Wirral Walking Festival 2015

Choose from over 100 varied walks in May: there's something for everyone!
Many of the walks in this brochure are accessible to people with limited mobility. However, it is recommended that you check with the walk organiser for each event if you have specific requirements including wheelchair access or are unable to step over stiles. In many cases the walk route can be adapted to provide access for all. Also, if you are unable to attend the walk at the times shown, again please contact the walk leader who will be able to advise of alternative meeting points for you to join the walk at a different location later on. Finally, if you need to leave a walk early please let the walk leader know!
Whether you are a Wirral resident or visitor, take the time to explore the peninsula on one of the Wirral Walking Festival walks this May.

Once again the Walking for Health walks are included in the programme to encourage people to take more exercise and this year the Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society has included a series of ‘Stroller Walks’ with the route especially planned for people who have trouble negotiating step over stiles and steps.

The experienced guides leading the walks for the Wirral Walking Festival will tell you about the rich history and heritage of the peninsula and its towns and villages and will show you the wildlife amongst the woodland, heathland, grasslands and around the coast.

The Wirral Walking Festival promotes the activities that take place throughout the year and this year it is highlighting the work of Wirral Council’s Sports Development Unit and also Wirral Sustrans who promote sustainable transport including cycling and walking.

On behalf of the people who will be taking part and enjoying all these wonderful walks I would like to thank the Walk Leaders, who are volunteering to support the Festival, and all the groups and individuals who have contributed to the 2015 Wirral Walking Festival.

Finally, please don’t forget to contact josefhanik@wirral.gov.uk with your walk entry for 2016!

Councillor Chris Meaden
Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture

We hope you enjoy attending the 2015 Wirral Walking Festival and welcome your feedback. Walk Leaders Feedback and Walk Participants Feedback Forms can be completed or downloaded at: www.visitwirral.com/walkingfestival
## Wirral Walking Festival 2015

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One hour stroller walks

Wirral Footpaths & Open Spaces Preservation Society Strollers circular walks are especially for those who have difficulty climbing stiles. The gentle walks last one hour, are accessible by public transport and with an opportunity for refreshments at the end.

Hoylake
Friday 15th May, 11am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
After leaving the multi use path alongside the railway this walk follows a footpath across the golf course before heading to the beach.
Event Grid Reference: SJ217888
Contact: 07954 293 066
Meet at: Outside Hoylake Station
Nearest Station: Hoylake

Greasby
Friday 1st May, 11am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
This walk starts in Coronation Park and follows the Arrore Brook before crossing Upton Meadow.
Event Grid Reference: SJ262876
Contact: 07954 293 066
Meet at: Coronation Park Car Park
Nearest Station: Upton

Heswall
Friday 22nd May, 11am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
Our route takes us over Whitfield Common & on to the Mill before returning over Heswall Beacons using old by-ways.
Event Grid Reference: SJ271818
Contact: 07954 293 066
Meet at: Heswall Bus Station
Nearest Station: Heswall

New Brighton
Friday 8th May, 11am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
This walk includes Tower Grounds, Vale Park, Quarry Park & returns via St George’s Mount. There are some hilly sections.
Event Grid Reference: SJ311942
Contact: 07954 293 066
Meet at: Outside Floral Pavilion
Nearest Station: New Brighton

Eastham
Friday 29th May, 11am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
This walk takes us around the perimeter of Eastham Country Park.
Event Grid Reference: SJ364818
Contact: 07954 293 066
Meet at: Eastham Country Park Car Park
Nearest Station: Eastham
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General walks

**Port Sunlight**  
**Friday 1st May, 7.30pm - 9pm**  
**Cost: FREE** (bring some money to join us in the local pub afterwards)  
A new walk in the recently opened Port Sunlight River Park. Crossing the A41 we will descend to Shorefields before entering the park and passing the lake with excellent views of the River Mersey and Liverpool. On the ‘summit’ the views are of the River Mersey and Welsh Hills. This is an easy walk and remember to bring some binoculars if you have them. No dogs.  
**Event Postcode:** CH62 4UW  
**Contact:** 0151 605 0591  
**Email:** dbeacher@waitrose.com  
**Meet at:** The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight

**Bromborough Pool:**  
**The First Industrial Village**  
**Saturday 2nd May, 2pm - 3.30pm**  
**Cost: FREE**  
From Prices Candle Works to the present day and the role of the Wirral Autistic Society and Land Trust. This 2 mile walk is mostly on paved surfaces and walkers will receive a discount at the Bromborough Pool Garden Centre on the day! No dogs.  
**Event Postcode:** CH62 4TT  
**Contact:** 0151 643 1539  
**Email:** anne.litherland@ wirral.autistic.org  
**Meet at:** B’borough Pool Garden Centre

**Birkenhead Park & Bidston Hill**  
**Saturday 2nd May, 2pm**  
**Cost: FREE**  
Our 4 mile route takes us through the Upper Park and Lower Park to Claughton Village and Flaybrick Cemetery, emerging at Tam O’Shanter Cottage and to the Windmill before heading south back to Wirral Ladies’ Golf Course and back to the park entrance by Park High School.  
**Event Grid Reference:** SJ307888  
**Contact:** 0795 429 3066  
**Meet at:** Birkenhead Park Pavilion

**Storeton Village Historic Walk**  
**Sunday 3rd May, 2pm - 4pm**  
**Cost:** £3  
A gentle walk over mainly level ground, looking at the work of Wirral Archaeology in the area and especially the research undertaken on the suspected site of the Battle of Brunanburh in 937AD.  
**Booking essential**  
**Contact:** 0151 647 1762  
**E-mail:** psf2@hotmail.co.uk
Irby Circular  
Monday 4th May, 2pm  
Cost: FREE

A six to seven mile circular ramble via Thingwall, Barnston, Poll Hill and Thurston.

Event Grid Reference: SJ 257846  
Contact: 0151 345 3816  
Meet at: Irby Car Park, Thingwall Road

Flaybrick Cemetery and Arboretum  
Tuesday 5th May, 11am – 1pm  
Cost: FREE

Come and find out about the fascinating history of Birkenhead and stories of the personalities that helped to make it the way it is. This is a walk of between one to two miles over uneven ground and flat shoes are recommended. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments available at Tam O’Shanter Farm. No dogs.

Event Postcode: CH43 7RD  
Contact: 0151 648 4371  
Email: wcp@wirral.gov.uk  
Meet at: Tam O’Shanter Farm

Brotherton Park & Dibbinsdale  
Tuesday 5th May, 10am - 12.30pm  
Cost: FREE

A guided walk around Brotherton Park and Dibbinsdale Local Nature Reserve, looking at the recent heritage and history of the reserve and how the valley was formed. There are some hills on site and sturdy footwear is recommended. The walk will cover no more than two miles.

Event Postcode: CH62 2BJ  
Contact: 0151 334 9851  
Email: alansmail@wirral.gov.uk  
Meet at: The Rangers Office, Dibbinsdale
**Brimstage**
Tuesday 5th May, 7.30pm – 9pm
**Cost: Free** (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards).

A pleasant, flat circular walk from Brimstage to Thornton Hough. From Thornton Common Road the walk continues across fields towards Clatterbridge before returning. No dogs.

**Event Grid Reference: SJ304827**
**Contact: 0151 605 0591**
**Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com**
**Meet at: Brimstage Craft Centre Car Park**

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**Neston Colliery and WW2 Burton Marsh History**
Thursday 7th May 10am - 2pm
**Cost: £3**

A there and back again walk along the new Sustrans Route 568 cycleway past Burton Point to the English / Welsh border. Starts with a walk around the colliery sites, and then continues along the cycleway looking at WW2 remains and return. Packed lunch at Burton Point, facilities at Nets Café. About 5 miles. Access for All.

**Booking Essential**
**Contact: 0151 336 5973**
**Email: pritchard_phil@hotmail.co.uk**

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**A Stroll through Hoylake’s History**
Wednesday 6th May, 2pm - 4pm
**Cost: FREE**

An urban seaside walk of 2 - 3 miles suitable for all including wheelchair users. We will walk slowly on hard surfaces around the oldest parts of Hoylake, taking note of the development and life of the village, from the fishing hamlet of the 18th century to the seaside resort and dormitory suburb of the early 20th century. This walk has been organised by the Wirral Pedestrians Association.

**Event Postcode: CH47 4AA**
**Contact: 0151 345 3816**
**Email: victoria.doran11@gmail.com**
**Meet at: Hoylake Station**

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**Twelve Quays**
Thursday 7th May, 2pm
**Cost: FREE**

This walk will follow the Public Right of Way along the river side. It is about 1.5 miles long, will be conducted at an easy pace and is suitable for wheelchairs. Walkers can either return along the same route, a further 1.5 miles, or take the bus or ferry back.

**Event Grid Reference: SJ 325908**
**Contact: 0151 625 7361**
**Meet at: Seacombe Ferry Booking Hall**
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Health Walks

Wirral Health Walks are FREE short, friendly, weekly walks for all, especially those new to walking. Meet new people and enjoy the beauty of Wirral with our trained walk leaders. There’s no need to book but please arrive 10 minutes early on your first walk to register. You need comfy shoes and water if it is hot. These walks continue throughout the year and additional locations may be available. For current walks, please contact Wirral Country Park 0151 648 4371 or go to www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

Birkenhead Park
Mondays, 11am  
Cost: FREE  
Particularly suitable for beginners.  
Meet at: Birkenhead Park Pavilion.  
Event Postcode: CH41 4HY

West Kirby
Mondays, 12noon (except bank holidays)  
Cost: FREE  
This walk is not suitable for beginners.  
Meet at: Wirral Sailing Centre.  
Event Postcode: CH48 0QG

Arrowe Park
Tuesdays, 10.30am  
Cost: FREE  
A choice of two walks with a longer, faster walk of up to 3 miles. The shorter route is accessible for wheelchairs - but please check in advance.  
Meet at: Red Rooms, Arrowe Park.  
Event Postcode: CH49 4LW

Port Sunlight River Park
Tuesdays, 10.30am &  
Wednesdays, 5.30pm  
Cost: FREE  
A choice of walks from 1-2 miles with views of Wirral and the Liverpool skyline. The longer route has some inclines.  
Meet at: Port Sunlight River Park Car Park, Dock Road North, Bromborough.  
Event Postcode: CH62 4TQ

Port Sunlight
Wednesdays, 11am  
Cost: FREE  
Particularly suitable for beginners.  
Meet at: Port Sunlight Station.  
Event Postcode: CH62 4XB

West Kirby
Wednesdays, 12noon.  
Cost: FREE  
Particularly suitable for beginners.  
Meet at Wirral Sailing Centre.  
Event Postcode: CH48 0QG
Eastham Country Park
Wednesdays, 1.30pm
Cost: FREE
Superb views across the River Mersey.
Meet at: Eastham Country Park Visitor Centre.
Event Postcode: CH62 0HB

Royden Park
Thursdays, 2.30pm
Cost: FREE
A longer than usual walk – not suitable for beginners.
Meet at: Royden Park Car Park.
Event Postcode: CH48 1NP

Victoria Park
Fridays, 10.30am
Cost: FREE
A choice of two walks with a longer, faster walk of up to 2.5 miles. The shorter route is accessible for wheelchairs - but please check in advance.
Event Postcode: CH42 6SH

Birkenhead Park
Sundays, 11am
Cost: FREE
Meet at: Birkenhead Park Pavilion.
Event Postcode: CH41 4HY

Wallasey
Tuesday evenings, 7pm.
Cost: FREE
Particularly suitable for beginners.
Meet at: Grove Road Station.
Event Postcode: CH45 8JX

Spring Special: West Kirby
Friday 22nd May, 11am - 2pm
Cost: FREE
With a choice of three different walks to suit all abilities from a short accessible walk for beginners to longer walks all meeting together for lunch in Ashton Park (please bring your own!). No dogs.
Meet at: Car Park, next to Morrisons, Dee Lane, West Kirby.
Event Postcode: CH48 0QG

Contact for all the above walks:
Tel: 0151 648 4371
Email: wcp@ wirral.gov.uk
New Ferry: Past and Present
Friday 8th May, 10am - 1.30pm
Cost: FREE
This walk with the New Ferry Residents Association will cover Bebington Railway Station and the Birkenhead to Chester Railway, New Ferry shops and park, the ‘Brick Village’, the site of the former Fever Hospital, the swimming baths and the Great Eastern Pub before continuing along the Esplanade and finishing at Port Sunlight River Park. This route includes walking up and down a long flight of steps. Please bring a packed lunch. No dogs.
Event Postcode: CH63 7LA
Contact: 07587550060
Email: anne.litherland@wiral.autistic.org
Meet at Bebington Station

Little Neston and Ness
Saturday 9th May, 10.30am
Cost: FREE
This walk is four to five miles long and will include Cuckoo Lane.
Event Grid ref: SJ307776
Contact: 0151 677 4594
Meet at: Lees Lane Car Park

Heswall Dales and Fields
Saturday 9th May 11am - 3.30pm
Cost: FREE
A pleasant circular walk through Heswall Dales to the coast, through woodland and farmland with views over the River Dee, returning via the Dungeon and Heswall Dales. There are a couple of short steep inclines and stiles along this 5 mile route. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ270818
Contact: 01704 874922
Email: gerrybarlow@talktalk.net
Meet at: Heswall Bus Station

Royden Park
Friday 8th May, 7.30pm – 9pm
Cost: FREE (Bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)
This gentle walk follows a circular route with a little ascent passing Roodee Mere and Frankby Mere before returning via Hillbark to the car park. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ245860
Contact: 0151 605 0591
Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at: Royden Park Car Park

Bluebells Galore
Saturday 9th May, 2pm - 4pm
Cost: FREE
Join members of Wirral Wildlife for a guided walk to enjoy sheets of Bluebells, Wood Anemone and celandines and other woodland wildflowers accompanied by the sound of birds through the ancient woodland. This is a circular walk along footpaths but there are some steep slopes. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ342820
Email: info@wirralwildlife.org.uk
Meet at: Bromborough Rake Station
Bluebells and Birdsong
Sunday 10th May, 10am - 12pm
Cost: Adult £5, RSPB member £4, children half adult prices
(includes a hot drink or juice).
The RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands is home to one of the best bluebell woodlands in the area. Come along to admire this colourful Spring spectacle and learn all about this iconic but declining flower whilst being serenaded by the array of birds who nest there. Sturdy footwear is essential.
Booking essential
Contact: 0151 353 8478
Email: deeestuary@rspb.org.uk

Exploring Bidston Moss
Monday 11th May, 10.30am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
Discover how an area of natural beauty which was heavily contaminated by landfill tipping has been reclaimed and restored. This is an easy walk with a gradual elevation of only 100ft.
Event Grid Reference: SJ289913
Contact: 0151 677 6250
Meet at: Bidston B&Q Car Park

Bidston Hill and Village
Historic Walk
Sunday 10th May, 2pm - 4pm
Cost: £3
A walk over some rough ground, which may be wet in places, and with a steep walk back from the village, looking at the work of Wirral Archaeology in the area including a look at the interesting rock carvings.
Booking essential
Contact: 0151 647 1762
Email: psf2@hotmail.co.uk

A Tale of Two Parks
Tuesday 12th May, 10am - 2pm
Cost: FREE
Join the Wirral Rangers for a walk around Dibbinsdale Local Nature Reserve and Eastham Country Park stopping at Eastham for lunch. There are food outlets at Eastham or you could bring a packed lunch. This walk will be no more than five miles and some of the walk will be on open roads. Dogs must be kept under control at all times.
Event Postcode: CH62 2BJ
Contact: 0151 334 9851
Email: alansmail@ wirral.gov.uk
Meet at: The Rangers Office, Dibbinsdale

“Well organised with a choice of walks for different abilities. A friendly group well led, thoroughly enjoyable”. Feedback comments from Wirral Walking Festival 2014
YOUR CYCLE HUB

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Bring your own bike to your cycle hub for a free bike check with friendly advice and local information about safer cycling for all ages and abilities. We can help with your cycling skills and confidence too. So why not attend one of our cycle hubs or join us on Facebook.

Get cycling whatever age, shape or ability!
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Every Friday, 10am - 12pm, Eastham Centre
Monthly Saturday, 10am, women-only, Port Sunlight

Bring your own bike or borrow ours
More information text Janet @ Sustrans 0750 055 9669

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Bidston Hill
Tuesday 12th May 11am - 1pm
Cost: FREE
A walk of 3-4 miles from Tam O’Shanter Urban Farm via King George’s Way to Thermopylae Pass and the original site of Bidston Court (which was moved to Royden Park). We will then follow the ridge to Bidson Windmill, The Observatory and Lighthouse passing some of the carvings before returning to the farm for refreshments. No dogs.
Booking essential
Contact: 0151 648 4371
Email: wcp@wirral.gov.uk

Spital
Tuesday 12th May, 7.30pm - 9pm
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)
This circular walk starts from the station and goes through Brotherton Park, Spital Dam towards Bebington Village, along the disused Lever Railway before crossing the A41 back to Brotherton Park. You may wish to bring a torch for the short tunnel section! No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ339829
Contact: 0151 605 0591
Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at: Spital Station Car Park

Coast to Coast Parkgate to Eastham
Thursday 14th May, 11am - 4.30pm
Cost: FREE
Walk along the Wirral Way to Hadlow Road Station for a picnic lunch (please bring your own), before continuing to Raby Mere, Dibbinsdale Local Nature Reserve and finishing at Eastham Ferry. No dogs.
Event Postcode: CH64 6SG
Contact: 0151 604 1057
Meet at: Mostyn House School, Parkgate

A Wirral Heritage Tour by Bike
Tuesday 12th May (10am start) & Monday 18th May (6pm start)
Cost: FREE
Pedal a gentle 5 miles from Port Sunlight to Woodside stopping to discover Levers Fire Station, New Ferry Isolation Hospital, Cammell Lairds link with Dr Livingstone and Rock Ferry and the Prince Regent’s breeches. The tour takes approximately 90 minutes with the option to return by train from Hamilton Square.
Booking essential. Contact: 0750 055 9669. Meet at: Port Sunlight Station
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Buggy Park Fitness

Looking to get back in shape, make new friends and get fit at the same time? Have a go today! We cater for all levels of fitness and offer a choice of times and locations to suit - plus, no babysitter needed!

Ashton Park, West Kirby
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10.30am - 11.30am
Meet at the tennis courts, Upper Park (except Bank Holidays).

Birkenhead Park
Thursdays, 10.30am - 11.30am
Meet at Birkenhead Park Pavilion

Contact: 0151 606 2010
Email: sportbooking.wirral.gov.uk

The Oval, Bebington
Fridays, 1pm - 2pm
Meet at Reception

Cost: £3.10, Invigor8 members: FREE

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Nordic Walking

West Kirby Concourse Leisure Centre
Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Thursdays, 11am - 12pm
Cost: Adult: £4.40. Child/60+: £2.70
Invigor8 Passport Holder: £2.20
Invigor8 member: FREE

Nordic Walking makes something we learn to do as babies twice as effective! It’s a great way to get your whole body moving, improve the condition of your muscles, heart and lungs and give you an all-over workout. Wear suitable clothing, including comfortable training shoes with good support. We also recommend bringing a bottle of water for during and after your activity.

Please note: If it’s your first time then please arrive 10 minutes early to be shown how to use the poles.

Contact: 0151 606 2010
Email: sportbooking.wirral.gov.uk
Port Sunlight River Park
From Refuse to Recreation
Friday 15th May, 10.30am - 12pm
Cost: FREE

This exciting new park opened in August 2014 having been reclaimed from a former landfill site. Learn about the history of the site and the future management of this 30 hectare greenspace with woodlands, wetlands and amazing views of Wirral, North Wales and the Liverpool skyline. This 2 1/2 mile guided walk is on gentle slopes. No dogs.

Event Postcode: CH62 4TQ
Contact: 07587 550060
Email: anne.litherland@wiral.autistic.org
Meet at: Port Sunlight River Park Car Park, Dock Road North, Bromborough

Exploring Bidston Moss
Friday 15th May, 7pm - 8.30pm
Cost: FREE

Discover how an area of natural beauty which was heavily contaminated by landfill tipping has been reclaimed and restored. This is an easy walk with a gradual elevation of only 100ft.

Event Grid Reference: SJ289913
Contact: 0151 677 6250
Meet at: Bidston B&Q Car Park

Heswall Dales
Friday 15th May, 7.30pm - 9pm
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)

From Heswall Dales we pass Dale Farm to Pipers Lane and onto the Wirral Way coming back through the dungeons. This circular walk is about 3.5 miles long and is mostly flat except for the climb up steps at the Dungeons. No dogs.

Event Postcode: CH60 6SN
Contact: 0151 605 0591
E-mail: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at: Heswall Dales entrance, Oldfield Road, Heswall

“The walking festival is a fantastic idea and will definitely be trying more next year...”

Feedback comments from Wirral Walking Festival 2014
Thornton Hough
Saturday 16th May, 11am - 3.30pm
Cost: FREE
From Thornton Hough we take field paths to Clatterbridge then alongside Claire House and on to Claremont Farm for a chance for refreshments before crossing Brackenwood Golf Course and returning via pathways to Brimstage and Thornton Hough.
Event Grid Reference: SJ303810
Contact: 0151 625 9509
Meet at: Smithy Hill, opposite the school at Thornton Hough

Rhododendron Walk on Bidston Hill
Saturday 16th May 2pm - 3.30pm
Cost: FREE
From the windmill we will walk down into Park Wood to see the rhododendrons in flower before returning up the steep path to the Observatory and then along the ridge of the hill back to the Windmill.
Booking essential
Contact: 07884 162481
Email: emailslyus@yahoo.co.uk

Explore the Rocks - The Geology of Thurstaston Common
Saturday 16th May, 2pm - 4pm
Cost: FREE
Explore how the rocks beneath your feet came to be and how they have influenced our lives. Local geologist Hilary Davies will lead this walk over some steep slopes at Thurstaston Common Ridge, Thor’s Stone and the rock cutting on Telegraph Road. Stout footwear recommended. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ247 846
Email: info@wirralwildlife.org.uk
Meet at: Thurstaston Hill Car Park on the A540

Landican, Thingwall and Barnston Dales Historic Walk
Sunday 17th May, 2pm - 4pm
Cost: £3
A gentle walk, mainly over public footpaths, but which may be muddy in places, looking at the work of Wirral Archaeology in the area.
Booking essential
Contact: 0151 647 1762
Email: psf2@hotmail.co.uk
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The Wirral Circular Trail

John Bullen from the Long Distance Walkers Association will once again be leading guided walks to cover the 35 mile Wirral Circular Trail in its entirety as part of the 2015 Wirral Walking Festival.

Hooton to Woodside
(approx 12 miles)
Monday 4th May, 9am Start
Cost: FREE
Covering a 12 mile section of the Wirral Circular Trail from Hooton to Woodside and taking in Port Sunlight and Birkenhead Priory and returning by train.

Hooton to West Kirby
(approx 12 miles)
Sunday 17th May, 9am Start
Cost: FREE
Covering a 12 mile section of the Wirral Circular Trail from Hooton to West Kirby and taking in Hadlow Road Station, Parkgate and the Wirral Way and returning by train.

Woodside to Leasowe
(approx 10 miles)
Sunday 10th May, 9am Start
Cost: FREE
Covering a 10 mile section of the Wirral Circular Trail we will include a visit to Leasowe Lighthouse before returning by train.

Leasowe to West Kirby
(approx 11 miles)
Sunday 24th May, 9am Start
Cost: FREE
Covering an 11 mile section of the Wirral Circular Trail from Leasowe to West Kirby and including an optional walk over to the Hilbre Islands before returning by train.

Booking essential for all Wirral Circular Trail Walks
Contact: 01942 874719
Email: j.bullen1@ntlworld.com

For a complete and detailed route, download the free Wirral Circular Trail brochure at www.visitWirral.com/circulartrail
Take it with you on one of the above walks. Can’t make one of the above walks? Why not download the free brochure and complete the Circular Trail at your leisure!
Wirral Walkies
Sunday May 17th, 1pm Start
Cost: £3 (Participants receive a welcome pack containing Dogs Unite branded gifts).
Wirral Walkies is a Dogs Unite charity dog walk open to all members of the public, and their dogs, in order to raise money for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The walk is from Meols along the promenade and beach to Tanskey’s in West Kirby.
Contact: 07855 958215
Email: sharron.burns@hotmail.com
Meet at: Bennetts Lane/Meols Parade

Storeton
Tuesday 19th May, 7.30pm - 9pm
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)
From Marsh Lane this circular walk goes through Storeton Woods and Hancock Wood to Bracken Lane before descending through fields to Brimstage Lane and onto Storeton returning via the Lever Causeway. No dogs.
Event Postcode: CH63 5PP
Contact: 0151 605 0591
E-mail: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at: Marsh Lane/Storeton Road, Higher Bebington

Bats in Brotherton Park
Wednesday 20th May, 8.45pm - 10.45pm
Cost: FREE
A walk around Dibbinsdale Local Nature reserve, looking and listening for the bats that live in and around the valley. There are some hills on site and sturdy footwear is recommended. The walk will cover no more than two miles. Children are welcome but must be well supervised.
Booking Essential
Contact: 0151 334 9851
Email: alansmail@wirral.gov.uk
Nearest station: Spital

Burton History Walk
Friday 22nd May, 10am - 1pm
Cost: Adult £9, RSPB member £7.50, children half adult prices (includes a light lunch afterwards)
Discover the rich and interesting history of the land around Burton village, much of which now forms the RSPB’s nature reserve including the picturesque Burton Mere and its links to the Gladstone family, and an Iron Age hill fort. The walk is approximately 3 miles in length and crosses grassed farmland and appropriate footwear is essential.
Booking essential
Contact: 0151 353 8478
Email: deeestuary@rspb.org.uk
Meols
Friday 22nd May, 7.30pm – 9pm
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)
From the Station Car Park this circular walk over flat ground takes us via Dovepoint Road to the promenade before heading south west to King’s Gap and along the coast to Red Rocks, returning via Stanley Road and Green Lodge. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ 233897
Contact: 0151 605 0591
Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at Meols Station Car Park

Prenton Circular
Saturday 23rd May, 10.30am
Cost: FREE
From Marsh Lane we go through Storeton Woods, down Rest Hill Road, across to Lever’s Causeway and along Roman Road to Prenton before crossing Walker Park to Pine Walks and back to the start.
Event Grid Reference: SJ314852
Contact: 0151 342 4462
Meet at: Marsh Lane

The New Brightener’s Litter Pickin’ Promenade
Saturday 23rd May, 11am - 12.30pm
Cost: FREE
This is a litter picking beach walk of approximately one mile and is great for families with young children. Please wear suitable clothing, wellies/boots and bring strong gloves. Litter pickers provided.
Booking essential
Contact: 07769 554173
Email: thenewbrighteners@gmail.com

Bidston
Tuesday 26th May, 7.30pm – 9pm
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)
This circular walk takes us from Bidston Station to Bidston Village as far as the Windmill and back along the old deer park wall with views of Liverpool Bay from the top of Bidston Hill. No dogs.
Event Grid Reference: SJ284907
Contact: 0151 605 0591
Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com
Meet at Bidston Station Car Park
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Run in Wirral

Whether you’re running to improve your fitness, relieve stress, lose weight or even just meet new friends, then we have a running group to suit you. There is no need to book - just turn up! Wear comfortable trainers/running shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. We recommend you bring a bottle of water.

Cost: Adults: £2.60, Child/EP: £1.55 Family: £5.15, Invigor8 members: FREE

West Kirby Concourse Leisure Centre
Mondays, 6.30pm - 7.15pm (except bank holidays)
Tuesdays, 9.30am - 10.15am
Wednesdays, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Thursdays, 9.30am - 10.15am
Sundays, 8.30am - 9.15am

6th Form College, Birkenhead
Tuesdays, 6pm - 6.45pm
Thursdays, 6pm - 6.45pm

St Catherine’s Community Centre
Fridays, 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Visitors Centre, Birkenhead Park
Saturdays, 9.45am - 10.30am

The Oval Leisure Centre
Wednesdays, 6pm - 6.45pm

New Brighton (outside Home & Bargain)
Sundays, 8.30am - 9.15am

Tex’s Trail Running
Saturdays, 9am - 9.45am
Please ring 07969 820 893 to find out where the group is starting from as this changes on a regular basis.

Wirral Tennis & Leisure Centre
Mondays (except bank holidays), 2.15pm - 1pm

Wallasey Village - Harrison Hall
Saturdays, 9.45am - 10.30am
This session is not free to Invigor8 members.

Absolute Beginners (Frankby)
Thursdays, 5.30pm start.
Please phone 0776 967 4718 for exact location.
Raby: Cherry Wood  
Friday 29th May, 7.30pm – 9pm  
Cost: FREE (bring some money to join us in a local pub afterwards)  
From the Wheatsheaf we head south to Cherry Wood and onto Quarry Road and the old mill returning via Roselea Cottage and across the field to Raby. No dogs.  
Event Grid Reference:  
Contact: 0151 605 0591  
Email: dbeacher@waitrose.com  
Meet at: Wheatsheaf Public House Car Park, Raby

Tranmere to Port Sunlight  
Saturday 30th May, 11am Start  
Cost: FREE  
Our route takes us through Mersey Park & Victoria Park, past the elegant homes in Rock Park and beyond Shorefields cliffs into Port Sunlight River Park. We return through Port Sunlight and New Ferry to Bebington Station. There are various opt out points along this 5½ mile walk. Bring a picnic lunch.  
Event Grid Reference: SJ325878  
Contact: 0795 4293066  
Meet at: Green Lane Station

Rhododendron Walk on Bidston Hill  
Saturday 30th May 2pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: FREE  
From the windmill we will walk down into Park Wood to see the rhododendrons in flower before returning up the steep path to the Observatory and then along the ridge of the hill back to the Windmill.  
Booking essential  
Contact: 07884 162481  
Email: emailslyus@yahoo.co.uk

“Excellent events. Enjoyed going on all the different walks and meeting different people, everybody was so friendly and helpful. I found places I didn’t even know existed in Wirral. I will share them with the family. All the leaders were excellent and shared their information with us. WELL DONE WIRRAL!”  
Feedback comments from Wirral Walking Festival 2014
Wirral Walking Festival 2015

Photographic Walks

Join local photographer Robin Eley Jones from Wirral 3Ls for a gentle stroll and learn more about how to use your camera. These walks are aimed at the amateur photographer and are simply an opportunity to learn a bit more about photography.

Birkenhead Park
Monday 11th May
Includes a walk around the scenic lakes.

West Kirby
Tuesday 19th May
Including a walk along the promenade to Ashton Park and St Bridget’s Church.

Burton Village
Wednesday 27th May
Including a short visit to Burton Manor Gardens

All walks start 10am, end approx 12pm
Cost: £12 (plus money for refreshments after the walk)

Booking essential. Contact: 0151 645 0066. Email: office@wirral3ls.co.uk

Wirral 3Ls is a not-for-profit charity based at Bebington Civic Centre which provides daytime courses and social activities mainly for over 50s. “We aim to create a friendly, relaxed atmosphere in which to learn new skills and ideas. We are committed to the ideal of lifelong learning”.

We would love to see any photos or videos you have taken during the festival. Please tweet @visit_wirral and use the hashtag #wirralwalkfest or post your photos to www.facebook.com/LoveWirral
Wirral Walking Festival 2015
Volunteer Task Days

Join one of the practical task days during the 2015 Wirral Walking Festival and help improve access along the Wirral footpath network.

Volunteer Path Clearance in Brimstage
Thursday 7th May, 10am - 1pm
Cost: FREE
Help the Wirral Rights of Way Officer cut and trim some of the paths that make up the Wirral Public Right of Way network. No need to book. Appropriate clothing and footwear are essential.
Contact 0151 606 2480
Email: robitutchings@wirral.gov.uk
Meet at: Talbot Avenue/Brimstage Rd

Volunteer Path Clearance in Raby
Thursday 14th May, 10am - 1pm
Cost: FREE
Help the Wirral Rights of Way Officer cut and trim some of the paths that make up the Wirral Public Right of Way network. No need to book. Appropriate clothing and footwear are essential.
Contact 0151 606 2480
Email: robitutchings@wirral.gov.uk
Meet at: Crossway, Raby Village

The Wirral Way
Thursday 7th, 14th & 28th May
10am - 3pm
Cost: FREE
Join the Rangers and the Wirral Country Park Task Force Volunteers and help with some access improvements along the Wirral Way - anywhere between West Kirby and Gayton. Booking essential.
Contact: 0151 648 4371
Email: wcp@wirral.gov.uk

Volunteer Path Clearance in Thurcaston
Thursday 28th May, 10am - 1pm
Cost: FREE
Help the Wirral Rights of Way Officer cut and trim some of the paths that make up the Wirral Public Right of Way network. No need to book. Appropriate clothing and footwear are essential.
Contact 0151 606 2480
Email: robitutchings@wirral.gov.uk
Meet at: Opposite St Bartholomew’s Church, Thurcaston
Wirral Sports Development

Sport Development seeks to promote opportunities available for people to take part in physical activity.

Working closely with a range of local partners, the unit also helps to:
• Reduce antisocial behaviour through offering diversionary activities
• Increase the number of volunteers and coaches
• Develop sport and physical activity opportunities in priority areas
• Re-engage those who have dropped out of education and training
• Improve, promote and encourage active and healthy lifestyles
• Bring communities closer through a common cause.

Sport Development also manages the National Citizens Service, delivers training opportunities for coach and volunteer development and can signpost groups and organizations towards funding sources.

Community Sports
Working with Wirral residents, the Sports Development Unit deliver a number of projects in order to engage communities in a common interest.

Disability Sport
Although many of our standard sports sessions are accessible to everyone, we also offer a range of activities that have been specially designed for people with disabilities.

Out & Active
If you’re not sure about being part of a class or joining us in the gym then why not step out into the fresh air and get fit with some like minded people. Run, walk, cycle or jog...

For more information, please contact:
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Dave Simmonds (Specific Sports) 07876 577 187
Colin Hunt (Positive Futures Activity Mentor) 07788 184 681
Neil Price (Community Golf Development) 07769 913 894
Julie Smith (Diversionary & Community Activity) 07900 138 942
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