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## **Get walking**

Walking is great for your health and the environment and of course it is free! Try leaving the car at home for those short trips to the shops or get off the bus a couple of stops early on your way into work. As well as keeping in trim, you'll be helping the environment, saving money and building some regular exercise into your day.

Walking for 20 minutes uses as much energy as 17 minutes weight training. And it's much, much more fun than pumping iron. You can cover 3-4 miles an hour by walking briskly – and by doing just half of that you'll be getting the recommended daily amount of exercise needed to keep you healthy.

The County Council organises Walk Week each year with a programme of events to celebrate walking – including <u>Walk to Work week</u>.

Most of the cycling maps and route are also suitable for walkers – check out our maps section for more details, or plan your own journey.



# Route planning

Here're our top tools for planning urban and countryside walking routes.



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