

Canal Walking Festival 2022

The fourth Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival will run from 10th to 18th September.

There are 40 walks on offer varying from a couple of miles to the full 46 miles of the canal over three consecutive days.

The Chesterfield Canal Trust, which organises the event, once again believes it to be the largest canal focussed walking festival in the country, with more walks and walkers than any other.

There is a brochure with the full programme, or you can find everything on the Trust's website – just search for Chesterfield Canal Trust.

The walks must be booked in advance either online or by ringing 01246 477 569. All are free except those that involve a boat trip.



The canal towpath is officially designated the Cuckoo Way and it runs from Chesterfield to the River Trent, through Derbyshire, South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire. There are walks taking place at various locations along its full length.

The Trust's Cuckoo Way officer, David Blackburn said: "We look forward to seeing old friends again and hope to welcome many newcomers too. We believe that our 46 mile long canal has parts that are as attractive as any in the country. Do take the opportunity to join a

walk in an area with which you are not familiar, and you will hopefully be pleasantly surprised." This extensive programme covers many popular areas – though perhaps using one or two different paths to previous years.

Some walks will take you through lovely countryside, others have special interest such as architecture and steam trains; one includes a visit to a football stadium. Most of the walks end near a café or a pub. Most are easily accessible by public transport.

No Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival would be complete without the very popular Boats & Boots that combine a walk with a ride on one of the Trust's trip boats.

The Trust is very grateful to the walk leaders and those who assist them, representing many different groups and organisations, for devising checking and leading the walks. It extends especial thanks to its sponsors - Harworth Group, Canal & River Trust, Derbyshire Grants Programme, Eckington Parish Council and West Stockwith Parish Council.