

# Somer Valley Walking Festival

13-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



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# Join Us for the Somer Valley Walking Festival 2025!

Hosted by **Somer Valley Rediscovered**, a green spaces initiative funded by the **West of England Mayoral Combined Authority**, and proudly delivered in partnership with the **Somer Valley Ramblers**, this year's festival invites you to a weekend of discovery, connection, and outdoor adventure.

Whether you're a seasoned hiker or simply enjoy a gentle stroll, the festival offers something for everyone. Explore a diverse programme of **guided walks and nature-based activities**, from peaceful woodland trails to more challenging hikes, all highlighting the **breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage, and vibrant wildlife** of the Somer Valley.

Prefer to explore at your own pace? Don't miss the **Westfield Heritage Trails** and the immersive **Somer Valley Audio Trails** perfect for solo adventurers.

**Save the date** and be part of a weekend that celebrates community, wellbeing, and the great outdoors. **The Somer Valley Walking Festival 2025** promises to be an inspiring and memorable experience for all.



BOOK NOW!



# Saturday Agenda

10:30 - 12:00

## **Paulton Woodland Walk**

Leaving from The Hub Community Library, 1-2 Hill Court, High St, Paulton BS39 7QG | Leader – Anne

This scenic circular walk begins in Paulton, a historic former coal mining village, and leads westward into the tranquil surroundings of Greyfield Woods near High Littleton. The route meanders through ancient woodland, offering glimpses of local wildlife and peaceful glades, before looping back to Paulton.

11:00 – 12:30

## **Nordic Walking Town Park Taster**

Midsomer Norton Town Park

This Nordic Walking Taster is an introductory session providing a foundation for Nordic walking, fitness and wellbeing, all tailored to your individual needs. You'll be learning in a group setting with walk leader Maxine, a qualified Nordic Walking Instructor.

16:00 – 18:00

## **Fantastic Fungi and Nature Walk**

Haydon Batch, meeting at the Que Club entrance off Kilmersdon Rd

Join us for a fun and educational adventure at Haydon Batch. This event is perfect for beginners who want to learn more about mushrooms and fungi with the fantastic Steve England.



19:30 - 21:30

## **Bat Walk - Night Flyers of the Somer Valley**

Waterside Valley, Meeting outside St Nicholas's Church, Church St, Radstock | Leader – Steve England

Starting with a brief talk about bat ecology and conservation we will head into Waterside Valley for a gentle stroll around the meadows and along the river looking and listening out for different bat species. We will use bat detectors to pick up the bats echolocations and work out what species we have recorded.





# Somer Valley Rediscovered Volunteering Opportunities



Whether it's building steps in Midsomer Norton Town Park, scything meadows on Haydon Batch, or monitoring butterflies and wildflowers, there is an opportunity for everyone!

Join a community of wonderful people

Learn about wildlife and the environment

Take action to help restore nature

Be active and enjoy time outside



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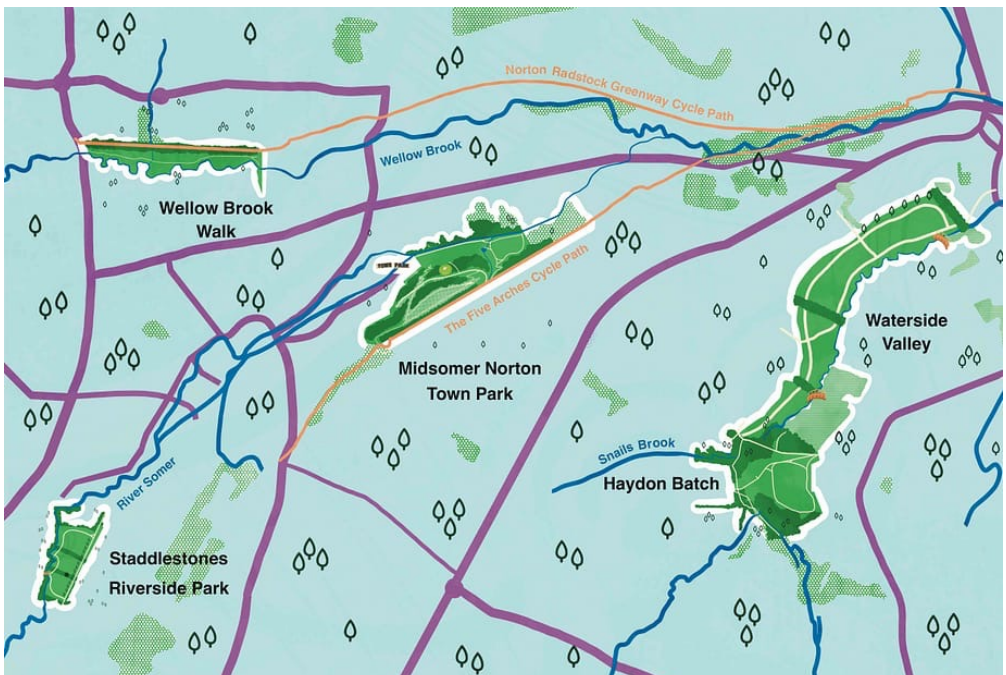
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## Enjoy immersive audio-guided walks through four beautiful locations: Haydon Batch, Waterside Valley, Wellow Brook Walk, and Midsomer Norton Town Park.

Each trail shares fascinating stories, local history, and hidden gems. Listen as you walk the sites—or enjoy the experience from home.

**Perfect for families, nature lovers, and curious minds of all ages.**



# Sunday Agenda

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All Sunday activities will take place from  
**Conygre Hall, North Rd, Timsbury, BA2 0JQ.**

There are walks of various lengths lead by the Somer Valley Ramblers, the fantastic Super Pirates will be bringing all the festival fun for families and activities for those who are less mobile.

**Tea, Coffee, Cake and facilities will be available for attendees at Conygre Hall**

## 10:00 **Timsbury Valley Circuit Walk (Stroller walk - 3.6 miles)**

A gentle rise out of Timsbury quickly takes you to high ground above the village and traditional farming surroundings where you walk past Farmborough Common and through the Lammas Fields. As you walk towards Priston pheasants and partridge run freely through the elephant grass and hedges. On the edge of Priston emerge onto the top of the valley where a fine standing stone commemorates the life of a local farmer. Return along (perhaps) one of the most popular walks for the residents of Timsbury. The tranquil valley with a babbling brook is home for sheep, ducks and pheasants. Rise up the hill into Northfield area of the village and return to the hall for a refreshing cuppa and cake.

## 10:00 **Tracks Through Time: Timsbury's Industrial & Natural Heritage (short walk - 6 miles)**

An opportunity to discover the industrial heritage of the area whilst enjoying the natural landscape. From Conygre Hall, the route passes established houses in the village built when Timsbury was a hive of mining activity. Once into the fields the views open up as far as the Harptree escarpment. A descent into the Cam Valley finds you at the once busy Somersetshire Coal Canal; now a haven for nature. Expect to see swans, ducks, coots and moorhens. Along the old tow path to Radford enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of an established and popular camp site. Continue along the route of The Limestone Link to Camertons nature reserve, once a blackened coal heap, now heavily wooded. Leaving the history of the coal mining behind delve into the world of farming whilst walking at your own pace uphill to the top of Tunley Hill where once a Roman hill fort was situated to take advantage of the vast panorama. Return to Timsbury again passing old village cottages before enjoying the company of the group over tea and cake.

10:00

### **The Priston Loop: From Hill Forts to Hamlets (Medium walk - 7.5 miles)**

Your very experienced walk leader and back marker are delighted to show you the natural beauty of the Conygre Valley north east of Timsbury. On your route out of Timsbury you will gently climb towards Tunley and the Roman hill fort at Tunley Hill from where far reaching views towards the Mendips can be had. Turning north you will drop into the popular walking valley between Timsbury and Priston with a babbling brook and easy walking to Priston where an oversized cockerel crowns the church tower! Leaving Priston you will walk the fields to Inglesbatch, a small rural hamlet and start your return to Timsbury by walking through Priston Mill, part of the Newton Park estate. The mill was once powered by an enormous waterwheel, grinding corn which was baked locally as bread. Today it is a sought after wedding venue. Following lanes you will skirt Priston via Long Wood and Lammas Field. The Lammas field sits south of Farmborough Common and has historical ties to Christian celebrations of harvesting the first corn. Slip gently into Timsbury and back to the Conygre Hall for refreshments and a relaxed chat.

10:00

### **Coal, Canals & Country Vistas: A Journey Through the Cam Valley (long walk - 10.8 miles)**

This walk takes you south of Timsbury into a landscape shaped by coal mining, now engulfed in nature. Much of your route will have been walked by men, women and children on their way to work the pits and farms. Almost immediately on leaving Timsbury the vista opens towards the south west. The farmland provides an undulating walk to Somerset Coal Canal. You take a lesser walked path up out of the Cam Valley through a conservation area. Over the hill the route follows an avenue of trees to Clandown where you will hear about the unusual guest of The Lamb Inn. From Clandown start your walk back to the hall via fields and Camerton Court. Rejoin the Limestone Link before climbing out of the valley through Lower Conygre batch. View a new vine yard and admire the impressive period house, 'Parishes' before reaching your well deserved tea and cake refreshments.



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11:00 – 12:00

### **Tai Chi Taster**

Bruce will be teaching the 'Ba Men' (which translates as 8 Gates). This is a short sequence of 8 moves which train the basic principles or energies of Tai Chi. The moves of the Ba Men are fairly easy to learn – at the start, as one learns the movements the practice is gentle, opening the joints, building a more connected body etc but it can also be practised in a way that's much harder and while one is still moving slowly it provides much more of a workout – so it can be tailored to the needs of those attending without the need to teach different things to different people.

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12:45 – 13:15

### **Seated Strength and Mobility Class**

Discover a fun and supportive way to gently build strength and coordination. This session offers a relaxed introduction to movement for individuals managing long-term conditions or pain that makes walking difficult.

13:30

### **Timsbury Valley Circuit Walk (about 3.6 miles)**

Repeat of the morning walk

14:00 – 15:00

### **Wellbeing Buggy Walk**

Walking is a simple yet powerful way to boost your health and well-being. Spend time outdoors with your little ones, connect with other parents, and caregivers, and explore new walking routes. Then join the Super Pirates..

15:00 – 17:00

### **Super Pirates Family Festival**

Get ready for a whirlwind of energy, laughter, and unforgettable play! The Super Pirates Family Festival creates a vibrant world of adventure, led by a dynamic crew of playworkers, actors, and dancers. From mad games and wild discos to circus fun, crafts, and inflatable ring chaos, it's a joyful explosion of creativity and freedom. Designed to spark imagination and confidence, every child leaves feeling like a boss. Come play, explore, and be awesome!





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**Help re-connect people to their local greenspaces**  
**Improve the health and wellbeing of the community**  
**Improve biodiversity**  
**Build our climate change resilience**

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