Celebratory Walking Festival Social

To celebrate the success of the Festival we will be holding a Celebratory Walking Festival Social in June. Please watch this space for further details.

Information on walking grades

- To help you decide which is the walk for you, there is a chance it may be possible to have an approximate time and terrain guide has been given for each walk.

Terrain Guide

- Please note our Health Grades are graded from All to Moderate, most being Easy. Other walks vary.
- All – relatively flat, surfaced paths, no stiles, suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs, may include mud crossings.
- Easy – relatively level ground, fields, lanes and tracks, possibly with some gentle slopes, stiles or livestock.
- Moderate – uneven ground, fields, lanes and tracks with some moderate slopes, expect stiles/livestock.
- Hard – uneven ground, fields, lanes and tracks with some steep climbs, expect stiles/livestock.
- Very Hard – limited paths, rough walking, steep climbs, expect stiles/livestock.

Information on walking activities

- All walks must be booked in advance and no refunds will be given.
- A walk or activity with a £ symbol next to it will be charged.
- For all these walks you will need to bring all weather clothing, walking boots, packed lunch and a drink.

Guided Walk price guide

- A walk or activity with a £ symbol next to it will be charged, as follows:
  - Free – Health walks and guided walks up to one hour
  - £3.50 adults, £2.50 concessions and children (rehabilitation 2 hours)
  - £3.50 adults, £2.50 concessions and children
  - Half day walks 1 – 4 hours
  - £4.50 adults, £3.50 concessions and children
  - Full day walks over 4 hours, as indicated.

Visit Garstang Walking Festival Open Day
Come along to our open afternoon for information and updates at Garstang Centre, Cherenst Square, Garstang, PR3 1EF.
Visit Garstang Centre, Cherenst Square, Garstang, PR3 1EF, 2pm-6pm

There will be an opportunity to book on the walks and activities, meet the Friends of Garstang Walking Festival and find out about places to visit in Garstang and Wyre.

Visit Garstang Centre on 01995 602125 or if you want to pay by card visit the centre, which is open 6 days a week, Mon-Sat. You can also pay by cheque made payable to WYRE COUNCIL and send your remittance to Countrywide Walk Bookings, Visit Garstang Centre, Cherenst Square, Garstang, PR3 1EF.

How to book and pay

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- All activities are subject to change and a minimum booking may be required.

Important information before your walk

- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of all walks to allow for registration, putting boots on etc.
- The finish times of the walks are approximate as the duration may depend on the number of walkers, e.g. crossing streams.
- If you cannot attend a walk, please, if possible, let the Daily Ranger or visit Garstang staff know in good faith on the basis of information submitted to Wyre Council. Wyre Council cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information in the publication and accepts no responsibility for any errors or misrepresentation. Although efforts are made to inform participants of any changes of going to press, changes can occur and it is advisable to contact the booking officer prior to the event to confirm the information provided.

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The Countryside Code

Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Respect other people
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- Protect the natural environment.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

In case of an emergency dial 999 and ask for Police and Mountain Rescue.

Directions to Garstang

By car

- From the north – Exit M6 at junction 33 (Lancaster south). Follow signs for Garstang, taking the A6 south, for approx 10 minutes.
- From the south – exit M6 at junction 32 (Preston). From the west – exit M63 at junction 1 (Preston). For either, follow signs for Garstang, taking the A6 north, for approx 20 minutes.
- From the east – take the A59 to junction 37 of the M6. Join the motorway and exit at junction 32, as per directions from the south.

By public transport

For details of train and bus times please ring 0871 202 2220 or (03457 849 10).

The nearest railway stations to Garstang are Preston, Poulton-le-Fylde and Lancaster.

For bookings rings 01995 602125

Walk Meeting Points

The map alongside shows the approximate locations of the meeting points for each walk or activity in the Festival.

The festival was launched over a decade ago by Wyre Council to encourage people to visit Garstang, enjoy the local countryside and also use and support local businesses and organisations.

The Friends were formed to support the Countrywide Ranger team organising the festival and now the Friends are carrying out a co-ordinating role in delivering the 2018 festival.

The Friends are looking for people to help with various aspects of the festival such as becoming walk co-leaders or helping with all the administration associated with the booking of the walks, etc. So if you feel you may wish to help please contact Len on 01995 602125 or at longlegs@wyre.gov.uk and he will happily explain what the Friends are about.

There is an initial £5 joining fee to support the Friends and for this you will receive regular newsletters to keep you updated with what we are up to.

Celebrate springtime around Garstang, Rural Wyre, Forest of Bowland and the Fylde Plain

Welcome to the 2018 Walking Festival

Co-ordinated by the Friends of Garstang Walking Festival supported by Wyre Council.

The theme of the festival this year is Moss, Meadows and Moorland

Walkers will be able to experience the best of springtime in the countryside around Garstang, the Forest of Bowland and the Fylde Plain.

Enjoy bluebell woods, wildlife, upland views, local history and also explore to the west of Bowland, the Fylde and the Coast.

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Saturday 5 May to Monday 7 May

"To Knott in Three" Challenge Day 1 (G01) Times vary
Area: Wyre Length: 14 to 16 miles
Cost: Free
Meet at Garstang for transport. This is a flat walk along the coastline from the Maryport to the Bowland Fells. They are for the seasoned walker and each level is from 7 to 15 miles. Booking essential.

Saturday 5 May
Opening Ceremony Where: Garstang

Join the Friends of Garstang Walking Festival for the opening of the 2017 Festival. Enjoy a drink and piece of celebration cake for the first Garstang base walks set off.

"To Knott in Three" Challenge Day 1 (G01) 9.30am – 5.30pm
Area: Blundell Length: 16 miles
Cost: £4.50 / £3.50
Meet at Blundell School or walk from the car park opposite the school, then head east, following the shallow moorland watered ridge to gain spectacular views from Trottons. After a steep descent we return along the base of Fairsnape. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink, binoculars

Over Wyre Circular (G11) 10am – 3.30pm
Area: Knott End
Cost: Free
A flat circular walk, taking in coast, river and farmland. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink, binoculars

Canal and Country (G12) 10.30am – 1pm
Area: Garstang
Cost: £4.50 / £3.50
A circular walk heading out across pastures, ascending towards the piece of property and returning along the canal. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink, binoculars

Gravel Pit Circular (G13) 10.30am – 4.30pm
Area: Garstang
Cost: £5.50 / £4.50
A circular walk heading out across pastures, ascending towards the piece of property and returning along the canal. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink, binoculars

Tuesday 8 May
Abbayted Cirlce (G14) 10am – 3pm
Area: Abbeydale
Cost: £4.50 / £3.50
A walk across the fields to the lancaster Canal and its branch basin. It has visited churches. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink

Wenham Bridge and Church (G16) 1pm – 4.15pm
Area: Garstang
Cost: £3.50 / £2.50
A walk across the Wenham Bridge and St Luke's Church to learn about their history. Refreshments (extra charge) can be available in the church. Booking essential

WC at start. Bring: Drink

Garstang Rambles (G17) 6.30pm – 9.30pm
Area: Garstang
Cost: £4.50 / £2.50
An evening walk with the local Ramblers Group around the Garstang area. Booking essential.

Note to book:

"Knott to Knott" 3 day challenge (G1)

Area: Wyre, Morecambe Bay Length: 3 miles
Cost: £2 / £1
Meet at Wyre for transport. This is a flat walk along the coastline from the Maryport to the Bowland Fells. They are for the seasoned walker and each level is from 7 to 15 miles. Booking essential.

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Saturday 5 May

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink, binoculars

Sunday 6 May

"To Knott in Three" Challenge Day 2 (G02) 9.30am – 5.30pm
Area: Wyre
Cost: £4.50 / £3.50
Meet at Bleasdale for transport. From Garstang we climb alongside the Wray Valley and then ascend to Bleasdale and Floundes Hall before descending to Bleasdale Parish Hall. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink

Sunday 6 May

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink

Springtime Wildwells around Garstang (G23) 10.30am – 12.30pm
Area: Wyre
Cost: £2 / £1
A walk around a Garstang and Barmby in search of springtime wildwells. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Drink, binoculars

Garstang Heritage Walk (G24) 10.30am – 2.30pm
Area: Garstang
Cost: £4.50 / £3.50
A walk around the history of Garstang including many of the local historical sites. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Packed lunch, drink

Springtime Wildwells at Nisky Nook, Dog Friendly Walk (G25) 10.30am – 12.30pm
Area: Sceat
Cost: £2 / £1
A walk around the Wildwells of the Wyre including many of the local historical sites. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Drink, binoculars, dog leads, posh bags (dog waste)

Crossed Wyre (G7) 10.30am – 12.30pm
Heritage event Area: Garstang Grade: Easy "several steps upper river to canal Area: Wyre Length: 3 miles
Cost: £3 / £2.50
A walk across the fields to the Lancaster Canal and its branch basin. It has visited churches. Booking essential.

WC at start. Bring: Drink