



Newton Stewart Walking Festival

10 – 16
May 2024

Welcome to the WalkFest 2024 programme

Here is a summary of the over 30 walks and other events which make up the festival programme.

More detail on each walk or event is available on the festival website www.walkfestnewtonstewart.com,

where online bookings can be made now. Any amendments to the programme will be advised via the website.

Friday 10 May 2024

Walk 1-1 Ring of Fire Day 1: Minnigaff Hills

Difficulty: very strenuous Distance: 22.5km(14 mls) Ascent:1450m

Walk 1-2 Southern Upland Way Day 1:

Portpatrick to Castle Kennedy

Difficulty: moderate plus Distance: 21km (13 miles) Ascent: 150m

Walk 1-3 Shenanton to Kirkcowan

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 13km (8 miles) Ascent: 100m

Welcome Buffet at The Belted Galloway Visitor Centre

Saturday 11 May 2024

Walk 2-1 Ring of Fire Day 2: The Rhinns of Kells

Difficulty: very strenuous Distance: 26km (16mls) Ascent: 1600m

Walk 2-2 Merrick and Mullwarcher Merry Go Round

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 19km (12 miles) Ascent: 1200m

Walk 2-3 The Eye of the Black Loch

Difficulty: moderate plus Distance:15km (9.5 miles) Ascent:400m

Walk 2-4 Southern Upland Way Day 2:

Castle Kennedy to New Luce

Difficulty: moderate Distance:15km (9.5 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 2-5 Raiding the Dornells

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 9.5km (6 miles) Ascent: 250m

Walk 2-6 Balloch Wood: Creetown Delights

Difficulty: easy Distance: 8km (5 miles) Ascent: 150m

Evening talk/slide show:

40 years of the Southern Upland Way

Sunday 12 May 2024

Walk 3-1 Ring of Fire Day 3: The Awful Hand

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 26km (16miles) Ascent:1600m

Walk 3-2 Curleywee: Galloway Grandeur

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 15km (9.5 miles) Ascent: 950m

Walk 3-3 Southern Upland Way Day 3:

New Luce to Knowe

Difficulty:moderate plus Distance:20km (12.5miles) Ascent:300m

Walk 3-4 Monreith and Barhullion

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 9.5km (6 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 3-5 Almorness: The Smugglers' Coast

Difficulty: moderate Distance:12km (7.5 miles) Ascent:250m

Walk 3-6 Barclye to Minnigaff: A Peep at the Past

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 9.5km (6 miles) Ascent: 350m

Programme is subject to change. This version was produced on 15 March 2024

The latest version is available on our website at www.walkfestnewtonstewart.com

Monday 13 May 2024

Walk 4-1 Cairnsmore of Fleet via the Millburn Path

Difficulty: strenuous Distance:15.5km (10 miles) Ascent: 950m

Walk 4-2 Southern Upland Way Day 4:

Knowe to Glentrool

Difficulty:moderate plus Distance:17km (10.5 miles) Ascent:250m

Walk 4-3 Innerwell to Garlieston: Round the Bend

Difficulty: easy Distance: 9.5km (5 miles) Ascent: 50m

Walk 4-4 Glentrool Kindness Path

Difficulty: easy Distance: 1.5km (1 mile) Ascent: 50m

Tuesday 14 May 2024

Walk 5-1 Rig of the Jarkness

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 18.5km (11.5 miles) Ascent: 900m

Walk 5-2 Skyreburn: Round the Head of the Glen

Difficulty:moderate plus Distance:14km (8.5miles) Ascent:400m

Walk 5-3 Glasserton to Isle of Whithorn

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 12.5km (8 miles) Ascent: 150m

Evening talk/slide show: Galloway Place Names

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Walk 6-1 The Lost Road

Difficulty: moderate plus Distance: 16km (10 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 6-2 Wild Swimming: Loch Trool

Difficulty:moderate plus Distance:9.5km (6 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 6-3 Supper Walk: New Luce (Moderate)

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 10.5km (6.5 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 6-4 Supper Walk: New Luce (Easy)

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 8km (5 miles) Ascent: 100m

Walk 6-5 Sunset on Cairnsmore of Fleet

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 13km (8 miles) Ascent: 700m

Thursday 16 May 2024

Walk 7-1 The Larg Hill

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 16km (10 miles) Ascent: 700m

Walk 7-2 St Helena's Isle

Difficulty:moderate plus Distance: 11.5km (8 miles) Ascent: 150m

Walk 7-3 Knockdolian: The False Craig

Difficulty: moderate plus Distance: 13km (8 miles) Ascent:350m

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