



Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service Events and Activities in August

Tuesday 1st August 10.30am – 12noon and 12.30 – 2.00pm
GO WILD IN THE WOODS: Woodland Skills for Young People (children 7+)
Join Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service and Haddo House & Country Park to learn essential woodland and camping skills, or to improve on your existing skills. Each session will have a range of activities (some weather dependent) but could include tarpaulin set-up/take down; knots and ropes; basic knife skills; saws and other hand tools and safe campfire lighting and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. £5 per child per session (no charge for non-participating younger children/adults), advance booking essential. Activities suitable for 7 yrs. plus accompanied by an adult. Younger children may come along but may not be able to take part in any/some activities.
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formartine.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Wednesday 2nd August 10.30am – 12noon or 1.30 – 3.00pm
WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY
Why not come along to the Bennachie Visitor Centre and have some fun doing various activities such as pond dipping and minibeast hunts. All equipment will be supplied. Please bring along wellies for the pond dipping activity. All welcome, children must be accompanied. Booking essential.
MEET: at the Benn Bennachie Visitor Centre, Chapel of Garioch
CONTACT: the Garioch Ranger on 01467 681470 / 07786 021781,
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Friday 4th August 8.00pm – late
NIGHT HUNTERS AND THEIR PREY
Get up close and personal with bats and moths. Come and dispel all your fears of these intriguing animals. Under 16's must be accompanied. Bring warm clothing, stout footwear, sunglasses/wide-brimmed hat (to shield eyes from bright moth trap light), midge repellent and torch. Event organised by the Marr Ranger in partnership with Balmoral Estate Ranger Service & Butterfly Conservation for Ballater Victoria Week:
<http://www.ballatervictoriaweek.co.uk/> Booking essential.
MEET: at the car park by Visitor Information Centre, Crathie
CONTACT: the Balmoral Estate Rangers on 013397 55059

Monday 7th August to Saturday 2nd September 10.00am to 5.00pm
WOOD, PAINT AND LIGHT EXHIBITION
Come along to the Bennachie Visitor Centre this month and see the work of our three 'artists in residence' – Jon Davison, Maggie Nickson, and Arthur Radnall.
CONTACT: the Bennachie Visitor Centre on 01467 681470,
bennachie.warden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Tuesday 8th August 2.00 – 4.00pm

INTO THE WILD WOOD AT TOLLOHILL

Have fun exploring this beautiful wood just a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle of city life. You need bring only yourselves and be prepared to get up close to the wilder side of life. All children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

MEET: at the car park for Tollohill Banchory Devenick (on the causey mounth)

CONTACT: the Kincardine and Mearns Ranger on 07768 704671,

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Tuesday 8th August 6.30 – 8.30pm

DUNNIDEER HILL FORT WALK

Come along and join the Garioch Ranger on a walk to Dunnideer Hill Fort and the standing stones, this walk involves gradual climbing. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring along a snack and drink. Dogs welcome but must be kept under close control at all times. All welcome, children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

MEET: at the Inch cemetery car park

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garioch.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Wednesday 9th August 2.00 - 4.00pm

EDIBLES AND MEDICINALS: WILD FOOD WALK

Long before supermarkets and pharmacies, people had to feed and doctor themselves with the plants around them. Join us to find out which plants they used and try some wild foods! This event includes a walk of up to 1.5km/1 mile on good paths with some inclines. Under 18's must be accompanied. Bring outdoor clothing suited to weather and sensible footwear. Event organised by the Marr Ranger in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage for Ballater Victoria Week: <http://www.ballatervictoriaweek.co.uk/> Booking essential.

MEET: at the Burn o' Vat Visitor Centre, near Dinnet

CONTACT: the Muir of Dinnet NNR Manager on 013398 81667

Thursday 10th August 10.00 – 11.30am

SEASHELLS AND SEaweEDS

Where the sea meets the land come on a beachcomb at Stonehaven and take a closer look at the coastal treasures and wildlife. Take part in a seashell survey and try your hand at seaweed weaving! All children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

MEET: at the last steps down to the beach Cowie end of Beach Road Stonehaven (behind the outdoor pool)

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Friday 11th August 1.30 – 3.00pm

BE A RIVER DON DETECTIVE

Why not come along and have some fun doing activities along the River Don in Inverurie, you will find out about the Don and what lives in and on the river as well as the riverbank. All equipment will be supplied. Please wear suitable clothing and wellies. All welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

MEET: at the Don Bridge between Inverurie and Port Elphinstone



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Saturday 12th August 11.00am – 3.00pm (times TBC)
SHAPING THE STRATH

Learn how nature and man have together shaped the Strathbogie landscape we see today, from ancient volcanoes to Pictish settlements and beyond. En route we hope to see the progress of one or two archaeological digs planned to take place around this time. Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 8+ able to walk about 4.5 miles/7km mainly on tracks and quiet roads with a little gradual ascent/descent. Bring suitable outdoor clothing including waterproofs, stout footwear + food/drink. Booking essential.

MEET: at The Square, Rhynie

CONTACT: Marr Ranger on 07787 583976, marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th August event starts at 10.00am
WILD ABOUT ADEN

Wild about Aden is a community event at Aden Country Park, there will be lots of different activities including Woodland Zumba and Face-painting. The Rangers will be organising craft activities in the Ranger's cabin. Further details can be found on the Aden Country Park Website: <http://www.adencountrypark.org.uk/eventslisting/150-wild-about-aden> Some activities may need to be booked at 10 am at the park, on the morning of the event.

Thursday 17th August 10.30am – 12noon
DIPPING FOR POND PREDATORS AND PREY

What is on the prowl for which prey in the pond at Haughton Park?! Find out about the amazing web of life in and around the water - who eats or gets eaten by whom? Under 16's must be accompanied. Bring outdoor clothing suited to weather and sensible footwear. Booking essential.

MEET: at the first car park on right-hand side of entrance drive opposite pond, Haughton Country Park, Alford

CONTACT: the Marr Ranger on 07787 583976, marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 19th August 8.00pm – midnight
A WILD NIGHT OUT AT PETERCULTER

Enter the mysterious world of night creatures! This will include setting up sugar and light traps to attract moths – which we'll release unharmed after identification – and using detectors to pick up ultrasound of hunting bats. Under 16's must be accompanied. Bring warm clothing, stout footwear, sunglasses/wide brimmed hat (to shield eyes from bright moth trap light), midge repellent and torch. Event organised in partnership with Aberdeen City Council Ranger Service and Butterfly Conservation. Booking essential, donations welcome.

MEET: at St Peter's Heritage Centre car park, Station Road East, Peterculter

CONTACT: the Aberdeen City Council Rangers on 01224 326429



Sunday 20th August 1.00 - 3.30pm
DRAGONS AND DAMSELS OF PORTLETHEN

After such success in tempting new species of dragonfly and damselfly onto Portlethen Moss we are delighted to invite Juliette Dinning back to lead us on an excursion to find out more about these colourful creatures. All children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

MEET: at the Bruntland Road entrance to Portlethen Moss

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Sunday 27th August 11.00am – 2.00pm
SUMMERTIME CYCLE

An opportunity to celebrate the Year of the Bike with this circular route from New Aberdour, which will take us past Allans Hill, Upper Boyndlie, Coburty, Peathill and back to New Aberdour. This is an undulating route, with a few fairly steep inclines, but we are rewarded with lovely views of some of the coastal villages within the area. This ride is for adults only, you must be fit enough to cycle 13 miles, your bike must be in good working order, and you must be able and have the means to repair a puncture. Cycle helmets are compulsory. Free event but booking is essential.

Details of the route can be found here, although we will be starting from the car park at the top of the village rather than the beach:

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/2471/route3_004.pdf

MEET: at the New Aberdour car park, opposite the village hall

CONTACT: the Banff and Buchan Ranger on 07788 688855,
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