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FESTIVAL



Jedburgh 2026

Step into History ...

September 4th - September 12th

Details and bookings for all walks and events.



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SCOTTISH BORDERS WALKING FESTIVAL

A very warm welcome to all who are interested in joining us for our festival. We hope the information in this booklet will help you plan your time with us. There is a wide selection of walks and events to select from.

We have tried to think of questions you may have and have provided answers. If you have other questions please don't hesitate to contact us via sbwf2026@yahoo.com

Q. How should I decide which level of walk to pick?

A. The most important thing to make sure your day enjoyable is to ensure that you register for walks which are suitable for you. Please be aware that our arduous walks involve long distances, steep ascents and a steady pace. If you aren't used to a lot of hills or long distances these arduous walks will not be the walks for you. Many of the moderate and short walks also involve walking uphill, so choose walks similar to the ones you usually do yourself.

If you choose walks which match your experience and fitness levels you should have some wonderful experiences. If you select walks which do not match your experience and fitness levels your experience might be a negative one. If you go on a walk you aren't fit for, you might have to go back, or be taken on an "escape route" to be picked up by a volunteer driver. That would not be ideal and would be disappointing for you.

So please take time to think about walk gradings and descriptions and select walks which you feel would be best for you based on your experience. All the walks are in lovely countryside and are full of points of interest. The moderate and short walks will be walked at a pace comfortable for all walkers.

Q. What should I bring with me?

A. The following is a list of items you will need to bring with you for each walk.

- If you have one, bring a completed ICE (In Case of Emergency) card. Cards will be available in the Hub for those who don't have one to be completed and carried on all walks
- A fully charged mobile phone
- Stout walking boots, even for the short walks, as we often cover rough ground
- A rucksack to hold clothing, food, plenty of water and medicines
- Warm and water-proof clothing - this is the late Scottish summer
- Enough food and fluid to last the whole walk, and a little bit more for emergencies
- Any medicines you might require including your own painkiller

Q. Who are the walk leaders?

A. The walk leaders are all volunteers from local walking groups. They are all trained and have lots of experience of leading groups of walkers . They are excited to be sharing their love of walking in the Borders with visitors local people who may well not have explored the paths we have chosen.

Q. Will First Aid be available?

A. On all walks there will be a trained First Aider trained at least to a basic level. First Aiders can not hand out any form of medication.

Q. Can I bring my child?

A. Any child under sixteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have experience of walking the distances of the walks. No under sixteen year olds can take part in the arduous walks.

Q. Can I bring my dog on walks?

A. Walks may well be passing through farmland and fields with livestock. For this reason we have to have a policy of no dogs on walks unless they are registered service dogs. We would be grateful if anyone bringing a registered service dog lets us know in advance.

Please note - all details in this booklet are correct at the time of publishing (June 2026). Some details may change. If this happens we will use social media to inform people and will update the booklet from time to time.

Friday 4th Sept · Opening Ceilidh ·

Opening Ceilidh

VENUE: Riverside Rugby Club,
Jedburgh TD8 6UE

TIME: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COST: £25

SPONSOR: Laidlaw Building and
Conservation Ltd

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

Get ready to explore stunning trails and meet fellow walkers at this year's Scottish Borders Walking Festival in Jedburgh.

The "Passing of the Walking Stick" is a beautiful, symbolic tradition for the Scottish Borders Walking Festival. It marks the official handover from the previous host town to Jedburgh, signalling the start of your week of festivities.

A hearty, two-course meal featuring local produce to fuel everyone for the miles ahead. Then... it's time to dance! Whether you're a pro or have two left feet, our live Ceilidh band will have everyone on the floor for a night of high-energy Scottish fun.

Saturday 5th Sept · Opening event ·

Abbey ceremony

VENUE: Jedburgh Abbey

TIME: 9.00am - 9.30am

COST: Free - open to all

TRANSPORT: N/A

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

Join us in the grounds of Jedburgh Abbey before the first walks of the Festival begin. Historic Environment Scotland have kindly agreed to open early to let walkers and members of the public visit the site and, if they wish, to attend a short blessing ceremony which will be led by the leaders of three churches in Jedburgh.

Jedburgh Abbey is a ruined Augustinian Abbey which was established in the 1100s and has a long and fascinating history. It is a wonderful place to start our week of walks as we invite walkers to 'step back in time' and explore our historic town and surrounding area.

Saturday 5th Sept · arduous walk ·

Carter Bar to Jedburgh

LENGTH : 11 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 500 ft

DURATION: 7hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus*

REGISTRATION: from 8:30am at the Hub **

SPONSOR: DM Hall



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

We begin this walk with a panoramic view of the southeastern Borders. This walk takes us from the border at Carter Bar back to Jedburgh. We visit the Redeswire Stane, a monument erected to commemorate the last Scottish-English battle in 1575 and the focal point of Redeswire, one of the most important rideouts of the annual Jethart Callant's Festival. Here the young man chosen to represent the town, the Callant, calls out, "Jethart's Here!" to commemorate the cry of the Jedburgh men who turned the tide of the ancient battle. Our route takes the same general direction that the riders take but with a few shortcuts as we drop steadily down to the town. We cross the Knock Hills viewpoint walking on farm tracks and fields towards Edgerston where we pass through the delightful Edgerston estate around a 17th/18th century mansion house whose parklands funnel us into The Narrows, a hidden valley, on the way to Camptown. Beyond that hamlet we find hidden paths which take us to Mossburnford and walkways high above the Jed Water giving us views of Ferniehirst Castle. We pass Jedburgh's "Heritage Trees", remnants of the ancient Jedforest, and notably the Capon Tree which plays a significant role in the Common Riding and the King of the Woods. We have crossed now to the other side of the valley of the Jed Water and we finish on a short section of the Borders Abbeys Way passing through woodland until suddenly we emerge from the trees to find that "Jethart's here".

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

*** registration for this walk is from 8.30 - 9.25am to allow walkers to attend the short ceremony at the Abbey if they wish from 9.00 -9.30*

Saturday 5th Sept · moderate walk ·

Kalemouth to Jedburgh

LENGTH : 7.2 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 348 ft

DURATION: 4hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus

REGISTRATION: 9:30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Carrylite

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This leisurely linear walk begins on the A698 at Kalemouth where we cross the Teviot on an historic suspension bridge, now closed to vehicular traffic, to take a minor road past Ormiston House. We follow the route of the old Roxburgh-Jedburgh railway which closed to passenger traffic in 1948 after winter floods swept away the bridge over the Teviot beyond Nisbet. We follow the railway track to Nisbet, where we cross the Teviot on the road bridge, to find a pleasant pathway along the river noting in passing the stumps of the bridge destroyed in 1948. We pick up the route of the old railway again before emerging at Mounthooly on the Kelso-Jedburgh road which we cross to access a path which follows the Jed Water. We continue past Riverside Park, the home of Jedforest Rugby Football Club, and pick up the Borders Abbeys Way. This pleasant riverside path gives us views of the cliffs carved over millenia by the Jed Water and we will look for herons on the cauld, and a kingfisher if we are very lucky, as we come into the town centre on our way back to the start. This walk passes through attractive countryside and involves little ascent so you won't be too tired for coffee and cake at the end.

Saturday 5th Sept · short walk ·

Jedburgh-Ferniehirst Circular

LENGTH : 5.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 500 ft

DURATION: 3hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.15am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Jedburgh Pharmacy

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This pretty circular walk heads south on the pavement beside the A68 before turning to follow the quiet country road towards Mossburnford. We enjoy good views to the west at various points on the way before turning down towards Kersheugh, a working farm which is also a visitor centre with a cafe. We continue past the visitor centre and farm on a stony path, much used by horse-riders, to climb by stiles into fields below the farmhouse. These take us to the Little Dean, an easy shallow ravine, and then the Muckle Dean, a deeper wooded ravine where care must be taken.

Further field walks follow above picturesque Ferniehirst Castle before we reach one of Jedburgh's "heritage" trees, an ancient oak known as "The King of the Wood", a relic of the ancient Jedforest. We come shortly through trees and over a stile to the A68, which we cross, to visit another ancient oak the Capon Tree, a visit to which is a key part of The Jethart Callants's Festival (Jedburgh's Common Riding). The story is explained in detail on the information panels on site.

Once we have all paid our respects the walk will return to Jedburgh. The leader might decide to return along the pavement beside the main road, or might climb a little above Hundalee Mill to find the Borders Abbeys Way and return to Lothian park by the steps down to Jedburgh Bowling Club.

Saturday 5th Sept · ‘something different’ walk ·

The Grizzly Forager

LENGTH : 1-2 miles

DURATION: 3hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.30AM

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

An event for all including families with children. The Grizzly Forager is returning after two very successful visits to Jedburgh to lead another foraging walk.

The [Grizzly Forager](#) will lead you on this discovery walk searching for produce in the local environment.

The Grizzly Forager says that he and his wife are ‘firm believers that having a hands-on connection to nature and the outdoors creates good health and positive mental well-being in people of all ages, and foraging with kids is a magical way of connecting with the land as well as with each other, learning and experiencing new things together’

Saturday 5th Sept · evening event ·

Film night with Leon McCarron

VENUE: Jedburgh Grammar Campus

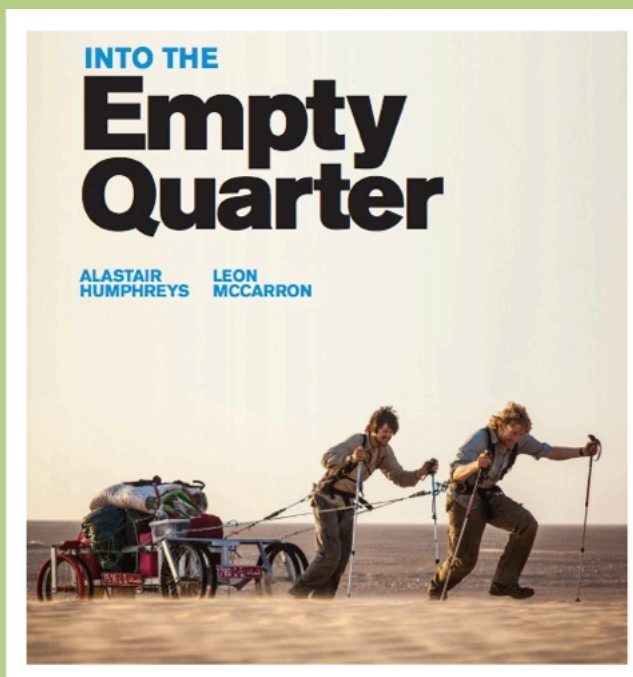
TIME: 7.00-7.30pm

COST: £5

TRANSPORT: option of minibus from the Town Square @ 6.45pm

SPONSOR: Jedburgh Community Council

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

We are delighted that award winning writer, broadcaster and hiking trail designer, [Leon McCarron](#), is going to join us for some of our walking festival. Leon is a Yale World Fellow, and the winner of the 2024 Cherry Kearton Medal from the Royal Geographical Society. In the past decade he has travelled over 30,000 miles by human power and has some wonderful stories of his adventures to share.

One of his earliest adventures was in 2013 when he and a friend set out to walk across the Arabian Peninsula's Empty Quarter - 1000 miles through the largest sand desert on earth. The film they self-shot received critical acclaim reaching almost a million viewers on a global tour with the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

Leon is going to share this film with us and will talk about his reflections now on this particularly long walk! Leon is always an engaging and entertaining speaker and will leave us all smiling and relieved that our walks for the rest of the week are so relatively straightforward.

The venue for the evening is the award winning Jedburgh Grammar Campus building. Opened in 2020 the Campus is the school for all pupils (aged 2-18) in the town and surrounding areas.

Sunday 6th Sept · arduous walk ·

Pennymuir circular

LENGTH : 10.1 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 1800 ft

DURATION: 6hrs approx

TRANSPORT: minibus

REGISTRATION: 9.30 am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Heron and Willow

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This circular walk from the old Pennymuir village hall is a journey through ancient history. Dere Street, the old Roman Road from York, runs across the muir past a Stone Age stone circle, Bronze Age cairns and Iron Age forts on Cunzierton and Thowliestane Hills. Across the moor rises another hillfort on Chatto Craig, this one reoccupied after the Romans had left, and across the valley is the mighty Woden Law noted for its Roman siege trenches.

As we return we pass a complex series of Roman camps, the largest one big enough to shelter 8-12000 soldiers. If only the stones and earthworks could speak! If the remains of the past aren't enough you will relish the great vistas in most directions, the range of spectacular hills rising between Pennymuir and the nearby English Border and the silent beauty of the Kale Valley which supported around 1300 people in ancient times and shelters today only a handful of farms and cottages.

Sunday 6th Sept · moderate walk ·

Jedburgh West Circular

LENGTH : 7.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 680 ft

DURATION: 4hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 9.45 am at the Hub

SPONSOR: William Purves Funeral Directors



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

From Jedburgh we head north along the Borders Abbeys Way to the Townfoot Bridge, which we cross to follow paths beside the Jed Water. We cross the A68 beyond the Jedforest rugby ground and turn into woodland on farm tracks past Bonjedward House. We will then turn right to loop round beyond Monklaw, arriving at a gate and stile through to the ruins of 15th century Timpendean Tower which stands in the elaborate earthworks of what appears to have been a substantial formal garden. Here we enjoy fine views over the Teviot Valley and to the hills beyond it.

Retracing our steps to the woods we follow a path coming out onto a quiet road with open views south over Jedburgh. Our return to the town is by further woodland paths across a ravine, which takes us to Jedburgh Castle Jail and then a short distance on the Borders Abbeys Way down some steps to the Bowling Club and then across the Jed Water and back to the start.

Please note - parts of the woodland can be quite damp and we may have to cross an awkward stile to reach and return from the tower.

Sunday 6th Sept · short walk ·

Todlaw Hundalee Circular

LENGTH : 5.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 600 ft

DURATION: 3hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.00am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Zoe Turnbull Funeral
Directors



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

This circular route explores tracks and hillsides to the south west of Jedburgh. We leave Jedburgh by the Borders Abbeys Way, which we follow past Todlaw Wells Plantation, to find a track which brings us down through Hundalee to a minor road. This gives us the option of returning to Jedburgh by returning along the Borders Abbeys Way, or the pavement beside the A68, which would open access to Jedburgh's iconic "Capon Tree", an oak survivor of the ancient Jedforest.

The walk offers fine views to the east from the higher ground as well as good views of Dunion Hill and Black Law to the west. An ideal restorative for anyone who has overdone it on the long walks over the weekend.

Sunday 6th Sept · 'something different' walk ·

Art Walk 1

Land and Light

with Carrie Sanderson

LENGTH : 4-5 miles

DURATION: 4-5 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus (outward)

REGISTRATION: 10.00am

SPONSOR: Creative Scotland

[BOOKING \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This walk takes us into the woodlands and farm paths in the Hunthill area above Jedburgh. You can expect fine views of the Cheviots, Ruberslaw and the valleys between. The walk will see us connecting with the landscape and seeing things in a new light.

At stops along the way artist Carrie Sanderson will help us to explore fresh understandings of landscape through observation and field sketching along with ideas on the materials needed to begin or develop a practice around landscape drawing and sketching.

We will walk back into Jedburgh where we will gather for refreshments and a workshop to share our learning and our work.

Suggested materials: an A5 or A4 sketchbook, pencils, charcoal, post pens, graphite, eraser, sharpener. We can provide some sketching items but if you want to buy some of your own new materials here are some suppliers:-

Jacksons Art - <https://www.jacksonsart.com/>

Cass Art - <https://www.cassart.co.uk/>

Artdiscount - <https://artdiscount.co.uk/>

Artway - <https://artway.co.uk/>

Lynxhead Dunbar - <https://www.lynxhead.co.uk/categories>

Greyfriars Edinburgh - <https://www.greyfriarsart.co.uk/>

Sunday 6th Sept · evening event ·

Wine and Cheese evening

VENUE: The Hub

TIME: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COST: £10

TRANSPORT: N/A

SPONSOR: Bonjedward Garage

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

All are welcome to join us in the Hub where we will be involved in a cheese and wine tasting evening. The evening will be led by a local connoisseur who will select some wines and cheeses for us to taste and who will share his extensive knowledge with us. A great way to relax after a couple of days of walking and a chance to get to know some of the other walkers in a social setting.

Monday 7th Sept · arduous walk ·

Brundean and Knock Hills

LENGTH : 8 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 1800 ft

DURATION: 6 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: minibus

REGISTRATION: 9.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: The Vault of Curiosity



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

Anyone who has crossed the Carter Bar on the England-Scotland road will have seen two striking pyramid-like hills to the east. These are the Brundean Hills which we climb on today's circular walk.

On our way to the trig point on Philip Law we circle round to inspect the Iron Age Stony Law hillfort, now a scheduled ancient monument. Immense views are enjoyed from the summit, and also from the neighbouring Goshen Law, which we descend steeply to cross fields and moorland on our way to a further hillfort dramatically situated on Hophills Nob. The tour of the range is completed by a visit to a prehistoric cairn on the higher summit of the twin-topped Knock Hills before we follow farm tracks and fields to the starting point.

There are some wet patches on this walk but the compensation is the views we enjoy from all of these hills.

Monday 7th Sept · moderate walk ·

Denholm to Jedburgh

LENGTH : 8 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 1236 ft

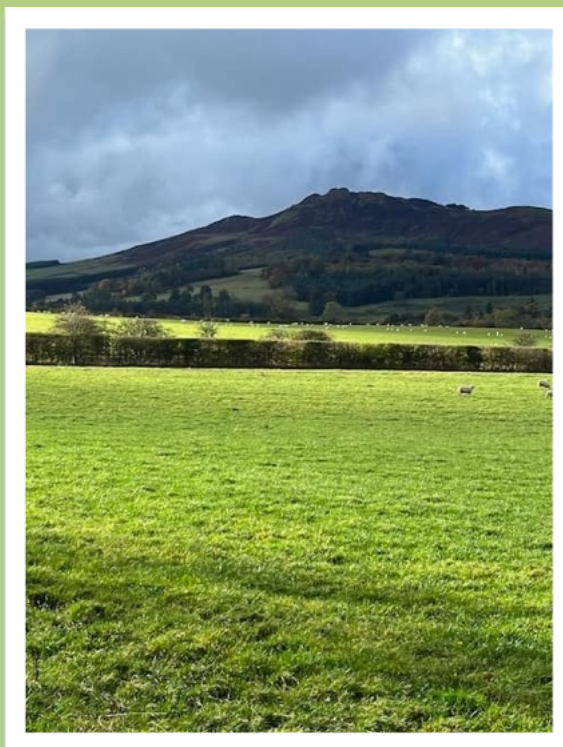
DURATION: 4.5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus*

REGISTRATION: 9am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Carrylite

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This walk starts from Denholm where we set off up the Borders Abbeys Way. We pass through Denholmhill Wood where we can enjoy widening views as we descend gently on farm tracks through woods and plantations, passing Spital Tower, towards the Rule Water. We cross the river by the road bridge and climb to the War Memorial. The Bedrule village hall committee has kindly agreed for us to use their hall for a comfort break and refreshments at this point. We take a farm track from the War Memorial to reach field and woodland paths, emerging from Blacklaw Strip to reach the upper levels of Black Law.

Depending on weather and time we may divert to the summit for long views. Field paths take us downhill past Merlin Dean, crossing an awkward stile on the way, to reach farm tracks through gentle fields and woods, framed by long views of the distant hills and then downward through woodland tracks to take us back to Jedburgh.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Monday 7th Sept · short walk ·

Heiton Circular

LENGTH : 6.1 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 236 ft

DURATION: 3 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service bus both ways*

REGISTRATION: 10.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: GE Hair



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

This circular walk begins at Heiton, a pleasant village on the Jedburgh-Kelso Road. We walk down a lane from Heiton Mains Farm enjoying fine views to the north and emerge onto the former railway which ran from the Waverley line to Tweedmouth via Kelso. Little remains of the railway, which closed to passenger services in 1964, but we now cross the magnificent Roxburgh viaduct by which the old railway crossed the River Teviot.

Across the viaduct we follow the solum of the former railway, closed in 1948, to Jedburgh and drop down by a flight of steps and a stile to find field tracks which take us to the banks of the Teviot. Here we find a lovely riverside path to take us back towards Roxburgh, another picturesque village. As we walk we can view the ruins of Heiton Mill across the river and the golf course around Schloss Roxburghe Hotel. If time allows, the walk will explore Roxburgh passing the ruins of the mediaeval Wallace's Tower (which has no known connection with William Wallace) before recrossing the Teviot by a fine footbridge beside the railway viaduct and up the farm track back up to Heiton.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fares or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Monday 7th Sept · 'something different' walk ·

Historical Society guided town walk

LENGTH: 2 miles

DURATION: 2 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.30 am

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

Learn about the fascinating history of Jedburgh on this guided walk with local guides from our local Historical Society.

Free event but donations to Jedburgh Historical Society welcomed at registration.

Monday 7th Sept · evening event ·

Magical Mystery Walk

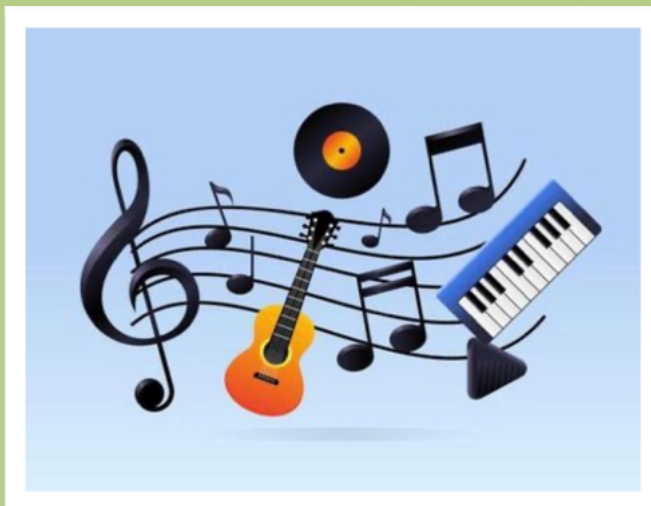
VENUE: Starting at the Hub

TIME: 7.00pm

COST: £5

TRANSPORT: N/A

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

An event designed to showcase some of the talented performers in Jedburgh and a chance for walkers and others to relax and enjoy a variety of performances in a few different venues around the town.

Participants should assemble at the Hub shortly before 7.00pm. Once gathered the group will be divided into three groups - each with a guide. Each guide will take their group on a short mystery tour of the town calling in at three venues where entertainment will be provided to each group.

After the end of the last performance anyone who would like more entertainment can go to the Canon pub where local musicians gather for a popular weekly trad music session.

Please note - one of the venues is in an upstairs room. Please contact the festival organisers if this may not be accessible to you and arrangements will be made.

Tuesday 8th Sept · arduous walk ·

The Yett Valley from Greenhill

LENGTH : 11 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 2400 ft

DURATION: 6 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus

REGISTRATION: 9.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: The Capon Tree

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This circular walk offers stunning views on a good day. We start from Greenhill, a mansion just south of the village of Hownam, 12 miles south-east of Kelso. We set off gently along the valley of the Yett Burn before climbing to Huntford Hill, the site of an Iron Age hill fort, the first of many ancient forts and earthworks. The walk then includes several more ascents and descents as we find a route to Buchtrig Farm, returning to Greenhill by the Humblemoor and Tronshaw hills.

This is a strenuous hill walk at a brisk pace over some terrain which is tricky underfoot, through heather and bracken, although most of the walk is on grass or stone paths. Full hill walking gear and experience are essential. There are stiles to climb and streams to cross and there may be cattle.

Tuesday 8th Sept · moderate walk ·

Jedburgh East Circular

LENGTH : 9 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 650 ft

DURATION: 4.5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 9.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: The Jed Eye

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This circular walk takes us from Lothian park up the Oxnam road and then along a minor road to Howden, where we pick up a delightful woodland walk towards Hunthill. We turn left there and walk through Natural Wood and field edges east of Belvidere Wood and Justice Wood where we turn again to walk through a woodland strip which leads to Dere Street, the ancient Roman road which once brought the legions from York to Trimontium fort near Melrose. We follow Dere Street to meet the Borders Abbeys Way where we turn towards Mount Ulston and its viewpoint. We continue on the Borders Abbeys Way down to the Jed Water and the riverside walk which takes us past the ancient Canongate Bridge to the Abbey Bridge.

There are some damp sections on the route, as most of it uses paths and tracks through woodlands, but this is a favourite for local walking groups, who enjoy the views, the peaceful fields and woods and the delights of Jedburgh's cafes at the end of a rewarding day.

Tuesday 8th Sept · short walk ·

Minto Circular

LENGTH : 5.1 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 440 ft

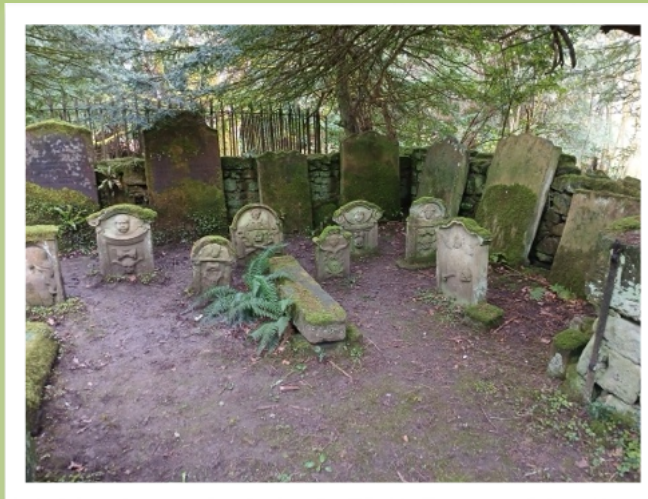
DURATION: 3 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus

REGISTRATION: 10.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Wild at Art

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This circular walk explores historic and scenic Minto. We walk from the picturesque village on a road across the golf course before turning up a farm track which heads into woodland and forestry. We cross fields to find a pathway to Fatlips Castle, high on the tree-clad Minto Craigs, to enjoy breathtaking views. We hope to be able to enjoy the views from the castle battlements, by courtesy of the Earl of Minto, before descending through wooded slopes to find pathways which will take us eventually to Minto Dean, one of many deep ravines in the area.

We work our way up the Dean to find the fragmentary remains of the old Minto Church which contains a collection of old headstones, wonderfully carved with angels, hourglasses, skulls and crossbones. We pass the golf clubhouse where we might be able to find refreshment on our return to Minto village.

Tuesday 8th Sept · ‘something different’ walk ·

Geology Walk - James Hutton connection

LENGTH : Short

DURATION: 1hr approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.45AM

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

The Hutton Unconformity Sculpture



Walk description

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of James Hutton, a man who has also been called the ‘Founder of Modern Geology’. Jedburgh and the rock formations above the Jed Water helped Hutton develop his theory that the earth was far older than previously thought.

We are delighted that Alison Tymon, from the Edinburgh Geological Society, got in touch with us when she heard about our festival and offered to come down to Jedburgh to lead a short, guided walk from our Hub to the Jedburgh Unconformity. We are greatly looking forward to learning more about Hutton and how important his visits to our town were in shaping the understanding of our planet.

There is no cost for this walk but donations can be made to the Jedburgh Historical Society.

Tuesday 8th Sept · evening event ·

Quiz night

VENUE: Carter's Rest, Abbey Place (downstairs)

TIME: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COST: £10 per team of up to four people

TRANSPORT: N/A

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

Teams of up to four people are invited to enter our quiz. Questions will cover a wide range of topics but the emphasis of the evening will be about having fun and building on existing and new friendships. A bar will be available.

Wednesday 9th Sept · arduous walk ·

Towford/Chew Green Circular

LENGTH : 11 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 1800 ft

DURATION: 5 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus

REGISTRATION: 9.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: The Opticians, Jedburgh

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This circular walk starts at Towford in the upper Kale Valley, an area now relatively unpopulated - but was it always so? This walk will show you that this was once a flourishing area with a much greater population than today's scattered farmhouses suggest. The evidence for greater population and organised society lies in Iron Age hill forts such as Loddan Hill and Woden Law (which will be an optional visit if time permits).

We will visit the complex Roman camps at Chew Green, which like Towford and Woden Law are connected by Dere Street, the great Roman road from York to southern Scotland. The road allowed the legions quick access to the north to subdue and control the native British tribes. We will visit a lost mediaeval village on the Border, evidence of ongoing occupation of what now appear as remote and lonely hillsides.

The real highlight of the walk is the rolling hills of the Borders: ours will be an undulating route, but the effort will reward us with great views of the Border ridge and of the hills to the west; and, if we are lucky, we'll catch sight of the moorland's present-day population, the feral Cheviot goats.

Wednesday 9th Sept · moderate walk ·

Ancrum/Harestanes/ Lilliardsedge

LENGTH : 10.2 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 890 ft

DURATION: 5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus both directions*

REGISTRATION: 8.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Anonymous

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This moderate walk, full of interest and over variable terrain, starts at the attractive village of Ancrum. In the 13th century the Bishop of Glasgow - William de Bondington - had a residence here, determination of the exact location of which has attracted two significant archaeological digs in recent years. We leave the village and cross a wooden footbridge over the Ale Water, crossing the A68 and entering the west driveway approach to Monteвиот House. Passing by Harestanes visitor centre, we walk through woodland, exiting Monteвиот House main driveway and entering the driveway to the old Monteвиот stables. We will continue along the original 19th century access route, featuring an avenue of enormous Wellingtonia trees. Exiting the old driveway, we turn west to arrive at the old Roman 'road', Dere Street, which we follow north to Lilliardsedge. Steeped in history and legend, this famously marks the site of the 1545 Battle of Ancrum Moor and the apocryphal tale of "Fair Maiden Lilliard". We then head west along field edges, crossing the A68 a second time, picking up a track to Monteath Mausoleum, built in 1864 for General Sir Thomas Monteath Douglas, which we will have the opportunity to enter (no remains are present). Leaving the stunning location of the Mausoleum, we head south along field edges and a minor road; the presence of cattle necessitating bypassing the Coffin Road which leads down to the old Ancrum; and approaching the church from the Ancrum estate road, crossing the old packhorse bridge. Here is the resting place of Beatrix Potter's brother Walter Bertram Potter and a Hogback stone believed to date from the early 12th century. Hogback stones are said to be influenced by earlier Viking customs and traditions and are associated with the burial of important individuals. Leaving the old church by the steps we arrive back at the 16th century market cross on Ancrum village green.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Wednesday 9th Sept · short walk ·

Larkhall Circular

LENGTH : 4.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 400 ft

DURATION: 3hrs approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.15am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Jed Barbers

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

Meeting at the hub in the Glebe, we leave via the footpath along the river Jed, heading south. Turning right over the bridge after 200 metres, the path heads steeply up a long flight of comfortably spaced steps to join a track which again heads uphill for a short distance. This part can be muddy.

A quiet stretch of minor road takes us onto a green lane, turning right and uphill towards the highest point of the walk, with good views of Jedburgh and the Cheviot Hills beyond. After carefully crossing the Jedburgh/Hawick road, the lane continues past Jedburgh Golf Club, again with the possibility of muddy sections, and on to Lanton Hill at Cutty Stane cottage. The name is a reference to the old curling pond site in the woods behind the cottage. Here we turn right down the minor road for a short way, again with extensive views of the Cheviots, before passing through a gate on the right below Tudhope farm. The walk continues down the side of a field and over the Skip Running Burn at the bottom of the Glen, before once again crossing the Jedburgh/Hawick road by Jedburgh Castle Jail. Turning right, we follow the minor road past the side of the castle to reach the top of the steps where the walk began.

There are no difficult stiles and no livestock, other than possibly in the field towards the end of the walk.

Wednesday 9th Sept · evening event ·

Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum evening

VENUE: Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum

TIME: 7.00pm - 8.45pm

COST: £5

TRANSPORT: N/A

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

Live Borders have kindly agreed to open the Castle Jail and Museum doors to us for this evening.

Built in the 1820s, on the site of the original Jedburgh Castle, this historic jail offers a fascinating insight into prison life in Scotland. There is also a museum in the jailer's house where you can explore Jedburgh's history from ancient times to the present day. Exhibitions highlight local traditions and industries, alongside stories of notable figures including Mary Somerville, mathematician, Sir David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope and James Veitch, astronomer.

Finally the building is well known for its atmosphere and has gained a reputation for ghostly sightings. Hopefully we will not experience anything of that sort and if the weather is fine we should be able to enjoy sitting in the castle grounds and relaxing once we have completed our tours of the museum.

Wednesday 9th Sept · 'something different' walk ·

Toddlers/Buggy walk

LENGTH : a short walk along town paths

START AND FINISH: The Hub (Thistle Pavilion)

DURATION: approx 1.5 hrs

TRANSPORT: N/A

START TIME: 11.00am



Walk description

Parents and carers are invited to gather together with their babies and toddlers for a short stroll in Jedburgh.

The walk will start at 11.00 so participants should gather at the Hub (The Thistle Pavillion) after 10.45.

Following the walk refreshments will be provided for all at the Hub and children can have some fun on a Bouncy Castle to use up any left over energy.

(Please note: This event is dependent on weather. Updates will be given on Social Media in the week of the walk)

Thursday 10th Sept · arduous walk ·

St Boswells to Jedburgh

LENGTH : 10.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 812 ft

DURATION: 6hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus*

REGISTRATION: 8.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: From Me to You

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This walk is rich in history and starts in St. Boswells, named after Boisil, a 7th century abbot of Melrose described by Bede as a mentor of the young Cuthbert. We leave the village and pick up the the St. Cuthbert's Way as it heads towards Maxton where we pass a now-disused church said to stand on a site used for worship for 1000 years.

We take a minor road from Maxton, crossing the old railway to Kelso, following the Way onto Dere Street, the ancient Roman Road from York to Trimontium (near Melrose) and beyond. We climb steadily to Lilliard's Edge, a ridge which offers extensive views: here we find Lilliard's Stone, a monument to the improbable heroine of the Battle of Ancrum Moor (1545). Monuments abound now: to our right is Monteath's Mausoluem, a striking landmark, but a bit of a folly as it is an empty tomb whose intended recipient died elsewhere. To our left is the Baron's Folly, built around 1800 by a Borders soldier who became a Baron of the Russian Empire and further ahead we see a prehistoric standing stone to the right. We cross a minor road and enter the Monteviot estate, with its elegant Georgian mansion house, before crossing a footbridge over the Teviot to head for Jedburgh, a town rich in historic buildings and connections.

A walk which encapsulates the history of rural Roxburghshire is one not to be missed.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Thursday 10th Sept · moderate walk ·

Oxnam to Jedburgh

LENGTH : 7.2 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 719 ft

DURATION: 3.5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: minibus

REGISTRATION: 9.30am at the Hub

SPONSOR: anonymous



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

This lovely walk begins at the village hall in Oxnam, a village high in the hills above Jedburgh. We pass through the village and take a farm track which passes Towery and Birken-side plantations before emerging onto a vantage point above Peel Clumps where we enjoy perhaps the finest views of the day.

We continue to the hamlet of Mossburnford and find a narrow path through woodland where we pause above the incredibly steep "Jacob's Ladder" staircase, which, thankfully, we do not descend. Instead, we cross a stile into Kersheugh farm, a working farm and a popular local visitor centre, where a range of farm animals catches the eye, and refreshment might be had at the cafe. We walk on through fields, crossing stiles and gaining a sense at the Muckle Dean of the many ravines carved in to the hillsides above the Jed Water. After a sight of Ferniehirst Castle we pass two of Jedburgh's iconic heritage trees, ancient oaks which are remnants of the ancient Jedforest. We pay homage to the "King of the Wood" before crossing the A68 to explore the surrounds of the celebrated "Capon Tree". A short stiff climb through woodland takes us up to the Borders Abbeys Way and a brief return walk to Jedburgh, most of it through broadleaf woodland.

Thursday 10th Sept · short walk ·

Ancrum Circular

LENGTH : 5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 330 ft

DURATION: 3hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus both ways*

REGISTRATION: 9.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: The Ancrum Pantry



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

This walk explores the ancient village of Ancrum, once a possession of the Bishop of Glasgow, whose "palace" has been the subject of archaeological investigation in recent years. He might have been responsible for the 14th century bridge whose remains were found recently under the old bridge over the Teviot just south of the village. This is the oldest recorded stone and timber bridge found in Scotland and is now a scheduled ancient monument. Its strategic position, possibly the only bridge for miles over the Teviot, explains why Ancrum was burned by English armies 3 times in the 1500s and why a battle was fought in 1545 on nearby Ancrum Moor. Our walk goes on to explore the graveyard lying around the ruins of an 18th century church built on the site of a church first established in the 1100s. There are several interesting graves, including a Viking-style "hogback" gravestone now sadly deteriorating. Behind the church we find a picturesque packhorse bridge over the Ale Water, just upstream from caves, now seriously eroded and inaccessible, about which local legends abound. Climbing above the bridge, we find an Iron Age hillfort in the grounds of Ancrum House, a 19th century baronial mansion demolished in 1970. We complete the circuit by returning along the "coffin road" by which country people were traditionally carried to the village graveyard. Given good weather, we might find refreshment in the forecourt of "The Pantry", or, in poor weather, if time allows, across the A68 at Harestanes visitor centre.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fares or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Thursday 10th Sept · 'something different' walk ·

Art Walk 2

Sounding the Landscape

with James Wyness

LENGTH : 4-5 miles

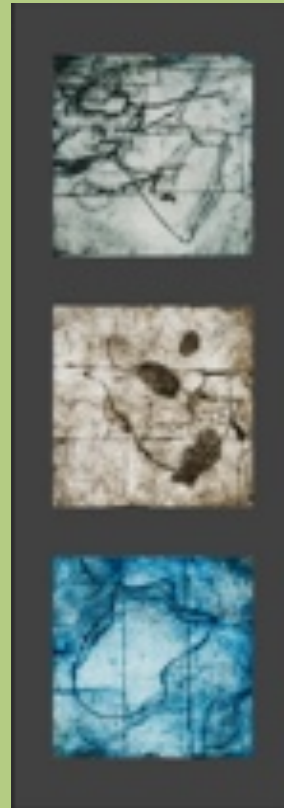
DURATION: 4-5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Minibus (outward)

REGISTRATION: 10.00am

SPONSOR: Creative Scotland

[BOOKING](#)



Three Sound Maps

Walk description

This walk, led by composer and sound artist [James Wyness](#), takes us up into the woodlands and paths along the high ground to the south east of Jedburgh. Our destination is an ancient site, rarely visited but rich in historic resonance. We will take time to explore the sonic features of the environment as we walk, stopping at points along the way to carry out simple listening and awareness activities.

At our destination we'll work and play with found and other objects to investigate sound and space, creating a new and original sound piece.

Feel free to bring along a small portable sounding object to contribute to the sound-making activities, a bell, a small percussion instrument, or failing that your body and voice will do just fine.

We will walk back to Jedburgh where we can gather with refreshments and have a chance to listen to what we have created and discuss the importance of environmental listening and sonic awareness.

Thursday 10th Sept · evening event ·

Author's Talk

Kerri Andrews

VENUE: Jedburgh Grammar
Campus

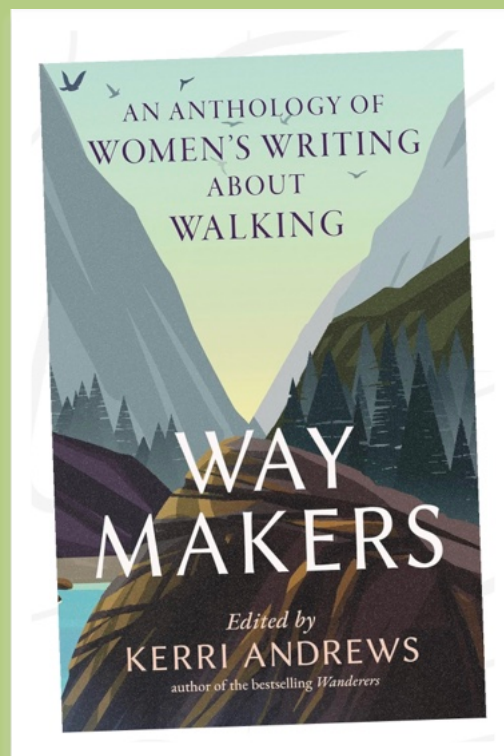
TIME: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COST: Suggested donation £5

TRANSPORT: option of minibus
from town centre at 6.30pm

SPONSOR: Fine and Country

[BOOKINGS \(Ticketsource\)](#)



Event description

We are grateful to Heron and Willow, our local bookshop, who have organised this event as part of their annual programme of author talks.

[Kerri Andrews](#) is a creative, non-fiction author who specialises in writing about walking, notably the history of women and walking. Kerri lives in the Scottish Borders. Her works include *Way Makers: An Anthology Of Women's Writing About Walking* and the new for 2026 *Women, Walking: Contemporary Voices On Nature and Belonging*.

This will be Kerri's second visit to Heron & Willow and Jedburgh - the first was such an interesting evening of discussion, they just had to invite her back to be part of Jedburgh's hosting of the Borders Walking Festival.

Friday Sept 11th · arduous walk ·

Denholm/Ruberslaw/ Jedburgh

LENGTH : 11 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 1700 ft

DURATION: 5.5 hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus*

REGISTRATION: 9.00am at the Hub

SPONSOR: Stems of Jedburgh

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This walk, from picturesque Denholm Green, rises through broadleaf woodland paths to the summit of iconic Ruberslaw, a volcanic outcrop, crowned by an Iron Age hillfort. Covenanters met here to worship in the "killing times" of the 1680s, the long views in all directions giving them warning of approaching dangers. We enjoy the same view today, picking out the many hills and other landmarks which surround us, before descending into a conifer plantation to find a short road walk and footbridge over the Rule Water.

We climb steadily to Watch Knowe, another vantage point offering long views in all directions, descending through fields to pick up the Justice Trail and other farm tracks which take us back to Jedburgh and well-earned refreshment.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Friday 11th Sept · moderate walk ·

Ancrum/Nisbet/Peniell Heugh/Folly Loch/ Harestanes

LENGTH : 8 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 625 ft

DURATION: 4.5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus outbound*
Return by minibus.

REGISTRATION: 8.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: R and B Painters

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Walk description

This walk starts in Ancrum from where we cross the Ale Water by a footbridge on a path to the A68. We cross over the A68 to Harestanes. An avenue takes us to a stile and woodland walk down to the Teviot where we enjoy a viewpoint over the river in front of Monteviot House. We pass Nisbetmill Cauld on our way along the riverside, picking up part of the old Kelso-Jedburgh railway line just before we reach the village.

We turn at Nisbet and walk back along a quiet country road to reach a farm track which takes us up through woodland to Peniel Heugh, a rocky outcrop topped by an Iron Age hillfort and the Waterloo Monument. This is one of the iconic sites of the Borders, a building which can be seen from miles around. Sadly, the estate no longer allows access to the viewing platform, but the 360 degree views from the top of the hill are not to be missed. We drop down to the north-west to a minor road which takes us past the picturesque Folly Loch to Dere Street, the ancient Roman Road to York. At this point, the St. Cuthbert's Way runs along Dere Street, and we turn down it to pass through woodlands which take us back to Monteviot and the Harestanes cafe, where, timetables allowing, we might have time for welcome refreshment.

**as transport for this walk is by service bus, one way, walkers will be required to pay bus fare or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Friday 11th Sept · short walk ·

Harestanes Circular via Folly Loch and Peniel Heugh

LENGTH : 5.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN : 813 ft

DURATION: 3.5hrs approx

TRANSPORT: Service Bus both ways*

REGISTRATION: 9.45am at the Hub

SPONSOR: M Wares Cater Hire



[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)

Walk description

This shorter circular walk starts from Ancrum from where we walk by footpaths and a footbridge to a crossing of the A68. There we enter a formal avenue towards Harestanes visitor centre and the Monteviot estate. We take paths up to meet the St. Cuthbert's Way, crossing the B6400 to walk past Woodside Garden Centre and Divet Ha' Wood. We turn right onto the minor road to Fairnington and pass the picturesque Folly Loch before turning back into the Monteviot woodland.

We climb now to Peniel Heugh, through woodland and over a stile, to appreciate the magnificent views from this rocky outcrop topped by the iconic Waterloo Monument. We drop back down to Monteviot estate and retrace our steps to Harestanes and some welcome refreshment.

**as transport for this walk uses a service bus walkers will be required to pay bus fares or use a Scottish National Entitlement card.*

Friday 11th Sept · afternoon event ·

Closing ceremony/ handover and afternoon tea

VENUE: The Hub

TIME: 14.30pm

TRANSPORT: N/A

[BOOKINGS \(Eventbrite\)](#)



Event description

This will be our final social event for everyone. All who have been involved in the festival as walkers, leaders, volunteers or at our events are invited to come and share stories and memories of the week while having afternoon tea in our Hub.

A short ceremony will be held involving members of the team in Selkirk who are already beginning to plan the Scottish Borders Walking Festival 2027.

Saturday 12th Sept · ‘something different’ walk ·

Walkit walk

LENGTH : short

DURATION: 1 hr approx

TRANSPORT: N/A

REGISTRATION: 10.00am at the Hub

Refreshments available at the Hub following the walk



Walk description

This is a short walk around the town, for everyone who would like to join us, to bring our Festival to a close. This walk is going to be led by Walk It leaders who currently lead walks in the town on a regular basis. The walk will be suitable for all ages and levels of ability.



Walk It aims to improve health in the Scottish Borders by encouraging people to walk. Its free, short, low level walks which could be just what you're looking for! Walks last around 60 minutes and finish up with refreshments. All ages and abilities are welcome and many of the walks are also Dementia Friendly