



Jez Hastings

On a hot summer's day at a walking conference in Girona, Catalunya, Andrew Stuck is accompanying self-styled photo troubadour, **Jez Hastings** on a short stroll. Jez has been known to walk to similar conferences, including a walk through Italy, Albania and Macedonia to reach a gathering in Prespas - walking long distances is in his blood. They talk about why that is so, and how and why Jez has developed his practice of 'a pace of purpose without purpose', of making art through experiencing landscapes on durational walks, and in taking fewer photographs...27'31" 12.9MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in Girona, Catalunya in July 2022 and published in January 2023. <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Jez Hastings website: <https://art.jeremyhastings.uk/>

Leave No Trace movement: <https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>

Long walks predominate his life and work - to be part of the landscape - walking without purpose

Alfred Wainwright: "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing" in his 1973 book A Coast to Coast Walk: https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/424561.Alfred_Wainwright

Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes by Robert Louis Stevenson: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Travels_with_a_Donkey_in_the_Cévennes

A walking holiday with a donkey: <https://www.ane-et-randonnee.fr/en/walking-tours/2-formules/36-hiking-formula-5-days-with-a-donkey-in-the-cevennes-mont-lozere.html>

Walking in Albania without a map - places Jez sought out advice and maps:

- Stanfords: <https://www.stanfords.co.uk/>
- Upton upon Severn: The Map Shop: <https://www.themapshop.co.uk/>
- Man in Newcastle - wishes to remain anonymous
- British Council in Greece: <https://www.britishcouncil.gr/en>

There are now many walking holiday companies offering walking trails in Albania.

How to communicate the story behind the photograph - See:Saw is a new concept that Jez is developing and talked about at a recent Royal Geographical Conference: Hastings, J.(2019) Nomadic in Form, Itinerant in Process, WAC Encounters – essay. Florina, UMC

Bergson, H. (1964): *Creative Evolution* London McMillan: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/duration-time-perception>

William Gilpin and the picturesque: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picturesque> "Observations on the River Wye, and Several Parts of South Wales, etc. Relative Chiefly to Picturesque Beauty; made in the Summer of the Year 1770"

Walks that Jez recommends

1. Walk the length of the River Wye (136 miles): <https://www.riverdeben.org/about-the-river/ashore/>
2. Coast to source along the River Duddon (27Miles). <http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/RoutesLinksWalks/duddon-valley-walking-route>