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# Time to Step Up!

## Lead a walk for Bristol Walk Fest this May



**Sign up by Friday 27 February to be listed in the Bristol Walk Fest programme.**

Work is underway for **Bristol Walk Fest 2026**, which takes place from **1–31 May** across the city.

Organisers are calling on community projects, local organisations, walking groups, and individuals to **sign up as walk providers** for the festival in May.

A deadline of **27 February** ensures walks will feature in the printed programme.

The deadline allows organisers to produce **8,000 copies** of the festival programme, which will be distributed from the start of April, giving local people plenty of opportunity to browse the listings and choose the walks they'd like to attend.

Walks can be listed under the headings of Arts, Culture and History; Walking for Pleasure; Nature and Wildlife; Health and Wellbeing, and Walking Sports. Walks can also be filtered by **level of difficulty and accessibility**, including mobility scooter or wheelchair accessible, near public transport, dog- or buggy-friendly, and more.

Once printed, **Bristol City Council's Roadshow Team** will **distribute programmes across the city**, to local libraries, community centres and other local projects.

Bristol Walk Fest manager, Karen Lloyd, says

*"There are very few rules - walks must happen during May, take place within the Bristol boundary, and ideally be free or offer a Walk Fest discount. We provide guidance, checklists, logos, templates, and social media banners. We can support anyone to lead a walk. If you have questions, just get in touch."*

Previous walk provider, Lucy Heard says

*"What I love most about being a walk provider is the people it brings together. Every walk has its own energy. Some are chatty, some are quiet, some are unexpectedly emotional, some are gloriously silly. Walking side by side creates space for conversations that don't always happen face-to-face. It's low-pressure, human and deeply Bristol."*

**More quotes & Lucy's story about being a walk provider [here](#).**

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