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Welcome to the 2022 Dawlish Walking Festival. We are delighted to be back after a two year absence. There is a variety of walks on offer with different special interest groups. There is something for everyone so have a good look through our programme.

The festival is organised by Sustainable Dawlish with sponsorship from Oakcliff Holiday Park and Dawlish Town Council and volunteers. Many walks are led by community organisations and individuals who generously give their time during the festival.

The Principal Sponsor of the Dawlish Walking Festival 2022 is Oakcliff Holiday Park.

Oakcliff is an 8-acre holiday park in a prime location in Devon's premier holiday resort of Dawlish Warren, just 600 yards from the beautiful Blue Flag beach, sand dunes and 500-acre nature reserve. It is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Oakcliff has the David Bellamy Silver Award for its environmental qualities and the Four Star "Excellent" Award from the English Tourism Council for its high park standards. Visit: <https://oakcliff.co.uk/>



Sustainable Dawlish is a group focussing on encouraging locals to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle to protect Dawlish and its environment. Walking is very beneficial for people's health and wellbeing and the environment. www.dawlishtransition.org.uk

Please check individual walks for pre booking and starting points. Arrive in plenty of time and wear appropriate footwear and clothing. All walks are assessed as to the weather conditions each day and if cancelled we will do our best to let you know, if you can follow us on social media. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Where dogs are allowed this is stated in the programme. Walks suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters are indicated next to each walk.

Contact: ✉ dawlishwalkingfestival@gmail.com or ☎ 07999 218216

Saturday 24th September

1. Welcome Walk

Start: 10.30am Entrance of Oakcliff Holiday Park. FREE PRE-BOOK

Walk from Oakcliff Holiday Park down to the Dawlish Warren Reserve for a walk led by the Teignbridge Rangers. This National Nature Reserve is an SSSI and a vital home and migratory point for birdlife and wildlife. No dogs. Pre-book ✉ dawlishwalkingfestival@gmail.com ☎ 07999 218216.

2. Town litter pick

Start: 10am Manor House, Old Town Street. FREE

Equipment provided by Dawlish Against Plastic. Walk around town to make a difference. Finish 12 noon.

3. Walk and draw along the seafront

Start: 2pm Piazza FREE PRE-BOOK

All welcome, no experience necessary! Draw local coastal views with local artist Angie Jenner. All materials free. Session lasts 2 hours. Dog friendly and wheelchair accessible.

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Sunday 25th September

4. Dawlish Warren circular

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

Dawlish Warren Circular led by Teignmouth and Dawlish Ramblers. Short walk up to 6 miles from Dawlish to the Warren and back. Route via Secmaton Lane, Shutterton Brook path, returning along coast path. Bring a lunch/snack and hot drink or buy at The Warren Boat House kiosk. No dogs.

Monday 26th September

5. Wellbeing walks

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

Join the Dawlish Walkers for their regular Monday Wellbeing Walks with short, medium and long walks for all abilities. The routes are decided on the day. No dogs.

6. Walk and draw the birds of Dawlish

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

All welcome, no experience necessary! Draw the gorgeous waterfowl with local artist Angie Jenner. All materials free. Wheelchair accessible. No dogs. 2 hour session.

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7. Walking meditation on the beach

Start: 2pm **Piazza** **FREE**

Sharon Dow, a yoga and meditation teacher introduces meditation for 45 minutes.

8. The history and architecture of Dawlish

Start: 2pm **War Memorial** **FREE**

Two-hour circular guided walk from the War Memorial at St Gregory's Church to the bandstand and back. Led by local historian David Force. Wheelchair accessible.

Tuesday 27th September

9. Walk with the Waterfowl Wardens

Start: 8.30am **Waterfowl Compound** **FREE PRE-BOOK**

Walk and learn about the waterfowl. No dogs. Pre book: ✉dawlishwalkingfestival@gmail.com ☎07999 218216.

10. Kenton to Powderham

Start: 10.15am **Piazza** **FREE**

Meet at the Piazza, take the 10.25am or 10.55am bus to Kenton Triangle (30 mins) Walk via the Saw Mills to Powderham Church and then to the Powderham Estate. Refreshment stop at Powderham. Bus back to Dawlish. Approx: 3 hrs/ 6.5miles. Uphill for 50m.

11. Rocks and geology along the coast

Start: 11am **Piazza** **FREE PRE-BOOK**

See some of Devon's most interesting rocks. Led by local geologist, Jenny Bennett, Vice Chair of the Devonshire Association Geology Section. Pre-book ✉dawlishwalkingfestival@gmail.com ☎07999 218216

12. Rockpools: Walk on the rocks at Coryton Cove

Start: 1pm **Piazza** **FREE**

Toby Sherwin, PhD, member of the Marine Biological Association, will show many extraordinary animals living on our shore. Children must be supervised; stout shoes or wellingtons recommended. No dogs.

Wednesday 28th September

13. Teignmouth and Dawlish Way

Start: 8.30am **Bandstand** **FREE**

18-mile walk. A full day walk of possible 7-8 hours, led by Teignmouth and Dawlish Ramblers. Route: Holcombe, Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, Luton, Ideford, Ashcombe, Dawlish. A serious, challenging walk, up and down at least 6 hills. Experienced walkers only. Be prepared with appropriate clothing, food and drink for the day. No dogs.

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15. Walk along the seawall

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

Learn about the new Dawlish seawall development with a representative of Network Rail.

16 Foraging walk

Start: 12pm **Piazza** **£2 per person** **PRE-BOOK**

A walk that identifies and describes various edible and useful plants and discusses broader foraging principles and philosophy and of course recipes. Approx. 2 hours. Dog friendly. Pay on the day.

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17. Trees from around the world....in central Dawlish

Start: 2pm **Piazza** **FREE**

1 hour walk around the Lawn/Manor House. Wheelchair accessible. Dogs on short leads welcome.

Thursday 29th September

18. Walk to Holcombe Community Orchard

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

Approx. 2.5 miles. About 1hr to 1hr 15 min walking with 15-20 minutes for stops and talks. The walk is predominantly paved with a short section through woods and field.

19. Walk and draw along the seafront

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20. The lost pubs of Dawlish

Start: 2pm **Piazza** **FREE**

An easy walk around Dawlish Town Centre to see the sites and stories of 18 lost Georgian and Victorian hotels and pubs. Approx. 2 hrs/miles on pavements.

Friday 30th September

21. Walking meditation on the beach

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

Sharon Dow, a yoga and meditation teacher introduces meditation for 45 minutes.

22. Pump House to Pump House

Start: 1.50pm **Starcross Station** **FREE**

A 4.3 mile with a few stops to point out historical or things of nature that are interesting. We will stop at Dawlish Warren for a coffee or bring a drink. Bus 2 at 1.25pm or train at 1.34pm from Dawlish to get to Starcross for 1.50pm. Dog friendly.

23. Star gazing at Mamhead Obelisk

Start: 7.45pm **Dawlish Community Transport in Barton Car Park** **FREE** **PRE-BOOK**

Minibus to Mamhead and then star gazing (weather permitting) at Mamhead Obelisk. Bring a torch and smart phone with a star gazing app, if possible. Limited numbers as transport on a 16-seater bus from Barton car park at 7.45pm. Seats are free. Pre-book ✉dawlishwalkingfestival@gmail.com ☎07999 218216

Saturday 1st October

24. Dawlish country lanes

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

A circular walk (approx. 4.5 hours) including hilltop views from Seven Sisters, following Long Lane and Port Road to the Dawlish Countryside Park, through Dawlish Warren returning via the sea wall. Please bring a drink and snack with you or buy refreshments at Dawlish Warren. No dogs.

25. Dawlish – A fashionable watering place

Start: 2pm **Piazza** **FREE**

A walk from the town centre to Coryton Cove via Tudor Cottages, Beach Street, Marine Parade and Boat Cove to paint a picture of the development of Dawlish as a resort guided by the Dawlish Local History Group. Approximately 90 minutes. Unsuitable for wheelchairs.

26. Beach clean

Start: 3.30pm **Boat Cove** **FREE**

All equipment provided. Organised by Dawlish Against Plastic.

Sunday 2nd October

27. Sea shanties walk

Start: 10am **Bandstand** **FREE**

We meet at the Bandstand on the Lawn and begin with a Sea Shanty, then a gentle stroll down to the seafront and walk along the promenade to Coryton Cove. Stopping to sing as we go. You will enjoy beautiful sea views, fresh air and the chance to hear and join in singing traditional sea shanty songs with Wrecked Again Shanty Crew. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles and finishes at 12 noon back at the bandstand. This is a flat walk which is accessible for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

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29. Walk to Mamhead and back

Start: 10.30am **Piazza** **FREE**

A walk to the Mamhead obelisk and back (approx. 11 miles) Route: Ashcombe Road to Houndspool, then Pitt Farm & Dawlish Lodge to Mamhead Crossroads. Then up the road past Mamhead Grange. Back via Long Lane if not too muddy, or else via Ashcombe Road. Moderately hard along lanes, paths, hills, pavements and tracks. Suitable footwear essential. Please bring a drink and a picnic lunch. No dogs.

30. Foraging walk

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