



Frome Walking Festival 2025

August 8th - 10th

Guided walks for all ages and abilities.



Welcome back to Frome's annual walking festival!

This year's programme of 20 guided walks over 3 days has something for everyone.

Make sure you book your tickets early as spaces are limited.

How to book

Click on the walk you're interested in or visit:
discoverfrome.co.uk/frome-walking-festival

No internet? No problem.

Pop into Frome Town Hall or call **01373 465 757**.
We will ask to share your contact details with
the walk leader to secure your place.

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.



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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Friday 8th August

Plaques of Frome

Starting outside the Cheese & 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 and Alice Seeley. A 4-mile walk with some hills. No booking required.

10:00am
- 12:00pm

FREE

War Graves

Starting at St John's Church forecourt

This moderate 2-mile walk will visit Frome's Commonwealth War Graves, over 50 across 4 churchyards, finishing at Frome Memorial Theatre which is home to the Charlie Robbins statue and the Town War Memorial. Dr Jim Clipson, a Royal Navy veteran, will lead this walk. Dr Clipson has visited the 224 graves of the Great War men from Frome listed on the Town War Memorial in a remarkable research project cycling across Europe. This walk is unsuitable for children under 12 and dogs.

10:15am
- 12:15pm

FREE

Rocks & our pre-historic past

Starting outside the Cheese & Grain

Join local geologist Simon Carpenter to find out more about the building stones used in Frome and what they, and the fossils they contain, tells us about our planet millions of years ago. A 2-mile walk for people of all ages. This is always a popular walk and sells out fast, so book ASAP!

**£2 donation supporting the Earth Science Centre's work in Somerset.*

10:30am
- 12:30pm

£2*

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A guided heritage walk that will explore the history and folklore of the River Frome and surrounding area, including some of the buildings of the town's famous cloth industry.

Led by historian and storyteller Lisa Kenwright, it is a gentle 1-mile walk from Market Yard to Wallbridge along mostly level pavement. Aimed at ages 12+; under 18s to be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

1:00pm
- 2:30pm

FREE

Frome Heritage Trail

Starting on Justice Lane, opposite Black Swan Arts

A circular 2.5-mile walk ending at Whittox Lane. The route highlights much of the incredible heritage of Frome – a town that has more listed buildings than anywhere else in Somerset – and follows the series of numbered plaques originally erected to celebrate Frome's 1300th anniversary in 1985. Led by local historian and author David Lassman. There will be at least two steep climbs over cobbled stones during the walk – Gentle Street & Catherine Hill.

**All proceeds will go to Frome Heritage CIC.*

2:00pm
- 4:00pm

£10*

The Canal That Never Was – Holcombe Section

Starting at lay-by opposite St Cuthbert's Church, Holcombe, BA3 5DS

A 2.5-mile route following the line of "the canal that never was", passing coal workings that would have benefitted from the canal. Last year we walked from Coleford to Ham. This walk is along the canal route westwards from Ham. Once a hub of industrial activity, it is now delightful countryside to walk through. To complete the route, you need to be happy walking along a challenging footpath that has some steep, narrow sections over very rough, sometimes muddy ground. No dogs.

2:00pm
- 4:30pm

FREE

Saturday 9th August

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10:00am
- 12:00pm

FREE

Longbridge Deverill and the woods

Starting at the George Inn, BA12 7DG

A mostly level walk on quiet country roads, good foot-paths and forest tracks, exploring Longbridge Deverill and the historic area of Southleigh Woods. No stiles. Toilets and refreshments available at the end, at the pub. 4-mile walk led by Michael Weale. Free parking at the George Inn. No booking required.

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Nordic walking intro

Starting at Frome Cricket Club car park

Workshop for complete beginners, teaching the basic Nordic walking technique to turn walking into a whole-body workout. Poles will be provided. Suitable for all fitness levels.

11:00am
- 12:30pm

£15

Saturday 9th August

Kind/Unkind walk

Starting at Victoria Park entrance, Weymouth Road

Explore some of Frome's Victorian and Edwardian social history. What is 'kind' and what is 'unkind'? Has the definition changed over time? We aim to leave you thinking about the complicated history of kindness. Guide Lisa Kenwright, a historian and storyteller, created this 1-mile walk for the 2025 Frome Kindness Festival with The Good Heart. Anyone with an interest in local history should enjoy this walk, but it will include (non-graphic) mention of adult themes and cruelty so is not suitable for younger children. Over pavement at a fairly slow pace, step-free but some hills.

2:00pm
- 3:30pm

FREE

Silent Disco: Saggars Plays Pop

Starting at Frome Town Hall

Back by popular demand for
Company

CANCELLED

Virginia Saggars on
tour of Frome. This year we celebrate the
town in touching cloth - a tapestry of stories woven
modern music and dancing. Accessible. Not suitable for children.

Plants and their uses

Starting at the car park at the end of Egford Lane

Learn about native and non-native plants around us, how to identify them, their medicinal properties and the benefit they have to wildlife. Also some foraging advice.

Wear walking boots or wellies as it may be muddy in places.

Medium level 1.5-mile walk - there is some uneven ground and a stile.

5:00pm
- 6:30pm

£8.50

Sunday 10th August

Riverside Cleanup

Starting at Frome Canoe Club, nr Cheese & Grain

Join Frome Families for the Future for a family-friendly riverside litter pick! We will litter pick along Welshmill, through Welshmill wood and continue to Weylands, to help out the animals that live near the river. All litter-picking equipment provided. No need to book, just come along.

10:00am
- 11:30am

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- 12:00pm

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Frome Walking Wheel - 3rd stage

Starting outside the Cheese & Grain

Spend the day enjoying a 9-mile walk across open country led by Les Stather. Please wear appropriate footwear such as walking boots, weather-appropriate clothing, and a packed lunch. There are no toilets on this walk. No booking required but be on time as the walk will leave at 10am on the dot.

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- 3:00pm

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- 1:00pm

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Orchardleigh

Starting outside the Cheese & Grain

A circular walk following riverside and field paths into the picturesque Orchardleigh estate, returning to Frome via Spring Gardens and Cooper Hall. May not be easy walking around the lakeside path due to mud and beaver activity, so wear suitable footwear. Bring along water and snacks to keep you going on this scenic 7-mile walk.

2:00pm
- 5:00pm

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