



Newton Stewart Walking Festival

6th - 12th
May 2022

Welcome to the WalkFest 2022 programme

Welcome to our summary of the over 30 walks and other events making up the festival programme for 2022. More detail on each walk or event is available on the festival website www.walkfestnewtonstewart.com, where online bookings can now be made. Any amendments to the programme will be advised via the website.

Friday 6 May 2022

Walk 1-1 Glenkens Pilgrim's Way

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

Walk 1-2 Millfore

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 11.5km (7 miles) Ascent: 600m

Walk 1-3 War Memories: Baldoon to Wigtown

Difficulty: easy Distance: 9km (5.5 miles) Ascent: 100m

Welcome buffet at The Belted Galloway Visitor Centre

Saturday 7 May 2022

Walk 2-1 Walkfest Challenge: The Three Corbetts

Difficulty: very strenuous Distance: 24km (15 miles) Ascent: 1900m

Walk 2-2 Fell O'Fleet

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 16km (10 miles) Ascent: 400m

Walk 2-3 The Drovers Road

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 15km (9.5 miles) Ascent: 550m

Walk 2-4 Rhins Coastal Path: Part 1

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 10km (6 miles) Ascent: 200m

Walk 2-5 Newton Stewart by the back door: Shennanton to Newton Stewart

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 13km (8 miles) Ascent: 150m

Walk 2-6 Knockfell

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 11km (7 miles) Ascent: 100m

Walk 2-7 A Meander along the Waters of Trool, Minnoch and Black Burn

Difficulty: easy Distance: 7km (4.5 miles) Ascent: 50m

Evening talk and slide show: The Galloway Hoard

Sunday 8 May 2022

Walk 3-1 Mochrum Fell and Barwhillanty

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

Walk 3-2 Rhins Coastal Path: Part 2

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 14.5km (9 miles) Ascent: 250m

Walk 3-3 Crossing the Border

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 16.5km (10.5 miles) Ascent: 300m

Walk 3-4 The Merrick

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 16km (10 miles) Ascent: 900m

Walk 3-5 Salmon Conservation on the Penkiln

Difficulty: easy Distance: 5km (3 miles) Ascent: 50m

Walk 3-6 Kirkdale to Balloch wood

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 12km (7.5 miles) Ascent: 350m

Walk 3-7 The Romany Bridge

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 9km (6 miles) Ascent: 200m

Monday 9 May 2022

Walk 4-1 The Ridge of Cairnsmore of Fleet

Difficulty: very strenuous Distance: 17.5km (11 miles) Ascent: 700m

Walk 4-2 Walking the River Dee

Difficulty: easy Distance: 11km (7 miles) Ascent: 100m

Walk 4-3 The Geology of Balcary Cliffs

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 7.5km (4.5 miles) Ascent: 250m

Tuesday 10 May 2022

Walk 5-1 Striding over Benbrack

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 23km (14 miles) Ascent: 600m

Walk 5-2 The Jewel of the South:

Drummore to Mull of Galloway

Difficulty: moderate Distance: 11.5km (7 miles) Ascent: 350m

Walk 5-3 A Tale of Two Rivers

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

Evening talk and slide show: The River Cree

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Walk 6-1 Cairnsmore of Carsphairn

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 14km (8.5 miles) Ascent: 800m

Walk 6-2 A Cree Valley conga

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 17km (10.5 miles) Ascent: 450m

Walk 6-3 Supper walk:

Cairnsmore Viaduct to Castle Cary

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

Walk 6-4 Supper walk:

The Paddy Line to Castle Cary

Difficulty: easy Distance: 7km (4.5 miles) Ascent: 50m

Thursday 12 May 2022

Walk 7-1 Beneraid

Difficulty: moderate+ Distance: 15km (9.5 miles) Ascent: 500m

Walk 7-2 Cairnsmore of Fleet

Difficulty: strenuous Distance: 16km (10 miles) Ascent: 1050m

Walk 7-3 The changing face of the Galloway Uplands

Difficulty: easy Distance: 6.5km (4 miles) Ascent: 100m

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