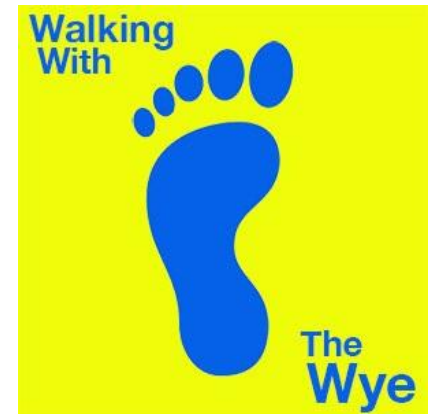


Walking with the Wye A month-long pilgrimage along the River Wye to celebrate it and raise awareness of environmental destruction.

July 2021 - WALKING WITH THE WYE is a month-long pilgrimage along the River Wye from its source to where it ends at the Severn estuary, to celebrate this magnificent river and its vital tributaries, and to raise awareness of the environmental destruction it is facing. It is organised by our allies SaveTheWye.



Urgent action is needed to save the River Wye and its tributaries in Powys, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire. Pollutants, sewage, manure, plastics and invasive plants are destroying the natural balance of our rivers. Algal blooms, caused by excessive levels of phosphates and nitrates, are multiplying and key species of plants and animals are in decline. Climate change, bringing with it extremes of weather and higher water temperatures, is also part of this toxic mix.

Our aim is to bring communities together to defend and celebrate our beautiful rivers, to raise public awareness of current threats and to inspire action.

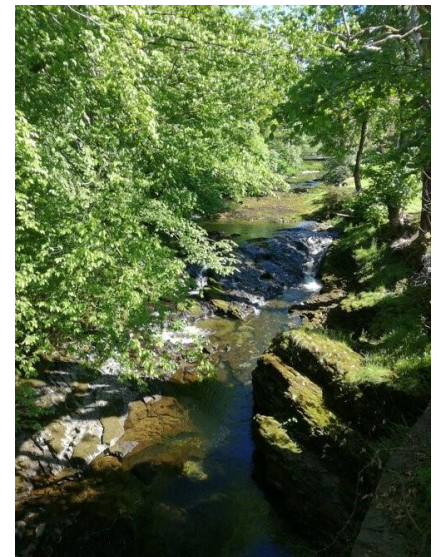
Pure water collected from the source at Pumlumon (Plynlimon), in Wales, will be carried by a succession of walkers alongside the Wye through areas of great pollution. The water will be distributed along the way to bring attention to the deteriorating state of the rivers and the life that depends on them.

Each day's walk will cover about five miles, with groups or individuals handing over the source water from one point to the next. Most of the journey will take place on foot, but canoeists and swimmers may also be involved, as well as artists, poets, and filmmakers who will pop up along the way.

There will be handover events at key places on the route, including Hay, Hereford, Ross, Lydbrook, Redbrook and Chepstow. The journey will end at Chepstow on 31 July.

WWTW & COVID

Walking with the Wye has been put together by an informal group of citizens on both sides of the Welsh border who want to do something to help save the Wye from environmental destruction. When we first started planning the pilgrimage, we were hopeful that by July all Covid restrictions would have eased, and that all the walks and events would be fully open to the public. Unfortunately, that's not the case and we've had to limit numbers to abide by the current regulations which means we can't open them up to public participation. If you wish to join the pilgrimage, please get in touch with the relevant co-ordinator for the area you would like to walk (contact details below) and we can let you know if there are spaces left.



Like many other events in the last 18 months, we will instead be making the pilgrimage accessible mostly online. You can still follow the journey and support the campaign by joining the SaveThe Wye group on [Facebook](#), and following Walking with the Wye has been put together by an informal group of citizens on both sides of the Welsh border who want to do something to help save the Wye and its tributaries from

@savethewye on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) where you will find daily news and updates on the walk. Please share our posts widely with the hashtags #savethewye #walkingwiththewye.



THREE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

1. Cherish The Wye: take a walk by the river yourself, with friends or family, and appreciate its beauty; share a photo of your walk on your own social media, using the hashtag #savethewye and tag us @savethewye
2. Sign the [petition](#), calling on the English and Welsh governments to double environmental protection budgets
3. Join one of the local Citizens Science Projects: contact [Friends of the Upper Wye](#), [Friends of the Lugg in Wales](#) or [Herefordshire CPRW](#) for more information

PROGRAMME

Events that are open to the public are marked [P]

Sat 3, midday	Opening ceremony at the source of the Wye, Pumlumon (Plynlimon)
Sat 3 - Wed 7	Pumlumon (Plynlimon) to Rhayader
Sat 3	Pumlumon to Pont Rhydgaled
Sun 4	Pont Rhydgaled to Llangurig
Tue 6	Llangurig to Gilfach
Wed 7	Gilfach to Rhayader; Handover event at Rhayader
Thurs 8 - Sat 10	Rhayader to Builth Wells
Thurs 8	Rhayader to Llanwrthwl
Fri 9	Llanwrthwl to Newbridge-on-Wye
Sat 10	Newbridge-on-Wye to Builth Wells
Sun 11 - Wed 14	Builth to Hay
Sun 11	Builth Wells to Erwood
Mon 12	Erwood to Glasbury
Wed 14	Glasbury to Hay
Wed 14, 5.30pm	Arrival celebration, The Warren, Hay
Wed 14, 6.30pm	CodwchYrAfon / LiftTheRiver featuring poetry, music and live screening of Rivercide (the world's first live interactive documentary, presented by George Monbiot and featuring The Wye). The Globe, Hay. Free, but places must be reserved. Email arts@fouw.org.uk
Thurs 15 – Sun 18	Hay to Hereford
Thurs 15, 10.30am	Departure event, Market Place, Hay: Citizens Science Project demonstration by Tom Tibbits, Chair of Friends of the Upper Wye [P]
Thurs 15	Hay to Clock Mills Bridge on B4352
Fri 16	Clock Mills Bridge to Byford
Sat 17	Byford to Breinton Springs
Sun 18	Breinton Springs to Castle Green, Hereford
Sun 18, 2pm	Handover and celebration picnic, Castle Green, Hereford with music, poetry, stalls and Citizens Science Project demonstration by CPRE [P]
Mon 19 – Fri 23	Hereford to Ross
Mon 19	Hereford to Mordiford Bridge
Tues 20	Mordiford to Capler Hill; possible event in Fownhope

Thurs 22	Capler to Hole in the Wall
Fri 23	Hole in the Wall to Ross on Wye
Fri 23, 6.30-8pm	People's Assembly, on the riverbank near Rowing Club, Ross
Sat 24 – Sat 31	Ross to Chepstow
Sat 24	Ross to Kerne Bridge
Sun 25	Kerne Bridge to Lydbrook; handover and celebration at Lydbrook [P]
Mon 26	Lydbrook to Biblins by kayak; handover to rowers from Monmouth
Tues 27	Monmouth to Redbrook; celebration at Redbrook in afternoon [P]
Wed 28	Redbrook to Bigsweir; celebration on the bridge with banners and singing
Thurs 29	Bigsweir to Tintern
Fri 30 - Sat 31	Tintern to Chepstow
Sat 31	Pilgrimage arrives at the bandstand, Old Wye Bridge, Chepstow [P]
Sun 1 August	Final part of the Pilgrimage to where the Wye and the Severn meet

If you are attending any of our events or come across the pilgrimage, please help us by sticking to the Covid regulations in force at the time; and please do not come to any WWTW event if you have symptoms of the virus. Thank you.

CONTACT US

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