Newton Stewart Walking Festival

9 – 15 May 2025

Welcome to the WalkFest 2025 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 9 May 2025

Walk 1-1 The Big Hill: Cairnsmore of Fleet
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 17.5km (11 miles) **Ascent**: 750m

Walk 1-2 Old Military Road to Gatehouse
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 10.5km (6 miles) **Ascent**: 200m

Walk 1-3 The Rocks of Balcary
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 7.5km (4.5 miles) **Ascent**: 200m

Welcome Buffet at The Belted Galloway Visitor Centre

Saturday 10 May 2025

Walk 2-1 The Corbetts
Difficulty: very strenuous **Distance**: 26km (16mls) **Ascent**: 1700m

Walk 2-2 The Wilderness, the Devil and the Jewel of the Peatlands
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 13km (8 miles) **Ascent**: 700m

Walk 2-3 Woods, Moors & Farms: Creetown-Carsluith
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**:14.5km (9 miles) **Ascent**:300m

Walk 2-4 Garlick Hill
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**:12km (7.5 miles) **Ascent**: 450m

Walk 2-5 Stewartry Coast: Gull Craig to Brighouse Bay
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 11km (7 miles) **Ascent**: 250m

Walk 2-6 Galloway House and Garlieston Coast
Difficulty: easy **Distance**: 8km (5 miles) **Ascent**: 100m

Evening talk/slide show: Heart of the Biosphere

Sunday 11 May 2025

Walk 3-1 The Rhinns of Kells: North to South
Difficulty:very strenuous **Distance**:25km(15 miles) **Ascent**:1300m

Walk 3-2 The Three Wees
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 15 km (9.5 miles) **Ascent**: 800 m

Walk 3-3 Torhousemuir Stone Circle to Bladnoch
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**:12km (7.5miles) **Ascent**:150m

Walk 3-4 Discovering Glen Trool's Nature
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 9.5km (6 miles) **Ascen**t: 100m

Walk 3-5 Wild Swimming: Black Loch
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**: 5km (3 miles) **Ascent**:200m

Walk 3-6 Stewartry Coast: Brighouse to Knockbrex
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 12km (7.5 miles) **Ascent**: 200m

Walk 3-7 Discovering Newton Stewart
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 7 km (4.5 miles) **Ascent**: 100m

Monday 12 May 2025

Walk 4-1 Meikle Millyea
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**:12km (7.5 miles) **Ascent**: 650m

Walk 4-2 The Shire Moors: Penwhirn to New Luce
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**:14km (8.5 miles) **Ascent**:300m

Walk 4-3 Supper walk: Glenlee to Dalry (moderate)
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 9.5km (5 miles) **Ascent**:3 50m

Walk 4-4 Supper walk: Glenlee to Dalry (easy)
Difficulty: easy **Distance**: 8km (5 miles) **Ascent**: 150m

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Walk 5-1 Red Kite Extravaganza: Mossdale-Bellymack
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**: 13km (8 miles) **Ascent**: 300m

Walk 5-2 The Larg Hill
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**:17km (10.5miles) **Ascent**:650m

Walk 5-3 Penninghame Pond to Challoch Church
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 10.5km (6.5 miles) **Ascent**: 150m

Evening talk/slide show: Discovering Galloway's Coast

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Walk 6-1 Birds, Bogs and Bluebells
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 14.5km (9 miles) **Ascent**: 350m

Walk 6-2 Five Red Herrings:Clachanesey-Stroan Bridge
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**:12.5km (8 miles) **Ascent**: 200m

Walk 6-3 Discovering Carrick: Girvan to Colmonell
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**: 17km (11 miles) **Ascent**: 500m

Walk 6-4 The Riddle of Penninghame Pond
Difficulty: easy **Distance**: 1.5km (1 mile) **Ascent**: 50m

Walk 6-5 Sunset on Cairnsmore of Fleet
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 13km (8 miles) **Ascent**: 700m

Thursday 15 May 2025

Walk 7-1 Twa Knuckles
Difficulty: strenuous **Distance**: 16km (10 miles) **Ascent**: 850m

Walk 7-2 Discovering Carrick: Colmonell to Barrhill
Difficulty: moderate plus **Distance**: 13km (8 miles) **Ascent**: 200m

Walk 7-3 Gelston Castle Estate
Difficulty: moderate **Distance**: 11km (7 miles) **Ascent**:350m

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