

**WALKADAY SUMMER PROGRAMME V.16.3**

**WALKADAY SUMMER PROGRAMME - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2026**

**N.B. METROLINK TRAMS: MANY CHANGES/CLOSURES**

**JULY 2026**

| JULY 2026 | DAY/DATE   | LOCATION  | STARTING POINT & TIME / WALK DETAILS   | TRAVEL & TRANSPORT  |
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|           | Wed 01/07  | Mossley inc.<br>Alphin Pike -<br>Linear - 8m. - Hilly   | Start: Mossley Rail Station: 11.18. Return Train from<br>Stalybridge   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 11.01   |
|           | Thur 02/07 | Rose Hill (Marple) -<br>Circular - 4m. -<br>SLIGHTLY EARLY<br>START - 1.25  | Start: Rose Hill Rail Station Car Park: 1.25 - SLIGHTLY<br>EARLY START   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 12.51<br>OR Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand<br>K: 12.35   |
|           | Frid 03/07 | Clowbridge to<br>Burnley - Linear -<br>7m.  | Start: Bei Jing Cantonese Restaurant, Clowbridge: 11.45.<br>Return Bus X43 from Burnley. LR  | Bus X43 dep. Shudehill<br>Interchange, Stand E: 10.40<br>to Bei Jing Cantonese<br>Restaurant, Clowbridge  |
|           | Tues 07/07 | Romiley - Circular -<br>4.5m.   | Start: Outside Romiley Forum: 1.30   | Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K:<br>12.55 or Bus 383 dep. SK BS,<br>Stand K: 12.25  |
|           | Wed 08/07  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>Walk: Marple to<br>Stockroom,<br>Mersey Square,<br>Stockport for<br>Celebration –<br>4.30pm.<br><br>Linear walk:<br>5 Start Points to<br>SUIT YOUR<br>DISTANCE. N.B.<br>Bring own lunch:<br>Picnic & Water:<br>Chadkirk Chapel<br>gardens: 1.05 | Start Points: 5 Start Point options, times & mileage:<br>Start 1: Marple Rail Station Bus Stop: 11.00 - 7.9m.<br>Start 2: Compstall Village Bus Stop: 11.30 - 6.7m.<br>Start 3: Marple Old Road Bus Stop: 1.10 - 4.0m.<br>Start 4: Stockport Hydro: 1.40 - 3.5m.<br>Start 5: Woodbank Park Main Gates: 3.00 - 1m.<br><br>Transport to 5 Start Points = St. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:<br>St. 1: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 09.55 or Bus 383 dep.<br>SK BS, Stand K: 10.05 OR Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.18<br>St. 2: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 10.35 or Bus 383 dep.<br>SK BS, Stand K: 10.45<br>St. 3: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.15 or Bus 383 dep.<br>SK BS, Stand K: 12.45<br>St. 4: Stockport Hydro: 1.40 - Walk from St. 3 or Walk<br>from Picnic in Chadkirk Chapel gardens<br>St. 5: Bus 364 dep. SK BS, Stand N: 2.50 | Transport options: see<br>adjacent column.<br>In view of expected<br>numbers, the Group might<br>be delayed. If the Group is<br>early, we shall wait until the<br>Start-time for each Starting<br>Point.<br><br>Those walkers & former<br>walkers meeting at<br>Stockroom for Celebrations<br>only: Meet: 4.30pm. |

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| Thur 09/07        | Broadbottom - Circular - 4m. - SLIGHTLY EARLY START - 1.25                             | Start: Broadbottom Rail Station: 1.25 - SLIGHTLY EARLY START  | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 1.03   |
| Frid 10/07        | Birch Vale - Circular - 7m.  | Start: Birch Vale Bus Stop opp. Grouse Hotel: 11.26   | Bus 358 dep. SK BS, Stand N: 10.35 or dep. Marple Costa: 11.05                                 |
| Tues 14/07        | Mossley - Circular - 4m. - EARLY START - 1.17  | Start: Mossley Rail Station: 1.17 - EARLY START   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 1.00   |
| Wed 15/07         | Edale inc. Kinder Scout loop - Circular - 8.5m. - Hilly                                | Start: Edale Rail Station: 11.32. Train via Strines   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.48 or dep. Marple: 11.10  |
| <b>Thur 16/07</b> | <b>Cote Green, Compstall &amp; Etherow Country Park - Linear - 4.3m. - Steep start</b> | <b>Start: Northumberland Arms Pub, Cote Green, Compstall Road: 1.30. Return Bus 383 or 384 from Compstall</b>                       | <b>Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.35 or Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.45</b>                |
| <b>Frid 17/07</b> | <b>Bollin Valley Way (Part 3) - Linear - 8.5m.</b>                                     | <b>Start: Ashley Rail Station: 11.43. Train via Hale. Return Bus 255 from Partington to Altrincham + Train to SPT or MAN. PICC.</b> | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 11.10 or dep. SPT: 11.19; dep. NAV: 11.34; ALT: 11.36; HAL: 11.39</b> |
| Tues 21/07        | Hayfield, Hill Houses - Circular - 3.5m. - Gentle                                      | Start: Hayfield Bus Station/Terminus: 1.30  | Bus 358 dep. SK BS, Stand N: 12.35 or dep. Marple Costa: 1.05                                  |
| Wed 22/07         | Whaley Bridge inc. Eccles Pike - Circular - 8m. - Hilly                                | Start: Bridge Bakery, Whaley Bridge, near Bus Stop opp. toilets: 11.00  | Bus 199 dep. SK BS, Stand F: 10.10   |
| Thur 23/07        | 'The Secret Lake' & Highfield Country Park -   | Start: Station South Café Bar, Levenshulme: 1.30. Alight from Bus 192: Stockport Road/Crayfield Road Bus Stop Levenshulme           | Bus 192 dep. Stockport, Wellington Road North/   |

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|       |                   | Levenshulme - Circular - 4m.  |   | Mersey Square: Stop AA: 1.01  |
|       | Frid 24/07        | St. Anne's on Sea - Circular - 7m. - LR                                       | Start: St. Anne's Rail Station: 12.15. Train via Bolton. N.B. LATE RETURN   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.50. CHANGE at Preston. Train 2 dep. Preston: 11.49 to St. Anne's   |
|       | <b>Tues 28/07</b> | <b>Top Mellor to Strines &amp; Marple - Linear - 4m. - EARLY START - 1.05</b> | <b>Start: Top Mellor, Shiloh Road Bus Stop: 1.05 - EARLY START. Return Bus 383, 384, 358 or 385 from Marple</b>       | <b>Bus 385 dep. SK BS, Stand: N: 12.10 or dep. Marple Costa: 12.52</b>  |
|       | Wed 29/07         | Bamford - Circular - 8m.  | Start: Bamford Rail Station: 11.42. Train via Strines   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.48 or dep. Marple: 11.10   |
|       | <b>Thur 30/07</b> | <b>Cheadle Hulme to Cheadle - 4 Halls - Linear - Gentle - 4m.</b>             | <b>Start: Bruntwood Lane, nr. Turves Road, Cheadle Hulme: 1.30. Return from Cheadle, Bus 11 or Bus 370 or Bus 312</b> | <b>Bus 368 dep. SK BS, Stand Q: 1.04</b>  |
|       | Frid 31/07        | Littleborough inc. Hollingworth Lake - Circular - 7.0-7.5m.                   | Start: Littleborough Rail Station: 11.00  | Train dep. MAN. VIC: 10.36. Either walk to MAN. VIC. from MAN. PICC. OR Metrolink Tram dep. MAN. PICC. to MAN. VIC: about 10.00-10.05 |
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## AUGUST 2026

| AUGUST 2026 | DAY/DATE   | LOCATION  | STARTING POINT & TIME / WALK DETAILS  | TRAVEL & TRANSPORT  |
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|             | Tues 04/08 | Greenfield - Circular - 4m. - Gentle - Wood & Canal - VERY EARLY START - 12.30      | Start: Greenfield Rail Station: 12.30 - VERY EARLY START  | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 12.00   |
|             | Wed 05/08  | Lyme Park - Circular - 7m.  | Start: Main entrance to Lyme Park main gates: 11.10   | Bus 199 dep. SK BS, Stand F: 10.40 to near Lyme Park gates main entrance  |
|             | Thur 06/08 | <b>Mobberley to Ashley to Hale - Linear - 4.5m. - LATE START - 1.46</b>             | <b>Start: Mobberley Rail Station: 1.46 - LATE START. Train via Hale. Return Train from Hale</b>   | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 1.10; dep. SPT: 1.19; dep. NAV: 1.34; dep. ALT: 1.36; dep. HAL: 1.39</b>   |
|             | Frid 07/08 | Hazel Grove to Stockport Town Centre - Linear - 7m. - Mostly flat                   | Start: Outside front doors of Hazel Grove Sainsbury's (off A6): 11.30. Alight from bus at H/G Sainsbury's, which is on the left of the A6 | Bus 199 dep. SK BS, Stand F: 10.40 or Bus 192 towards Hazel Grove Park & Ride: Mersey Square, Stand DD: 10.56                                   |
|             | Tues 11/08 | <b>Poynton to Bramhall - Station to Station - Linear - 4m. - EARLY START - 1.20</b> | Start: Outside POYNTON Rail Station: 1.20 - EARLY START. Train via Bramhall. Return Train from Bramhall                                   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 12.46 or dep. SPT. 12.55 OR Bus 379 dep. SK BS, Stand P: 12.15 to Bramhall Rail Station + Train dep. BML: 1.02 to Poynton |
|             | Wed 12/08  | Bromley Cross - Circular - 8m.  | Start: Bromley Cross Rail Station: 11.12  | Train dep. MAN. VIC: 10.43  |
|             | Thur 13/08 | Debdale Park & Gorton Reservoirs - Circular - 4m.                                   | Start: Bus Stop towards the end of Reddish Lane near junction with Hyde Road/A57: 1.30  | Bus 203 dep. SK BS, Stand E: 1.00 or 1.10   |

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|       | <b>Frid 14/08</b> | <b>GM Ringway, Stage 9 (early exit) - Greenfield to Denshaw – Linear - 8.5m.</b> | <b>Start: Greenfield Rail Station: 11.22. Return Bus 356 from Denshaw to Greenfield Rail Station (or to Ashton): 4.27 or 5.38</b>                | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 11.00</b>   |
|       | Tues 18/08        | Bramhall - Circular - 4m. - EARLY START -1.15                                    | Start: Outside Bramhall Rail Station in front of Library, next to Bramhall Health Centre: 1.15 - EARLY START                                     | Bus 378 dep. SK BS, Stand P: 12.45 OR Train dep. MAN. PICC: 12.46 or dep. SPT: 12.55 |
|       | <b>Wed 19/08</b>  | <b>Bowness to Windermere inc. Orrest Head - Linear - 7.45m.</b>                  | <b>Start: Bowness Pier Bus Stop: 12.05. Train via Bolton. 2 picnics &amp; water or eat in Windermere. Return Train dep. Windermere: 6.55. LR</b> | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 09.50 + Bus 599 dep. Windermere RS Bus Stop: 11.52</b>      |
|       | Thur 20/08        | Hayfield - Circular - 4m. - Hilly  | Start: Hayfield Bus Station/Terminus: 1.30   | Bus 358 dep. SK BS, Stand N: 12.35 or Marple Costa: 1.05                             |
|       | <b>Frid 21/08</b> | <b>Hope to Edale inc. Win Hill - Linear - 8m.</b>                                | <b>Start: Hope Rail Station: 11.40. Train via Strines. Return Train from Edale</b>   | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.48 or dep. Marple: 11.10</b>                             |
|       | Tues 25/08        | Marple, Marple Ridge & Hawk Green - Circular - 4m.                               | Start: Marple Costa (Navigation): 1.30   | Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.45 or Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.35             |
|       | Wed 26/08         | Edale - Circular - 8m.   | Start: Edale Rail Station: 11.33. Train via Strines  | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.48 or dep. Marple: 11.10                                    |
|       | Thur 27/08        | Knutsford - Circular - 4.1m. - LATE START - 1.51                                 | Start: Knutsford Rail Station: 1.51 – LATE START. Train via Hale   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 1.10 or dep. SPT:1.19; NAV: 1.34; ALT: 1.36; HAL: 1.39         |
|       | Frid 28/08        | Macclesfield inc. Teggs Nose Café - Circular - 8m.                               | Start: Macclesfield Rail Station: 11.17. Train via Cheadle Hulme   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.46 or dep. SPT: 10.55                                       |
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## SEPTEMBER 2026

| SEPTEMBER 2026 | DAY/DATE          | LOCATION   | STARTING POINT & TIME / WALK DETAILS  | TRAVEL & TRANSPORT   |
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|                | Tues 01/09        | High Lane - Circular - 4.3m. - EARLY START - 1.15  | Start: Outside High Lane Memorial Village Hall, off Windlehurst Road: 1.15 - EARLY START  | Bus 199 dep. SK BS, Stand F: 12.40 to High Lane Horse Shoe Inn   |
|                | Wed 02/09         | Romiley - Circular - 7m.   | Start: Romiley Centre, Bus Stop Compstall Road/Sandy Lane junction = just after the Forum: 10.50  | Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 10.15   |
|                | <b>Thur 03/09</b> | <b>Wigan to Hindley - Linear - 4m. - LATE START - 1.40</b>   | <b>Start: Wigan Wallgate Rail Station: 1.40 - LATE START. Return Train from Hindley</b>   | <b>Train dep. MAN. VIC: 12.55</b>  |
|                | Frid 04/09        | Littleborough & Wardle - Circular - 7m. - Hilly  | Start: Littleborough Rail Station: 11.23  | Train dep. MAN. VIC: 11.03   |
|                | <b>Tues 08/09</b> | <b>Slack Top, Gibson Mill &amp; valley walk to Hebden Bridge - Linear - 5m. - EARLY START - 1.20</b> | <b>Start: Slack Top Bus Stop (beyond Heptonstall): 1.20 - EARLY START. Downhill walk to Gibson Mill + along valley to Hebden Bridge. Train via Littleborough. Return Train from Hebden Bridge. LR</b> | <b>Train dep. MAN. VIC: 12.21 to Hebden Bridge (arr. 12.49) + Bus 596 dep. H.B. RS, Bus Stop HB1: 1.06</b>                                     |
|                | Wed 09/09         | Whaley Bridge inc. Taxal - Circular - 6m. - Steep  | Start: Whaley Bridge Bus Stop below W.B. Rail Station, next to toilets: 11.35. Train via Middlewood   | Bus 199 dep. SK BS, Stand F: 10.40 OR<br>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.51 or dep. SPT: 11.04 or HAZ: 11.15  |
|                | Thur 10/09        | Woodford - Circular - 5m. - LATE START - 1.40  | Start: Woodford Church, opp. Davenport Arms: 1.40 - LATE START  | Bus 378 dep. SK BS, Stand P: 12.45 to Bramhall Village, then walk round corner on left for Bus 42'B' dep. Meadway/Woodford Road Bus Stop: 1.33 |

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| Frid 11/09        | Silverdale & Wharton Crag - Circular - Hilly - 8m.  | Start: Silverdale Rail Station: 11.10. Train via Bolton. Target return train: 5.50   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 09.50  |
| Tues 15/09        | Stockport Music Story Plaque Trail - Circular - 4.0-4.5m. - Urban walk                            | Start: Viaduct Park, above SK BS: 1.30   | N/A  |
| <b>Wed 16/09</b>  | <b>Cat and Fiddle inc. Windgather Rocks to Whaley Bridge - Linear - 7.5m.</b>                     | <b>Start: Cat &amp; Fiddle Pub Bus Stop: 11.36. Outward Train via: Cheadle Hulme. Return Bus 199 OR Train from Whaley Bridge</b>   | <b>Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.25 or dep. SPT: 10.33 to Macclesfield + Bus 58 dep. Macclesfield B.S., Bay 3: 11.15</b>    |
| Thur 17/09        | Alderley Edge - Circular - 4m. - LATE START - 1.34  | Start: Alderley Edge Rail Station: 1.34 - LATE START. Train via Cheadle Hulme  | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 1.06 or dep. SPT: 1.19   |
| Frid 18/09        | Hathersage inc. Stanage Edge - Circular - 7.5m.   | Start: Hathersage Rail Station: 11.45. Train via Strines   | Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.48 or dep. Marple: 11.10  |
| <b>Tues 22/09</b> | <b>Healey Dell near Rochdale to Cowm Reservoir, Whitworth - Linear - 4m. - EARLY START - 1.15</b> | <b>Start: Healey Dell Corner, Whitworth Road: 1.15 - EARLY START. Bus 464 back to Rochdale B.S. Return Bus from Whitworth + Tram from Rochdale B.S. + Train from Rochdale R.S.</b> | <b>Train dep. MAN. VIC: 12.35 + MET. Tram or walk down to Rochdale B.S. + Bus 464 (Accrington), dep. Stand D: 1.03</b> |
| Wed 23/09         | Clitheroe, Ribble Valley Rivers and beyond - Circular - 8.5m.                                     | Start: Clitheroe Rail Station: 11.00. Train via Bolton   | Train dep. MAN. VIC: 09.43 or dep. Salford Crescent: 09.51   |
| <b>Thur 24/09</b> | <b>Vernon Park to Stockport - Linear - 4m.</b>  | <b>Start: Vernon Park Lower Entrance opposite British Gas Bus Stop: 1.30</b>   | <b>Bus 330 dep. SK BS, Stand L: 1.14 or Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 1.15</b>  |

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|       | Frid 25/09 | Hebden Bridge - Circular - 8m.    | Start: Hebden Bridge Rail Station: 11.20. Train via Littleborough | Train dep. MAN. VIC: 10.36   |
|       | Tues 29/09 | Marple & Strines - Circular - 4m. | Start: Marple Costa (Navigation): 1.30                            | Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.45 or Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.35 |
|       | Wed 30/09  | Littleborough - Circular - 8.5m.  | Start: Littleborough Rail Station: 10.57                          | Train dep. MAN VIC: 10.36  |
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**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PEN OR PENCIL FOR REGISTRATION. THANK YOU.**

**The Public Transport details in this Walkaday Programme CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. You are advised to CHECK BEFORE you leave home, each time you plan to do a walk. Check with the Transport Provider.**

**N.B. METROLINK TRAMS ALL SUMMER: June-September: CHANGES &/OR CLOSURES**

<https://tfgm.com/tram-improvement-works>

**LOTS of USEFUL INFORMATION on the following pages ...**

The following pages have some vital information for you to use and refer to throughout the SUMMER months - recently updated.

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**BUS STRIKES, RAIL STRIKES or TRAM STRIKES**

If a BUS, RAIL or TRAM STRIKE prevents access to a walk, which has no alternative Bus/Tram/Train access, that walk would have to be CANCELLED, regrettably.

**ALL TRAIN Timetables changed nationwide recently on MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 2026** BUT there are also regular updates where engineering work is taking place. **CHECK Rail & TRAM websites.**

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### **USEFUL WEB-LINKS for PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**NORTHERN TRAIN TIMETABLES:** <https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/travel/timetables>

**NATIONAL RAIL:** <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

**Please use this web-link to check all updated BUS & TRAM SCHEDULES/DETAILS:**

**TfGM PLAN A JOURNEY:** <https://tfgm.com/plan-a-journey/schedules>

**TRAVEL UPDATES + TRAVEL ALERTS for Tram, Bus, Train, Road:** <https://tfgm.com/travel-updates>

**BEE NETWORK BUS TIMETABLES:** <https://tfgm.com/travel-updates/live-departures/bus/358-stockport>

We give you details about your **OUTWARD PUBLIC TRANSPORT** journey[s] to the start of each walk.

We also advise you regarding the existence of **HOMeward PUBLIC TRANSPORT** back to Manchester or Stockport.

For the outward journey, we advise you from where to book and from where to pay for Rail transport = our 'Train via ....' tells you this information. However, we do not have space to give you details for the homeward journey or the 'Train via ...' information, if/when the return journey uses either a different form of Public Transport or a different rail service/rail line. Clues such as 'Single ticket only' will give you advanced warning of this possible variation. We acknowledge that this increases the cost of travel to/from our walks but it also gives you a greater range of walk locations and adventures offered by our enthusiastic, dedicated volunteer leaders.

Please note that leaders carry-out between one and four recces in preparation for these walks, for which they pay their own transport costs on each occasion. 'Thank you' to our volunteer leaders.

Some walks use more than one rail line/service, others use 2 forms of public transport, possibly 3 forms of public transport.

### **REPEAT of ANNOUNCEMENT - 07/12/25 re. RAIL TICKET PAYMENTS**

When buying Rail Tickets for Walkaday walks, usually book Off-Peak Day Return or Advance Singles. Those walkers aged 60 or over are advised to invest in a Senior Railcard. Make sure that you 'USE' YOUR Senior Railcard for EVERY BOOKING.

**Train Ticket-types have changed, as have Refund Claims .... Again, DO CHECK.**

### **Refund conditions for some TRAIN ticket types changed on 1 April 2026**

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/help-and-assistance/compensation-and-refunds/refunds-change/>

OR ask at your local Railway Station.

Those who have 'Concessionary Bus Passes' are advised to pay the extra £10 p.a. to extend the 'free' use of Train and Tram travel within Greater Manchester County Boundaries – a wonderful saving for Walkaday walkers, who are GM residents/GM Council Tax-payers. Ensure you 'USE' the card for EVERY BOOKING.

**Do remember to renew this £10 payment each year! Note your OWN DATE for renewal.**

**BUS Timetables are changing less frequently at last and the beginning of January 2026 saw NO CHANGES this time .... However, there have been changes since then, the most recent being in April 2026! KEEP CHECKING!**

**ANOTHER THING TO KEEP CHECKING IS CHANGES to BUS STAND information at Stockport Bus Station - again, DO KEEP CHECKING in 2026.**

**METROLINK TRAMS - SO MANY DISRUPTIONS with ENGINEERING WORK from June to September!!**

**CHECK DAILY - OFTEN NO SERVICE or ONLY 'PART-SERVICE'**

<https://tfgm.com/tram-improvement-works>

**TRAINS: Walkaday Jargon used for TRAIN BOOKINGS and PAYMENT:**

**N.B. 'Train via ...' = where to BOOK/PAY from for Concessionary passengers = this indicates the relevant Greater Manchester Boundary Rail Station for journeys beyond G.M. boundaries.**

**COUNTY BOUNDARIES affect Buses too: [a] Bus prices, [b] How many times you may be asked to pay for another Bus ticket OR enquire about different Bus tickets, which are available for your particular journey. Do make enquiries.**

**WALKADAY abbreviations: STOCKPORT BUS STATION: 'SK BS'; STOCKPORT RAILWAY STATION: 'SPT'**

**Stockport Interchange takes-up too much space**

**N.B. - SPS = St. Peter's Square in the centre of Manchester for MET Tram info.**

**LR = Late Return BS = Bus Station VC = Visitor Centre ES = EARLY START inc = including**

**NEW CAR PARK CHARGES BEGAN in JANUARY 2026**

**New CAR PARK CHARGES proposed by SMBC to commence in 2025, affecting many Walkaday walk locations in Stockport Borough came into force in January 2026.**

**Most BUT NOT ALL Marple walks now start 'Outside Marple Costa', where we may use their 'Community Toilets'.**

**N.B.**

**DO CHECK ALL WEBSITES regarding PUBLIC TRANSPORT for the many upheavals with TRAMS, TRAINS & BUSES.**

**It is CRUCIAL that you CHECK ALL TRANSPORT INFORMATION BEFORE you set-out for any/every Walkaday walk.**

**GREEK STREET ROUNDABOUT was completed and re-opened on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 = 4 days ahead of schedule - Splendid! A huge engineering and organisational task completed.**

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**BEE NETWORK BUS TIMETABLES:** <https://tfgm.com/travel-updates/live-departures/bus/358-stockport>

**You can find Walkaday information online on the SMBC website:**

Current Walkaday SPRING Programme/aka 'Calendar':

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/documents/walkaday-calendar-documents>

Daily EVENTS for Walkaday walks during any one week [mainly four walks per week]:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/events/?tag=Walkaday>

**UPDATES/CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS ARE USUALLY on THIS WEBSITE  
on the EVENTS/TODAY page for CANCELLATIONS and on the CALENDAR PAGE for CHANGES**

To find Stockport Walkaday events, visit the [Stockport Council website's Walkaday page](#) or use their main events page, where you can filter for "Walkaday" events to see upcoming walks and access the [Walkaday calendar](#). The Walkaday programme offers a variety of free, group-led walks of varying lengths across the Stockport area and beyond, in several different counties, with options to download the current programme.

How to find Walkaday events:

1. Visit the official webpage: Go to the Stockport Council Walkaday page.
2. Use the main events calendar: Check the main [Stockport Council events calendar](#) and filter for events tagged with "Walkaday".
3. Download the programme: You can download the current Walkaday calendar to print at home for the latest schedule.

**What to expect:**

- Free walks: Walkaday walks are free to attend.
- Guided walks: These are group-led walks, with a trained leader + a backmarker.
- Variety of lengths: Walks can be circular or **linear** and vary in distance, typically 3.5-4.5 miles or less on Tuesdays & Thursdays aka T/Ts, though longer options are also available 6-9 miles on Wednesdays or Fridays aka W/Fs, which might be more challenging.
- Different starting points: Walks begin at various locations, such as village halls and bus stops and take place in up to 9 different counties across each year.
- On the Programme/Calendar, **walks in bold print are Linear walks with different starting and finishing places**, whereas ordinary print indicates Circular walks, which start and finish at the same place:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/documents/walkaday-calendar-documents>

- Walkaday is organised around Public Transport, so that it is available to everyone who is fit enough to do the walks, which can be over rough ground and frequently include stiles.
- The Stockport 'Events' and 'Today' site will also give you road travel directions to the various starts but the public transport shown in the programme takes walkers to the specified starting place:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/events/?tag=Walkaday>

**Come and join us ....**

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**THIS YEAR - 2026 marks our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Walkaday in 1996. We are planning a special walk, as we did for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, when 100 walkers made our way to the Town Centre to celebrate.**

**This special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary walk is to take place in the SUMMER Programme, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>.**

The walk format 'looks like' a long walk **BUT there are FIVE alternative STARTING POINTS**, so that you can walk a shorter distance and join-in the group-walk. See the next page for the format for the day, including a small celebration event in 'Stockroom' in the Merseyway Precinct - available to **ALL** walkers past, present and new. So a 7.9 mile-walk can be transformed into a much shorter distance, which suits **YOU**, such as 6.7 miles or 4 miles or 3.5 miles or 1 mile & for **EVERYONE**, including those who are no longer able to walk ... **JOIN US at 'STOCKROOM' at 4.30pm.**

**Travel into Stockport on the BUS to join the final event in Stockport's new Creative and Cultural Centre: 'STOCKROOM' in the Merseyway Precinct.**

**Further details will be in the Summer Newsletter and in the Summer Programme AND RIGHT HERE, NOW!**

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**Gather together at Stockroom at 4.30pm after the walk**

**OR**

**Join-in the walk - 7.9 miles or 6.7 miles or 4.00 miles or 3.5 miles or just 1 mile**

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WALK & POST-WALK EVENT DETAILS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

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| <p><b>30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk: Marple to Stockroom, Mersey Square, Stockport for Celebration – 4.30pm.</b></p> <p><b>Linear walk: 5 Start Points to SUIT YOUR DISTANCE. N.B. Bring own lunch: Picnic &amp; Water: Chadkirk Chapel gardens: 1.05</b></p> | <p><b>Start Points: 5 Start Point options, times &amp; mileage:</b></p> <p><b>Start 1: Marple Rail Station Bus Stop: 11.00 - 7.9m.</b></p> <p><b>Start 2: Compstall Village Bus Stop: 11.30 - 6.7m.</b></p> <p><b>Start 3: Marple Old Road Bus Stop: 1.10 - 4.0m.</b></p> <p><b>Start 4: Stockport Hydro: 1.40 - 3.5m.</b></p> <p><b>Start 5: Woodbank Park Main Gates: 3.00 - 1m.</b></p> <p><b>Transport to 5 Start Points = St. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:</b></p> <p><b>St. 1: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 09.55 or Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 10.05 OR Train dep. MAN. PICC: 10.18</b></p> <p><b>St. 2: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 10.35 or Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 10.45</b></p> <p><b>St. 3: Bus 384 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.15 or Bus 383 dep. SK BS, Stand K: 12.45</b></p> <p><b>St. 4: Stockport Hydro: 1.40 - Walk from St. 3 or Walk from Picnic in Chadkirk Chapel gardens</b></p> <p><b>St. 5: Bus 364 dep. SK BS, Stand N: 2.50</b></p> | <p><b>Transport options: see adjacent column.</b></p> <p><b>In view of expected numbers, the Group might be delayed. If the Group is early, we shall wait until the Start-time for each Starting Point.</b></p> <p><b>Those walkers &amp; former walkers meeting at Stockroom for Celebrations only: Meet: 4.30pm.</b></p> |
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**Don't miss it, put it in your diary NOW.**

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Walkaday has no form of membership. Participation is FREE, except for your transport and travel costs.  
You just turn-up as in the programme's instructions.

Other information is in the FAQs in our colourful A3 Programme  
also free, thanks to our SPONSORS: CRP & SMBC  
Community Rail Partnerships

and

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

**Come and join-in any of our walks or join-in all of them - No charge**

**Rules, advice & 'Dos and Don'ts' are in our A3 colour Programme**

**Are you interested in becoming a Walkaday Leader after doing a Training Session? Let us know, please.**