

## FFWPU UK: Announcing Peace Road UK 2021 -- Register Today!

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### Peace Road UK 2021

#### Hadrian's Wall Coast to Coast Walk for National Unity

Are you in the United Kingdom right now? Ready for a challenge? We invite you to join us for **Peace Road UK 2021**, July 31 – August 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. This will be an inspiring and challenging coast-to-coast walking tour from Bowness on Solway in the West to Tynemouth in the East, a total distance of about 90 miles. Most of the time we will be following the course of Hadrian's Wall, 1900 years old next year! On average, there are about 12 miles of walking each day, taking between 4- 7 hours depending on the terrain. There's also time to visit some museums, Roman remains, and take in lots and lots of fresh air. There will be exciting UPF Peace Road programmes at the beginning in Carlisle and again at the end in Newcastle. It's going to be great!

There are many great websites describing walking holidays along Hadrian's Wall, so please do a little online research to get an idea of whether this could be for you.

Because accommodations are already very limited, we need to know **right now** who might be interested in joining some or all the Peace Road. There are three stages—

1. Peace Road Carlisle (Saturday July 31 and Sunday August 1)
2. Hadrian's Wall Walk (Monday August 2 to Friday, August 6)
3. Peace Road Newcastle (Friday Evening August 6 to Saturday, August 7)

Stages 1 and 3 are easy walking along good paths and paved roads. Cycling is an option too.

Stage 2 is more demanding, with open country and some hills. But overall the Wall is an easy to moderate walk and we are not rushing. Support and transport will be available at all times.

Interested? Stages 1 & 3 are open to all with registration, but participation for one or more days of Stage 2 will be on a first come first served basis and a refundable deposit must be made.

To help n our planning, we are asking you to REGISTER NOW at [bit.ly/PeaceRoadUK2021](https://bit.ly/PeaceRoadUK2021), and keep your place in line\*. Priority applications end this coming Monday, June 21 at 9 pm. Further information will be sent upon registration.

See you at the Wall! (some of you may remember we said that in Berlin over 30 years ago!)

Sincerely,

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb

*\*Please be assured that if COVID regulations change (again!) you will receive a refund.  
This event is only open to people who are already in the United Kingdom, due to COVID restrictions*

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

##### **The Vision**

1900 years ago, in 122 AD the Roman Emperor Hadrian built the wall to defend the Roman territory from the fierce inhabitants of the North. It functioned well for almost three centuries before falling into disuse and over the centuries many of the stones were taken away and used for other things.

In 2021 there are new tensions in our British Isles with calls for independence and separation. The Peace Road UK walk along this ancient barrier is a statement in support of unity and cohesion, whilst recognizing that there is always room for change. A second purpose is to draw attention to a national

campaign to persuade the UK Government to reinstate the committed 0.7% of GDP – which people throughout the UK support – and to raise funds to assist those most affected by the cuts.

Peace Road UK is part of a Global Effort in 154 nations to promote the peace and unity of the entire human family by breaking down barriers and encouraging communication across the borders of nations, religions, and cultures. Usually international in scope, this year the Peace Road will mostly be held nation by nation because of Covid Restrictions on travel.

### Approximate Schedule at a Glance

Day	Date	Main Event	Start	Finish	Mile/km	Terrain
0	Fri Jul 30	Orientation, Welcome Dinner	Home	Carlisle	0	
1	Sat Jul 31	Waking along the Solway	Bowness	Carlisle	15 / 24	Road & Path
2	Sun Aug 1	Peace Road Carlisle. City walk, museum visit, music, UPF presentation, picnic	Carlisle	Carlisle	4 / 7	Road & Path
3	Mon Aug 2	Country Hiking	Carlisle	Walton	12 / 20	Trail
4	Tue Aug 3	Country Hiking	Walton	Steel Rigg	15 / 26	Hills
5	Wed Aug 4	Country Hiking	Steel Rigg	Chollerford	13 / 21	Hills
6	Thu Aug 5	Country Hiking	Chollerford	Heddon	12 / 20	Trail
7	Fri Aug 6	Walking along the Tyne into Newcastle	Heddon	Newcastle	12 / 20	Road & Path
8	Sat Aug 7	Peace Road Newcastle. City walk, museum visit, picnic, music, UPF presentation, awards ceremony	Newcastle	Wallsend Tynemouth	4 / 7 9 / 15	Road & Path
9	Sun Aug 8	Departures	Newcastle	Home		

### Some FAQs

#### 1. Why are we doing it?

*To support True Parent's Peace Road project leading towards the ultimate goal of the International Peace Highway; and to make a statement for the continued unity of the United Kingdom.*

#### 2. Are there other Peace Road programs planned this year?

*Yes, over 100 all around the world. Right now Peace Road Russia is on a 600 mile super-marathon around Moscow! Peace Road Ireland will be in Derry on September 26*

#### 3. I would like to come but I am not sure how much I can actually walk

*Certainly, you should be fit and healthy and used to regular walking and exercise. That said, you can walk as much as you can manage each day, and then use our free shuttle service to the evening's accommodation.*

#### 4. Is it suitable for children or families?

*The Peace Road programs in Carlisle and Newcastle are suitable for families. Teenagers 13-17 are welcome for all three stages, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*

#### 5. Will it be COVID Secure?

*Yes, we will observe all possible precautions. Participants should show proof of vaccination, or bring recent negative test. If government regulations change (again!) and the Peace Road has to be cancelled or postponed, you will get your money back.*

#### 6. How much does it cost?

*We are asking a donation of £10 a day. On top of that, the daily cost including accommodation and meals is estimated to be about £70 a day, per person, based on twin occupancy. Of this accommodation will be £30-£40; food £20; luggage transportation £5 and other sundries £5.*

#### 7. It seems expensive! Are there other, cheaper options?

*Some nights there may savings by sleeping 4 to a room (for a group that is a family or a bubble) and during Stage 2 camping is possible at some locations. But cheaper dormitory style and bunkhouse accommodations are generally not available this year because of Covid Regulations.*