



The Workhouse Wednesday Walks

On 23 July 1856, the boys from the Bath Workhouse, with their schoolmaster William Winkworth, completed a walk of 16 miles from the Workhouse around the northern fringes of Bath, returning via Bathampton Down.

Walking artist Richard White and writer/researcher John Payne have developed a series of Workhouse Walks inspired by the walks Mr Winkworth took his boys on through the parishes of Bath.

In association with the Museum of Bath at Work exhibition:

The Poor Man's Friend?: Bath and the Workhouse 1836-2016

these are opportunities to reflect on the extraordinary history of the Bath Union Workhouse in the context of the beautiful city of Bath and its surrounding countryside. There will be time to talk, think and share, to reflect on the themes of the exhibition - welfare, poverty and well-being

Joining the Walks

Apart from the first walk you should plan for being out for most of the day. The walks are free, but walkers need to consider themselves fit to take part, be suitably equipped and carry their own snacks and water.

To join a walk register online at www.walknowtracks.co.uk/walks or complete a registration form at the Museum of Bath at Work Exhibition. *Sorry no dogs.*

Walk One

Wednesday 31 May. ***A walk about time***

10.00 a.m. Meet at Bath Union Workhouse entrance.

Midford Road, Odd Down

From the Workhouse burial ground, through the old Workhouse grounds to the city below, finishing at the exhibition at Museum of Bath at Work. Approximately five miles. A gentle stroll, largely downhill.

Walk Two

Wednesday 26 July ***retracing 1856 in 2017***

10.00 a.m. Meet at Bath Union Workhouse entrance.

Midford Road, Odd Down

This walk retraces the epic July 1856 walk from the Workhouse, via Weston, Lansdown, Batheaston and back by via 'Hampton Rocks': Approximately 17 miles. A serious walk.

Walk Three

Wednesday 16 August

10.00 a.m. Meet at Museum of Bath at Work Julian Road

a loop from the Museum picking up Winkworth's route via Weston and Lansdown. Approximately eight miles. Some hills.

Walk Four

Wednesday 6 September

10.00 a.m. Meet at Museum of Bath at Work Julian Road

Eastern parishes of Bath in a loop from the Museum returning via 'Hampton Rocks'. Approximately nine miles. Some hills.

Walk Five

Wednesday 20 September. ***The memorial walk.***

10.00 a.m. Meet at Museum of Bath at Work Julian Road

A return walk via 'Hampton Rocks' back to Bath Union Workhouse and its burial ground. Approximately seven miles. One hill, then level walking.

Or join the walkers approx 2.00pm at the burial ground.