



# Frome Walking Festival 2019

## November 8th - 10th

### Friday 8th November

#### Frome Tunnels Talk - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

At Frome Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, BA11 1EB

The Frome Tunnels Project is a group of "tunnel myth" enthusiasts investigating the popular folklore of the legend of Frome tunnels. Come along to learn of their site investigations, historical document research, interviews and tip offs.

**FREE**

### Saturday 9th November

#### Saxon Kings Way (8-14 miles) - 9:30am - 4:00pm

This walk links 2 Anglo-Saxon kings - King Eadred, King of England (AD 946-955) died in Frome in 955 AD; and his nephew King Edgar, King of England (AD 959-975) crowned in Bath Abbey in 973 AD.

**FREE**

#### Childrens Walk - 10:00am - 11:00am

From Boyles Cross

A walk through the heart of Frome that will fascinate and enthrall both children and adults alike. Within this guided walk you will discover the town's connection with Harry Potter, learn about nearby flying saucer sightings and relive stinky market days and medieval streets.

**FREE**

### Longleat Walk- 10:30am - 4:00pm

A circular walk following field paths and quiet lanes, through woodland around the edge of the Longleat estate, to East Woodlands church.

**FREE**

### Singers Trail - 11:00am - 12:15pm

A guided walk around the significant places in the life of John Webb Singer, his life, his work and some of the famous statues created at his foundry in the heart of Frome. Approx 1.2km (threequarters of a mile) on pavement with some steps and steep cobbled streets. Led by Frome Town Guide Lisa Kenwright.

**£5**

### Buggy Walk - 11:30am - 12:30pm

A special Saturday buggy walk for those who want to socialise and enjoy being outside. A circular walk, approx 2 miles at a moderate brisk pace lasting about 45-60 mins. All levels welcome and a special cuppa deal at the end at the Cheese and Grain.

**FREE**

### Rogues, Rebels and Renegades - 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Join Frome authors, Crysse Morrison 'Frome Unzipped' and David Lassman 'Foul Deeds & Suspicious Deaths in Frome', for an eye-opening and entertaining ninety-minute walk in the footsteps of the town's most notorious rogues, rebels and renegades.

**£5**

### Orchardleigh walk - 1:00pm - 4:30pm

A circular walk following riverside and field paths into the Orchardleigh estate, where it follows a muddy lakeside path and then tarmac driveway, returning to Frome via Spring Gardens and Cooper Hall.

**FREE**

### Historical River walk - 1:00pm - 2:45pm

A walk along the River Frome to Spring Gardens, confluence of Mells and Frome rivers, with commentary on cloth industry, mills, meadows and more.

**£5**

### Saxon Frome - 2:00pm - 3:15pm

What do we know of Saxon Frome? From its founding to the coming of the Normans and those traces that are still visible, to the street layout and names of the town.

**£5**

## Pubs of Frome Walk - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

The walk will end with an informal gathering at the final pub. The walk is led by local historian and Frome Times Past columnist David Lassman, who is co-author of 'Foul Deeds & Suspicious Deaths in and Around Frome' and several other books on the town.


£5


## Sunday 10th November


### Family Trails with Prizes - 11:00am - 2:00pm

Children must be supervised. Pick up activity sheets at the Cheese & Grain.

FREE

 **Weird Woods** - Umbrella up a tree? Lobster in the bushes? Can you spot the unusual things hidden in the wood & solve the puzzle? (5-15 mins)

 **Number Walk** - Look at things in a different way. See numbers everywhere! You don't need to be a maths wizard to enjoy this trail, just up for an adventure!

 **Singer's Trail** - A chance to enjoy this new and informative walk around town - plan to take up to an hour.

Plus: Grown-ups can try their luck at our walking themed music quiz.

Prizes to be won. Interested? 'Walk this way'...

### 5 mile walk around Frome - 11:00am - 1:30pm

A 5 mile walk around the green spaces of Frome taking in Packsaddle, Fromefield, Rodden Meadow, The Dippy, Keyford, Victoria Park, Gould's Ground and Whatcombe Fields.

FREE

### The Awful Killing of Sarah Watts 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Learn more about this intriguing mystery from 1851. This route will follow in the footsteps of many of the main characters in the book and visit many of the places mentioned, including the murder site.

£10

### Heritage trees of Frome 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Join local author and ancient tree specialist Julian Hight on a walk to see some of Frome's most majestic trees, and hear about their history and lore. The easy walk will include Millennium Green, Rodden Meadow and the town centre.

£5

## Forage Walk 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join Dave Hamilton, forager and contributor to the Ramblers 'Walk' Magazine on a trip through hidden wild corners of Frome to Rodden Manor Church. As a trained horticulturist and Guardian wild food expert, Dave will talk you through wild edible plants on the way guiding you through back streets and meadows.

£5

## Health Walk - Rivers and Paths - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

This easy-going walk will explore some interesting corners of Frome, and promote the benefits of regular walking for wellbeing.

FREE

## Walk around Vallis Vale - 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Join Frome Walkers on their regular monthly walk. Today's walk goes through Whatcombe Fields, Spring Gardens, Orchardleigh Lodge, Halsford, Vallis Vale; returning into Frome on the West Mendip Way.

FREE

## A Sense of Place 2:00pm - 3:30pm

A guided walk around the ancient market town of Frome, explaining the history and folklore behind some local place names. This walk explores the origins of the names of places, streets and pubs & what they tell us about the society and culture of the town through history. Led by Frome Town Guide Lisa Kenwright.

£5

## Fecund Coming 3:00pm - 4:00pm

From the Holy Well - opposite La Strada

Rare Species' comic take on traditional historical walks. Join 'whistorians' Virginia Saggars & Gerald Terd as they take you up the Via Delorosa and uncover some of the truths behind the town's burgeoning success. What lies beneath Frome's cobbled streets and why has it become such a popular location for hipsters and artisans to settle?

£10

\*All walks leave from the Cheese & Grain unless otherwise stated.

Please book your tickets for each walk in advance to secure your place.  
Book online at [www.tickettailor.com/events/frometowncouncil](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/frometowncouncil)

For more information on all of these walks, please visit:  
[www.discoverfrome.co.uk/guided-walks/](http://www.discoverfrome.co.uk/guided-walks/)

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