

Walking Festivals 2011

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Pennine Lancashire

Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival



Large print copies of this programme are available on request, please telephone 01254 55423 or email: countryside@blackburn.gov.uk



Please note that all event information was correct at time of going to print.

The Festival has been organised by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. Thanks go to the hard work put in by Countryside Services, Health and Fitness, 3 in a Bar, Living Streets, Blackburn and Darwen group of the Ramblers Association and other dedicated individuals who lead and back-up the walks.



Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival

2-10 July 2011



3 in a Bar is Darwen's newest Live Music Cafe Bar. We offer a fine selection of live music and real ale in relaxed, elegant surroundings.

Weekly events include:
Wednesday nights - Open Mic: Your chance to shine! Come along and play, sing or jam your own or with others. From 7pm.
2nd Thursday of the month - Wine about books: join us if you have a love of books (or wine!) for a relaxed, sociable and fun night.
3rd Thursday of the month - Folk and Acoustic Roots Night: sing, jam, play, relax, enjoy, listen! All welcome. From 7pm.
Every Friday and Saturday night (over 25s) - live music. Join us for the very best in local, regional and national bands and artistes. Always FREE Entry all night.

Planning a Party? Our upstairs Room could be the perfect place for you...

- All events catered for
- DJ included
- Food available
- Fully Staffed
- Live Bands and Artistes available
- Private Bar
- Table Service available

Please ask at the Bar for more details or contact Erica on 01254 707 184 or 07923 800 231

3 in a Bar, Belgrave Cottage, Belgrave Road, Darwen, BB3 2RP

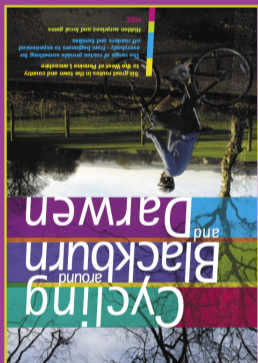


www.westpenninemoores.com



www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks

(01254) 55423



Cycling around Blackburn and Darwen
Hidden surprises and gems
Grab a copy of these free booklets and discover a range of routes which provide something for everybody - from beginners and families to experience off-roaders.
Copies of the booklets and accompanying maps can be downloaded by visiting: www.blackburn.gov.uk/cycling

Sunnyhurst Wood



off Earnsdale Road, Darwen BB3 0LA (01254) 701545
email: countryside@blackburn.gov.uk
www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks

- gateway to the West Pennine Moors
- idyllic woodland walks and family wildlife trail
- start of the Tacklers trail (Witton Weavers Way)
- visitor centre
- free activities, events and guided walks
- art exhibitions
- free admission
- open Thursday - Sunday and bank holidays 1 - 4.30pm

For more information or to be added to our mailing list Telephone (01254) 55423 Email: countryside@blackburn.gov.uk



Discover Blackburn with Darwen's Parks and Countryside

Interested in guided walks, outdoor events and family activities? If so, pick up the new Parks and Countryside Events Guide and discover what's going on, in and around Blackburn and Darwen. Plenty of fun free activities and events including countryside walks, wildlife adventures and treasure trails; discover Blackburn with Darwen's parks and countryside!

The West Pennine Moors on your doorstep



Did you know?
More than 80% of Blackburn and Darwen is made up of countryside, most of this falls within the beautiful West Pennine Moors

The West Pennine Moors has lots to offer

- getting close to nature
- unsport moorlands
- scenic woodlands and reservoirs
- the long distance footpath - the Witton Weavers Way

Want to know more?

- look up the Explorer map 287, West Pennine Moors
- contact Great House information centre 01204 691549
- email: wpmi@uipc.co.uk
- contact the Countryside Services 01254 691239
- email: countryside@blackburn.gov.uk
- visit: www.westpenninemoores.com

The Ramblers work to ensure that the unique network of footpaths in Lancashire and the West Pennine Moors are protected and maintained and campaign for greater public access to our countryside. If you love walking and support what we are doing, why not join us today.

Visit the website at www.ramblers.org.uk/join
For further information contact the Secretary on 01254 671269

Making your streets Fitter for Walking

Working in your area to improve the local environment and encourage people to walk more.

Brought to you by LIVING STREETS

The new range of South West neighbourhood Walks

- A Walking Map of Ewood
- A Walking Map of Farnhurst
- A Walking Map of Liversley with Plesington
- A Walking Map of Meadowhead
- A Walking Map of Mill Hill

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Guided Walks and Cycle Rides For All Abilities

"Walk This Way"
Guided walks for all abilities at various times and venues throughout the week. For further information contact Nick Burton or Bev Little on (01254) 694503

"Wheels Around Witton"
Guided cycle rides for all abilities at Witton Park. For further information contact Nick Burton or Bev Little on (01254) 694503.

Welcome to the Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival

Walking and riding activities are free, fun, healthy and a great way to make new friends!

Join us on this nine day festival of over 30 walking or riding events for all ages and abilities – 2-15 miles.

Explore the beautiful countryside in East Lancashire around Blackburn and Darwen, including the unspoilt West Pennine Moors.

KEY

Grade: ✓ easy pace
 ✓✓ moderate pace
 ✓✓✓ brisk pace

- booking essential
- packed lunch required
- refreshments and toilet facilities available
- cycling event
- starting point at railway station
- event suitable for buggies

Tuesday 05 July 2011

10am Billinge Scar Stroller
 4.5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Enjoy and discover a quiet area in rural Blackburn along old tracks and field paths in the Billinge Scar area, returning through Billinge woods.
Meet: Traffic Light Preston New Road and Revidge Road crossroads, Blackburn BB2 6PS Map Ref: SD 715 227

10am Haslingden Grane
 13 Miles Grade: ✓✓

A long moorland hike on the moors above Grane Road including sections along the Rosendale Way.
Meet: Between Church and Hoddlesden Reservoir, Johnson New Road, Hoddlesden, Darwen BB3 3NN Map Ref: SD 715 227

1pm The Living Streets Blackburn Town Walks - Mill Hill
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A walk around the Mill Hill area that takes in the industrial heritage area of Blackburn and green route to Witton Park. The route is part of the SW Neighbourhood map project and every walker will receive a free copy of the map. The walk starts at Mill Hill Community Centre and will finish there with refreshments.
Meet: Mill Hill Community Centre, New Chapel Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4DT Map Ref: SD 669 265

6pm The Living Streets Blackburn Town Walks - Livesey and Pleasington
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A walk around the Livesey and Pleasington area that takes in the Livesey loop around Livesey Branch Rd and Preston Old Rd. The route is part of the SW Neighbourhood map project and every walker will receive a free copy of the map.
Meet: Cherry Tree Railway Station, Green Lane, Cherry Tree, Blackburn BB2 2TZ Map Ref: SD 660 264

Wednesday 06 July 2011

9.30am Cycling Into Railway History
 15 Miles Grade: ✓✓

A long cycle ride from Witton Park to Martholme Viaduct at Great Harwood along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and the old Blackburn-Padiham railway line. Involves some gradients and road cycling. Bikes and helmets available.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

10am History Walk
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A leisurely stroll in the company of the Ranger to uncover the fascinating history of Blackburn's restored Victorian park. Children must be supervised.
Meet: Corporation Park, Gate House, Preston New Road, Blackburn BB2 6AW Map Ref: SD 677 285

10:45am Riotous Reelers
 7.5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Come and take a leisurely walk along one of the regions most famous walk routes Witton Weavers Way. This is the second of the Weavers Way walks for the Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival. Return ticket needed from Blackburn which departs 10.35am
Meet: Cherry Tree Railway Station, Green Lane, Cherry Tree, Blackburn BB2 2TZ Map Ref: SD 660 264

Wednesday 06 July 2011

1.30pm Pleasington Priory Cycle Ride
 6 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Join us at the Witton Park Cycle Centre for a leisurely ride along the River Darwen and up the hill to Pleasington Village. Involves some gradients and cycling along quiet roads. Bikes and helmets available.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

2.30pm Cycling for Beginners - Free Taster Session
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

If you have never learnt to ride or think you've forgotten how to - why not come and give it a go! Instructors will be on hand to get you going on a simple flat off-road route around Witton Park.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

7pm Over the Moors to Hollinshead Hall
 5.5 Miles Grade: ✓✓✓

An evening 'stressbuster' walk, linking Darwen Moor with Roddlesworth Woods and visiting the ruins of the haunted manor house of Tockholes along the way.
Meet: Vaughn's Country Café Car Park, Tockholes Road, Tockholes, Darwen BB3 0PA Map Ref: SD 665 215



Thursday 07 July 2011

11am Stroll Through Sunnyhurst Woods
 3 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Join Age Concern's weekly walk for a pleasant saunter through the wildlife rich woodlands of Sunnyhurst - Darwen's 'jewel in the crown'.
Meet: Falcon Avenue (bottom) entrance to Sunnyhurst Woods, Darwen BB3 1QX Map Ref: SD 685 234

2pm Witton Park Wander
 2.5 Miles Grade: ✓

A gentle circular stroll from Witton to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal towpath and return to the park.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn. BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

6:30pm - 8:30pm Hoddlesden Round
 3 Miles Grade: ✓✓

A walk exploring fascinating features around Hoddlesden Village.
Meet: Village Centre Car Park, Queens St, Hoddlesden, nr Darwen BB3 3NQ Map Ref: SD 716 222



Friday 08 July 2011

10am Tricky Tacklers
 9.5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Come and take a leisurely walk along one of the regions most famous walk routes - Witton Weavers Way. This is the third of the Weavers Way walks for the Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival.
Meet: Sunnyhurst Wood Visitor Centre, Off Earnsdale Road, Darwen BB3 0LA Map Ref: SD 678 230

10am The Living Streets Blackburn Town Walks - Meadowhead
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A walk around the Meadowhead and the surrounding area. The route is part of the SW Neighbourhood map project and every walker will receive a free copy of the map. The walk starts at the Livsey All Age Centre on Scotland Bank Terrace and will finish there with refreshments.
Meet: Livesey Children & All Age Centre, Scotland Bank Terrace, Blackburn BB2 4NU Map Ref: SD 668 257

11am Stepback Stroll
 4 Miles Grade: ✓

An easy paced walk following the historic tracks along the edge of Darwen Moor.
Meet: Vaughn's Country Café Car Park, Tockholes Road, Tockholes, Darwen BB3 0PA Map Ref: SD 665 215

6:30pm Trundle up the Tower
 2 Miles Grade: ✓✓

An early evening walk to Darwen's famous landmark - the Jubilee Tower, then back down to the 3 in a Bar pub for free food and free live entertainment, plus one free complimentary pint of Thwaites Wainwright beer - limited places, to book call 01254 55423.
Meet: 3 in a Bar, Belgrave Cottage, Belgrave Road, Darwen BB3 2RP Map Ref: SD 692 221



Saturday 09 July 2011

9:30am Darwen Tower
 5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

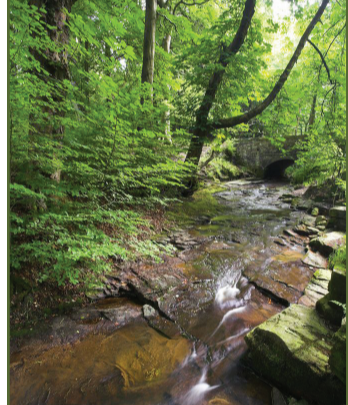
A gradual climb up to the iconic Jubilee Tower to enjoy the 360' views - surely the best view in the Borough!
Meet: Sunnyhurst Pub, Tockholes Road, Darwen BB3 1JX Map Ref: SD 678 230

Morning Walk Free Nordic Walking Taster Session
 3 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Nordic Walking uses specially designed poles as an enhancement of your normal walking technique. It's a great low impact way to improve your health and wellbeing. The taster session will introduce you to the basics. To book call (01254) 55423
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

12noon - 4pm Herbert Parkinson Family Fun Day
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

Come along and enjoy this annual family friendly day. Take a walk along the Herbert Parkinson Wildlife Trail; take part in all the competitions and rides; find a bargain at their seconds sale and finish off with their famous duck race. Charity event.
Meet: Sunnyhurst Wood Visitor Centre, Off Earnsdale Road, Darwen BB3 0LA Map Ref: SD 678 230



Saturday 02 July 2011

9:30am Turton Tower Trek
 5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

A walk highlighting the great variety of countryside on offer in the West Pennine Moors - through woods, along riversides and reservoirs - passing the historic tower at Turton along the way.
Meet: Barlow Institute, Edgworth, Nr Bolton BL7 0AP Map Ref: SD 742 168

1 - 4pm Discovery Trail at Witton Country Park
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

Free Family Prize Trail taking place throughout the day at Witton Country Park. This event is family friendly and the self guided trail takes approx 30 mins. There will also be a push chair friendly trail available on request.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

Sunday 03 July 2011

10am Park and Tower
 6 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Take a walk from Bold Venture Park and admire some of the most stunning natural beauty spots of the West Pennine moors. This walk will take you to Tockholes and the Jubilee Tower Circular before ending back down at Bold Venture Park.
Meet: Bold Venture Park Gates, Inverness Road, Darwen BB3 2SE Map Ref: SD 696 221

1pm Teddy Bears Picnic Walk
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

Bring your teddy, picnic and blankets to Sunnyhurst Wood and enjoy the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears performed by Pendle Productions. Follow the clues to reach the end of the journey. The walk will be led by Living Streets and Residents of Sunnyhurst Association.
Meet: Lychgate-near Sunnyhurst Pub, Tockholes Rd, Darwen, BB3 0LA Map Ref: SD 678 230

Monday 04 July 2011

10am The Living Streets Blackburn Town Walks - Ewood
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A walk around the Ewood area of Blackburn that takes in the River Darwen Parkway and other local amenities. The route is part of the SW Neighbourhood map project and every walker will receive a free copy of the map. The walk starts at Ivy Street Community Centre, Blackburn and will finish there with refreshments.
Meet: Ivy Street Community Centre, Ivy St, Blackburn BB2 3RR Map Ref: SD 682 268

Monday 04 July 2011

10:20am Station to Station Walk - Entwistle to Bromley Cross
 5 Miles Grade: ✓✓

A linear walk via Wayoh and Jumbles connecting the two stations on the Blackburn-Bolton railway line. Arrive at Entwistle on the 10.01am from Blackburn and return from Bromley Cross station. Return rail fare required to Bromley Cross from Blackburn.

Meet: Entwistle Railway Station, Overshores Road, Entwistle, Turton, Bolton BL7 0LU Map Ref: SD 728 179

1pm Beamers Trail Walk
 6 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Come and take a leisurely walk along one of the regions most famous walk routes - Witton Weavers Way. This is the first of the Weavers Way walks for the Weavers Way Walking and Cycling Festival.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

1pm The Living Streets Blackburn Town Walks - Fernhurst
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

A walk around the Fernhurst area of Blackburn that takes in the streets and avenues named after Blackburn Rovers players. See how many you can spot. The route is part of the SW Neighbourhood map project and every walker will receive a free copy of the map.

The walk starts at Blackburn Rovers Community Trust in the Darwen End of the stadium and will finish there with refreshments and an optional mini tour.
Meet: Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, Darwen End, Ewood Park, Blackburn BB2 4JF Map Ref: SD 678 255

1.30pm Pleasington Priory Cycle Ride
 6 Miles Grade: ✓✓

Join us at the Witton Park Cycle Centre for a leisurely ride along the River Darwen and up the hill to Pleasington Village. Involves some gradients and cycling along quiet roads. Bikes and helmets available.
Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

2.30pm Cycling for Beginners - Free Taster Session
 2 Miles Grade: ✓

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Meet: Witton Country Park Visitor Centre, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP Map Ref: SD 658 274

Useful Information

Who can come?

- everyone is welcome, all walks and riding events are free unless stated otherwise
- children under 16 are welcome but must be supervised by an adult

What to wear

- stout shoes or boots
- waterproofs and warm clothing

What to bring

- drinks and snacks
- sunscreen - just in case!

How to find us

- by public transport - there are good links around the Borough. Call the Travel information centre 01254 688040 or visit www.traveline.org.uk
- by road - Junction 31 M6 or junctions 3 or 4 M65

Where to stay

- for local accommodation information: **Blackburn Visitor Centre 01254 688040**