

Chepstow Walking Festival 2020 Programme and Booking Form

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Additional name(s) in party	
Where did you hear about Chepstow Walking Festival?	

Day	Walk	Time	Description	Number of places	
				Adult	Child <16
Wednesday April 15	1	8:30	Monmouthshire Way stage 1 Trellech to Chepstow		
	2	9:30	St Briavel's Castle to Chepstow Castle		
	3	10:30	Aust to the Severn Way		
	4	10:30	Bridge over the River Usk with the Living Levels Landscape Partnership		
	5	10:30	Roman Caerwent and Slade Wood		
	6	10:30	Cefn Ila and Usk		
Thursday April 16	7	9:30	Tintern Trek		
	8	10:00	Trellech through Time		
	9	10:30	The Hudnalls and its Wildflowers with Wye Valley AONB		
	10	10:30	St Arvans Roundabout		
	11	10:30	Gin and a Real Tonic!		
	12	10:30	Walk for Health at Black Rock		
Friday April 17	13	11:00	Lanes, Reens and the Coastal Path with Monmouthshire Countryside Team		
	14	9:30	A Coastal Stroll or a Quantum Leap?		
	15	10:00	Whitebrook and Trellech Common via the 69 and 65 buses		
	16	10:00	Tidenham Nature Reserves and Tintern Quarry		
	17	10:00	Hidden Caldicot		
	18	10:30	Chepstow Park Wood and Devauden with Llamas		
Saturday April 18	19	10:30	A Circular Walk on Offa with the National Trails Officer		
	20	10:30	Llandogo and Trellech		
	21	10:30	St Arvans, Itton and Oakgrove Stud		
		15:00	Map Interpretation Workshop with Kevin Walker		
		19:00	Presentation – Nature of the Brecon Beacons		
		6:00	Dawn Chorus		
Sunday April 19	22	6:00	Dawn Chorus		
	23	9:30	A Walk through History		
	24	10:00	Devauden with Ice cream and Cheese!		
	25	10:30	Llandingad / Dingestow (Welsh-speaking walk) ** FREE **		
	26	10:30	Llanoy and Llandenny		
	27	10:30	Flight of Fancy		
	10:30	Murder and Mayhem			
	14:00	Cadora Woods			
	9:30	New Passage to Chepstow Wye Bridge			
	10:30	Tidenham, King Yew and Jubilee Stone			
	10:30	In Search of Devil's Chapel			
	10:30	Fringes of Earlswood and Amazing Alpacas			
	10:30	Border Beauty in the Wye Valley			
	10:30	Beachley Peninsula			

Payment		Total £
Number of single-walk and 'Map Interpretation' tickets	@ £5.00 per adult	
Number of free* tickets claimed (buy 2 get 1 free special offer)	@ £0.00 per adult	£0.00
Number of 'Nature of the Brecon Beacons' tickets	@ £3.00 each	
Total Payable		

*all tickets must be in same name and are non-transferable

There is no charge for walks 12 & 25, or children under 16. Cheques should be made payable to 'Chepstow Walkers are Welcome' and posted to Chepstow Walkers are Welcome, Fox and Hounds, Itton, Chepstow NP16 6BX. Other booking and payment options are available at www.walksinchestow.co.uk and bookings can also be made in person (subject to a 50p booking fee) at Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow NP16 5FY.

Chepstow and the Lower Wye Valley

Located at the junction of the rivers Wye and Severn, Chepstow is an ideal base for exploring the beauty and history of the Lower Wye Valley, the Forest of Dean, the Gwent Levels and the Vale of Usk. Highlights of the town's story include the arrival of the Normans and the start of construction in 1067AD of Chepstow Castle, development of a busy port, shipbuilding, the birth of tourism, the Wye and Severn bridges and the home of Chepstow Racecourse.

Chepstow is easily accessible by rail, road and public transport, being only 30 minutes from Bristol and Cardiff, and 2 hours from London.

Within the town are many food & drink, shopping and service businesses who work in partnership with local accommodation providers supplying visitors with everything they need to make the most of their time in the area. Many of these businesses also actively support the Walkers are Welcome movement— please look out for the 'Walkers are Welcome' logo at their premises or find more details on our website www.walksinchestow.co.uk.

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Chepstow Walking Festival

Chepstow was awarded "Walkers are Welcome" status in 2012, coinciding with the launch of the Wales Coast Path which has its southern terminus in the town. The annual walking festival celebrates this status by providing a selection of activities for walkers at all levels of capability. Our walks are led by experienced local guides and subject experts who can bring to life the very best that the Lower Wye Valley has to offer.

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15th to 19th April 2020





Programme and Booking Information





Wednesday April 15


- 8:30 Monmouthshire Way stage 1 - Trellech to Chepstow**



After taking the '65' bus to Trellech we head via Catbrook and the 17th century Fountains Inn to Ravenscraig. Continuing south we follow a beautiful route through Chepstow Great Wood, Itton and St Arvans, then pick up the Wye Valley Walk before the final stage into Chepstow via Piercefield House.
13.5 miles linear (fare to start included)/ strenuous 


Chepstow Bus Station, Thomas Street, Chepstow, NP16 5DH ST531937 - bus 08:45
- 9:30 St Briavels Castle to Chepstow Castle**



This walk uses sections of the Offa's Dyke Path and Wye Valley Walk with beautiful views. The route passes through Tintern where there will be a short talk over lunch from Matt Newell of Wye Valley Meadery before continuing to Chepstow Castle via viewpoints and the racecourse.
10 miles linear / moderate (transport to start included) 

Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EY ST535942
- 10:30 Aust to The Severn Way**



Leaving the pretty village of Aust, this walk heads over bridleways and fields to Littleton-Upon-Severn before joining the Severn Way, with lovely views across to Chepstow. The return loop tracks the estuary back to the Severn Bridge, where we cross the footbridge and make our way back to Aust.
6.2 miles circular / moderate 

Entrance to Aust Church, Aust, BS35 4BA ST572890
- 10:30 Bridge over the River Usk with Living Levels**


Back by popular demand, this walk explores the juxtaposition between the industrial heritage and the natural environment of this unique landscape. Includes optional high-level crossing of Newport Transporter Bridge (weather permitting).
5 miles linear with return transport provided/ moderate 

RSPB Newport Wetlands Visitor Centre, West Nash Road, Nash NP18 2BZ ST334834
- 10:30 Roman Caerwent and Slade Wood**


We start with a walk around *Venta Silurum* (modern day Caerwent) to visit the extensive Roman remains of this important settlement. We then head up through Slade Wood for picturesque views across the valley before dropping back to our start point.
6 miles circular/ moderate

Caerwent Roman Town car park, Caerwent NP26 5AU ST463906
- 10:30 Cefn Ila and Usk**


Walking through fields and woods, this walk examines the rich history of Usk and surroundings covering 900 years from establishment of the Priory Church to the battlefield of Pwll Melyn and the role of Usk Castle. We then explore the building of the railway, and the changing fortunes of the Cefn Ila Estate.
7 miles circular/ moderate

Maryport Street North car park, Maryport Street, Usk NP15 1ED ST377008

Tickets and Prices:

- Single Walk tickets (except walks 12 and 25): **£5.00**
- 2020 Special Offer - one free 2020 Festival walk for every two walks booked (for the same person). A free walk can either be included on the booking form, or if booking online, be claimed by emailing chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk.
- Map Interpretation Workshop **£5.00**
- Wildlife of the Brecon Beacons **£3.00**
- Walks 12 and 25, children under 16 and dogs **FREE**

Thursday April 16

- 9:30 Tintern Trek**


The walk will start following Offa's Dyke Path with a stop at the Devil's Pulpit to admire the view of Tintern Abbey. After descending to the abbey we will visit the ruined St Mary's Church before the steady climb to Penterry Church, St Arvans, Piercefield House and return to Chepstow.
14 miles circular / strenuous (2 steep ascents and lots of stiles)

Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EY ST535942
- 10:00 Trellech through Time**


A walk through beautiful and varied landscape passing through Cicelyford, Parkhouse and Hygga before returning to historic Trellech with its standing stones and medieval history. Following the walk there is an optional pub lunch followed by a chance to visit the Lost City of Trellech with local expert Stuart Wilson.
6 miles circular / moderate

Bus stop opposite Trellech Methodist Chapel, B4293 Trellech NP25 4PE SO500053
- 10:30 The Hudnalls and its Wildflowers with Wye Valley AONB**


Join us in the Hudnalls, where the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty still retains much of the landscape character created by the original 'cottagers' who settled there in the late 19th century. Discover hidden cottages and flower rich meadows, along meandering wooded pathways.
5 miles circular / moderate (some ascent)

Layby off the A466 0.8 miles north of Tintern NP16 7PE SO536012
- 10:30 St Arvans Roundabout**


There are several walks that can't be left out of the Festival. This route never fails to please, with a walk through picturesque Piercefield Woods then to Gaer Hill Camp with spectacular views over the estuary.
5 miles circular / moderate

St Arvans Fountain, jcn of A466 and Devauden Road, St Arvans NP16 6EN ST518964
- 10:30 Gin and a Real Tonic!**


This walk around Catbrook is the perfect spring tonic and a feast for the senses, varied landscapes of woods, panoramic mountain views, a sparkling waterfall and historic sites. It ends with a tour and tasting session at Silver Circle Distillery, producers of Wye Valley Gin, flavoured with locally foraged botanicals.
5.5 miles linear / moderate

Catbrook Village Memorial Hall, Back Road, Catbrook NP16 6NA SO508030
- 10:30 Walk for Health at Black Rock** ****FREE****


This free walk follows the Wales Coast Path to Sudbrook hearing about the industrial heritage of the area and visiting Sudbrook Interpretation Centre where local historian Peter Strong will share his expertise before making our way back to the start.
2-3 miles circular / easy

Black Rock Picnic Area car park, Black Rock Road, Portskewett NP26 5TP ST512880
- 11:00 Lanes, Reens and the Coastal Path**


Find out more about the heritage and wildlife of this part of the county with Monmouthshire Countryside Services. We follow the moors roads to Undy, then continue through fields to reach Chapel Farm and follow the Wales Coast Path and lanes back to Rogiet Countryside Park.
6 miles circular / moderate mainly flat with a few stiles

Rogiet Countryside Park car park, Rogiet NP26 3TZ ST462874

Walk Grading

- Easy** Suits most levels of fitness, gentle pace with few stiles
- Moderate** Short sections of steeper gradient or rough terrain, average fitness
- Energetic** Longer distances, steeper gradients, rough terrain or obstacles
- Strenuous** Longest distance or sustained slopes, requires fitness and stamina

Friday April 17

- 9:30 A Coastal Stroll or a Quantum Leap?**


A fairly level wander along the banks of the Severn. We visit an iron age fort, one of the smallest active churches in the UK, an unusual "lighthouse", a church with a grand view, and circumnavigate a nuclear power station. The power station is decommissioned and is now a fascinating nature reserve.
9.6 miles circular / moderate

Oldbury Power Station visitor car park, Oldbury on Severn BS35 1RQ ST608943
- 10:00 Whitebrook and Trellech Common via the 69 and 65 buses**


The '69' will take us to Bigsweir Bridge, where we walk along the bank of the Wye before exploring the industrial heritage of Whitebrook. After ascending ancient trackways and small meadows to Trellech Common, we drop down into ancient Trellech to connect with the '65'.
5.5 miles linear (fares included) / moderate  

Chepstow Bus Station, Thomas Street, Chepstow, NP16 5DH ST531937 - bus 10:20
- 10:00 Tidenham Nature Reserves and Tintern Quarry**


Starting with the Parson's and Poor's Allotments Nature Reserves this new route heads on to Tintern Quarry with stunning views of the Wye Valley and a spectacular vista of the quarry cutting. We return via the Offa's Dyke path visiting a different section of Parson's Allotment and crossing The Park nature reserve
5 miles circular / moderate to strenuous (steep descent/ascent)

Offa's Dyke car park, B4228 Coleford Road, Tidenham Chase GL15 6PT ST558992
- 10:00 Hidden Caldicot**


This walk visits hidden gems in Caldicot including a Bronze Age site, an 11th century dwelling, the "longest tunnel in the world" and home/grave of inventor HE Jones before returning to our start point at the fascinating Dewstow Gardens and Grottoes.
5 miles circular / moderate

Dewstow Gardens car park, Dewstow Road, Caldicot NP26 5AH ST467887
- 10:30 Chepstow Park Wood and Devauden with Llamas**


A pleasant woodland walk through Chepstow Park Wood and around Devauden with far-reaching views to the Black Mountains and stunning Monmouthshire countryside, hopefully with a chance of seeing bluebells. At the end there is an optional llama experience!
6.3 miles linear / moderate




Wern-y-cwm car park, Kilgwrrwg Common NP16 6PN ST468976
- 10:30 A Circular Walk on Offa**


We once again welcome Rob Dingle, National Trail Officer for the Offa's Dyke Path, who will lead a walk from Brockweir along the Path to Bigsweir with sweeping views along the way, then a gentle return following the Wye back to Tintern.
7.5 miles circular / moderate

The Old Station car park, A466 Tintern NP16 7NX SO536006
- 10:30 Llandogo and Trellech**


After climbing the beautiful Cleddon Valley we proceed through woodland to Beacon Hill with glorious views over Trellech and towards The Blorenge and Sugar Loaf. After a lunch break we head towards Ninewells Wood with extensive views over the Wye Valley before returning via Cleddon Falls.
8 miles circular / strenuous (long climb at the start)

Llandogo Village Hall, The Woodlands, Llandogo NP25 4SR SO527043

-  Suitable for active, well-behaved dogs, please follow the walk leader's directions re on and off lead walking
-  Linear walk with transport to/from start point included in ticket price
-  Linear walk designed to work with public transport. Wales bus pass accepted or fare included in ticket price.

Sunday April 19

- 9:30 New Passage to Chepstow Wye Bridge**


Starting at New Passage near Pilning we enjoy magnificent views of the Severn Estuary along the Severn Way before crossing the Severn Bridge. Our return to Chepstow Castle is via the final/initial stage of the Wales Coast Path through woodland and passing historic Bulwarks Camp Hillfort.
7 miles linear / moderate 

Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EY ST535942
- 10:30 Tidenham, King Yew and Jubilee Stone**


This walk follows footpaths, forest tracks and the Gloucestershire way with stunning views of the River Severn. Along the way we will visit the Jubilee Stone, which marks Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and ancient King Yew.
6 miles linear / moderate 

Offa's Dyke car park, B4228 Coleford Road, Tidenham Chase GL15 6PT ST558992
- 10:30 In Search of Devil's Chapel**


This walk from Norchard through the Lydney Estate takes in historic remains, bluebells and excellent views across a hidden valley. After pausing at Devil's Chapel the return route takes in part of the Bream Heritage Walk before returning to the Dean Forest Railway at Norchard.
6 miles circular / moderate 

Norchard Station, B4234 Lydney to Parkend Road GL15 4ET SO629041
- 10:30 Fringes of Earlswood and Amazing Alpacas**


This walk is very popular, offering an area not often walked but with breath-taking views across to the Vale of Usk. The route takes us through farmland, woods and to the fringes of the great Wentwood Forest. We finish at Amazing Alpacas in Earlswood where we can experience these beautiful animals first hand.
5 miles circular / moderate

Amazing Alpacas, Little Goytre Cottage, Uplands Road, Earlswood NP16 6AT ST439976
- 10:30 Border Beauty in the Wye Valley**


Starting at St Briavels this walk uses an ancient route with wonderful views to the Mork Brook in the valley below. Making our way up to The Bearse we pass an unusual tufa dam then return through pastureland to picturesque St Briavels.
4 miles circular/ moderate 

St Briavels Castle, Church Street, St Briavels GL15 6RG SO558046
- 10:30 Beachley Peninsula**


Discover the peninsula's geology, rivers, ferry and association with the Severn Bridge. Our team of local historians will bring to life the characters, social past and industrial heritage of the area and the part it played through two World Wars, revealing some hidden gems along the way.
4.2 miles circular/ easy

Recycling Area car park, Pavilion Road, Beachley NP16 7HH ST550908

For further information including parking arrangements, terms and conditions or to download the booking form please visit
www.walksinchestow.co.uk

Saturday April 18 (continued)

- 10:30 Llansoy and Llandenny**


A brand new walk for the festival which takes you through a typical beautiful Monmouthshire landscape of lanes and fields, passing a hillfort with far reaching views to the Black Mountains and the Usk Gliding Airfield. There is the option of lunch afterwards at the Star on the Hill Pub at Llansoy.
5 miles circular / moderate (one steady climb & several stiles)

Great House Farm, Llansoy NP15 1DE SO434033
- 10:30 Flight of Fancy**


Starting in the picturesque village of Ganarew this walk in the north of the county meanders across the English and Welsh borders offering fantastic views to the stunning Herefordshire and Monmouthshire countryside as we pass through beautiful deciduous woodland.
5 miles circular / moderate to energetic 

Ganarew (off the A40 Monmouth to Ross road) NP25 3ST SO531165
- 10:30 Murder and Mayhem**


Two murders, the town stocks, secret tunnels to the Gatehouse, the Castle and the River, English Civil War soldiers hiding in The George, clandestine meetings and in 1985 the discovery of an exploded bomb – join local history guru Tim Ryan for a fascinating look into Chepstow's dark side.
2 miles circular / easy

Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EY ST535942
- 14:00 Cadora Woods**



A newly devised walk starting in the beautiful Cadora Woods. Heading towards Lower Meend we follow twisting paths with their moss-covered walls, unexpected view of Offa's Dyke and wonderful views of the River Wye. We return past ancient sweet chestnuts and Bigsweir Bridge.
4 miles circular/ moderate 

Cadora Woods car park, Stowe Road (off A466 at Bigsweir Bridge) GL15 6QG SO543055


Booking Options:


- Book walks online at www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'Chepstow Walking Festival' or follow the booking links on the Walking Festival website pages at www.walksinchestow.co.uk). Eventbrite booking fees apply. See 'tickets and prices' for details of how to claim free tickets when booking multiple walks online.
- Pop into Chepstow Tourist Information Centre, Bridge Street, Chepstow NP16 5EY normally open 10:00 - 3:00 (10:00 - 5:00 from April). Booking fee applies.
- Send a copy of the booking form (which can also be downloaded from www.walksinchestow.co.uk) to chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk and pay by PayPal to the same email address, or by bank transfer to Chepstow Walkers are Welcome 08-92-99 65544640. Please ensure there is sufficient information on both the form and the payment to enable them to be matched.
- Post the booking form with a cheque payable to "Chepstow Walkers are Welcome" to the address shown on the form. Bookings are acknowledged by email to minimise walk prices, if a postal response is required please supply a stamped, addressed envelope.

Friday April 17 (continued)

- 10:30 St Arvans, Itton and Oakgrove Stud**



After a lovely walk across open pasture with fabulous views across the Monmouthshire countryside, the owners of Oakgrove Stud have kindly agreed a rare opportunity to visit and meet some of their very cute residents!
4.5 miles linear / easy to moderate

The Piercefield Inn car park, A466 St Arvans NP16 6EJ ST518963
- 15:00 Map Interpretation Workshop**



Whether paper or digital, map interpretation is key for anyone looking to enjoy the countryside. This session teaches how to correctly translate maps into a rich and incredibly detailed understanding of the terrain using easily grasped techniques - once you have been introduced to this simple yet effective skill, you will never look at a map in quite the same way again.
Regency Room, The Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort Square, Chepstow NP16 5EY ST534939
- 19:00 Presentation - Nature of the Brecon Beacons**


Author and mountain leader Kevin Walker takes us on a journey of discovery through the Nature of the Brecon Beacons. His aim is to encourage us to really look at our surroundings - not just the magnificent scenery but also the amazing nature that surrounds us and which often goes unnoticed.
Chepstow Conservative Club, 10 Moor Street, Chepstow NP16 5DD


Saturday April 18

- 6:00 Dawn Chorus**



This year's dawn chorus walk returns to Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve where we hope to hear many common species in song including returning migrants fresh in after the long winter. Our expert guide will lead us around the reserve trails pointing out the iconic species that visit this special place.
3-4 miles / easy

RSPB Newport Wetlands Visitor Centre, West Nash Road, Nash NP18 2BZ ST334834
- 9:30 A Walk through History**


This is a fascinating walk through history, starting with the Bronze Age and finishing in the 20th Century. It will open your eyes to places of interest you may not have known existed including a Tudor Farm, a Winter Solstice alignment, a magnificent Silurian hill fort and much more, plus plenty of stunning views.
8 miles circular / energetic

The Old Bus Stop, Llanvair Discoed NP16 6LW ST449923
- 10:00 Devauden with Ice Cream and Cheese!**


This Walking Festival regular visits a quiet corner of Monmouthshire with a landscape of farmland and forest tracks, a lake, woodland hopefully with bluebells and stunning views. On the way we visit the home of Brookes Wye Valley Ice Cream for a short talk and tasting.
5 miles circular / moderate

The Wesley Sculpture, Devauden Green, Devauden NP16 6PQ ST484988
- 10:30 Llandingad / Dewstow (Welsh speaking walk) **AM DDIM****


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