

Haslemere



Welcome to the Haslemere Walking Festival inspired by becoming the first Walkers are Welcome town in Surrey – a nationwide initiative to encourage more walkers and visitors into communities across the country.

Haslemere is a charming market town and the gateway to wonderful walking. It makes a great base for exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside and is perfect for walkers who appreciate diverse landscape and want somewhere that offers great local food and lovely places to stay – walkers really are welcome in Haslemere!

Booking Conditions

- The walk leaders are in charge of the walk and their decision on participation is final.
- Walks are aimed at all abilities and suitable for most people but you need to check the walk is suitable for you. All walks encounter hazards and you must attend the talk at the start of each walk.
- It is the responsibility of all walkers to ensure that they are physically fit enough to take part in the walks they have chosen. If you are in doubt regarding your abilities, seek medical advice.
- Dogs are not allowed other than on walks which are specifically described as being suitable for dogs
- Vulnerable people including young people under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn and bring sufficient refreshments and snacks where applicable.
- You are responsible for your own personal safety and whilst we endeavor to make all walks as safe and enjoyable as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk. We accept no liability for loss, accident or injury caused to any person during the festival. *Check your own personal accident cover before taking part.*

Walk Grading

EASY: gentle walk suitable for most levels of fitness – mainly on flat paths

MODERATE: moderate walk suitable for average fitness – a few gradients and steps. Boots recommended

CHALLENGING: challenging walk suitable for those with a good level of fitness – steep gradients, steps or rough terrain. Boots essential

How to get to Haslemere

Haslemere is easily reached by all routes with London and the historic naval town of Portsmouth less than an hour away. Haslemere station is just a short walk away from the High Street and there are regular direct train services from London Waterloo. Driving is easy with excellent access via the A3 linking with the M25 and with good road links to the south coast, London and beyond. Both Gatwick and Heathrow airports and Portsmouth ferry port are approximately one hour's drive. There are bus links to local towns and villages.

Useful Contacts

National Rail

Tel: 03457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline

Tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.org.uk

National Express

Tel: 08717 818181 or visit www.nationalexpress.com



Haslemere Visitor & Local Information Centre

is situated in the heart of the town at Haslemere Museum and offers information on everything you need to get the most from your visit including where to stay, attractions and local events. You will also find information on transport, eating out, maps, walks and much more. For more details, visit www.haslemere.com/vic



Haslemere Town Council represents the people of Haslemere and fully funds the Haslemere Walking Festival. For more information, visit www.haslemeretc.org

Booking Information

All walks are free to attend and booking is essential.

Numbers are limited so early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Booking forms are available from www.haslemere.com/vic and can also be viewed on www.facebook.com/haslemerewalkingfestival, paper forms from the **Haslemere Visitor & Local Information Centre**, 78 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA. For all enquiries or to request a booking form, call **01428 645425** or email haslemerevisitor@haslemere.com

Walkers are Welcome in Haslemere

HASLEMERE WALKING FESTIVAL 2017

A weekend of varied and rewarding walks for all tastes, ages and abilities – easy and difficult, long and short, night and day, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Come and celebrate the rich history and beautiful countryside surrounding this quaint market town nestled in the Surrey Hills.



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Friday 29th September

Black Down and Beyond

Starting from Haslewey, a circular walk via Haslemere, taking in Black Down and heading towards Henley for lunch at The Duke of Cumberland. The return journey will come back through Fernhurst and over Marley Common. Led by members of the Haslemere Fringe.

09.30am | 6.5 hrs | 14 miles | Med/Brisk | Mod/Challenging
Meet Point: Haslewey Community Centre, Lion Green
Notes: Walk includes 1hr stop for lunch. Bring a picnic if you do not want lunch in the pub. A hilly route so walking poles an advantage. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. Not suitable for children.

An Introduction to Nordic Walking

Join Helen Smith for an opportunity to learn the technique of Nordic walking and enjoy a total body workout that's a walk! Led by Apex Personal Training.

1.00pm | 1 hr | 3 miles | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: Outside the Sports Locker, Petworth Road
Notes: Dress as you would for normal woodland walking. Accompanied children over 16yrs welcome. Not suitable for dogs.

Bat Watching at Imbhams Farm

Surrey Bat Group invite you to a short informal wander around the farm woods and pond, to spot some of the many species of bats known to inhabit the site.

18.15pm | 1.5-2 hrs | 0.5 miles | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: Imbhams Farm, Holdfast Lane
Notes: Frequent stops. Bring warm clothes, torch and bat detector if you have one. Insect repellent advisable. Family friendly (accompanied children over 4yrs). Not suitable for dogs.

Saturday 30th September

Wild Learning on Marley Common

Join knowledgeable Forest Leaders for an exciting Wild Learning experience. Wander through the heaths and woodlands in a Scavenger Activity Hunt and discover the wonderful world around you.

10.00am | 1hr | 0.5 miles | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: 9.45am Marley Common NT Car Park, Marley Lane
Notes: Frequent stops. Family friendly (accompanied children over 4yrs – this walk has been designed for primary school level). Sensible shoes recommended. Not suitable for dogs.

Key = Start Time ■ Length ■ Duration ■ Pace ■ Grade

Haslemere's Notable Trees: Town Walk

Transition Haslemere invites you on a walk to visit the old hornbeams, tulip trees, swamp cypress, red oak, redwoods, cedar of the Lebanon, a 350-yr old oak and many other notable and unusual trees all within a mile radius of Haslemere town centre.

10.30am | 2 hrs | 2.5 miles | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: Outside Georgian House Hotel, High Street
Notes: Regular pauses to admire trees. Boots recommended as some areas muddy. No dogs allowed and not recommended for children.

The Magnificent Views of Hindhead

Starting from the viewpoint by the NT café, the main walk takes in the incredible views surrounding Hindhead Common. Led by 'Walks for Health' Haslemere.

11.00am | 1 hr | 2 miles | Leisurely | Moderate
Meet Point: Near Devil's Punchbowl NT café, GU26 6AB
Notes: A slower walk (1 hour) will also be available (easy). Family friendly (children welcome with adults). Dogs on leads welcome.

A Stroll around Swan Barn

Take a guided walk with a National Trust member of staff around Swan Barn. Discover how they manage the orchards and livestock, woodland and farmland and join in the Community Apple Pressing Day activities.

11.00am | 1 hr | 1.5 miles | Leisurely | Moderate
Meet Point: Swan Barn Farm office, Collards Lane
Notes: Likely to be extremely muddy in September so high boots or wellies recommended. Family friendly and dogs on leads welcome.

Sir Robert Hunter Trail on Hindhead Common

A dramatised walk bringing the history of the Common and its surrounding area dramatically to life by Sir Robert Hunter, founder of the National Trust who lived in Haslemere. Led and organised by Jo Owen Smith and cast.

14.30pm | 1hr | 1 mile | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: Outside Devil's Punchbowl Hotel
Notes: The walk covers open ground. Suitable for the young, elderly and dogs on leads welcome.

Night Walk on Marley Common

Enjoy a fun walk in the dark on Marley Common with a scavenger hunt to test your skills. Led and organised by knowledgeable Scout Leaders.

7.00pm | 1.5 hrs | 3 miles | Medium | Moderate
Meet Point: The Quarry, top of Marley Coombe Road, Camelsdale
Notes: The walk is aimed at 10-14yr olds who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring warm clothes, suitable outdoor footwear and torch if you have one.

Sunday 1st October

The Beauty of the Bowl

Take in the beauty of Hindhead via the Greensand Way, around the Devil's Punchbowl and along the ridge to the NT café, returning via Gibbett Hill and the site of the Temple of 4 Winds, on a walk led by Godalming & Haslemere Ramblers.

10.00am | 5.5 hrs | 10 miles | Medium | Moderate
Meet Point: Chestnut Avenue car park
Notes: Hilly terrain so bring walking poles if you have them. Bring snack and light refreshments for mid-morning 15min break. Walk includes 1hr stop for lunch. Bring a picnic if you do not want lunch in the café. Registered assistance dogs only. Not suitable for children.

Escape to the Countryside

Starting and finishing at Haslemere Train Station, a perfect walk to escape the city for some fresh country air. A circular route taking in Marley Common, down to Fernhurst for lunch at the Red Lion Pub, returning via Black Down to the train station.

11.00am | 5 hrs | 8.5 miles | Medium | Moderate
Meet Point: Haslemere Train Station
Notes: Ideal for those visiting by train. Walk includes 1hr stop for lunch. Bring a picnic if you do not want lunch in the pub. Dogs on leads welcome. Not suitable for children.

Haslemere Peasant Arts

A fascinating walk around the Arts and Crafts industry buildings and houses of Haslemere. The route takes in Kings Road, Foundry Lane and Longdene Rd. Led and organised by Haslemere Museum.

11.00am | 1.5 hrs | 1 mile | Leisurely | Moderate
Meet Point: Haslemere Train Station
Notes: The walk includes a steep footpath between Foundry Lane and Longdene Road and does not go onto the property or inside any of the buildings. Bring refreshments. Family friendly (accompanied children over 5 years). Dogs on leads welcome.

Stargazing on Black Down

Be dazzled under the dark sweeping skies on a night-time stargazing walk with Guildford U3A Astronomy and Science Group on Black Down, the highest point on the South Downs.

8.00pm | 1.5 hrs | 1 mile | Leisurely | Easy
Meet Point: 7.45pm at Tennyson's Lane car park
Notes: Bring warm clothes and suitable outdoor footwear. Family friendly (accompanied children over 7yrs). Not suitable for dogs.
N.B. walk subject to cancellation if unsuitable weather conditions