

## Haslemere

Haslemere is a charming market town and the gateway to wonderful walking. It makes a great base for exploring the beautiful surrounding



countryside and is perfect for walkers who appreciate diverse landscape and want somewhere that offers great local food and lovely places to stay – walkers really are welcome in Haslemere!

## Booking Conditions

- The walk leaders are in charge of the walk and their decision on participation is final.
- Walks are aimed at all abilities and suitable for most people but you need to check the walk is suitable for you. All walks encounter hazards and you must attend the talk at the start of each walk.
- It is the responsibility of all walkers to ensure that they are physically fit enough to take part in the walks they have chosen. If you are in doubt regarding your abilities, seek medical advice.
- Dogs are not allowed other than on walks which are specifically described as being suitable for dogs
- Vulnerable people including young people under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn and bring sufficient refreshments and snacks where applicable.
- You are responsible for your own personal safety and whilst we endeavour to make all walks as safe and enjoyable as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk. We accept no liability for loss, accident or injury caused to any person during the festival. *Check your own personal accident cover before taking part.*

## Walk Grading

**EASY:** gentle walk suitable for most levels of fitness – mainly on flat paths

**MODERATE:** moderate walk suitable for average fitness – a few gradients and steps. Boots recommended

**CHALLENGING:** challenging walk suitable for those with a good level of fitness – steep gradients, steps or rough terrain. Boots essential

## How to get to Haslemere

**Haslemere** is easily reached by all routes with London and the historic naval town of Portsmouth less than an hour away. Haslemere station is just a short walk away from the High Street and there are regular direct train services from London Waterloo. Driving is easy with excellent access via the A3 linking with the M25 and with good road links to the south coast, London and beyond. Both Gatwick and Heathrow airports and Portsmouth ferry port are approximately one hour's drive. There are bus links to local towns and villages.

### Useful Contacts

#### National Rail

Tel: 03457 484950 or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

#### Traveline

Tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

#### National Express

Tel: 08717 818181 or visit [www.nationalexpress.com/en](http://www.nationalexpress.com/en)

**Visit Haslemere** is situated in the heart of the town at



Haslemere Museum and offers information on everything you need to get the most from your visit including where to stay, attractions and local events. You will also find information on transport, eating out, maps, walks and much more. For more details, visit [www.haslemere.com/vic](http://www.haslemere.com/vic)



**Haslemere Town Council** represents the people of Haslemere and fully funds the Haslemere Walking Festival. For more information, visit [www.haslemeretc.org](http://www.haslemeretc.org)

## Booking Information

**All walks are free to attend and booking is essential.**

Numbers are limited so early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Booking is available online via <https://haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk/> For all enquiries please call Visit Haslemere on **01428 645425** or email [visithaslemere@haslemeremuseum.co.uk](mailto:visithaslemere@haslemeremuseum.co.uk)



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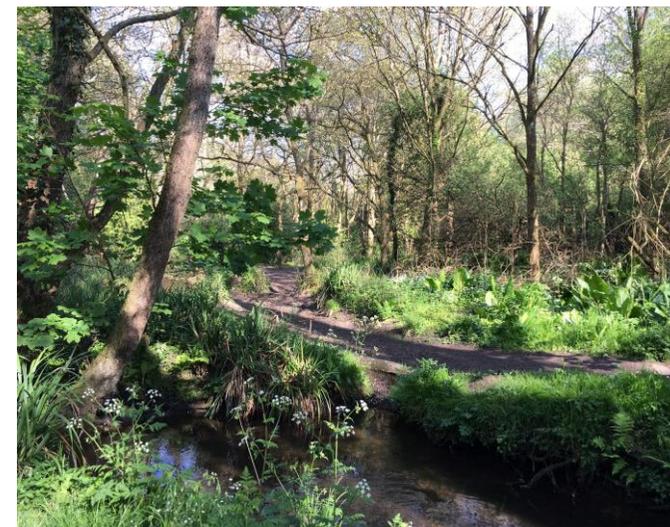
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# HASLEMERE WALKING FESTIVAL 2023

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

A weekend of varied and rewarding walks for all tastes, ages and abilities.

Easy and difficult, long and short, night and day, there is something for everyone to enjoy!



**Bookings online at:**

<https://haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

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## Haslemere Walking Festival 2023

From Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, the 3-day programme of walks will take you in and around Haslemere, through National Trust Heathlands and deep into the Surrey Hills AONB. With so many beautiful areas to discover and explore with experienced walk leaders, join Haslemere's 8<sup>th</sup> Walking Festival in celebrating the rich history and stunning countryside surrounding this quaint market town nestled in the Surrey Hills.

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

#### History around Sicklemill, Shottermill and Wey Hill

This walk starts and finishes at the Wey Hill car park. The route is about 2 miles long, including some hills and a steep footbridge. During the walk you will encounter dragons, braid and paper makers, the sites of two cinemas and a World War 2 air crash!

10:30 / 2 hrs / 2 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

**Meet Point:** The Wey Hill Car Park

**Notes:** Frequent stops to discuss sites along the way.

#### Swan Barn Farm and Haslemere Museum Grounds

Below the museum grounds is Swan Barn Farm, an open access site of the National Trust with wet and dry grassland, a stream (sourced from springs in the Museum grounds) and woodland in the valley. This short walk takes in the range of habitats and will point out the relationship between the local geology, plants and animals living on the site.

13:30 / 2 hrs 15 mins / 2 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

**Meet Point:** Foyer of Haslemere Museum

#### Bat Watching 1 at Imbhams Farm

Surrey Bat Group once again invites you to learn about bats, with a short informal wander around the farm woods and pond, to spot some of the many species known to inhabit the site.

20:45 / 1.5-2 hrs / 0.5 miles / Leisurely / Easy

**Meet Point:** Imbhams Farm Buildings, Holdfast Lane

**Notes:** Frequent stops. Bring warm clothes, torch and bat detector if you have one. Insect repellent advisable. Family friendly (accompanied children over 4yrs). Not suitable for dogs.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### Hankley Common Historical Walk

A walk around Hankley Common with stories of a murder, a plane crash with connections to a British Prime Minister and the Atlantic Wall used to practice for the World War 2 D Day Landings. Hankley has been used for numerous film sets including Skyfall, 1917 and the upcoming historical epic Napoleon.

10:00 / 3 hrs / 5 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

**Meet Point:** Upper main car park, Hankley Common.

**Notes:** To get to the start point, leave Thursley Road at October Farm, Truxford. Follow the made up, single track road for about half a mile to the gate across the road. The car park is on the left at the gate.

#### Blue Plaque Trail Walk

Through the many Blue Plaques dotted around the town, join The Haslemere Society for a fascinating and informative walk to discover the numerous important and influential people who have lived in Haslemere and contributed to the town's rich cultural heritage.

11:00 / 1 hr / 1.5 miles / Leisurely / Easy

**Meet Point:** Haslemere Museum Reception, High Street

**Notes:** Frequent stops. Not recommended for children. Not suitable for dogs.

**Refreshments:** Visit the many pubs, café's and eateries in Haslemere

#### Haslemere's Notable Trees: Town Walk

Clive Davidson invites you on a walk to visit notable and lovely trees, including ginko, liquidamber, tulip, swamp cypress, field maple, redwoods, cedar of the Lebanon and ancient oak, all within a mile radius of the town centre.

14:00 / 2 hrs / Leisurely / Easy

**Meet Point:** Outside The Coppa Club at the Georgian, High Street

**Notes:** Regular pauses to admire trees. Boots recommended as some areas muddy. Not suitable for dogs.

#### Bat Watching 2 at Imbhams Farm

Surrey Bat Group once again invites you to learn about bats, with a short informal wander around the farm woods and pond, to spot some of the many species known to inhabit the site.

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**Meet Point:** Imbhams Farm Buildings, Holdfast Lane

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

#### Tall Tree Walk

Clive Davidson invites you on a walk to visit and admire the tallest trees in Surrey in a special copse that includes giant redwoods, larches, hemlocks, firs, cedars and spruce.

10:00 / 2 hrs / Leisurely / Easy

**Meet Point:** Corner of Lion Lane and The Avenue

**Notes:** Regular pauses to admire trees. Boots recommended. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

#### Haslemere Ale Trail

We are excited to announce that the organisers of the Haslemere Beer Festival are launching a new initiative to promote the pubs of Haslemere.

They are producing a leaflet for walkers starting at Haslemere Station that will suggest routes to visit pubs in Haslemere town centre, Wey Hill, Shottermill and Hammer Vale. The Haslemere Ale Trail will be officially launched at midday on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Haslemere Station.

12:00 / Various self - led routes



#### Sir Robert Hunter Walk on Hindhead Common

A dramatised walk bringing the rich and colourful history of the Common and its surrounding area dramatically to life by Sir Robert Hunter, founder of the National Trust who lived in Haslemere. Led and organised by Jo Owen Smith and cast.

14:30 / 1.5hr / 1 mile / Leisurely / Easy

**Meet Point:** Outside Devil's Punchbowl Hotel

**Notes:** The walk covers open ground. Suitable for the young, elderly and well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

**Refreshments:** Visit NT Café or Devil's Punchbowl Hotel

