



## Step into History

### The Scottish Borders Walking Festival, Jedburgh 2026

Welcome to the heart of the Scottish Borders. From 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026 the historic town of Jedburgh proudly plays host to the region's premier walking event.

Nestled in the shadow of our magnificent 12<sup>th</sup> century abbey, Jedburgh offers a landscape like no other. Whether you are looking for a challenging trek across the Cheviot Hills, a gentle riverside stroll along the Jed Water, a family adventure with the Grizzly Forager or an art walk, there is a trail here for everyone.

## More Than Just a Walk

This year's festival is about so much more than the miles. It's about community. Our central Festival Hub at the Thistle Pavilion, sponsored by Lyle & Scott, serves as your home base for registration, local advice and a hot cup of tea. From our opening ceilidh and the traditional Handing Over of the Ceremonial Walking Festival Crook, to our local history talks and evening entertainment we invite you to experience Jedburgh at its very best.

Join us as we explore the paths less travelled. Discover our town's hidden stories and celebrate the great outdoors in one of Scotland's most beautiful settings.

## Something Different

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Abbey Blessing - 9.00am  
All Welcome

The Grizzly Forager - 11.00am

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Art Walk: Hunthill - 10.00am

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Historical Society - A Walk Around Jedburgh's Historical Places - 10.30am

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Geology Walk, 300 year birth of James Hutton, incl Visit to the Unconformity Stone - 10.45am

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Toddlers/buggy walk - 11.00am

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Art Walk: Hunthill Area - 10.00am

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Millfield House Walk

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Walk It within Jedburgh - 10.00am

## Social Events

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Dinner & Ceilidh, Rugby Club - Riverside - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Film Night  
Jedburgh Grammar Campus - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Wine & Cheese  
Pavillion - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Magical Mystery Walk - 7.00pm

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Quiz Night at Carters' Rest - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Castle Jail Visit - 7.00pm

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Author's Talk: Kerry Andrews in Conversation - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Closing and Handover Ceremony  
Afternoon Tea at the Hub - 4.30pm

Thank you to the Volunteers

Simply Scottish - 7.00pm for 7.30pm



**Walking is one of the most natural things we do. Here are four "whys" that might help inspire you to join us:**

### 1. Connect with Our Roots

In Scotland walking is an act of history. We walk the same paths as Pictish tribes, Roman legions, the 12<sup>th</sup> century Augustinian monks of Jedburgh Abbey and the medieval cattle drovers. Walking at a human pace allows us to actually see the landscape in ways you never from a car. We appreciate the folds in the valley or how a ruin sits on a hill.

### 2. Finding Quiet in a Loud World

Scientists tell us that walking is a powerful "stress-buster." As little as ten minutes spent outdoors lowers cortisol and boosts endorphins. For many of our walkers the festival is also a "digital detox"—a chance to swap screen time for the sounds of the Jed Water and the Cheviot winds.

### 3. The Power of the "Walking Conversation"

The social experience of walking and talking in nature is unique. Conversations are often less intense, perhaps even easier, than those that take place face-to-face and yet we can be led into deeper exchanges. Festivals like ours turn strangers into walking buddies, sometimes as soon as they reach the first summit. Walking also helps ground our problems, it eases loneliness and boosts community spirit.

### 4. Rediscover What Our Bodies Can Do

Whether it's a Level 1 stroll or a Level 3 climb, walking reminds us of our own strength. Reaching the top of a hill or completing a 10-mile circuit provides a sense of accomplishment that lasts long after the boots are taken off.

## About Jedburgh

### Did You Know?

Jedburgh has a rich and varied history and we hope you will learn about some of it as you explore the town and our local area during the festival.

New visitors to the town can learn about:

- The origin of the word 'scientist' and our famous mathematician and astronomer Mary Somerville.
- The significance of the rock formation at Allars Mill, our connection with James Hutton and the understanding of the history of time.
- The invention of the kaleidoscope.
- Our model prison - reputed to be the most haunted building in the Borders.
- The visit of Mary Queen of Scots and her time spent convalescing in the town.
- The notorious system of Jethart justice.
- Our local hand ba' game and our annual Common Riding Festival.



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# SCOTTISH BORDERS WALKING FESTIVAL 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

## 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Carter Bar/Jedburgh

**Details** 12m/950ft  
**Registration Time** 8.30am  
**ETD** 10.13am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** DM Hall



### Kalemouth/Nisbet/Jedburgh

**Details** 7.2m/348ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00 - Transport Included  
**Sponsor:** Carrylite



### Jedburgh/Ferniehirst Circular

**Details** 5.5m/500ft  
**Registration Time** 10.15am  
**ETD** 10.30am  
**Price** £5.00  
**Sponsor:** Jedburgh Pharmacy



## 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Pennymuir/Chatto Craig/Woden Law Circular

**Details** 10.1/1800ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** Heron & Willow



### Jedburgh West Circular

**Details** 6.5m/680ft  
**Registration Time** 9.45am  
**ETD** 10.15am  
**Price** £5.00  
**Sponsor:** William Purves Funeral Directors



### Jedburgh/Todlaw/Hundalee Circular

**Details** 5.3m/600ft  
**Registration Time** 10.15am  
**ETD** 10.30am  
**Price** £5.00  
**Sponsor:** Zoe Turnbull Funeral Directors



## 7<sup>th</sup> September

### Brudean/Knock Hills Circular

**Details** 9m/1500ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** The Vault of Curiosity



## 7<sup>th</sup> September

### Denholm/Jedburgh

**Details** 8m/1236ft  
**Registration Time** 9.00am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** Carrylite



### Heiton Circular

**Details** 6.1m/240ft  
**Registration Time** 10.30am  
**ETD** 11.00am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** GE Hair



## 8<sup>th</sup> September

### Yett Valley Circular

**Details** 11m/2400ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** The Capon Tree



### Jedburgh East Circular

**Details** 9m/650ft  
**Registration Time** 9.45am  
**ETD** 10.15am  
**Price** £5.00  
**Sponsor:** the JedEye



### Minto/Fatlips Circular

**Details** 5.5m/572ft  
**Registration Time** 10.30am  
**ETD** 11.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** Wild at Art



## 9<sup>th</sup> September

### Towford/Chew Green Circular

**Details** 10.6m/1450ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** The Opticians - Jedburgh



### Ancrum/Harestanes/Lilliardsedge Circular

**Details** 10m/968ft  
**Registration Time** 8.45am  
**ETD** 9.49am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** Anonym



## 9<sup>th</sup> September

### Jedburgh/Larkhall Circular

**Details** 4.5m/400ft  
**Registration Time** 10.15am  
**ETD** 10.30am  
**Price** £5.00  
**Sponsor:** Jed Barbers



## 10<sup>th</sup> September

### St Boswells/Jedburgh

**Details** 10.5m/812ft  
**Registration Time** 8.45am  
**ETD** 9.49am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** From Me to You



### Oxnam/Kersheugh/Jedburgh

**Details** 7.2m/719ft  
**Registration Time** 9.30am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £10.00  
**Sponsor:** Anonym



### Ancrum Circular

**Details** 5m/330ft  
**Registration Time** 9.45am  
**ETD** 10.49am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** The Ancrum Pantry



## 11<sup>th</sup> September

### Denholm/Ruberslaw/Swinnie/Jedburgh

**Details** 12m/2000ft  
**Registration Time** 9.00am  
**ETD** 10.00am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** Stems of Jedburgh



### Harestanes/Peniel Heugh/Nisbet Circular

**Details** 8m/625ft  
**Registration Time** 8.45am  
**ETD** 9.49am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** R&B Painters



### Harestanes Circular via Folly Loch and Peniel Heugh

**Details** 5.5m/813ft  
**Registration Time** 9.45am  
**ETD** 10.49am  
**Price** £7.00 (plus bus fare)  
**Sponsor:** M Wares Cater Hire

