

# Bristol Walk Fest announces grand finale event on the last day of May

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# The month-long walking festival ends with a mass participation walking event & celebration centred on Castle Park.

The Walk:Bristol event on Saturday 31 May invites individuals and groups to step out and explore the city's iconic landscapes, with a choice of four marshalled walks of varying distances, from 5-20 miles. Participants are encouraged to raise sponsorship for good causes, and organisers promise to donate any profit the event may make back to Bristol Walk Fest, to help ensure it continues in the future.

Staggered starts and cleverly-planned and signposted routes mean that walkers covering all distances will finish the last sections of their walks together, going around Bristol Harbourside and through the old city en masse before convening in the event village in Castle Park. Stalls from Bristol Walk Fest supporters and walk providers will welcome participants with a party atmosphere and a chance to find out more about opportunities for walking in the city.

The first ever Walk:Bristol event is organised by mass participation event experts <u>GoodMiles</u>, in collaboration with Bristol Walk Fest.

Bristol Walk Fest director Karen Lloyd says

"This event is a fitting close to our month full of walking opportunities in the city, with all the benefits to health and wellbeing that walking brings, and a chance to say thank you to all our walkers, walk providers and supporters for taking part. Do come along!"

Joff Charters, event director of Walk:Bristol, says

"We are really excited to be the finale event of the Bristol Walk Fest programme. I benefit daily from the scenic walking opportunities and easy access to green spaces and woodland our beautiful city offers, and want to showcase that for others. We cannot wait to support participants of all abilities around the Walk:Bristol routes on Saturday 31 May."

# Registration, fees & Early Bird discount code

Registration for the first-ever Walk:Bristol is now open.

Visit <u>www.walkbristol.co.uk</u> to sign up for your preferred walking distance and, if you choose to, start fundraising for a local cause.

Entry fees: 5 miles £20 / 10 miles £25 / 15 miles £30 / 20 miles £35. Register before the Early Bird deadline on 31 March for a 20% discount.

Use code: Bristol0325 when completing registration.

WalkBristol is organised by GoodMiles. www.goodmiles.co.uk

#### **About Bristol Walk Fest**

Bristol Walk Fest is an annual festival taking place across the city during the whole of May.

**Bristol Walk Fest** has been running for over ten years and encourages people of all ages, interests and abilities to walk to enhance their health and wellbeing, and to enjoy being outside in the city.

**Bristol Walk Fest** brings together dozens of walking providers and local organisations, and coincides with Living Streets' National Walking Month, 1-31 May.

**Bristol Walk Fest** aims to be the UK's leading urban walking festival, and to raise the profile of Bristol as a walking destination. Our city offers a huge diversity of walks, and we want to celebrate that, while bringing people together in a way that benefits individuals, communities and the environment.

**Bristol Walk Fest** produces a printed programme and online calendar of walks & events. Past walks have included guided walks, tours, talks, workshops and family events. Walks are curated into different themes including Walking for Pleasure; Nature and Wildlife; Health and Wellbeing; Arts, Culture and

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**Walk:Bristol** is the mass participation walk & celebration held on the last day of Bristol Walk Fest, with walks starting and finishing at an event village in Castle Park.

### Facts & figures

- There was a walk and / or Walk Fest event every single day of May 2024
- More than 80 different walk providers delivered 170+ walks/events
- Approximately 3,300 people took part in walks
- Bristol Walk Fest aims for at least 80% of their walks to be free to the public

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