursday
18th
10:30am
Walk ref:48

A fungi walk in the woods



Wander through Bradenham Woods NT with expert guides from the Bucks Fungus Group, collecting fungi and coming together to identify them and learn about the species around us. **Approx 1 mile** **Free**

Friday
19th
9:45am
Walk ref:49

Brakspear Paths, Pies and Pints



Starting from the Bull on Bell Street in Henley-on-Thames, once a thriving inland port. We will follow the historic back streets of Henley down to the River and walk along a beautiful stretch of the Thames Path National Trail towards Hambleden lock. We will follow quiet lanes back to the 'Bull on Bell Street' for a tour of Brakspear's microbrewery (not normally open to the public!) and a chance to taste their craft beers. Optional 'Pie and a Pint' lunch. **6 miles** **Walk - free, Pie and a Pint - £11**

Friday
19th
10:00am
Walk ref:16

Books in the Woods



Calling all babies, toddlers and children! Bring your grown ups for a morning of exploring, puddle stomping and free play in the woods at Ashridge Estate, near Berkhamsted. Meet for a story and hot drinks before breaking off to do outdoor activities and minibeast hunting related to the book, in our fabulous natural playground. **Less than 1 mile** **£2 per family**

Friday
19th
11:00am
Walk ref:4

Autumn Migration at Tring Reservoirs



Explore Tring Reservoirs with our volunteer warden on this gentle circular stroll. Walk past all four reservoirs and along the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union canal, to see signs of the autumn migration. **3 miles** **Free/donations**



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Saturday
20th
9:30am
Walk ref:28

A Walk to Marlow's Trenches – Digging for Victory in The Great War



Cast your mind back over 100 years to discover where soldiers trained for World War 1 in Pullingshill Wood, near Marlow. Meet for refreshments in the Royal Oak's fabulous tepee before departing across Bovingdon Green. Hear about the former soldiers camp, their lifestyle and activities before entering Davenport Wood on the way to Pullingshill Wood. There you will see and walk where the troops undertook trench digging in preparation for service at the Western Front. You will be accompanied from the start by a local 'Great War' guide. **2 miles**
Free but charity donations welcome

Saturday
20th
9:30am
Walk ref:52

Nordic Walk from Stonor House to Turville Heath



We will start our walk on the trail past Stonor House and walk across beautiful Chiltern hills towards Turville Heath where we will enjoy refreshments at The Barn cafe and walk back. There will be options for walkers to do a shorter route and not walk all the way to Turville Heath. **5.5 miles** **Free**

Saturday
20th to
Wednesday
31st
Walk ref:56

Stonor Spooktacular Halloween Trail



Bring your family to search the garden for riddles and secret messages, pumpkin carving, and explore The Wonder Woods, where children can climb, swing, and run around for hours. **From £6.50**



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Saturday
20th
9:45am
Walk ref:39

Hambleden Hilly Nordic Walk



Grab your Nordic walking poles and step out to explore the Hambleden Valley and surrounding hills. This is England at its best; typical Chilterns countryside, rolling hills, golden beech woods, a sparkling chalk stream and the idyllic picturesque villages of Hambleden, Fingest, Skirmett and Turville with their attractive brick and flint cottages, medieval churches and thriving pubs. All this just a few miles from Henley and Marlow. Join us and experience why this is such a favoured spot for TV and movie makers - numerous big hit film and TV productions, including The Vicar of Dibley, Midsomer Murders, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 101 Dalmatians and The Avengers, have been filmed here. We will pause for refreshment at one of the thriving village pubs or The Barn cafe, a little gem hidden away in the hills at Turville Heath. Post walk refreshment in Hambleden. **13 miles** **Donations to charity**

Saturday
20th
10:00am
Walk ref:7

Walking Wycombe with Willie



Walk back though Wycombe's history - hear about the industry that made Wycombe famous throughout the world, learn about Wycombe's serial criminal and about the two prime ministers who had their home here. **2.5 miles** **Free**

Saturday
20th
11:00am
Walk ref:14

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£10 adult / £5 child in advance, £12 / £6 on the day
A repeat of the event of Saturday 6th October

Saturday
20th
11:00am &
2.30pm
Walk ref:51

Sizzling Saturday at Path Hill Outdoors



'Learn to light a fire and cook your own bread with tasty local sausage in a fantastic Chiltern woodland setting near Reading. Path Hill Outdoor team will provide all your equipment and expert guidance to ensure a fun-filled feast in the woods.. **Approx 1 mile**
£3 per head to include all food and drink

Saturday
20th
11:30am &
2.30pm
Walk ref:15

Roald Dahl Countryside Trail



Join the Museum's gentle guided walks around the woods and fields of Roald Dahl's home village of Great Missenden and discover the places which inspired many of his characters and stories. **2 miles**
£1.50 plus museum entry

For full details of any of the walks, and to book, go to
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A date for your diary

Spring Festival

Saturday 18th May ~ Sunday 2nd June 2019