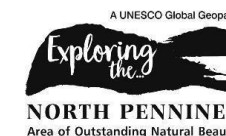




KIRKBY STEPHEN & DISTRICT WALKERS ARE WELCOME Walks Programme – 2026 Early Summer



Date	Time	Meet	Where		Miles to start	Walk leaders
Fri 1 May	09:30	Christian Head car park	Legstretcher with car share	High Helbeck 6.18 km/3.84m 180m/590 ft 2.13 hrs	5.4	Ester Sloggett
Thr 7 May	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk	Lakes Field Walk (weather dependant)	0	Ann Sandell
Fri 8 May	10:00	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Loki Festival Walk ¹	Medieval Farming & Norse names, Wharton circular 4m	0	Ann Sandell
Thr 14 May	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk	Greenriggs variation	0	Andy Bryan
Thr 21 May	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk with car share	Tailbrigg celebrating our wading bird visitors. ²	2.5	Ester Sloggett
Thr 28 May	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk	High Stenkrith and Jubilee Park	0	Ann Sandell
Thr 4 Jun	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk with car share	Waitby Greenriggs and Owen's Farm	1	Ann Sandell
Fri 5 Jun	09:30	Christian Head car park	Legstretcher Walk	Ewbank Scar and Nateby 9.6km/6m, 320m/1049ft ³	0	Ester Sloggett
Thr 11 Jun	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk	Swingy Bridge and Bollam Lane	0	Ann Sandell
Thr 18 Jun	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk with car share	Piper Hole Coronation Meadows and Goat Farm with lunch ⁴	5.5	Ann Sandell
Thr 25 Jun	10:30	The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen	Dawdles Walk with car share	Augill Pasture Nature Reserve and Brough Castle	5.5	Ann Sandell

Dawdles walks should take about an hour unless otherwise stated, 2.5/3 miles - Where there is a car share, allow for extra time to reach destinations and return.

We usually find optional refreshments to continue our social gatherings. Everyone welcome, suggested donation £1 per walk towards expenses.

We will substitute the walk leader if not available, back marker added on the day as needed. We carry Public Liability Insurance.

Legstretchers, allow for a morning out – usually first Friday once a month - Timings are done by two people and it always takes a bit longer with a group. We will find a café at the end where possible but suggest bringing a drink and snack. Please dress appropriately for the time of year and be prepared for rain at any time.

Suitable footwear is necessary for these walks.

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¹ Celebrating our Norse heritage and Kirkby Stephen Loki Festival (9th and 10th May) with our Medieval Farming Landscape 4-mile easy Wharton circular walk and added Norse interpretation. Booking waw@uppereden.org.uk or see Ann Sandell

² Looking for Curlew, Lapwing and, Oyster Catcher visitors. Dogs strictly on leads. Weather dependant. Refreshments in Nateby.

³ Ewbank Scar, Ladthwaite, Lockthwaite and Nateby, 9.6km/6miles, 320m/1049ft, 2.5 hours - The path through Ewbank Scar was damaged by storm Desmond and has not been repaired. Care is necessary. This is our most strenuous walk.

⁴ Piper Hole Coronation Hay Meadows and Goat Farm includes lunch at £5 please book waw@uppereden.org.uk or see Ann Sandell

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Walks Programme Early Summer 2026

Fri 1st May

Legstretcher Walk High Helbeck

Meet at Christian Head car park 09:30 for car share Helbeck Quarry, Brough 5.4 miles

6.18 km/3.84m 180m/590 ft 2.13 hrs

Thursday 7th May

Dawdles Walk John Strutt Foundation's Lakes Field Walk Winton

Meet at The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen 10:30

This walk is weather dependant because the route tends to flood after heavy rain, we will choose an alternative walk if necessary. Delightful Nature Researve with lakes and wild fowl plus splendid views over Hartley Fell. Optional refreshments back in Kirkby Stephen.

Friday 8th May

Loki Festival Walk Wharton Circular

Meet at The Cloisters 10:00 booking required

This walk will explore our medieval farming landscape including Norse place names. Heading out to Nateby and then over the river to Wharton returning via Jubilee Park and Upper Stenkrith. Booking waw@uppereden.org.uk

Thursday 14th May

Dawdles Walk Greenriggs with variation

Meet at the Cloisters 10:30

Andy will have a few surprises along the way with his variation of the Greenriggs walk to the south west of the town. Optional refreshments back in Kirkby Stephen.

Thursday 21st May

Dawdles Walk Tailbrigg in search of seasonal wading birds

Meet at The Cloisters 10:30 for car share 2.5 miles

Looking and listening for Curlew, Lapwing and, Oyster Catcher visitors. Dogs strictly on leads. Weather dependant. Optional refreshments in Nateby.

Thursday 28th May

Dawdles Walk High Stenkrith and Jubilee Park

Meet at The Cloisters 10:30

We don't often visit High Stenkrith and the cascading River Eden before visiting the haymeadow at Jubilee Park on our return. Slightly longer walk. Optional refreshments in Kirkby Stephen.

Thursday 4th June

Dawdles Walk Waitby Greenriggs and Owen's Farm

Meet at The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen 10:30 for car share Owen's Farm 1 mile

We will park at Owen's Farm, Waitby before walking to Waitby Greenriggs Nature Reserve for our seasonal orchid hunt. Optional refreshments back at Owen's Farm.

Friday 5th June

Dawdles Walk Greenriggs circular

Legstretcher Walk Ewbank Scar and Nateby

Meet at Christian Head car park 09:30

Ewbank Scar, Ladthwaite, Lockthwaite and Nateby, 9.6km/6miles, 320m/1049ft, 2.5 hours - The path through Ewbank Scar was damaged by storm Desmond and has not been repaired. Care is necessary. This is our most strenuous walk.

Thursday 11th June

Dawdles Walk Swingy Bridge and Bollam Lane

Meet at The Cloisters, Kirkby Stephen 10:30

An easy local walk this week over Frank's Bridge, Podgill woods, medieval Hartley Lane, Swingy Bridge that no longer swings and returning via Bollam Lane. Optional Refreshments in Kirkby Stephen.

Thursday 18th June

Dawdles Walk Piper Hole Goat Farm

Meet at The Cloisters 10:30 for car share 5.5 miles

Return visit for a guided tour of Coronation Haymeadows and Piper Hole Goat Farm with lunch £5. Please book waw@uppereden.org.uk or at Dawdles Walks.

Thursday 25th June

Dawdles Walk Augill Pasture Nature Reserve

Meet at The Cloisters 10:30 for car share 5.5 miles

Visiting the haymeadow and wild orchids at Augill Pasture plus the restored Lead Smelting Works. Optional refreshments on the way back at Brough Ice Cream Parlour.

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