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27 Years 

A Walk Around The World

Well, a man from the UK is taking the phrase "The long way home" to a whole new level, setting off on his epic journey from Chile 27 years ago. He's now nearing the finish line.

CBS News Foreign Correspondent Raimi and Esenzio has more. Raimi, good morning. Hey, Michael. Yeah, good morning.

And this guy, Karl Bushby, really is the ultimate globe trotter, if you will, walking across continents, but walking also across time sponsored by a lot of outdoor of brands. I mean, what have you been doing since the year 1998 because that is when he started walking.

He had two rules. He calls them simple. He couldn't use any mechanical transport and he would not go home until he got there on foot. Since Karl Bushby started walking nonstop across the planet in 1998, the world has changed, but human kindness he says has not since his first few days on the road in Chile.

"These indigenous folks just brought me in, that sat me down. Plates of food in front of me, and then, you know, tea and thank you very very much, and then left. Found nothing but the best in those 27 years, which has just been remarkable.

In that time, Bushby has walked about 30,000 miles. From the age of 29, he's marked a generation of birthdays on the road and turned 56 this year. Traversing up the Americas, across the US to Russia, then Asia, and now Europe. Why? "Our lives are short. Uh Uh, and I've always wanted to live it to the fullest where I can."

Bushby has lived more than most of us might ever dare. One of the scariest things happened early on. In 2000, he crossed the dangerous Darien Gap, the only way to pass from South to Central America.

“Through the middle of a war zone and there's a whole layer above that of cartels and drug plantations and then really, really tough jungle.”

He later traversed the Bering Strait from Alaska to Siberia becoming the first Brit to do so and had a run in with a polar bear. You're in a very serious world that will kill you in 20 minutes if you mess up. Barred from walking through Russia or Iran, he swam the Caspian Sea, the first person to do so. Nearly 200 miles in a month. And now, to get home, he may have to swim again. The English Channel from France.

“That swimming sucks, dude. It just sucks. I'm not a swimmer. I don't like it.”

Physical challenges aside, Bushby says there were emotional ones too. I don't know twice. Lost both of them. Circumstances. Hmm. You know, it's just hard to do that on the road like this. Was there ever a time with family or close friends where you thought, you know what, I got to go back?

“So, it was understood that if they if any of them died, I wouldn't be there at their funerals simple as that.”

Technological adaptations were needed as well. In 2013 he bought his first touch screen device.

“In the early days you are pretty out there. Now you couldn't hide if you tried.”

Yeah, back on the road. Carl started his Tik Tok just this summer and has more than 350,000 followers as he hits his home stretch. How does it feel?

“Uncomfortable. Realizing that you know it's like anyone else who's had a lifetime career and you have and it's time to retire.”

What's what's the lesson you want to share?

“Don't be afraid. Get off the couch. Get out of bed. Make it happen. That first step will open a world of possibilities and opportunities and don't be afraid.”

And Carl is almost home only about, well, only about 2,000 more miles to go until he gets here in England uh at the end of next year,

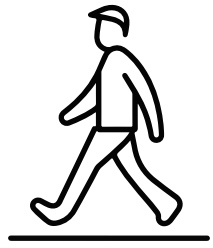
Michael. His second passion you told me is STEM, teaching science, technology, engineering and math to more people. And he said he sees himself doing that for the rest of his already, very fulfilling life.

I'd say if you see him on the road, say hi, maybe buy him a coffee so that he keeps on going. A coffee? I'm going to buy him an Uber. Raimi Ensensio, really inspirational story. Thanks for that.

Using the map, outline Karl's route.



Watch - Answer



1

Where did Karl start?

2

What were his rules?

3

How old? How far?

4

Where is "home"?

5

Dangerous place?

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Swam where? Likes it?

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Life advice to us?

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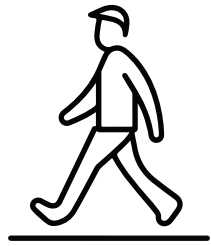
Future plans?



Comprehension Check

1. Where did Karl start his journey? Where is he headed?
2. What are the two simple rules Karl set for his journey?
3. What has not changed in the world, according to Karl?
4. Approximately how many miles has Bushby walked so far?
5. How old was Karl when he started, and how old is he now?
6. What dangerous region did he cross between South and C. America?
7. Which body of water did he swim from Alaska to Siberia?
8. What wild animal did he have a run-in with during that crossing?
9. What countries barred him from walking across?
10. What body of water will he have to swim again to reach England?
11. What technological device did Bushby buy for the first time in 2013?
12. How many TikTok followers does he have?
13. How many more miles does Karl have to walk to reach England?
14. What is Karl's second passion, according to the reporter?
15. What does Karl say is the BIG lesson he wants to share?
16. If you could do a walking journey, what challenge would you set for yourself? What place(s) in the world would you explore on foot?

Watch - Answer



1 Chile. (Patagonia)

Where did Karl start?

2 No mechanical transport,
only on foot

What were his rules?

3 He's 56. 30,000 miles

How old? How far?

4 The United Kingdom

Where is "home"?

5 Darien Gap

Dangerous place?

6 Caspian Sea.
Bering Strait. NO

Swam where? Likes it?

7 Make it happen. No Fear.
Get off the couch.

Life advice to us?

8 Science teacher

Future plans?

Comprehension Check

1. Where did Karl start his journey? Where is he headed? **Chile. UK.**
2. What are the two simple rules Karl set for his journey? **No mechanical transport. Only on foot**
3. What has not changed in the world, according to Karl? **Human kindness**
4. Approximately how many miles has Bushby walked so far? **30,000**
5. How old was Karl when he started, and how old is he now? **29. 56.**
6. What dangerous region did he cross between South and C. America? **Darien Gap**
7. Which body of water did he swim from Alaska to Siberia? **Bering Strait**
8. What wild animal did he have a run-in with during that crossing? **A Bear**
9. What countries barred him from walking across? **Iran. Russia.**
10. What body of water will he have to swim again to reach England? **The English Channel**
11. What technological device did Bushby buy for the first time in 2013? **A smart phone**
12. How many TikTok followers does he have? **350,000**
13. How many more miles does Karl have to walk to reach England? **2,000**
14. What is Karl's second passion, according to the reporter? **STEM Teaching**
15. What does Karl say is the BIG lesson he wants to share? **Make it happen.**
16. If you could do a walking journey, what challenge would you set for yourself? What place(s) in the world would you explore on foot?

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