

# FARNHAM

# WALKING FESTIVAL

13 MAY – 4 JUNE 2023



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# WELCOME TO THE FARNHAM WALKING FESTIVAL 2023

Welcome to Farnham's Festival of Walking 2023. In this year's festival, we offer you Farnham, its villages and the beautiful Surrey and Hampshire countryside that surrounds us. Set across the three weeks from 13 May to 4 June, we have walks for all – whatever your age, fitness or walking ability. We offer a range from short strolls around town to 10 mile hikes through the countryside and everything in between. All walks during this festival are led by experts in their field, and most are free of charge to join. We hope to encourage fitness, knowledge of the area and most importantly, fun!

## HOW TO BOOK

Booking is only required for the walks on 13 May and 21 May.

Key	Walk Grade
 Farnham & District Ramblers	 Easy
 Dogs allowed	 Moderate
 Family friendly	 Long
 Café/Pub en route	 Strenuous
 Bring packed lunch	<b>Interests</b>
 Parking nearby (maybe payable)	 Nature
 Wheelchair accessible	 History
 Walking boots	 Health

## FARNHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

We are very grateful this year to welcome a strong collaboration with the Farnham & District Ramblers. No booking is required to join the Ramblers' walks, you are welcome to 'turn up and join in'. The walks are indicated in the listings with the Ramblers' logo. Please note their longer walks tend to be for dedicated walkers! If you wish to join a walk do make sure you are fit enough for the pace and terrain and have the right footwear and clothing for this walk. You can contact Farnham & District Ramblers Group or the leader if in doubt.

## THE SMALL PRINT

Farnham Town Council, the organisers and the walk leaders have undertaken risk assessments for all walks, but all walkers are responsible for their own fitness levels and safety. Walkers are also responsible for ensuring they wear the correct clothing and footwear. Please note some walks may allow dogs on them. Owners must ensure the safety of the participants and must not bring dogs if there are any concerns about keeping them under control. All distances are approximate.

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## SATURDAY 13 MAY

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### BENTLEY CIRCULAR WALK



**Walk Leader:** Jenny Colquhoun & Freddie the Yorkie (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10.15am

**Distance:** 5 miles

**Meeting Point:** GU10 5NA (SU785 447). Bentley Village Church – please park at the far end of the car park

**Note:** Pleasant circular walk starting from Bentley Church, walking through some beautiful countryside. Be aware there are at least 11 stiles. There are some inclines and the area is bound to be muddy. There is some road walking.

### MINDFULNESS WALK IN NATURE



**Walk Leader:** Philippa Bassett – Alice Holt Forest

**Start Time:** 2pm

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Alice Holt activity centre, GU10 4LS

**Booking:** required

**Note:** An immersive walk in nature, underpinned with a mindfulness practice. It is a slow walk along the Gruffalo Willow Trail at Alice Holt. Taking time to enjoy this ancient forest, moving off the main pathway where you will be invited to take part in sensory exercises, with the aim of helping you to become calmer, more relaxed and aware of the beautiful natural setting around you. The walk will finish with a meditation under the trees.

## SUNDAY 14 MAY

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### CLANFIELD TO BUTSER HILL



**Walk Leader:** Sue F (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10am

**Distance:** 10 miles

**Meeting Point:** Peel Park Recreation Ground Car Park, Chalton Lane. From the A3 follow the Clanfield signs. Go past the new houses to the top of hill, then turn right into the car park. OS Map X120. Grid reference: SU702167. Nearest postcode: PO8 0PR

**Note:** From Clanfield up to The South Downs Way. Then onward to Rumsdean and up Butser Hill from the north west, before heading back to Clanfield. There are some very steep ascents and it may be wet and muddy in places, especially if it has rained. It is worth it for the very impressive views.

A 15 minute break for refreshments is included so please bring a drink and snack along with a picnic lunch and plenty of water if the weather is hot.



## MONDAY 15 MAY

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### AN ASH CIRCULAR



**Walk Leader:** Adrian Richards  
(Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10.30am

**Distance:** 4 miles

**Meeting Point:** Ash Hill Road car park  
OS map X145. GU12 5DN

**Note:** A circular walk from Ash Hill Road through the perimeter woods to Ash Vale Station and then back along the Basingstoke Canal towpath to Ash Wharf and the car park. No stiles. A 15 minute break is included for water/refreshments, so please bring a drink and snack.

### RUNFOLD QUARRY RESTORATION



**Walk Leader:** Annemarie Wilshaw,  
SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK

**Start Time:** 2pm

**Distance:** Approx 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Quarry site entrance,  
opposite the Princess Royal pub, GU10 INX

**Note:** A short walk taking a public footpath route across restored areas of SUEZ's Runfold south quarry, pausing at various points along the way to talk about the quarrying history and developing biodiversity value incorporated in the quarry restoration. The end point will be a viewpoint at the south end of the quarry on an area not currently accessible to the public and the walk will then return along the same route. (SUEZ led the same walk four years ago in 2019 so for returning walkers it will be interesting to see the progress of quarry restoration).

## TUESDAY 16 MAY

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### TUESDAY WALK



**Walk Leader:** Caroline Barriff

**Start Time:** 10.30am

**Distance:** No more than 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Farnham Leisure Centre,  
GU9 7UD

**Note:** A social and enjoyable Wellbeing Walk. Depending on the participants this walk will either be a 1 hour 2 mile walk or a shorter 30 minute walk. They are relatively gentle walks that take in a couple of small inclines. Rest times are included during the walk.

### FARNHAM PARK 5K (RUN)



**Walk Leader:** Iain McCready

**Start Time:** 6pm

**Estimated Finish Time:** 6.40pm

**Distance:** 5k

**Meeting Point:** The Ranger's House,  
Farnham Park, GU9 OAB

**Note:** A gentle paced 5k run around Farnham Park. The run will begin at the Ranger's House in Farnham Park and will be a gentle circular run suitable for all different paces.



# WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

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## SPREAKLEY CIRCULAR



**Walk Leader:** Sally Bowden

**Start Time:** 10.30am

**Distance:** 5.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** Hollowdene Recreation Ground, GU10 3BW

**Note:** Climb up onto a ridge between Spreakley and Batts Corner with far reaching views over North and South Downs and Alice Holt. Drop down to cross the River Wey before walking alongside it to Frensham Great Pond. Coffee stop and toilets near the car park before rising up over the common and down to St Mary's Church. Cross the river again to return to Hollowdene rec.



## CENTRAL FARNHAM GREEN SPACES



**Walk Leader:** Peter Bridgeman

**Start Time:** 2pm

**Estimated Finish Time:** 4pm

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Borelli Walk off South Street by the River Wey, GU9 7RH

**Note:** A tour of 10 parks and open spaces within the town centre starting at Borelli Walk, then Haren Garden, onto The Victoria Garden, across to Gostrey Meadow, the Riverside Garden at the Maltings, St. Andrew's Churchyard, the gardens to the rear of Vernon House (Farnham Library) and to the rear of Willmer House (Museum), College Garden, the Craft Study centre at the UCA and finally the Evelyn Borelli Garden of Rest and finishing in Castle Street.

A flat, mainly pavement walk but crossing busy main roads. At each open space we will discuss its history, main facilities, the trees and other vegetation and other attractions.

Normal street footwear or boots dependent on the weather.



## SATURDAY 20 MAY

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### STROLL & SIGN AT ALICE HOLT FOREST



**Walk Leader:** Alix Lewer

**Start Time:** 11am

**Distance:** 1.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** Alice Holt – start of the easy access trail, GU10 4LS

**Note:** This is more than just a walk!

Stroll and Sign walks combine the benefits of gentle, accessible exercise in the natural environment with learning inclusive communication skills in a fun-loving, friendly group.

Enjoy the beautiful Alice Holt Forest while socialising with people of all abilities, taking photos to create a chat book and learning the Makaton signs for the things you see!

### FARNHAM PARK BAT WALK FOR BEGINNERS



**Walk Leader:** Nick Macfarlane,  
Waverley Borough Council

**Start Time:** 8pm

**Estimated Finish Time:** 10.30pm

**Distance:** 2-3 miles

**Meeting Point:** Farnham Park car park, GU9 0AU

**Note:** An evening walk around Farnham Park looking for bats in a range of habitats. Learn about the native bat species and how to use a bat detector. Wear walking boots and suitable outdoor clothing.

## SUNDAY 21 MAY

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### KINGSLEY AND THE HANGERS



**Walk Leader:** Chris (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10am

**Distance:** 10.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** Kingsley Pond Car Park – SU788381. OS Map X133. GU35 9PQ

**Note:** A fairly flat circular walk in a hilly part of Hampshire. There are a couple of short, steep sections and seven well spread out stiles. The walk passes several interestingly shaped hills called 'hangers' with lovely wooded sections and memorable countryside. A 15 minute break is included for water/refreshments, so please bring a drink and snack. Also bring plenty of water if the weather is hot.



## SUNDAY 21 MAY

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### A CIRCULAR WALK THROUGH UPPER, MIDDLE AND LOWER OLD PARK



**Walk Leader:** Jenny Colquhoun & Freddie the Yorkie (Farnham & District Ramblers) and Bake Natter and Roll Farnham WI Sunday Walking Group

**Start Time:** 10.15am

**Distance:** 5 miles

**Meeting Point:** GU9 7HD. Upper Hart car park, top end – free on Sunday

**Note:** Pleasant circular walk starting from the centre of Farnham at the Upper Hart Car Park, going through Old Park, Upper Old Park, Middle Old Park and Lower Old Park. Walking through some beautiful countryside. There are some inclines and the area is bound to be muddy.

### BIG WALK FOR DYSLEXIA



**Walk Leader:** Hazel – Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity

**Start Time:** 1.30pm

**Distance:** 5k or 3k option

**Meeting Point:** Helen Arkell, 24 West Street, Farnham, GU9 7DR

**Booking:** [www.helenarkell.org.uk](http://www.helenarkell.org.uk) – small fee/donation

**Note:** This annual charity walk will explore Farnham Park with its 600 year old landscape. The walk is suitable for families and dogs with the choice of a short or long walk. Plenty of tea and cake will be available at the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity once the walk is completed.

## TUESDAY 23 MAY

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### TUESDAY WALK



**Walk Leader:** Caroline Barriff

**Start Time:** 10.30am

**Distance:** No more than 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Farnham Leisure Centre, GU9 7UD

**Note:** A social and enjoyable Wellbeing Walk. Depending on the participants this walk will either be a 1 hour 2 mile walk or a shorter 30 minute walk. They are relatively gentle walks that take in a couple of small inclines. Rest times are included during the walk.

### A CIRCULAR WALK FROM THE SHEPHERD AND FLOCK TO MOOR PARK AND CROOKSBURY HILL



**Walk Leader:** Paul Keogh

**Start Time:** 11am

**Distance:** 5.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** Outside the Shepherd and Flock pub, GU9 9JB

**Note:** A walk taking in Moor Park House and its estate with snippets of history involving The Battle of Moor Park, Jonathan Swift, WWII defences and Mother Ludlam's Cave. The magnificent views from Crooksbury Hill will be enjoyed over a break for lunch, before heading back, via the North Downs Way to the starting point in the Shepherd and Flock Conservation Area.

## WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

### TOWN CENTRE PLAQUES FEATURING FAMOUS FARNHAM NAMES AND EVENTS



**Walk Leader:** Peter Bridgeman

**Start Time:** 2pm

**Estimated Finish Time:** 4pm

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Borelli Walk, South Street near the River Wey, GU9 7RH

**Note:** A circular walk taking in the range of some 60 plaques commemorating Farnham's great names, historic buildings and important events over the past millennium. The importance of each person, building or event will be discussed and the quality of the plaques observed and perhaps some omissions.

A mainly flat pavement walk but crossing busy main roads. Normal walking shoes/boots depending on weather.



## THURSDAY 25 MAY

### KINGSLEY AND BINSTED



**Walk Leader:** Chris E (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10am

**Distance:** 10miles

**Meeting Point:** Kingsley Pond Car Park, Forge Road (between the Cricketers PH and St Nicholas Church). OS Map X133. GU35 9LR

**Note:** A walk through the rolling Hampshire countryside, with open views and a couple of short steep sections. Please bring a packed lunch, which will be at Binsted church (the wrong side of the village for the pub).

A 15 minute break for refreshments is included so please bring a drink and snack along with a picnic lunch and plenty of water if the weather is hot.

### WAVERLEY ABBEY CIRCULAR



**Walk Leader:** Jenny Colquhoun & Freddie the Yorkie (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10.15am

**Distance:** 4.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** GU9 9JB. Shepherd and Flock Pub (SU854 475 Map 145)

**Note:** Pleasant circular walk starting by the tables on the grass at the front of the Shepherd and Flock Pub. Parking is on the road running alongside the pub. There are some gentle inclines and the area is bound to be muddy. There is some road walking.



## FRIDAY 26 MAY

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### WALKING MEMORIES



**Walk Leader:** Right at Home

**Start Time:** 11:30am

**Distance:** 1-2miles

**Meeting Point:** Farnham Park, GU9 OAB

**Note:** This is an easy, fun walk with a twist; scavenge for clues, objects and letters to enjoy mental and physical activity.

Whilst this is a Dementia friendly walk, anyone, including families and dogs, are welcome to join for a couple of hours to get to know each other!

### FARNHAM WALK FOR UKRAINIANS



**Walk Leader:** Anastasiia

**Start Time:** 12pm

**Distance:** Approx 3 miles

**Meeting Point:** Victoria Garden – by statue. Ends at Farnham Castle, GU9 7RN

**Note:** Meet in the Victoria Garden by the statue for a walk around Farnham to showcase some of Anastasiia's favourite hidden green spaces within Farnham. Please call Farnham Town Council for more information on this walk.



## SATURDAY 27 MAY

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### NORTH DOWNS WAY TO GUILDFORD



**Walk Leader:** Chris Howard

**Start Time:** 9:30am

**Distance:** 12 miles

**Meeting Point:** Entrance to Farnham Railway Station, GU9 8AD

**Note:** Join the President of the Surrey Hills Society, Chris Howard to explore this section of the North Downs Way National Trail from Farnham to Guildford. Chris will highlight the key attractions and points of interest along the trail. This is an all day event with a stop for a picnic lunch along the way. You will need to be relatively fit to attempt this walk but we will go at a fairly leisurely pace with plenty of stops along the way.

### CRONDALL CIRCULAR



**Walk Leader:** Jenny Colquhoun & Freddie the Yorkie (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10.15am

**Estimated Finish Time:** 12.30pm

**Distance:** 4.8 miles

**Meeting Point:** GU10 5QF. Park in the road near the school and Parish Church SU795 485 Map SU145

**Note:** A pleasant circular walk around the Crondall countryside. End location is not far from two lovely country pubs. Route is quite exposed and can be deceptively steep. Some of the paths are stony and there is some road walking. It may be muddy so wear suitable footwear.

## TUESDAY 30 MAY

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### TUESDAY WALK



**Walk Leader:** Caroline Barriff

**Start Time:** 10.30am

**Distance:** No more than 2 miles

**Meeting Point:** Farnham Leisure Centre, GU9 7UD

**Note:** A social and enjoyable Wellbeing Walk. Depending on the participants this walk will either be a 1 hour 2 mile walk or a shorter 30 minute walk. They are relatively gentle walks that take in a couple of small inclines. Rest times are included during the walk.



## THURSDAY 1 JUNE

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### TICE'S MEADOW BIODIVERSITY TRAIL



**Walk Leader:** Mark Elsoffer

**Start Time:** 10am

**Estimated Finish Time:** 12.30pm

**Distance:** 1.5 miles

**Meeting Point:** Main entrance, Tice's Meadow, Badshot Lea Road, GU11 3RJ

**Note:** Join us for a leisurely stroll around Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve, following the 1.5 mile circular Biodiversity Trail, and spotting the wildlife that thrives at this award winning nature reserve.

The guide will explain the history of the nature reserve, the work undertaken by the volunteers, and help spot the wildlife present.

Starting, and finishing, at the main entrance on Badshot Lea Road (opposite Farnham Van Sales), the walk will take in the woodlands, meadow, reed beds, ponds and River Blackwater, with stops at Horton's Mound and the hide (if accessible) to view the wildlife.

Paths are unmade and only suitable for off-road wheelchairs/pushchairs following prolonged dry weather.

There are no facilities on site and little shelter. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Walking boots or wellies recommended.

On-street parking only on Badshot Lea Road – please consider car-sharing if possible.

## FRIDAY 2 JUNE

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### ALDERSHOT HISTORY



**Walk Leader:** Liz Witham (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Estimated Start Time:** 10am

**Estimated Finish Time:** 1pm

**Distance:** 4 miles

**Meeting Point:** Start at Wellington Statue, Claycart Rd, off Bourley Road, Aldershot, GU11 2LG

**Note:** Walk around Aldershot town learning about the history and heritage of Aldershot. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

## SATURDAY 3 JUNE

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### FARNHAM PARK 10K (RUN)



**Walk Leader:** Iain McCready

**Start Time:** 10am

**Finish Time:** 11.30am

**Distance:** 10k

**Meeting Point:** The Ranger's House, Farnham Park, GU9 OAB

**Note:** The run will begin at the Ranger's House in Farnham Park and will be a gentle circular around Farnham Park and beyond. Suitable for all different paces. Contact Farnham Town Council for more information regarding the run.

## SUNDAY 4 JUNE

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### FROYLE CIRCULAR



**Walk Leader:** Jenny Colquhoun & Freddie the Yorkie (Farnham & District Ramblers)

**Start Time:** 10.15am

**Distance:** 5 miles

**Meeting Point:** GU34 4LG. Lower Froyle Village Hall SU760 441

**Note:** A circular walk starting in Lower Froyle, goes through open fields, country lanes. There is a steep hill so be prepared. Also be prepared for mud and wet ground. There is some road walking. Parking at Lower Froyle Village Hall car park but it is a very busy hall, so it might be advisable to park considerably in the road.



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## Thanks to the organisations leading our walks and our sponsors:

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Kidd Rapinet Solicitors in Farnham are looking forward to supporting another busy schedule of summer events, including this year's Walking Festival. At Kidd Rapinet, a range of family and commercial law services are offered.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the walk leaders and organisations taking part in this year's walking festival:

Helen Arkell

Waverley Borough Council

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Tice's Meadow

Surrey Hills Society

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### FARNHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Our major walking partners in 2020, Farnham & District Ramblers is a very active and friendly group of over 500 members. They organise walks on most days of the week which vary in length from three to ten miles.

They invite you to visit their website at [www.farnhamramblers.org.uk](http://www.farnhamramblers.org.uk) or email/ phone [chairman@farnhamramblers.org.uk](mailto:chairman@farnhamramblers.org.uk)/ 01252 725899 for details of the walks and to answer any questions you may have.



### SURREY HILLS SOCIETY

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for those who live, work in, or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area.

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