Discovering Ted Hughes's Yorkshire

Free Creative Writing Workshops

As part of the range of launch events related to the publication of the three Hebden Royd-focused 'Discovering Ted Hughes's Yorkshire' maps, the Ted Hughes Network at the University of Huddersfield in partnership with Hebden Royd Town Council is pleased to offer three free creative writing workshops based on the trails. More information can be found here: https://discoveringtedhughesyorkshire.co.uk/.

Workshops will be organized according to the following pattern: tutors will lead participants on a walk along the trail routes, using Hughes's poems and the landscape as the basis for creative writing exercises. The group will then return to an indoor 'classroom' setting to follow up the morning's work, where the tutor will lead the group in more writing exercises.

The routes are often steep and the ground underfoot slippery and uneven. Accordingly, the outdoor dimension of each workshop will not be suitable for those with mobility issues. However, those unable to participate in the walks but who are nevertheless keen to take part in the workshops can join the indoor sessions. If the weather is foul, then the course tutors may well divert to the indoor venues a little earlier!

Participants should come equipped for walking & writing: waterproofs, boots or sturdy footwear, bottled water, a packed lunch, notebook and pen.

Workshops are free and are open to writers of all abilities—whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced writer, you are most welcome. For practical, as well as health and safety reasons, numbers will be limited to 16 participants for each workshop.

The Workshops

Workshop 1: Hardcastle Crags & Crimsworth Dean, Saturday 10th July, 10.00am-3.00pm
Tutor: Steve Ely
Meet: Hardcastle Crags Midgehole car park, HX7 7AA, 10.00 am
Route: a walk to Lumb Falls, returning to Gibson Mill for the indoor session at approximately 12.30/1.00pm, with a packed lunch to be taken en route or on return to Gibson Mill. **Book a place on this workshop via this link:**
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-creative-writing-workshop-crimsworth-deangibson-mill-tickets-154517338519

Workshop 2: Colden Clough & Heptonstall, Saturday 17th July, 10.00am-3.00pm
Tutor: Ed Reiss
Meet: in the Stubbing Wharf pub car park, HX7 6LU, just off the A646 Halifax Road (please do not park in the pub car park)10.00am
Route: a walk to Heptonstall via Colden Clough, returning to Lumb Bank for the indoor session at approximately 12.30/1.00pm, with a packed lunch to be taken en route. **Book a place on this workshop via this link:**
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-creative-writing-workshop-colden-cloughheptonstall-tickets-154519121853

Workshop 3: Mytholmroyd & Midgley Moor, Saturday 24th July, 10.00-3.00pm
Tutor: Matthew Clegg
Meet: Mytholmroyd Cricket Ground, HX7 5PZ, Moderna Way, Mytholmroyd, 10.00am *sharp*
Route: a walk through Mytholmroyd to Midgley Moor, returning to Mytholmroyd Community Centre at approximately 12.30/1.00pm, with a packed lunch to be taken en route or at the Community Centre. **Book a place on this workshop via this link:**
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-creative-writing-workshop-mytholmroydmidgley-moor-tickets-154520345513

The Tutors

Steve Ely

Ed Reiss

Matthew Clegg

Steve Ely teaches at the University of Huddersfield. His books include *Englaland* and *Lectio Violant*. **Ed Reiss** teaches at Bradford University and his books include *Now Then* and *Your Sort*. **Matthew Clegg** teaches at Derby University and his books include *The Navigators* and *Cazique*.

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Free Guided Walks along the Upper Calder Valley trails

As part of the range of launch events related to the publication of the three Hebden Royd-focused 'Discovering Ted Hughes's Yorkshire' maps, the Ted Hughes Network at the University of Huddersfield in partnership with Hebden Royd Town Council is pleased to offer three free guided walks along the trails. Expert guides Ruth Crossley, Steve Ely and Nick Wilding will lead the walks.   More information, including copies of the maps, can be found here: https://discoveringtedhughesyorkshire.co.uk/.

Guided Walk One: Mytholmroyd

Saturday, 3rd July, 2021, departing & returning canalside, opposite Mytholmroyd Cricket Ground (Moderna Way, HX7 5PZ) at 3.30pm. The walk will take around 3 hours. Your guides will be **Ruth Crossley**, who is currently completing a Ph.D on Hughes's Upper Calder Valley-focused writings, and local historian, film maker and Hughes expert, **Nick Wilding**. **Book a place on this walk via this link:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discovering-ted-hughess-yorkshire-mytholmroyd-guided-walk-tickets-154524032541

Guided Walk Two: Crimsworth Dean

Saturday, 31st July, 2021, departing & returning from the upper (Midgehole) car park at Hardcastle Crags (HX7 7AA). at 11.00am. The walk will take around 4/5 hours. Your guides will be **Ruth Crossley** and **Nick Wilding**. **Book a place on this walk via this link:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-discovering-ted-hughess-yorkshire-guided-walk-crimsworth-dean-tickets-154525049583

Guided Walk Three: Heptonstall & Colden Clough

Saturday 14th August, 2021 departing from Hebden Bridge railway station (HX7 6JE) at 11.00am. The walk will take around 3 hours. Your guide will be **Steve Ely**, Director of the Ted Hughes Network at the University of Huddersfield. **Book a place on this walk via this link:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discovering-ted-hughes-yorkshire-guided-walk-colden-cloughheptonstall-tickets-154527472831

Ruth Crossley, Steve Ely, Nick Wilding

Practical Considerations

The trails are often steep and the ground underfoot slippery and uneven. Accordingly, the walks are not suitable for those with mobility issues. Participants should come equipped for walking this type of terrain and for possible inclement weather—waterproofs, sturdy footwear, water, packed lunch or snacks. For practical, as well as health and safety reasons, numbers will be limited to 25 participants for each walk. Places will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.