

YOUR GUIDES



JAMES CARPENTER

James is a trained Blue Badge Tourist Guide and a member of the Institute of Tourist Guides.

He has lived locally all his life. History has been his passion and with a background in farming, he has the wealth of knowledge to make your walk a thoroughly delightful experience.

GEORGE KEEPING



George is an outdoor writer and footpaths consultant who has written and contributed to guidebooks across the Midlands.

He's led guided walks in Market Harborough, and with a background in archaeology and conservation, is as fascinated with what goes on beneath the soil as he is with the landscapes of Harborough District above!

THE WALKS

There are no mountains to climb and the walks are between 2 to 7 miles in length.

We have also included a no-stile walk and a route accessible for wheelchair users to enjoy.

Unfortunately we are unable to allow dogs on the walks.



PRICES

Brampton Valley Way £5pp
All other walks £7pp

SPECIAL OFFER!

Buy a **Festival Pass** to enjoy all seven walks for just **£35pp**

HOW TO BOOK

Places are limited, and must be booked in advance.

To book, and for more information, please visit our website:

harboroughwalks.org

Contact email:
james.carpenter@harboroughwalks.org

We reserve the right not to allow anyone on a walk who seems unlikely to be able to cope with the conditions on the day.

We will do our best to keep to the published programme but reserve the right to cancel or amend walks if this proves to be necessary.

Please note, all the guided walks will be led by James Carpenter MITG and ably assisted by George Keeping.

James also presents a programme of public town and village guided walks sponsored by Harborough District Council.

A full listing of dates can be found at:

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Harborough District WALKING FESTIVAL

26th - 29th MAY 2022

7 walks led by experienced local guides



Come and discover an often-overlooked part of England. Harborough District is an area of rolling countryside, ancient pastures and farmland, streams, woodland spinneys and beautiful villages.

Canals, battles and buried treasure are all there to be explored – not to mention local characters and ancient customs.

All the walks on offer are led by two experienced guides.

Therefore, you not only get to enjoy the lovely countryside, but your walk will be enhanced with fascinating details of the local area and its history.



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Thursday May 26th MORNING
Rolleston & Noseley Circular Walk - no stiles

This is an easy-access four-mile route with no stiles and lovely views across Leicestershire. The walk passes by two country houses with links to the English Civil War, Sir Arthur Haselrig and his brigade of lobsters!



Thursday May 26th AFTERNOON
Tugby, Skeffington & Rolleston Circular Walk

This six-mile walk covers a little of the same ground as the morning route, but explores more of the High Leicestershire plateau. There are far-reaching views across to the lovely named Robin-a-Tiptoe hill and beyond. Plus dark tales of duels, a ghost and foul invention.



Friday May 27th MORNING
Claybrooke Parva & Fosse Way Circular Walk

This six-mile walk starts with the delights of Fosse Meadows Country Park and onto the villages of Frolesworth and Claybrooke Parva. Then to High Cross, where two Roman roads meet, considered by some to be the centre of England. The route back to The Meadows follows the ancient Fosse Way, once the boundary of the Roman Empire.



Friday May 27th AFTERNOON
Brampton Valley Way  Wheelchair-friendly

The old Harborough to Northampton railway route is a popular walking and cycling path. A pleasing two mile walk from the centre of Market Harborough, with plenty of wildlife and a lovely café stop by fishing lakes. This easy access route, on a firm but unmetalled surface, is accessible for wheelchair users. Arrange a pickup at the café or return via the same route - four miles in total.



Saturday May 28th MORNING
Slawston, Cranoe & Hallaton Circular Walk

This engaging five-mile walk has it all: ancient sheep pastures, a deserted village, a motte and bailey castle and one of the most beautiful villages in Leicestershire. Find out about the famous tradition of Bottle Kicking, the Hallaton Treasure and enjoy views across High Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.



Saturday May 28th AFTERNOON
Saddington, Gumley & Laughton Circular Walk

This six-mile walk takes in views across Leicestershire and Saddington reservoir and aqueduct, which made the local canal network possible. It includes three picturesque villages, one of which had links to King Offa and more questionably, to King Arthur too.



Sunday May 29th MORNING
The Langtons Circular Walk

At seven miles this is our longest walk. We take in four of the Langton villages, Stonton Wyville and the beautiful countryside in between. You will learn about the visionary vicar, pass by King Charles's well and climb up Langton Caudle to the site of a windmill with fabulous views.



IMPORTANT INFO

Walking conditions

- All the routes are easy to moderate, walking through open farmland and villages.
- There may be some slopes to climb, but nothing too strenuous.
- The paths are generally good, however there could be some muddy patches.
- We cannot predict the weather and therefore proper walking footwear and weatherproofs are recommended.
- We will be walking through pastures with cattle and sheep present and are therefore unable to allow dogs on the walks.

Refreshment stops & comfort breaks

- We have done our utmost to plan the walks to finish close to or within easy driving distance of a local pub or café.
- Wherever possible there will be toilet facilities available somewhere on the routes.