WORCESTERSHIRE

HEALTH WALKS

Worcestershire Health Walks are free, easy, accessible, and local.

Health walks are between 30-90 minutes long, you can walk at your own pace, and you do not need any specialised equipment.

Joining a health walk group is a great way to improve your health and to make new friends.

Our health walk groups are friendly and welcome all ages and levels of fitness.

You do not need to book just turn up 10-15 minutes before the walk is due to start.

For further information about health walks visit Worcestershire Health Walks or Contact: Health

Walks Officer

Telephone: 01905 844945 Email: healthwalks@worcestershire.gov.uk

Walking Groups in Bromsgrove

Name of group: Blackwell Walk.

Where they meet: Opposite entrance to St Catherine's Church, Blackwell.

Day and time: Wednesday 10:30am.

Contact: Hayley Gwilliam **Telephone**: 01527 881404 **Email:** Hayley.Gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Name of group: Bromsgrove Walks for Health.

Where they meet: Sanders Park Kiosk.

Day and time: Monday 10am short & medium walks and Friday 10am longer walk. **Contact:** Hilary Taylor **Telephone:** 01905 844945 **Email:** whw.bromsgrove@gmail.com

Name of group: Hagley Library Healthy Walking Group.

Where they meet: Hagley Library.

Day and time: Wednesday 10:30am the 1st & 3rd of every month.

Contact: Hagley Library Telephone: 01905 822722 Email: HagleyLib@worcestershire.gov.uk

Name of group: Lickey End Recreation Ground.

Where they meet: Lickey End Recreation Ground, Alcester Road, Bromsgrove.

Day and time: Tuesday 10am - With guidance on using park gym equipment correctly.

Contact: Hayley Gwilliam **Telephone:** 01527 881404 **Email:** Hayley.Gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Name of group: Rubery Library Health Walks.

Where they meet: Outside Rubery Library, Library Way, Rubery.

Day and time: Thursday 10am.

Contact: Maddy Bennett Telephone: 0121 453 2445



Walking Groups in Bromsgrove (continued)

Name of group: Aston Fields Health Walk.

Where they meet: Outside Banners in Aston Fields. There is two hours free parking at

Aston Fields Public Car Park B60 2DZ - please display a ticket.

Day and time: Wednesday 2pm.

Contact: Hayley Gwilliam **Telephone:** 01527 881404 **Email:** Hayley.Gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Name of group: Wythall Wanderers.
Where they meet: Wythall Park Car Park.

Day and time: Wednesday 2pm.

Contact: Linda Yates Telephone: 07831 802640 Email: ljmyates@gmail.com

Walking Groups in Malvern Hills

Name of group: Croome Health Walks.

Where they meet: Outside the Visitor Welcome Centre.

Day and time: Monday 10.30am. See Croome website for dates -

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/worcestershire-herefordshire/croome/events

Contact: Croome Telephone: 01905 371006 Email: croome@nationaltrust.org.uk

Name of group: Malvern town football club walkers Where they meet: HDanywhere Community Stadium.

Day and time: Thursday 11.30am.

Contact: Dana Hughes Telephone: 01684 564746 Email: dana@malverntown.co.uk

Name of group: Malvern Sole Mates.

Where they meet: Prospect View Health Centre & various locations.

Day and time: Wednesday 2pm & Friday 10am longer walk.

Contact: Jenny Brown Telephone: 01684 578935 Email: jenn_brown@btinternet.com

Name of group: Upton Community Walking Group.

Where they meet: Various locations, Upton.

Day and time: Thursday 10am alternate weeks from 5th December 2024.

Contact: John Walton Telephone: 07944 611253 Email: john@adventureguide.org.uk

Walking Groups in Redditch

Name of group: Abbey Track Walks.

Where they meet: Abbey Stadium, Birmingham Rd, Redditch. (For flat, easy, free walking)

Day and time: Wednesday 11am.

Contact: Hayley Gwilliam **Telephone:** 01527 881404 **Email:** Hayley.Gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk



Walking Groups in Redditch (continued)

Name of group: Arrow Valley Health Walks Redditch. Where they meet: Arrow Valley Countryside Centre.

Day and time: Monday – 10:30 am short health walk. Thursday 10:30 am – longer walk.

Contact: Worcestershire Health Walks Email: healthwalks@worcestershire.gov.uk

Name of group: Redditch Library Health Walks. Where they meet: Inside Redditch Library.

Day and time: Friday 11am alternate weeks from 5th January 2024.

Contact: Susan Evans Telephone: 01905 822722 Email: SEvans2@worcstershire.gov.uk

NEW FROM FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Name of group: Worcestershire Health Walk for Moms

Where they meet: Outside the Boat House, Arrow Valley Lake.

Day and time: Friday 9.30am – after the school run!

Contact: Valentina Telephone: 07389 179911 Email: fronea_valentina@yahoo.com

Walking Groups in Worcester City

Name of group: Lower Wick Walkers

Where they meet: Willow Barn, Malvern Road, Worcester.

Day and time: Monday 10:30am.

Contact: Worcestershire Health Walks Telephone: 01905 844945

Email: healthwalks@worcestershire.gov.uk

Name of group: Lyppard Hub Walking Group.
Where they meet: Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green.

Day and time: Tuesday 10am.

Contact: Lyppard Hub Telephone: 01905 616841 Email: info@lyppardhub.co.uk

Name of group: Newtown Green Walkers.

Where they meet: Ronkswood Community Hub.

Day and time: Monday 10am.

Contact: Ronkswood Hub Telephone: 01905 453453

Name of group: The HIVE Walkers Worcester. Where they meet: The Hive Library entrance.

Day and time: Wednesday 10:30am.

Contact: Bob Lloyd Telephone: 0796 822 8319 Email: bobandlucylloyd@gmail.com

Name of group: Walk and Talk Walking Group.

Where they meet: Oasis Academy Community Hub, Warndon.

Day and time: Wednesday 9:15am – Term time only. Contact: Fay Osborne Telephone: 01905 453530



Walking Groups in Worcester City (continued)

Name of group: Woodgreen Walkers Worcester.
Where they meet: Woodgreen Evangelical Church.

Day and time: Friday 10am.

Contact: Woodgreen Church Telephone: 01905 451985 Email: Jo lye@ntm.org.uk

Name of group: Worcester City Park Warden Healthy Walks.

Where they meet: The Commandery, Sidbury.

Day and time: Tuesday 10:30am.

Contact: Worcestershire Health Walks Email: healthwalks@worcestershire.gov.uk

Walking Groups in Wychavon

Name of group: Evesham Library Stepping Out. Where they meet: Inside Evesham Library.

Day and time: Tuesday 10:30am.

Contact: Evesham Library Telephone: 01905 822722 Email: Eveshamlib@worcestershire.gov.uk

Name of group: Spa Walkers.

Where they meet: Droitwich Leisure Centre.

Day and time: Wednesday 10:30am.

Contact: Spa Walkers Email: Spawalkers@hotmail.co.uk

Name of group: The Vale Walkers Broadway. Where they meet: The Court, Back Lane.

Day and time: Tuesday 10am 30mins & 60mins walks.

Contact: Worcestershire Health Walks Email: healthwalks@worcestershire.gov.uk

Walking Groups in Wyre Forest

Name of group: Best Foot Forward.

Where they meet: Bewdley Riverside – Dog Lane Car Park. Day and time: Tuesday 1pm. Where they meet: Stourport Riverside – Lidl Car Park. Day and time: Wednesday 2pm.

Where they meet: Springfield Park, Kidderminster. Day and time: Saturday 10am.

Where they meet: Lock Inn, Wolverley.

Day and time: Thursday - Summer till end September 6pm then Winter till end March 2:30pm.

Contact: Tony Telephone 07990 381680 Email info@bff-wyreforest.co.uk

Name of group: Kidderminster Stride & Stroll.

Where they meet: Various locations.

Day and time: Thursday 11am & Saturday A&B Groups 10am C&D Groups 10:30am. **Contact:** Anne Little **Telephone:** 0787 1599 863 **Email:** <u>info@strideandstroll.org.uk</u>

Name of group: Stanmore House Strollers.

Where they meet: Meet/Park at Land Oak Pub, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster.

Day and time: Tuesday 11am.

Contact: Chris Withers Telephone: 0777 0680 277 Email: chris.j.withers@gmail.com



Walking Groups in Wyre Forest (continued)

Name of group: Stourport Strollers.
Where they meet: Stourport Library.

Day and time: Friday 10am the 2nd & Last of every month.

Contact: Library Hub Telephone: 01905 822722 Email: STLib@worcestershire.gov.uk

Name of group: Wyre Forest Health Walks.

Where they meet: Wyre Forest Discovery Centre Café.

Day and time: Tuesday & Sunday 10:30am short and long walks.

Contact: Brenda Jones Telephone: 0784 9653 472 Email: wyre@forestryengland.uk

Progression Walks or Long Walks



Progression Walks or Long Walks are longer and more difficult than other health walks.

Some of the groups on the list go on long walks.



Progression walks or long walks are not health walks.

They are not good for people who are just starting to walk for exercise.

They are not for people who find walking difficult or use a wheelchair.



They are usually more than three and a half miles long.

They usually use harder routes which may include steep hills or going over stiles.





If you want to go on a progression or long walk you will need to wear strong shoes or boots that are suitable for rough ground.

You will need to wear clothing that you can move about in and that will protect you from the weather.





If you want to find out more about progression or long walks, please call your local group leader on the phone numbers in the list.

To find out more go our website Worcestershire Health Walks.

Further walks in Worcester and rural Worcestershire and useful links for health and wellbeing & keeping active are on <u>Worcestershire Health Walks</u>.

