



### **Geoff Nicholson:**

Geoff Nicholson talks to Andrew Stuck about how he came to writing about "***The Lost Art of Walking***". The interview was recorded over the Internet in March 2010 and is published to coincide with the UK publication of the *Lost Art of Walking* (Harbour Books [http://www.harbourbooks.co.uk/titles\\_detail\\_1.asp?ID=318](http://www.harbourbooks.co.uk/titles_detail_1.asp?ID=318) ).

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Recorded in March 2010 and published in September 2010 on <http://talkingwalking.net> These notes have been revised in May 2012.

Geoff was brought up in Sheffield and went for walks in the nearby Peak District. He moved to London and started writing – one of his first novels was called "*Bleeding London*" in which the leading character walks every street in London. Geoff now lives in Los Angeles, within easy walking distance of Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards, and is writing a witty blog about his walks in and around his neighbourhood – one of the least walked areas of the world: <http://hollywoodwalker.blogspot.com/> He is currently researching and writing a new book called "Walking in Ruins".

Other titles about walking and pedestrianism, that are mentioned in the interview include: Rebecca Solnit's "*Wanderlust*" [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca\\_Solnit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca_Solnit) and Joseph Amato's "*On Foot*" <http://www.josephaamato.com/ja/> . In the UK edition of Geoff's *Lost Art of Walking*, he walks from Will Self's house in Stockwell to Iain Sinclair's house in Hackney – both are leading proponents of "psychogeography". <http://will-self.com> and <http://www.iainsinclair.org.uk/>

Geoff is an admirer of the work of walking artists Richard Long <http://www.richardlong.org/> and Hamish Fulton <http://www.hamish-fulton.com/> , the latter led a walk around the marine bathing pool at Margate: <http://www.turnercontemporary.org/whatson/?p=153> You can listen to the Talking Walking interview with Hamish Fulton here: [http://www.talkingwalking.net/public/Talking\\_Walking/Entries/2008/5/17\\_Hamish\\_Fulton\\_talking\\_walking.html](http://www.talkingwalking.net/public/Talking_Walking/Entries/2008/5/17_Hamish_Fulton_talking_walking.html)

Walking companions that Geoff would have liked to have accompanied:  
Sebastian Snow <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1329365/Sebastian-Snow.html>  
Phillip Lopate <http://www.philliplopat.com/books.html>  
Dorothy Wordsworth - her Grasmere Journals:  
<http://www.wordsworth.org.uk/history/index.asp?pageid=219>

### **Walks still to be undertaken**

Geoff intends one day to walk zig zagging across all the bridges over the Thames [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_crossings\\_of\\_the\\_River\\_Thames](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_crossings_of_the_River_Thames) in London and to tackle the Edgware Road [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgware\\_Road](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgware_Road)