



Frome Walking Festival 2026

August 7th - 9th

Guided walks for all abilities.



Welcome back to Frome's annual walking festival!

This year's programme of 19 guided walks over 3 days has something for everyone.

Please check the back cover for more information.

Friday 7th August

Nordic Walking Beginners Workshop
- Geors Richards

Starting at Frome Cricket Ground

Nordic walking is like ordinary walking but using poles. It is a social, whole body workout which builds strength, energy and balance. The basic nordic walking technique will be taught. Poles will be provided. Taught on flat ground, all fitness levels welcome. Please bring snack, water and any medication needed. No dogs.

10:00am
- 11:30am

£15
Various
lengths

Book: georsoutdoors@gmail.com / 07900 908839

Plaques Walk - Mary Henderson
Starting at the Cheese and Grain

The trail follows the plaques established by the Frome Society for Local Study to explore the rich heritage of Frome through its buildings and the interesting people who occupied them including Thomas Bunn, Clara Grant, Edward Cockey, Alice Seeley and Jenson Button. There may be some hills.

10:30am
- 12:30pm

FREE
4 miles

No booking required

Friday 7th August

Frome Heritage Trail - David Lassman
Starting at Justice Lane, opp. Black Swan Arts

A circular walk highlighting much of the incredible heritage of Frome – a town that has more listed buildings than anywhere else in Somerset. It follows the plaques erected to celebrate Frome's 1300th anniversary in 1985. At least two steep climbs over cobbled stones – Gentle Street & Catherine Hill. Over 14s only (under 18s to be accompanied by adult).

2:00pm
- 4:00pm

£10
(to Frome
Heritage
CIC)

2.5 miles

Book: davidlassman@davidlassman.com / 07395

Rodden Riverside & Dippy Walk

- Tricia Golinski

Starting outside Frome Library

A circular route following the river along Rodden Meadow and past Wallbridge Mill, then up The Dippy and across Victoria Park back down into town. Some uphill and some mud or rough surfaces. Dogs welcome.

2:30pm
- 4:30pm

FREE
3.5 miles

No booking required

The Lost Pubs of Frome #1 (West)

- David Lassman

Starting outside RISE, Whittox Lane

The first of three different walks taking place across the festival weekend. This walk visits more than a dozen sites of lost pubs to the west of the town centre, including those in Trinity and Badcox, as well as Catherine Hill and Catherine Street. There will be at least two steep slopes, one up and one down, one over cobbled stones. Over 14s only (under 18s to be accompanied by adult).

6:30pm
- 8:00pm

£10
1.5 miles

Book: davidlassman@davidlassman.com / 07395 607614

Saturday 8th August

Longbridge Deverill & Southleigh Woods
- Michael Weale

Starting at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill

A mostly level walk with no stiles on quiet country roads, good footpaths and forest tracks, exploring an area where armies ancient and modern have gathered before going into battle. Toilets, refreshments and free parking courtesy of the George Inn. No dogs.

9:45am for
10:00am start
- 12:00pm

FREE

4 miles

No booking required. For more info call 01747 860955

Horningsham Skyline walk - Amelia Nash

Starting outside the Bath Arms in Horningsham

Panoramic views of Longleat and the picturesque village of Horningsham, via roads, fields, and woodland tracks. Several fairly steep hills. Leaving at 10am prompt. Parking available in the surrounding lanes. No toilets or refreshments en route until we return to the pub, so bring a drink. No dogs, and no children under 12.

10:00am
- 12:30pm

£10

4 miles

Book: amelianash65@icloud.com / 07519 247080

Frome's Textile History - Mary Henderson

Starting outside the Cheese and Grain

A walk through Frome's textile history, walking from Cheese and Grain car park along Willow Vale to Wallbridge and back through Rodden Meadow. This is a flat route.

10:30am
- 12:30pm

FREE

No booking required

Saturday 8th August

Frome Dissenters Cemetery - James Parsons
Frome Dissenters Cemetery, Vallis Road

The cemetery, established in 1851, has become the last resting place for over 6,200 burials including 12 Commonwealth War Graves and over 260 still-borns. A nature trail is being established and the intention is to make the site, whilst continuing to be a working cemetery, a place for relaxing and for contemplation. No toilets. Only well-behaved dogs allowed.

11:00am -
12:00pm

FREE

Minimal
distance

No booking required. secretary@fromedissenterscemetery.org

The Canal That Never Was: Coleford to
Upper Vobster - Veryan Conn

Starting outside the former Eagle Inn, BA3 5NT

The route follows the line of "the canal that never was", eastwards from Coleford. This area was mined for coal both before and after the canal building era, leaving several layers of history to look out for. Some steep, rough and muddy sections. Unsuitable for dogs, but children who like "exploring walks" would be welcome.

2:00pm
- 4:30pm

FREE

2.5 miles

Book: conncave@live.co.uk / 07794 678802

The Lost Pubs of Frome #2 (Central)

- David Lassman

Starting at Justice Lane, opp. Black Swan Arts

This walk looks at lost pubs within the proximity of the town centre, ending at Christchurch Street East. At least twelve different sites will be visited, with many of the buildings that housed the pubs still in existence. Stories surrounding the pubs tonight include Frome's very own highwayman. At least one steep climb. Over 14s only (under 18s to be accompanied by adult).

6:30pm -
8:00pm

£10

1.5 miles

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Friday 7th August

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| 10:00-11:30 | ● Nordic Walking Beginners Workshop | ● £15 |
| 10:30-12:30 | ● Plaques walk | ● Free |
| 14:00-16:00 | ● Frome Heritage Trail | ● £10 |
| 14:30-16:30 | ● Rodden Riverside & Dippy walk | ● Free |
| 18:30-20:00 | ● The Lost Pubs of Frome #1 (West) | ● £10 |

Saturday 8th August

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| 9:45-12:00 | ● Longbridge Deverill & Southleigh Wds | ● Free |
| 10:00-12:30 | ● Horningsham Skyline walk | ● £10 |
| 10:30-12:30 | ● Frome's Textile History | ● Free |
| 11:00-12:00 | ● Frome Dissenters Cemetery | ● Free |
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at a glance

Sunday 9th August

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| 10:00-15:00 | ● Great Elm, Buckland Dinham &... | ● Free |
| 10:30-12:30 | ● Plaques walk | ● Free |
| 10:30-12:30 | ● Reading the Rocks | ● £2 |
| 11:00-12:15 | ● A Tour Around Trinity | ● £10 |
| 14:00-16:00 | ● Frome Heritage Trail | ● £10 |
| 14:30-16:00 | ● Frome Heritage Tree walk | ● £12 |
| 15:00-16:00 | ● The Market Place Through Time | ● Free |
| 18:30-20:00 | ● The Lost Pubs of Frome #3 (South) | ● £10 |



Sunday 9th August

Great Elm, Buckland Dinham & Orchardleigh
- Les Stather

Starting outside the Cheese and Grain

A Ramblers walk. Bring packed lunch and a drink, also waterproofs and appropriate footwear. There could be mud!

10:00am
- 3:00pm

FREE

9 miles

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10:30am
- 12:30pm

FREE

4 miles

No booking required

Reading the Rocks - Simon Carpenter

Starting outside the Cheese and Grain

A walk exploring the different rocks used in the buildings of Frome, how they are used and identified. Some contain fossils - these will be discussed to determine past environments at the time the rocks were forming. Expect steps and slopes.

10:30am -
12:30pm

£2
(pay on
the day)

3 miles

Book: simonccarpenter@gmail.com / 01373 474086

Sunday 9th August

A Tour Around Trinity - David Lassman
Starting outside RISE, Whittox Lane

The Trinity area is one of the most important and significant parts of historic Frome: a rare – even unique – example of early industrial housing anywhere in the country. This walk will encompass much of its past, from conception and construction during the Stuart and Georgian periods, through to partial demolition in the 1960s and huge campaign to save the remaining buildings from the wrecking ball. One steep climb. Over 14s only (under 18s to be accompanied by adult).

11:00am
- 12:15pm

£10

1 mile

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Frome Heritage Tree Walk - Julian Hight
Starting outside the Cheese and Grain

Join local author and heritage tree specialist Julian Hight to see some of Frome's most majestic trees and hear about their history, legacy and lore. This easy walk will include Millenium Green and Rodden Meadow.

2:30pm -
4:00pm

£12

1.5 miles

Book tickets at tinyurl.com/treewalk-wf26 or contact julianhight@hotmail.com / 0774 7397081

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How to book

Find booking details for each walk in this programme. Some walks do not require booking. For those that do, please use the method listed to book direct with the walk leader, usually by email or phone.

Check each listing for the starting location of the walk. Please walk, wheel or use public transport where possible.

The end times we've listed are approximate. Walks often overrun so please keep half an hour free at the end.

All walks are undertaken at your own risk.



For ways to enjoy Frome on foot all year round, visit the Discover Frome website for local walking groups and downloadable self-guided walks.

www.discoverfrome.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome

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