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Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy

Equipment: provided. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park. **Booking:** All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy

Equipment: provided. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park. **Booking:** All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SEPTEMBER

Moorland Bats - Saturday, September 13th, 7.30pm – 9pm

A guided walk to discover the night creatures of the moor, in particular bats. Bat detectors will be used to identify the presence of any bats. A moderate walk of 3 miles around the tarns and within the pine woodland; some uphill climbing involved.

Leader: Andrew Milne. **Walking grade:** moderate.

Equipment: please bring a torch if you have one
Meeting point and parking: Darwin Gardens car park

Heritage Walk: Twelve Apostles and Beyond - Sunday, September 14th, 2pm – 4.30pm

Climb to the highest point on the moor to discover areas of archaeological and geological interest.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** strenuous, with uphill climbing. **Meeting point and parking:** White Wells car park

Habitat Management and Footpath Maintenance Tuesday, September 16th, 10am – 1pm

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OCTOBER

Ilkley Moor Survey - Saturday, October 11th, 2pm – 4pm

An event to learn about the Sustainable Farming Initiative (SFI) moorland survey the FoIM have been undertaking on the Moor, to assess the condition of the vegetation, soil type and erosion. Learn the survey methodology, why it is being undertaken and take part in a trial survey of a small area.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy to moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** Cow and Calf car park

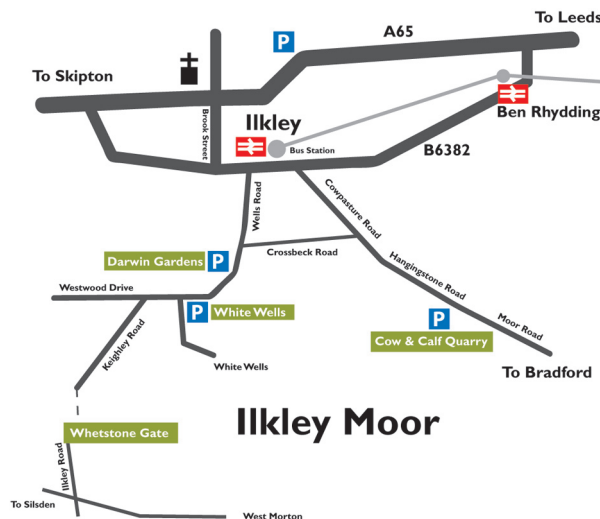
Heritage Walk: Woodland Way - Sunday, October 12th, 2pm – 4pm

This walk winds in and out of the woods that form the lowest slopes of Ilkley Moor. Some up-hill walking involved.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate.
Meeting point and parking: Darwin Gardens car park

Habitat Management and Footpath Maintenance Tuesday, October 21st, 10am – 1pm

Volunteer day event. Gain skills and understanding in upland habitat management and restoration. See back cover for full details.



NOTES

Booking is required for all events and can be made up to 48 hours in advance by contacting Tracy Gray either by email or by phone: tracy@ilkleymoore.org / 07780 535860

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Our events involve differing levels of walking grades, some are suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on a lead unless stipulated.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF ILKLEY MOOR

Each year the Friends of Ilkley Moor put on a range of events including guided walks, fun activities and informative events that are free for everyone to enjoy.

We are a registered charity that works to restore, protect and improve Ilkley Moor for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike. We have raised thousands of pounds since our inception in 2008. If you would like to support us please visit our website.

ILKLEY MOOR VOLUNTEER DAYS 2025

March 18, May 27, June 18th, July 17, August 26, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16

Our regular volunteer days include habitat management and footpath maintenance, starting at 10am until 1pm. Gain skills and understanding in upland habitat management and restoration. This event is an informative and practical conservation morning to help manage and restore the habitats of Ilkley Moor and maintain a network of footpaths.

Learn why the provision of a hardwearing network of footpaths helps protect the adjacent habitats and species. Meet the regular volunteers who go out each week to help conserve the heritage of Ilkley Moor.

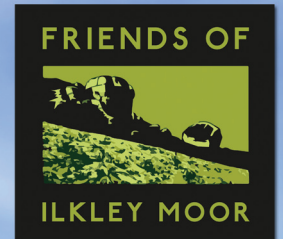
Booking is essential for any volunteer day so that we can manage numbers and health and safety issues. Unsuitable for dogs.

Meeting point: Darwin Gardens car park, Ilkley, 10am - 1pm
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, bring some sturdy gloves, a packed lunch, water and/or flask. Tools are provided. Contact Tracy Gray: projectofficer@ilkleymoore.org/07780 535860

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For information about FoIM and to become a member please visit our website

www.ilkleymoore.org



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EVENTS & LEARNING PROGRAMME 2025

Friends of Ilkley Moor AGM
Friday, May 16th - Starts 7.30pm
Our AGM will be held at the Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley. All are welcome.

May

Heritage Walk: White Wells Moorland - Sunday, May 25th , 2pm – 4pm

This walk takes you from the edge of the town on to the high moor, with wide views across Ilkley and the Wharfe Valley. The walk takes about two hours and is on reasonable paths, although there will be muddy areas in wet weather. The first part is all uphill but with a good break halfway at White Wells. The walk starts at Darwin Gardens.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate to strenuous. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

Heritage Walk: Cow and Calf – Monday, May 26th, 2pm – 4pm

From the popular parking place at the Cow & Calf Rocks to the quieter areas beyond, discover the famous Cow and Calf Rocks, the geology of quarry faces, streams, a small gorge, a Cup and Ring Stone and Rocky Valley. This is a moderate walk of two hours, with lots of resting stops along the way, to make it a leisurely walk, some uphill walking involved.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** Cow and Calf Rocks car park

Habitat Management and Footpath Maintenance - Tuesday, May 27th, 10am – 1pm

Volunteer day event. Gain skills and understanding in upland habitat management and restoration. See back cover for full details.

A Stroll on Ilkley Moor - Tuesday, May 27th , 1.30pm - 3pm.

Discover the beauty and special heritage of Ilkley Moor. This walk is perfect for those who are new to walking, people with push chairs or wheelchairs, or people who just want a gentle stroll. An easy walk of 1.5 miles on flat, sometimes slightly sloping paths.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy, suitable for people with push chairs and wheelchairs. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

June

Stones and Scones Walk - Sunday, June 15th, 2pm – 4pm

A trail of discovery to introduce people to the different stones on the moor, including the Stanza Stones. A circular walk of 3 miles starting and finishing at the Craiglands Hotel in Ilkley. This walk will use the newly restored lower footpath up to the Cow and Calf Rocks and will involve some uphill walking.

Leader: David Whitehead. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** outside the entrance to Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley. Tea and scones will be available (for a modest charge), in the Craiglands bar at the end of the walk.

Habitat Management and Footpath Maintenance - Tuesday, June 17th, 10am – 1pm

Volunteer day event. Gain skills and understanding in upland habitat management and restoration. See back cover for full details.

The Birds of Ilkley Moor - Saturday, June 28th , 9am – 11am

A guided walk to discover the birds of Ilkley Moor. Ilkley Moor forms part of the South Pennine Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) designated under the European Union Bird's Directive for its internationally important breeding birds.

Leader: Tracy Gray and Iain Mansfield. **Walking grade:** moderate, please bring binoculars if you have them. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

A Stroll on Ilkley Moor – Sunday, June 28th, 12pm – 1.30pm

Discover the beauty and special heritage of Ilkley Moor. This walk is perfect for those new to walking, people with push chairs or wheelchairs, or people who just want a gentle stroll. An easy walk of 1.5 miles on flat, sometimes slightly sloping paths.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy, suitable for people with push chairs and wheelchairs. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

JULY

Bracken Management on Ilkley Moor - Sunday, July 13th, 2pm – 4pm

This event introduces people to the plant bracken and the different methods to control this. With a look at past work by the Friends of Ilkley Moor to control bracken on the moor; and to celebrate the

Friends of Ilkley Moors success in securing funding to control bracken, in selected areas, using a flailbot. A circular walk of 2 miles, around the lower slopes of the moor, with some uphill climbing.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** easy. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

Habitat Management and Footpath Maintenance - Tuesday, July 15th, 10am – 1pm

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Heathland Management on Ilkley Moor – Tuesday, July 15th , 2pm – 4pm

This event introduces people to the ecology and conservation of the heathland habitat on Ilkley Moor. It covers the identification, distribution and status of heathland, relevant legislation, habitat requirements and threats to habitat survival. You will also learn about the plant bracken, different methods to control this and to celebrate the Friends of Ilkley Moors success in securing funding to control bracken, in selected areas using a flailbot.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

The Plants and Trees of Ilkley Moor - Saturday, July 26th , 2pm – 4pm

Discover the trees, flowers, grasses, mosses and lichens of Ilkley Moor, in the full glory of summer. A moderate walk of 3 miles, some uphill climbing involved.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** Darwin Gardens car park

Heritage Walk: Across Crawshaw Moss and Neolithic Sites – Sunday, July 27th , 2pm – 4.30pm

A 4-mile walk starting on the lower slopes and gradually climbing to the Twelve Apostles standing stones; continuing to the Trig Point at 1,281 feet: the highest point on Ilkley Moor; and returning down Keighley Road. A strenuous walk of 4 hours, with uphill climbing. This walk uses rough moorland tracks and crosses boggy terrain.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** strenuous. **Meeting point and parking:** White Wells car park

AUGUST

Peatland Restoration on Ilkley Moor – Saturday, August 2nd, 2pm – 4pm

This event introduces people to the ecology and conservation of the peatland habitat on Ilkley Moor. Discover the work the Friends of Ilkley Moor have been doing in partnership with Bradford Council to help restore Ilkley Moor's peatlands. Learn the benefits of this for biodiversity, flood alleviation, carbon capture and reduced fire risk. A moderate walk of 4 miles, with uphill climbing.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** White Wells car park

Wild Plant Food Forage – Sunday, August 3rd, 2pm – 4pm

Discover the wild edible and medicinal foods found on the moor. A moderate walk of 3 miles.

Leader: Tracy Gray. **Walking grade:** moderate. **Meeting point and parking:** White Wells car park

Archaeology Trail – Sunday, August 24th, 2pm – 5pm

Discover the archaeology of Ilkley Moor. This is a strenuous walk, with uphill walking.

Leader: Alex Gibson. **Walking grade:** strenuous. **Meeting point and parking:** White Wells car park

