

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

Traveline

Tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.info

National Express

Tel: 08717 818181 or visit 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



Haslemere Town Council represents the people of Haslemere and fully funds the Haslemere Walking Festival. For more information, visit 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



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HASLEMERE WALKING FESTIVAL 2024

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July

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

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



Bookings online at:

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

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Haslemere Walking Festival 2024

From Friday 12th to Sunday 14th 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 9th Walking Festival in celebrating the rich history and stunning countryside surrounding this quaint market town nestled in the Surrey Hills.

Friday 12th July

Peace Walk: Waggoners Wells

Join Tess Burrows for a circular walk from the Prince of Wales Pub, Hammer Vale to the wishing well at Waggoners Wells to make wishes for world peace

10:00 / 3 hrs / Leisurely / Moderate

Meet Point: Prince of Wales Pub carpark, Hammer Vale

Notes: Dog friendly. Possible mud.

Refreshments: Sandwiches/snacks available at the pub at the end.

Blue Plaque Trail Walk: Haslemere & Hindhead

Join Chris Harrison from the Haslemere Society for a fascinating and informative discussion and walk to learn about the numerous important and influential people who have lived in Haslemere and Hindhead, contributing to the Town's rich cultural heritage. You will hear about the 15 individuals and events commemorated by the Society's Blue Plaque scheme and visit the home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle before following Miss James' Walk to the wartime home of Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Amesbury School, where he planned the invasion of Sicily with his generals. Here we will see the pavilion where planning took place and visit 'Lion Rear', Monty's office

13:30 / 2hrs / 1.2 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

(be aware that you will need to retrace your steps to the start of the walk, another 1.2 miles)

Meet Point: NT Café at the Devil's Punchbowl

Notes: Two stops. Not recommended for children. Not suitable for dogs.

Refreshments: Available at the meet point and a cup of tea will be provided at the end at Amesbury School

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Saturday 13th July

Devil's Punchbowl Historical Walk

Join John Casey for a walk around the Devil's Punchbowl taking in the murder of an unknown sailor in 1786 and the fate his assailants met. Visit Gibbet Hill the second highest point in Surrey and the site of an awful plane crash in 1945. See the Xylem sculpture commissioned by the Mittal Foundation. Return to the NT Café via the Robertson Memorial. Spectacular views if the weather is clear.

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

Meet Point: National Trust Café at Devil's Punch Bowl.

Park in main car park, free for NT members, charges apply for non-members.

Refreshments: At NT Café before and after the walk.

Haslemere's Notable Trees: Town Walk

Clive Davidson, local tree warden, 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 muddy areas. Not suitable for dogs.



Sunday 14th July

Tall Tree Walk

Clive Davidson, local tree warden, 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 / 2hrs / 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.

Key = Start Time ■ Length ■ Duration ■ Pace ■

Sunday 14th July

Circular Walk: Haslemere to Hindhead

Join Barry Sweetman for this varied town and countryside walk. You will be guided through the streets of Haslemere through to beautiful woodlands with a chance to spot some wildlife.

10:20 / 3.5 hrs / 5-6 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

Meet Point: Haslemere Educational Museum, Main Entrance

Notes: Some paths can become very muddy so boots recommended. Fair level of fitness required.

Church Lane, Tanners Lane and Lower Street.

Join Tim Winter for this walk from the Museum to the bottom of Shepherd's Hill. We will find evidence of Haslemere's 19th century political history, as well as local involvement in both World Wars. Local trades and industries, artists, photographers, and problems with supplying drinking water are also encountered around this interesting part of the town.

14:30 / c 2hrs / 1 mile / Leisurely / Easy

Meet Point: Haslemere Educational Museum, Main Entrance



Sir Robert Hunter Walk on Hindhead Common

A dramatized 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 / 1.5hrs / 2 miles / 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

