



# WALKING

## West Sussex

festival 4-8 October 2006

**A festival of guided walks  
celebrating the heritage,  
literature, food and  
landscape of the  
High Weald**



**footprints**  
of SUSSEX  
Walking Events



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Welcome to this year's **'Walking West Sussex'**, a festival of guided walks hosted by West Sussex County Council in conjunction with Footprints of Sussex.

This annual festival is becoming hugely popular and understandably so, since our county boasts some of the finest walking in the British Isles. The South Downs offer spectacular views in every direction, the Sussex Weald hides pretty thatched villages and everywhere there is a wealth of rural history and proud heritage. And what better time to discover all this than during the golden colours of autumn?

This year's festival will be based at The National Trust's Nymans Garden, within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in the village of Handcross.

With a selection of over 20 guided walks to choose from, the festival offers you the chance to discover some of the quietest corners of West Sussex in the company of our guides who will bring the walks to life with their local knowledge and enthusiasm.

Each day there will be walks of up to 10 miles or so, on some of which we have arranged for lunch stops at picturesque pubs. You may, of course, prefer to bring your own packed lunch. There may also be shorter walks leaving in the morning and again in the afternoon. Whichever you choose, you will also have free access after your walk to the splendid house and gardens of Nymans Garden.

**How to book your walks:**

To join one walk or a selection of walks, simply follow the booking and registration guidance notes at the end of this booklet.

Complete the enclosed Registration Form(s) and return with your cheque or card payment to the address shown.

**Your registration fee includes:**

- FREE car parking at Nymans Garden car park.
- FREE transport to and from walks as necessary in the Festival Shuttlebus (must be booked).
- FREE admission to Nymans Garden on the day(s) of your walks.
- FREE 'Sussex Pudding' with every main course you enjoy at the Nymans Pavilion Restaurant.

**Accommodation:**

The area around Haywards Heath boasts a good selection and variety of tourist accommodation including National Trust holiday cottages. It is a very popular place in the summer and autumn and you should book as early as possible. Visit website [www.visitsussex.org](http://www.visitsussex.org) for more details or [www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk](http://www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk) to book Woodlands Cottage in Nymans Woods or The Servant's Wing flat at Standen.

**Poems and Puddings**



'Poems and Puddings' is about developing and exploring the arts and cultural lives of people in Rural West Sussex through four themes; heritage, landscape, literature and food. In this, its inaugural year, 'Poems and Puddings' is delighted to be linked with 'Walking West Sussex' offering a range of arts activities which we hope will delight and engage people of all ages. For more information about 'Poems and Puddings' please call Karen Howard, Project Manager on 07841 308597.

## Walk Suitability

The length of each walk is given in miles and kilometres together with a stile count and the leader's estimate of how long the walk will take.

There is also a 'Terrain' number as follows :-

- 1 Easy, flat walking
- 2 Country walking with gentle hills
- 3 One or two sharper hills
- 4 Several steep and longer hills

Remember, however, that there are no mountains in West Sussex and leaders will always make sure that steep climbs and descents are taken steadily!

## Key to Symbols



Toilets at or near start of walk



Dogs welcome



Pub stop for lunch



Bring a packed lunch



Shuttlebus to walk start (must book)



Public transport available to start



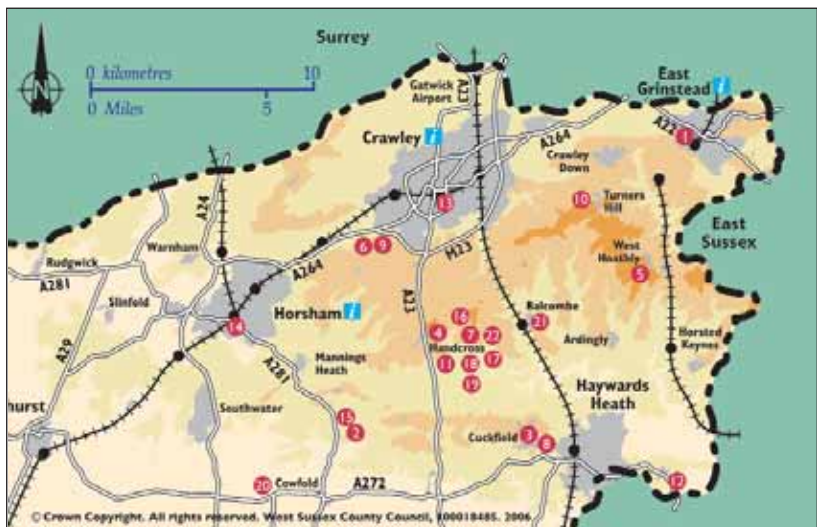
Family Event



Poems and Puddings events

## Walks Details

You can explore the route of each walk in more detail on the appropriate Ordnance Survey Explorer map ( 1:25,000 ) given for each walk or on the West Sussex Interactive Map site at:- [www.westsussex.gov.uk/tourism](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/tourism) and click 'Tourism Interactive Maps'.



## Walk 1 : A Weald of Ups and Downs



Length: 10.5 miles (17 kms ) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 4.00pm  
Start Point: East Grinstead Town Centre  
Finish Point: Balcombe Centre  
Grade: 4 Stiles: 19



Grid Ref: TQ 395.379  
Grid Ref: TQ 309.307

Take a walk from the historic market town of East Grinstead to the charming High Weald Village of Balcombe. Splendid high views are the rewards of the steep climbs but there are lots of treats in store. Discover the Stonehill Rocks, reservoirs, woodland and some really odd shaped fields. Lunch stop and a pub at West Hoathly.

## Walk 2 : Ouse around Leonardslee

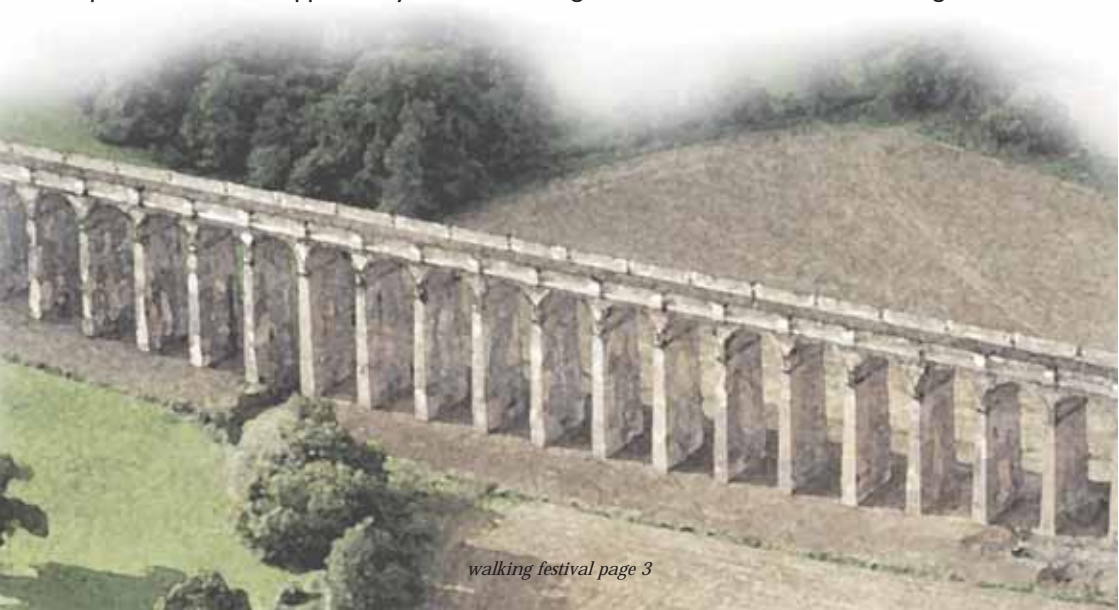


Length: 7 miles (11 kms ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.30am until 2.30pm  
Start Point: Lower Beeding Village Hall  
Finish Point: Lower Beeding Village Hall  
Grade: 2 Stiles: 8



Grid Ref: TQ 220.265  
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This is one of the delightful Sussex Ouse Valley Way circular walks, led by the team who created the trail. What better than Leonardslee Woods, millponds and wallabies plus open fields and an opportunity for a refreshing drink in secluded Nuthurst village.



## Walk 3 : Discovering Dinosaurs - and More!



Length:	6 miles (9 km )	Circular Walk	
O.S. Explorer Map:	135		
Start and Finish times:	10.00am until 2.00pm		
Start Point:	Whitemans Green Rec. Ground	Grid Ref: TQ 300.256	
Finish Point:	Whitemans Green Rec. Ground	Grid Ref: TQ 300.256	
Grade:	3	Stiles: 9	



Find out about the first dinosaur remains found in England and a great deal more on this walk that includes a part of the High Weald Landscape Trail passing through the Borde Hill Estate. Country lanes and scenic paths lead us through rolling farmland back to the delightful 16th century village of Cuckfield. Enjoy a discovery lunch stop at the museum and learn more about the history of this delightful village and its famous inhabitants.

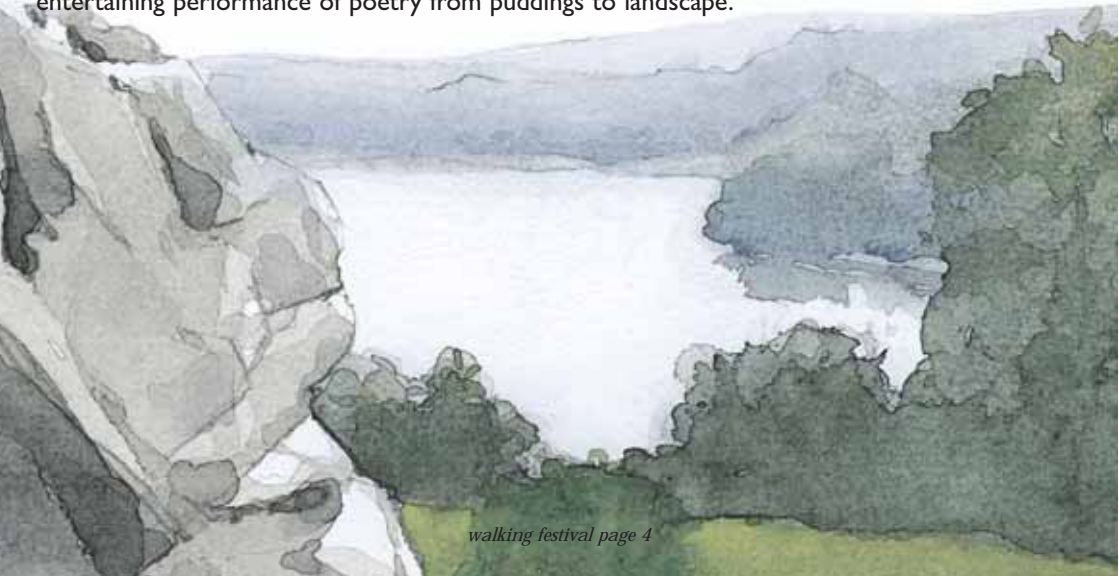
## Walk 4 : Walk to Wine and Words



Length:	5 miles (8 km )	Linear Walk	
O.S. Explorer Map:	134		
Start and Finish times:	10.30am until 2.00pm		
Start Point:	Nymans Garden	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295	
Finish Point:	Bookers Vineyard, Bolney	Grid Ref: TQ 255.232	
Grade:	2	Stiles: 9	



A pretty walk following a section of the High Weald Landscape Trail between Slaughtam and Bolney, where we will be treated to wine tasting at Bookers Vineyard. As part of the 'Poems and Puddings' project, we will be entertained by John Agard with his engaging and entertaining performance of poetry from puddings to landscape.



## Walk 5 : Down Weirwood Way



Length: 9 miles (14.5 km ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 2.30pm  
Start Point: West Hoathly Rec. Ground Grid Ref: TQ 363.326  
Finish Point: West Hoathly Rec. Ground Grid Ref: TQ 363.326  
Grade: 3 Stiles: 12



Discover West Hoathly's delights. Includes a part of the High Weald Landscape Trail including the National Trust's Standen House, Standen Rocks and circumnavigating Weirwood Reservoir, with a chance for a closer look at nature from the waterside nature reserve. At the end, perhaps refresh with a welcoming drink at the village pub.

## Walk 6 : Dragon Chase



Length: 9 miles (14 km ) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.15am until 2.45pm  
Start Point: Buchan Country Park Visitor Centre Grid Ref: TQ 246.346  
Finish Point: Nymans Garden Grid Ref: TQ 264.295  
Grade: 3 Stiles: 11



We start our walk by entering St Leonard's Forest with its variety of woodland and history of dragons, then across fields and farmland to find a delightful old and interesting village and church. The terrain is pleasant and undulating with a variety of horizons. At times you feel miles from anywhere, and it is just so peaceful.

## Walk 7 : The Joys of Autumn

  
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Length: 1.5 miles (2.5 kms ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.30am until 11.45am  
Start Point: Nymans Garden  
Finish Point: Nymans Garden  
Grade: 2 Stiles: 0



Grid Ref: TQ 264.295  
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Take a stroll through Nymans Garden with the Head Gardener. A chance to appreciate the autumn colour of this extensive tree collection. There will be regular opportunities to sample the exquisite views of the surrounding landscape and see late flowers in the gardens, all enhanced by the subtle tones of the Fontanella Quintet.

## Walk 8 : The Highs and Lows of the Sussex Weald



Length: 5.5 miles (8.5 km ) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 1.30pm until 4.30pm  
Start Point: Whitemans Green Rec. Ground  
Finish Point: Leylands Football Ground, Burgess Hill  
Grade: 3 Stiles: 17



Grid Ref: TQ 300.256  
Grid Ref: TQ 308.203

An exploration of secret valleys and hideaways giving way to more open countryside with lovely views of the South Downs. Discover the wildlife of the Wealden landscape by following the trails of our ancestors. See ghostly reminders of the past and experience the sights, sounds and smells of the land users and producers of today. Stout footwear essential for this hilly and possibly muddy terrain.



# Thursday 5th October

## Walk 9 : Nooks and Crannies Play the Park



Length: 3 miles (5 km ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 2.00pm until 4.30pm  
Start Point: Buchan Country Park  
Finish Point: Buchan Country Park  
Grade: 1 Stiles: 0

Grid Ref: TQ 246.346

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Explore some of the 170 acres of this unspoilt countryside. Discover something of its history through an intriguing piece of theatre that unravels as the walk progresses. You will also learn about the wildlife that calls it home as we visit all four corners of the delightful Buchan Country Park.

# Friday 6th October

## Walk 10 : One Million and One Hike



Length: 7.5 miles (12 km ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.30am until 3.00pm  
Start Point: Worth Abbey  
Finish Point: Worth Abbey  
Grade: 3 Stiles: 4



Grid Ref: TQ 317.343

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Setting off through Worth Forest to visit one of the most beautiful Saxon churches in England before returning to the more modern but striking abbey at Worth. This walk will show woodland at its best, dressed in the colour of autumn, with delightful views across the Weald to the Kentish border.



## Walk 11 : Iron Works, Smuggling and Famous Connections



Length: 7.5 miles (12 km) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.30am until 1.30pm  
Start Point: Nymans Garden Grid Ref: TQ 264.295  
Finish Point: Nymans Garden Grid Ref: TQ 264.295  
Grade: 4 Stiles: 6

Take advantage of this High Weald walk and enjoy the delightful small valleys that lie to the east of Nymans Garden. The pretty little streams that we encounter are tributaries of the River Ouse as it makes its way to Lewes and on to Seaford. There are some steep climbs, but these are well rewarded with woodland, farmland and several very large yet hidden attractive houses, some with famous connections. Our homeward journey takes us through the charming village of Staplefield.

## Walk 12 : A Border Crossing with the Rangers



Length: 6 miles (10 km) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 1.30pm  
Start Point: Scaynes Hill Recreation Ground Grid Ref: TQ 366.233  
Finish Point: Scaynes Hill Recreation Ground Grid Ref: TQ 366.233  
Grade: 4 Stiles: 23






No passport will be needed for this walk that takes us across the border into East Sussex. First we cross the rolling farmland of the Sussex Weald and then take in several wooded copses. Beyond the border we discover worked chestnut coppice woodland and find out more about this ancient craft. There are hills and views to enjoy and the walk earns the title of 'stile marathon' but it is well worth any extra effort. We return to West Sussex and our start point, enjoying the delights of The Woodland Trust owned Costell's Wood on the way.



# Friday 6th October

## Walk 13 : Crawley's Countryside




Length: 6 miles (10 km) Circular Walk    WC  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 1.15pm  
Start Point: Goffs Park Grid Ref: TQ 263.366  
Finish Point: Goffs Park Grid Ref: TQ 263.366  
Grade: 1 Stiles: 3

This walk will surprise you, seeing Crawley as you could not possibly imagine. You will see ancient woodland, quiet meadows, a watermill and a village mentioned in the Domesday Book. And all this without leaving Crawley!

# Saturday 7th October

## Walk 14 : The High Weald Hike



Length: 12 miles (19 km) Linear Walk   WC  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 4.00pm  
Start Point: Horsham Railway Station Grid Ref: TQ 178.309  
Finish Point: Leonardslee Gardens Grid Ref: TQ 221.261  
Grade: 3 Stiles: 15

This linear walk offers a quick escape from town to country. For most of the day we'll follow the lovely High Weald Landscape Trail, which is an exhilarating mix of forest and ridge-top views. After St. Leonard's Forest we rest awhile at the ancient Slaugham Church before continuing to Leonardslee – one of the last great private gardens in England!



## Walk 15 : The Sussex Ouse Valley Way - First Course





Length:	7 miles (11 km)	Linear Walk	  
O.S. Explorer Map:	133		
Start and Finish times:	10.30am until 1.30pm		
Start Point:	Lower Beeding Village Hall	Grid Ref: TQ 220.265	
Finish Point:	Staplefield Green	Grid Ref: TQ 276.282	
Grade:	3	Stiles: 10	

A chance to walk the Sussex Ouse Valley Way with the creators of this new long distance footpath, for the first time since the inaugural walk, passing through pretty Slaugham village, Nymans Woods and finishing with a refreshing drink at one of the pubs on Staplefield Green. This walk continues tomorrow!

## Walk 16 : The Warninglid Cider Circle



Length:	6.5 miles (10 km)	Circular Walk	  
O.S. Explorer Map:	134		
Start and Finish times:	10.25am until 3.00pm		
Start Point:	Nymans Garden	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295	
Finish Point:	Nymans Garden	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295	
Grade:	2	Stiles: 9	

Easy rolling countryside on the edge of the High Weald as we head to the delightful Half Moon Inn at Warninglid. Here the ancient 17th century cider press will be put to use – producing fresh apple juice for us all to enjoy with our pub lunch. Everyone will have a chance during the lunch break to try their hand on the cider press and all proceeds from the sale of the apple juice will go to a children's charity. After lunch we'll stroll gently back to Nymans on a slightly different route.



## Walk 17 : Place 2 Park

Length:	9 miles (14 km)	Linear Walk	
O.S. Explorer Map:	135		
Start and Finish times:	11.00am until 3.00pm		
Start Point:	Nymans Garden	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295	
Finish Point:	Whitemans Green Rec. Ground	Grid Ref: TQ 300.256	
Grade:	3	Stiles: 22	

An undulating and maybe muddy walk following some of the High Weald Landscape Trail. This picturesque route passes through Slaugham Place, Wykehurst and Cuckfield Park. Meandering through woods, farmland and parkland, this path offers really superb views of Sussex and the South Downs.

## Walk 18 : The Myths and Legends of Nymans Woods - Family Walk



Length:	2 miles (3 kms)	Circular Walk			
O.S. Explorer Map:	134				
Start and Finish times:	11.00am until 12.30pm				
Start Point:	Nymans Garden Pavilion Restaurant	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295			
Finish Point:	Nymans Garden Pavilion Restaurant	Grid Ref: TQ 264.295			
Grade:	2	Stiles: 1			

A relatively easy walk through Nymans Woods exploring the myths and legends associated with the woods, and ideal for the whole family. A storyteller will accompany the walk, bringing the legends really to life. At the end of the walk there will be a chance to write your own legend to keep as a memento of the day.



## Walk 19 : Sussex Ouse Valley Way - More Please!



Length: 10 miles (16 kms) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134 + 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.00am until 3.00pm  
Start Point: Staplefield Green  
Finish Point: Freshfield (The Sloop P.H.)  
Grade: 2 Stiles: 12



Grid Ref: TQ 276.282

Grid Ref: TQ 385.244

Continuing yesterday's walk along the new Sussex Ouse Valley Way with the trail creators, as we complete the West Sussex section of this long distance footpath. The route takes us along the Ouse Valley beneath the magnificent Balcombe Viaduct and then on through Lindfield village and beautiful woodland to the end of our walk, with the welcoming sight of the famous Sloop Inn beside the river.

## Walk 20 : Platform Nine and Three Quarters

Length: 10 miles (16 kms) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.15am until 3.45pm  
Start Point: West Grinstead Old Railway Station  
Finish Point: Bolney (A272)  
Grade: 2 Stiles: 15



Grid Ref: TQ 184.224

Grid Ref: TQ 261.225

Leaving from between the platforms at the old West Grinstead station, where a story will begin our journey, our path initially follows the Downs Link trail before joining the western stream of the River Adur. There will be an opportunity for a little trout spotting from the river banks, before we leave this river to head north through the pretty low lying fields and rich green paddocks. These paths and tracks will lead us to some of the most magical and secret areas of Mid Sussex with stories to be told. A delightful walk that is mainly flat, but can be muddy if wet.

## Walk 21 : On The Catwalk



Length: 7 miles (11 kms ) Linear Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 135  
Start and Finish times: 10.45am until 3.00pm  
Start Point: Balcombe Village  
Finish Point: The Cat Inn, West Hoathly  
Grade: 4 Stiles: 6



Grid Ref: TQ 309.306  
Grid Ref: TQ 363.326

A constantly undulating linear walk across the valleys of the two streams, which were dammed to form Ardingly Reservoir. These are truly beautiful wooded valleys and lead us into Wakehurst Place with its deer, llamas and a rather famous seed bank! After leaving Wakehurst we join the High Weald Landscape Trail as it winds its way up to remote West Hoathly and the delightful Cat Inn. Lunch is available here and we shall be entertained at the pub with some traditional folk music for an hour or so before returning by coach to Nymans.

## Walk 22 : Where Would We Be Without Plants? Family Walk



Length: 1 mile (2 kms ) Circular Walk  
O.S. Explorer Map: 134  
Start and Finish times: 10.30am until 11.30am  
Start Point: Nymans Garden  
Finish Point: Nymans Garden  
Grade: 1 Stiles: 0



Grid Ref: TQ 264.295  
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A stroll through Nymans Garden looking at man's reliance on plants for food, medicine and trade. Meet some old favourites such as the shrub that gives us tea and the more unusual plants such as the source of Queen Victoria's favourite jam! Intrigued? Then join us for this end of festival event with Nymans Head Gardener. A children's workshop creating artworks from natural materials follows. Limited places.

# Nymans Garden

**N**ymans is one of the great gardens of the Sussex Weald. Over the last 100 years, this family garden has matured into an inspiring fusion of different garden styles. The fascinating and exotic plant collection includes rare conifers, eucryphias, hydrangeas, magnolias, rhododendrons, camellias and roses. With its romantic ruins and spectacular woodland walks, there are great opportunities to enjoy Nymans and the surrounding estate in any season.

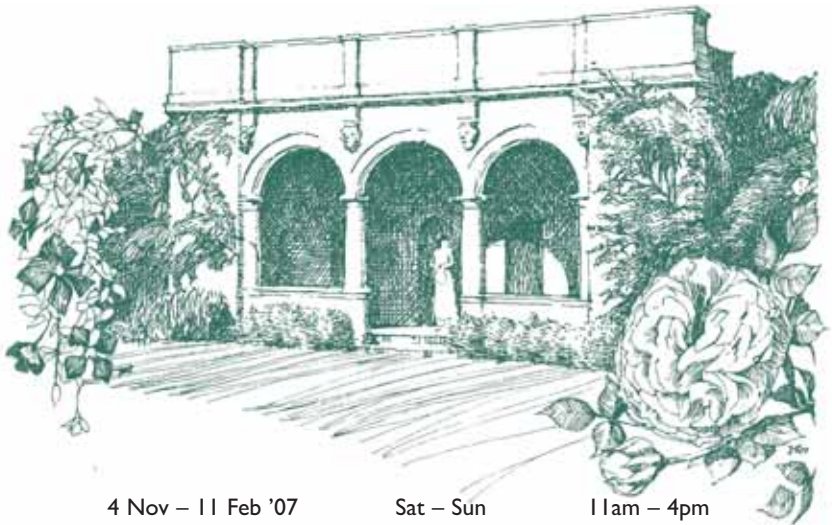


## Nymans Garden

### Opening Times 2006

<b>Garden</b>	15 Feb – 29 Oct	Wed – Sun	11am – 6pm (or dusk if earlier)
<b>Shop &amp; Plant Sales</b>	15 Feb – 3 Dec	Wed – Sun	11am – 6pm
<b>Restaurant</b>	15 Feb – 3 Dec	Wed – Sun	11am – 5pm
<b>House</b>	15 Mar – 29 Oct	Wed – Sun	11.30am – 5pm (last admission 4.30pm)





## Winter 2006

**Garden**

4 Nov – 11 Feb '07

Sat – Sun

11am – 4pm

**Shop**

4 Dec – 24 Dec

Daily

11am – 4pm

**Restaurant**

5 Dec – 24 Dec

Tues – Sun

11am – 4pm

Shop, garden and restaurant close at dusk if earlier than times stated above.

## Admission Prices

**Adult** £7.00

**Child** £3.50

**Family** £17.50

**Joint ticket with Standen Adult** £11.50

**Child** £5.75

**Groups** (15 or more) **Adult** £5.95

**Child** £2.90

National Trust/RHS members free of charge.

All registered walkers receive free admission on the day of the walk.

## Visitor Facilities

There is a free car park at the gardens with designated disabled parking.

There are also toilets located in the car park and adjacent to the restaurant with adapted WCs for disabled visitors.

There is a licensed restaurant open from 11.00am to 5.00pm in the main season and a gift shop and plant sales area open from 11.00am to 6.00pm or dusk, if earlier.

## Contact details:

Handcross, nr Haywards Heath,

West Sussex, RH17 6EB

General Enquiries: 01444 400321

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# How to Book Your Walks



**You can take part in as many walks as you wish during the festival for £35**

**Alternatively you can book each walk separately for £9 per walk.**

## **Nymans Garden**

Those who register for the festival will receive a pass allowing them access to Nymans Garden on the days of their chosen walks; this is included in the registration fee.

## **Registration**

To take part in the Walking West Sussex Festival please complete the separate Registration Form enclosed with this booklet and post it to:

**Footprints Events, Pear Tree Cottage, Jarvis Lane, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3GL**

Payment may be made by cheque, payable to 'Footprints Events' or by credit/debit card.

- Please use a separate form for each individual taking part in the festival.
- You will receive confirmation of your registration within 10 days.
- Detailed joining instructions and a 'Festival Pass' for your selected walks will be sent to you in September.
- If you would like more Registration Forms please contact us on 01903 812727.

## **Getting to and from the walks**

All Festival goers are encouraged to meet at the registration point in Nymans Garden car park at the time given in the joining instructions. There are toilets and ample free car parking.

You will be welcomed by a festival organiser at the registration point and, if the walk starts from there, be introduced to your leader in good time for the scheduled start.

If the walk starts elsewhere and you have booked your seat, you will be directed to the Festival Shuttlebus, which will run you and fellow walkers to the starting point. At the end of the walk, the bus will meet you and return you to Nymans Garden car park.

On certain walks it may be possible to leave a car at the starting point. You should arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the published start time. If the walk is linear you will have to make your own arrangements to return to the start point.

If you are travelling to the walk by public transport, please check details of bus, train and coach times by calling Traveline 0870 6082608 (7am-10pm) or visit [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

# Terms and Conditions

## **Liability**

West Sussex County Council has taken every precaution to ensure the safety of all Festival goers. It cannot, however, be held liable for any injury, loss or damage to personal property, however caused, unless by the negligence of the Council or its servants or agents. You are, therefore, advised to make provision for your own personal accident insurance and to check your car insurance if you plan to leave it at the walk start point.

The leader, at his or her own discretion, has the right to refuse to take any walker if they consider they are not suitably attired for the prevailing conditions.

## **Weather**

All walks will generally take place regardless of weather conditions unless the leader considers there may be a risk of danger; in which case the walk may be cancelled or curtailed.

## **Alterations**

All details in this booklet are believed to be correct at the time of publication. However, West Sussex County Council reserves the right to alter the festival programme without notice.

## **Cancellations**

Cancellations made in writing prior to 10th September 2006 will receive a refund, less a fixed administration charge of £5.00. No refunds will be given after 10th September 2006.

## **Children**

Most of the festival walks are not generally considered suitable for children under the age of 14 years; special requests will, however, always be considered. There are no concessions for children on these longer walks.

However, there will be two family events at which children are most welcome and for which there will be a nominal charge of £2 for each child aged 14 years and younger. All walkers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## **Dogs**

Dogs are welcome on some of the walks where the leaders consider it appropriate. Please refer to the symbol beside each individual walk. Dogs should always be walked on the lead when requested to do so by the leader or when approaching cattle or other farm animals. Please come prepared to clean up after your dog. Dogs are not permitted at Nymans Garden. Guide dogs are welcome on ALL walks.

## **Health**

It is each walker's responsibility to ensure that they are physically fit and well enough to take part in the selected walks.

## **Timings**

Shuttlebus departure times and walk start times will be confirmed in the joining instructions. You should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before these published times.

Please note that finishing times are approximate and may change without notice.

## **Refreshments**

Where a refreshment stop is scheduled in a walk, the cost of any refreshments taken remains the responsibility of each individual.

# Walking in West Sussex

Most of the walks featured in this brochure have been specially created for the Walking Festival. However, there are many regional and local walking groups active in West Sussex, offering walks using the rights of way network of over 2,500 miles (4000 km).

For further walks in West Sussex you can purchase a copy of the West Sussex County Council publication, 'Exploring West Sussex' (priced £1.50) available from libraries, Tourist Information Centres and branches of British Bookshops, Sussex Stationers and other retail outlets.

## Contact Information

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Sussex Downs Conservation Board  
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Tel: 01243 558700  
[www.vic.org.uk](http://www.vic.org.uk)

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