

Walkers' Day

Sunday February 18th
Hebden Bridge
10 am to 4 pm



Who's behind Walkers' day?

Walkers' day is organised by Hebden Bridge Walkers Action which was formed in September 2006 by a group of Hebden Bridge people who enjoy walking in our beautiful countryside and want to encourage others to share our enjoyment. We're a campaigning group who will be:

- Pressing for our footpaths network to be maintained.
- Pushing for more information about short walks to be displayed in the town for visitors.
- Promoting Hebden Bridge as Britain's first official **Walkers are Welcome** town.
- Supporting **Walkers are Welcome** towns throughout Britain

For more information, look at our website:

www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk

Any cost?

It's free but there will be a charge for refreshments and donations will be welcome to cover our costs.

We thank Hebden Royd Town Council, the Ramblers Association and the many individuals and organisations who have supported us, including (so far):

The Albert Inn, the Fox and Goose Inn, Mytholm House B&B, Organic House and Rubyschoesday, The Bookcase, P Mamtara opticians, Riverdene House B&B, The Shoulder of Mutton, Higher Clough Foot Barn self-catering, Badger Fields Farm B&B.



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Why walkers' day?

Walkers' day has been organised to:

- Celebrate and launch Hebden Bridge as the first **Walkers are Welcome** town
- Explore current activities and stimulate ideas for the future

Who is it for?

Walkers' day is for everyone who loves walking in the area and wants either to know more or help keep the area good for walking.

Where is it taking place?

Riverside School, opposite main Post Office, Holme Street, Hebden Bridge

There are direct buses from Rochdale, Burnley, Halifax and Todmorden. Riverside school is a 10 minute stroll from Hebden Bridge train station with direct trains from Leeds, Manchester and Bradford.

Booking a place

Choosing your activities

In order to allocate space, we need an idea of how many are coming and which of the optional activities you may want to attend. You can choose one activity in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Making a booking

- You can book a place by email to gwendoline.goddard@3-c.coop (make sure you include all the information asked for on the form)
- For postal bookings, please send the completed form to:

9 Butlers Wharf, Hebden Bridge HX7 8AF

Booking Confirmation

We are not sending booking confirmations, but will look forward to seeing you on the day.

- If you have any specific queries before the day, ring 01422 884507
- If you have any specific queries on the day itself, ring 0797 143 0744



The morning activities

10.00 – 10.30 Venue open

Refreshments and time to browse the many stalls

10.30– 11.00 Opening of the event

The event will be formally opened by Pam Warhurst, Board member of Natural England and Chair of Pennine Prospects

Speaker - Kate Ashbrook, Chair of the national Ramblers' Association and well known campaigner talking about the Walkers are Welcome initiative within the national context

11.15 – 12.45 Four activities to choose from:

A short walk in Nutclough woods

Friends of Nutclough Woods will lead a short walk that shows how they are managing Nutclough for wildlife and the community and how the site has been improved for walkers.

How safe are you on the hills?

- Do you really know what preparations you should make before a walk in order to make sure that you stay safe?
- Would you know how to deal with an injury?
- Search and Rescue will lead a discussion about safety on the hills (and valleys) and talk about what they do.

Riverside to Redacre

This walk will provide you with some alternative routes for walking to and from Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge. You will pass some 17th century buildings, some very old mixed woodland, some surprises and the odd muddy patch!

Local flora and fauna

Ian O'Leary, National Trust Warden, will give an illustrated talk on the flora and fauna of Hardcastle Crags and the surrounding area.

The Hebden Bridge Town Trail

The Town Trail leaflet has been around for some time, so this walk will follow the trail to see if it needs changing or updating.

3.15 – 3.30 time for tea

3.30 - 4.00 Closing the day

- Reflections on the day
- Next steps
- Questions and answers

4.00 Close of the day



Local legends

Place legends are part of a community's mental map and may be fact or fiction, or more usually a bit of both. In this illustrated talk, John Billingsley uses photographs to unpack a few such tales and tells you how to find them.

12.45 – 1.45 Lunch

Using the wide range of fantastic eateries close to Riverside.

The afternoon activities

1.45 – 3.15 Five activities to choose from:

Our footpath network

How can we help to keep 1000 km of footpaths and bridleways in good walking order? Join the local ramblers and Calderdale Countryside Service to look at footpath guardians, adopting paths, what needs to be done and how more people could help look after our footpath network.

Footpaths at risk

Old footpaths which don't get recorded on the official definitive maps could be lost for ever, under recent government legislation. Andrew Bibby leads a walk which will look at possible 'lost paths' in the Hebden Bridge area.

Pressing issues for walkers

Kate Ashbrook of the national Ramblers' Association will discuss current opportunities and threats. These include access to access land, coastal access, walking for wellbeing and some current legal developments.

Booking form

* your name

*your address

*your telephone number

your email address

*required information

Morning activities

- A short walk in Nutclough woods
- How safe are you on the hills?
- Riverside to Redacre
- Local legends

Afternoon activities

- Our footpath network
- Footpaths at risk
- Pressing issues for walkers
- Local flora and fauna
- Hebden Bridge town trail

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices by marking 1 or 2 in the boxes above.

For more news about the event, and about walking in Hebden Bridge, keep checking www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk