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### Saturday 2 May

#### Ramblers Roadshow

Ramblers Roadshows are training events which are held across Britain. This is an opportunity for both Ramblers members and visitors to the Walking Festival to brush up their skills and meet Ramblers staff. These events are not usually open to non-members so we are thrilled to offer this opportunity to all Walking Festival visitors.  
**Start time:** 09:00 **Location:** Northwood House **Duration:** 8 hours

#### The Dodgy Knees Walk

If you like walking but hate steps and inclines, then this is the walk for you. According to the experts, walking is good for your joints, can help you lose weight and can help ease osteoarthritis knee pain. But enough about that. This is a walk for those who like to walk on a level ground and enjoy the social aspects of walking, including a drink at the pub as a well-earned reward for all that effort! There will be a bit of chat from your walk leader about some of the landmarks you pass along the route but nothing too taxing!  
**Start time:** 11:30 **Start location:** Meet outside at the Hovercraft terminal in Ryde. **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 1.75 hours

#### Myths and legends of Brading

Meet in the Villa's cafe, ascend Brading Down via the Butterfly walk, then descend into Nunwell and walk along the old railway from Bembridge  
**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Brading Roman Villa **Distance:** 4.2 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

#### Eastern Yar - Source to Sea

This walk starts at the source in Niton and follows the Eastern Yar to Bembridge - not only passing through varying countryside, but also seeing art work for produced for the Millennium  
**Start time:** 08:30 **Start location:** Niton **Distance:** 24 miles **Duration:** 8-10 hours

#### Isle of Wight Challenge

Walk around the Whole Island. Route start and finish At Chale Recreation Ground. Half and Quarter Challenge Available.  
**Start time:** 07:00 **Start location:** Chale Recreation Ground **Distance:** 66 miles **Duration:** 10-34 hours

#### East Cowes Blitz Remembered

An historical walk around East Cowes remembering the effects on the town of the major Blitz on the night of 4/5th May 1942. Wreath laying at the Cemetery.  
**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** East Cowes Heritage Centre **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

#### Brading Marshes and Culver Down

From Bembridge Windmill head out across Bembridge airport to the RSPB Brading Marshes nature reserve and then on to Brading and Yarbridge. Across to Yaverland and then up over Culver Down, past Whitecliff Bay, through Steyne woods and back to start. <https://paulinestirling51.wixsite.com/18pockets/blog/brading-marshes-circular-walk>  
**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Bembridge Windmill, on the corner of Mill Lane and the High Street in Bembridge. **Distance:** 8 miles **Duration:** 3.5 hours

#### Culver Cliff and the Isle of Wight at War

Author and historian Tim Wander will lead the walk up to Culver Down, around Bembridge Fort and down to the Gun Battery. Tim will describe the battles and defences of the Downs over 2,000 years and return via Whitecliff Bay.  
**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** In front of Bembridge Windmill **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

#### All along the Riverbank walk

A walk through nature reserves leading to All Along the Riverbank, an outdoor arts and countryside festival.  
**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Newchurch public car park, School Lane, PO36 0NL **Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

#### Northwood Park and Gurnard

An evening stroll from Northwood House along the coast to Gurnard. A bit of history along the way and lovely sea views.  
**Start time:** 17:00 **Start location:** Rotunda car park, Northwood House, Cowes, PO31 8AZ **Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### Sunday 3 May

#### Ventnor's health heritage

A circular walk to key sites in Ventnor's development as a Victorian health resort, discussing climate, health, medicine, sanatoria, hospital and doctors.  
**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Ventnor Esplanade pumping station by the Hygeia mosaic. **Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

#### Royalty, Racing & Rigging - Tours of Historic Cowes

In the professional company of Isle of Wight Guided Tours, delve into Cowes' fascinating past and learn all about its close connections with the royal family and its importance in the world of building boats and sailing them. Discover more about the delightful high street too.  
**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** The gift shop Joli, Bath Road, Cowes PO31 7RH **Distance:** 1.25 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

#### Golden Hill Country Park Dog Walk

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Country Park an evening walk for walkers and their four legged friends. Enjoying the stunning views across the West Wight and beyond and learn more about Gift to Nature's management of the park.  
**Start time:** 18:00 **Start location:** Golden Hill Country Park Car Park, Freshwater **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

#### International Dawn Chorus Day Walk

A gentle stroll through the meadows and woods overlooking Newtown Harbour to listen to the dawn chorus and nature awakening. Finish with a drink and breakfast at the visitor point.  
**Start time:** 05:30 **Start location:** Newtown Visitor Point **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

#### One Sock - a sock hunt with stories along the way

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**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Outside The Watersedge Cafe, Gurnard seafront **Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.25 hours

#### A horseshoe of Downs

Taking in Appuldurcombe House and Park we climb up to Stenbury Rise and around 6 Downs returning past the site of the Folly. Amazing views of the whole island on clear days.  
**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Wroxall car park, Station Road, near St John's church **Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

## Monday 4 May

### Shanklin Coast to Country

Admire Shanklin's panoramic coastal views, the ravine of the Chine, the Old Village and hills whilst discovering its volunteer community aspects, all with a hint of history. Refreshments will be provided at the historic Shanklin Theatre, one of the town's greatest volunteering success stories.

**Start time:** 13:15 **Start location:** Shanklin railway station  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 3.5 hours

### The Western Marshes the less explored parts of Brading Marshes

Meet in the Villa cafe and then join the Marshes by the Yarbridge. Cross Oxmead then walk along the seafront. Returning to the villa by Morton Common and Lower Road

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Brading Roman Villa  
**Distance:** 4.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

### South Eastern Chillerton

This route takes in a mixture of paths through farmland, sunken lanes and quiet roads. There are views of nearby Chillerton Downs and the vista of fields and downs towards the Sandown Bay.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Village Hall, Hollow Lane, Chillerton  
**Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

## Tuesday 5 May

### Monk's Paradise

A scenic walk taking in the IW Coastal Footpath and the downs. Featuring Devil's Chimney, Bonchurch Landslip, Steephill Cove and Woody Bay. Good views if weather permits.

**Start time:** 10:45 **Start location:** Steephill Down Road, Ventnor, PO38 1BP (roadside parking) **Distance:** 9 miles **Duration:** 6 hours

### A Tiny walk in Parkhurst Forest

Come for a stroll through Parkhurst Forest. The part of the forest nearest to Tiny Homes Holidays is not as busy as some of the other areas and makes for a restful and meditative vibe. One the way we can chat about all things Tiny Homes and eco cabins! All welcome to have a look around Tiny Homes after the walk and enjoy home made refreshments.

**Start time:** 14:30 **Start location:** Tiny Homes Holidays Hillis Gate Stables Hillis Gate Road Cowes Isle of Wight PO30 5UB  
**Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

### Towering Tennyson

Best of the west walk, visiting Headon Warren, Alum Bay, The Needles and the Tennyson Monument.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Colwell Common, junction of Colwell Common Road and Fort Warden Road **Distance:** 7 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

### Osborne garden walk

Come and enjoy a guided walk around the walled garden, pleasure grounds and terraces to see the best of the late spring flowers.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Osborne House visitor reception  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hours

### The Tapnell Trail

A popular and scenic 6.5 mile circular walk in open countryside with stunning views over the 1970 Isle of Wight Festival site and south coast of the Island. The walk will be led by Andy Turney who has farmed at East Afton & Tapnell Farm for nearly 40 years and is full of local knowledge and a wonderful story-teller! The trail runs through the middle of Tapnell Farm, is flat terrain with no stiles or steps, making it suitable for walkers of all abilities – so both children and adults can manage this meandering route and enjoy the diverse wildlife.

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Tapnell Farm - The Cow carpark  
**Distance:** 6.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

## Wednesday 6 May

### A Walk Through History from Victorian Times

See inside the two restored Victorian Chapels and take a guided walk through history, taking in Victorian symbolism, prominent people of the town, to graves from two World Wars and beyond, all within beautiful grounds rich in flora and fauna.

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** West Chapel in Northwood Cemetery by Main Gate **Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### Day 1 Yar River Trail relaunch

Walk to Niton via downland and coastal route. Return along "The Young River" section through Whitwell and Roud. The route passes along easy tracks and through interesting marshland whilst offering a section beside the infant stream. Further information on Yar2020.uk

**Start time:** 09:30 **Start location:** Godshill village car park  
**Distance:** 11.5 miles **Duration:** 5-6 hours

### Where the Victorians & Edwardians took their holidays in Shanklin

There will be a commentary of all the interesting places, mostly hotels & WWII bombed areas, walking roads running North to South between Hope Road and Shanklin Chine.

**Start time:** 18:00 **Start location:** Shanklin Lift (top entrance).  
**Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### Bob Dylan at Wootton

Anecdotal circular walk to visit the site of the legendary 1969 Isle of Wight "Dylan" Festival, plus other landmarks in Wootton's musical heritage, including The Sloop Folk club and locations from the film "That'll be the Day."

**Start time:** 12:30 **Start location:** Brannons Tea Room, Joannes Walk, Wootton Bridge **Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### A hike through eagle country

Walk route flexible, but any route will head to some high points offering fabulous views of the island and its coastline. Eagle sightings unlikely, but we will encounter plenty of other wildlife along the way and get a feel for the landscape that these magnificent birds now call home.

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Freshwater leisure centre carpark  
**Distance:** 8.5 miles **Duration:** 5 hours

### Intro to Navigation

A slightly challenging circular walk incorporating steep ascents and descents as we cross 6 different Downs with spectacular views spanning the south of the Island.

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** St Blazius Church, Shanklin  
**Distance:** 9 miles **Duration:** 5 hours

## Thursday 7 May

### Day 2 Yar River Trail relaunch

Walk along the Trail to Newchurch across farmland where the river tributaries collect water from marsh and bogs. Return through Borthwood and America Wood with views across the open fertile Arretton valley. Further information on yar2020.uk

**Start time:** 09:30 **Start location:** Godshill village car park  
**Distance:** 11 miles **Duration:** 5-6 hours

### Twilight on the Marshes of Brading

Explore both sides of the marshes, searching for the lost village of Wolverton while enjoying the varied wildlife. Find out about the history and the legends of this area. The walk can be shortened if needed.

**Start time:** 17:00 **Start location:** Brading Roman Villa  
**Distance:** 3.9 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

### Osborne beach and woodland walk

Come and enjoy a leisurely walk through Osborne's woodland taking in many of the trees and wild flowers and ending on Queen Victoria's beach.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Osborne House visitor reception  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hours

Thursday 7 May continued...

## The Robert Hooke Trail

A picturesque ramble through fields and along paths which may have been trodden by the 17th century scientist Robert Hooke.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Red Lion Inn, Church Place, Freshwater  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

## Moon Walk

An accessible storywalk to greet the full moon with myths, legends and even a few facts. Plenty of stops for stories from storyteller, Sue Bailey. You could bring a folding chair for moon gazing, if you want to.

**Start time:** 20:00 **Start location:** Outside Appley Beach Cafe, Ryde Seafont  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1 hour

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**Start time:** 16:30 **Start location:** Appley Tower  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.25 hours

## A Veiled Village

A landscape hiding a former Medina port is the setting for the start of this walk. We also see the river itself. We will briefly visit a grade 1 listed church.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Church CP, Northwood (Chawton)  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

## Friday 8 May

### Day 3 Yar River Trail relaunch

Walk across Nunwell ancient parkland and over the Downs. Follow old tracks through Kern and Knighton. Return along the Trail where the river weaves its way through protected landscapes alongside a former railway track. Further information on yar2020.uk

**Start time:** 09:30 **Start location:** Brading town car park (chargeable)  
**Distance:** 10 miles **Duration:** 5-6 hours

### An evening walk at the National Nature Reserve at Newtown

An evening stroll around Newtown estuary and woodlands

**Start time:** 18:30 **Start location:** National Trust car park Newtown  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### Beauty, Beasts and Birds

Join us on a guided mindful meander to explore the sights and sounds of Newtown and connect with nature. We will take time to breathe in the beauty, notice the beasts and watch the birds.

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Newtown Visitor Point  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

## Saturday 9 May

### Day 4 Yar River Trail relaunch

Walk to the coast using old seawall paths across the marshes and through ancient woodland. The Trail ends at the old church where a small celebration will be held. Return via coast path and northern estuary. Further information on yar2020.uk

**Start time:** 09:30 **Start location:** Brading town car park (chargeable)  
**Distance:** 10.5 miles **Duration:** 5-6 hours

### Golden Hill Country Park Heritage walk

As part of the Golden Hill anniversary celebrations, join Archaeologist Dr Ruth Waller for an easy stroll around the recently discovered heritage of Golden Hill Country Park.

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Golden Hill Country Park Car Park, Freshwater -School Green Road Stop (Routes 7/12) + 5 min walk  
**Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Royalty, Racing & Rigging - Tours of Historic Cowes

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**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** The gift shop Joli, Bath Road, Cowes PO31 7RH **Distance:** 1.25 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

## Gardens and Landscapes of West Ryde

A fascinating walk showing how Ryde developed from farmland, woodland and commons into the largest town on the Island and how it coped with massively increased number of inhabitants: an Isle of Wight Gardens Trust led walk.

**Start time:** 13:30 **Start location:** Lind Place car park off Lind Street, Ryde  
**Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

## Godshill Park Farm

This walk takes you up bridleway between fields before reaching Freemantle Gate where Queen Victoria's carriage passed to visit Appuldurcombe House. Skirting the home farm with a detour to the Worsley monument, we continue through Beech Copse with its bluebells in a circular route.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Godshill Park Farm House  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## A Walk Through History from Victorian Times

See inside the two restored Victorian Chapels and take a guided walk through history, taking in Victorian symbolism, prominent people of the town, to graves from two World Wars and beyond, all within beautiful grounds rich in flora and fauna.

**Start time:** 12:01 **Start location:** West Chapel in Northwood Cemetery by Main Gate **Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Christian Aid Walk

Brading Roman Villa and views of Sandown Bay from the Cliff Path

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** St John's Church Annexe  
**Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Sunday 10 May

### From the Roman Villa at Brading to the Roman remains at Alverstone

This walk uses the lanes behind Brading that have been designated 'Quiet Roads.' At Alverstone I will give the history of the site and then return via the railway line and a permissive path

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Brading Roman Villa  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

### Walk the Wight (30th anniversary)

The epic cross Island walk from Bembridge in the east to Alum Bay in the west returns for its 30th anniversary. Lush, green countryside, historic villages, famous landmarks, majestic chalk cliffs and coastal views with shimmering blue seas, the full 26.5 mile walk has it all!

**Start time:** 06:00 **Start location:** Bembridge Airport  
**Distance:** 26.5 miles **Duration:** 12 hours

### Osborne garden walk

Come and enjoy a guided walk around the walled garden, pleasure grounds and terraces to see the best of the late spring flowers.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Osborne House visitor reception  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hours

### Dawn Chorus Magic

This wildlife spectacular returns to get you up before sunrise! So set your alarm and come and join us for one of nature's great treats. We'll hear from a host of resident and migrant songbirds (and there's always the chance of a nightingale!).

**Start time:** 04:30 **Start location:** Meeting at Longwood Lane, outside the Southern Water Treatment Works, Sandown PO36 9PR  
**Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Sunday 10 May continued...

## Chale Green, Hoy and Around

We follow a path from Chale Green up to the Hoy Monument, then along the top of St Catherine's Down and down to Southdown, along a beautiful footpath to Gladices and return to Chale Green which is on the No. 6 bus route.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Chale Green. Meet by the shop.  
**Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

## Sunday stroll with tea & cake

A stroll past Appuldurcombe House & Park, through some woodland, across fields and valleys to Godshill where we will indulge in tea & cake before returning by a slightly different route.

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Wroxall car park, Station Road, near St John's church  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

## Monday 11 May

### Golden Hill Country Park Nature Ramble

As part of the Golden Hill Country Park anniversary celebrations join us for a gentle ramble around the park to see some of the fantastic wildlife and landscapes on offer.

**Start time:** 12:30 **Start location:** Golden Hill Country Park, off Colewell Road A3054  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 hours

### A Gardeners Delight

You will visit at least three delightful private gardens in the vicinity of Ningwood and Cranmore in West Wight together with a good stroll and a few treats - relatively easy walking but a full day.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** The Orchards Holiday Park, Newbridge.  
**Distance:** 7 miles **Duration:** 6 - 6.5 hours

### Evening stroll at Freshwater Bay

A gentle evening stroll around Freshwater Bay to include Tennyson Down as the sun goes down

**Start time:** 18:30 **Start location:** Car Park opposite Freshwater Bay  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

### The Mountbatten Connection

An historical walk from East Cowes to Whippingham discovering the home of Lord Louis Mountbatten, remains of his school - Osborne Royal Naval College, and the Battenberg/Mountbatten graves.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** East Cowes Heritage Centre, 8 Clarence Road, East Cowes  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

## Tuesday 12 May

### Launch of Wroxall Stream Link

Climb the Downs and follow the Stream from near its source. See the Donkey Sanctuary and join the Yar River Trail to walk into Godshill. Further information on [yar2020.uk](http://yar2020.uk)

**Start time:** 10:15 **Start location:** Ventnor High Street car park (chargeable)  
**Distance:** 8.5 miles **Duration:** 4 - 4.5 hours

### Off The Beaten Track

Walking mainly on lesser known footpaths in West Wight taking in a variety of scenery and stunning views

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** The Orchards Holiday Park, Newbridge.  
**Distance:** 4.5 miles **Duration:** 2 - 2.5 hours

### The Golden Hill Geocache explore

As part of the Golden Hill anniversary celebrations, join Gift to Nature and explore the newly designed and improved Geocaching trail at Golden Hill Country Park. Be sure to bring along your smart phones with the Geocache app already downloaded.

**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Golden Hill Country Park Car Park, Freshwater  
**Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

### A Walk Through History from Victorian Times

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**Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Chillerton Down History Trail

This walk is a fairly rugged ramble, first through Tolt Copse and then along Chillerton Down with definitive views of the village. A history of the downs will be related along the route.

**Start time:** 11:30 **Start location:** Chillerton School, Main Road, Chillerton  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

## Wednesday 13 May

### Five Mills Five Houses

Were there five Mills on the Caul Bourne between Shalfleet and its source at Calbourne? Were there five houses in the hamlet of Five Houses? Just follow me on some of the lesser known footpaths in West Wight.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** The Orchards Holiday Park, Newbridge.  
**Distance:** 7 miles **Duration:** 4.5 hours

### Victorian visitors to East Cowes

A short walk highlighting prominent Victorians who came to see Queen Victoria at Osborne. You will be guided along the route by a Victorian worker who will tell you all about the royal visitors. The route follows the steps of the famous, and others, who came to see their Queen on the Isle of Wight.

**Start time:** 11:15 **Start location:** The gates of Osborne House, York Ave, East Cowes  
**Distance:** 1.25 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

### The Roman Landscape and Brading Down

Begin at the villa cafe and then ascend the down near Morton Manor, through Brading butterfly walk and the enjoy the scenery from the downs.

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**Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

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**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 to 2 hours

### Totland Reflections

Find out more about the village from research into a new book on Totland. Led by members of the Freshwater & Totland Archive Group.

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Totland Church Hall, The Broadway, Totland  
**Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

## Thursday 14 May

### Launch of Scotchells Brook Link and a circular walk

Follow part of Scotchells Brook through America Wood and across the airport. Visit a community orchard and a red squirrel hide. Return over the golf course and along the Old Highway. Further information on [yar2020.uk](http://yar2020.uk)

**Start time:** 10:15 **Start location:** Shanklin Railway Station car park (chargeable)  
**Distance:** 8 miles **Duration:** 4 - 4.5 hours

### A Broad Lane That Is Not

A circular walk from Freshwater mainly on footpaths with stunning views of both the Downs and the Western Solent.

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** End of the Line Cafe, Honnor & Jeffrey Garden Centre, Freshwater  
**Distance:** 4.5 miles **Duration:** 2 - 2.5 hours

### Jimi Hendrix Afton Experience, 50th Anniversary

Anecdotal circular walk to visit the site of the legendary 1970 Isle of Wight Festival at Afton, 50 years on. Returning to Dimbola Lodge to view the permanent Festival exhibition (and to "experience" the award-winning tea room...!).

**Start time:** 12:30 **Start location:** Dimbola Museum & Galleries, Freshwater Bay,  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

### The Robert Hooke Trail

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**Start time:** 11:00 **Start location:** Red Lion Inn, Church Place, Freshwater  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Thursday 14 May continued...

## A Cowes Canter

Stroll about Turned and Cowes, and find out about the history of the area.  
**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Carpark on Park Rd near Ward Avenue.  
**Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

## Friday 15 May

### Meander with Malcolm

Meander with Malcolm along some less known footpaths and places to the East of Yarmouth.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Just South of Yarmouth Sailing Club  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2-2.5 hours

### Beaches Bars and Blisters Day 1

Join IOW Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk round the Island. Dogs welcome.

**Start time:** 08:30 **Start location:** East Cowes Chain Ferry  
**Distance:** 24 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

### Wildlife of the Woods and Meadows

Explore the wildlife-rich meadows and woods of Newtown as we search for flowers, birds and butterflies that live in this special place, and discover how it is cared for.

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Newtown Visitor Point  
**Distance:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Saturday 16 May

### Beaches Bars and Blisters Day 2

Join IOW Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk round the Island.

**Start time:** 08:00 **Start location:** Appley Steps, Shanklin  
**Distance:** 22 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

### Isle of Wight Pearl to Mottistone Circular

A beautiful walk starting from Isle of Wight Pearl on the coast through to Mottistone Hollows up the mysterious Longstone. Take in the heights of Brighstone Down before ascending towards Brighstone Village. Ramble across the village back to Chilton Chine for a cuppa back at the Pearl Café.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Isle of Wight Pearl  
**Distance:** 6 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

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**Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

## Seaside Story Walk

A family seaside story walk with plenty of stops for stories, and finding beach treasure, with storyteller Sue Bailey. Find out why the crab has no head, or why the sea is salty. Wear suitable beach shoes!

**Start time:** 16:00 **Start location:** By the Old Church St Helens on the sea front  
**Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 hours

## Sunday 17 May

### Golden Views accessible walk

As part of the Golden Hill anniversary celebrations, join Gift to Nature for an easy stroll around Golden Hill Country Park taking in stunning views of West Wight and the Solent, and learning of the nature and heritage of this special site.

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**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 3.5 hours

### Beaches Bars and Blisters Day 3

Join IOW Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk around the Island.

**Start time:** 08:00 **Start location:** Freshwater Bay  
**Distance:** 26 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

### Isle of Wight Pearl to Mottistone Circular

A beautiful walk starting from Isle of Wight Pearl on the coast through to Mottistone Hollows up the mysterious Longstone. Take in the heights of Brighstone Down before ascending towards Brighstone Village. Ramble across the village back to Chilton Chine for a cuppa back at the Pearl Café.

**Start time:** 10:30 **Start location:** Isle of Wight Pearl  
**Distance:** 6 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

### Island views

This is a strenuous circular walk from Ventnor, over St Boniface Down with spectacular views of Sandown Bay, then Appuldurcombe and Stenbury Downs for views West

**Start time:** 10:00 **Start location:** Paddling Pool, Ventnor Esplanade  
**Distance:** 9 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

### Victorian visitors to East Cowes

A short walk highlighting prominent Victorians who came to see Queen Victoria at Osborne. You will be guided along the route by a Victorian worker who will tell you all about the royal visitors. The route follows the steps of the famous, and others, who came to see their Queen on the Isle of Wight.

**Start time:** 11:15 **Start location:** The gates of Osborne House, York Ave, East Cowes  
**Distance:** 1.25 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

### A walk through two nature reserves

A scenic walk through two nature reserves with possible sightings of red squirrels and bird life, insects and wild plants. The walk will be followed by tea & cakes at the Warden's house!

**Start time:** 14:00 **Start location:** Newchurch school car park  
**Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

For further information on each walk and to book, please visit [isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk)