

Saturday 13th &
Sunday 14th
May 2017

**Blair Atholl
Events**



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Nature Spectacular

We are giving you the chance to immerse yourself in a unique nature experience in the company of a Cairngorms expert. There will be opportunities to get close to some amazing species and go 'behind the scenes' with the people who live and work in the Cairngorms National Park. Not to be missed!



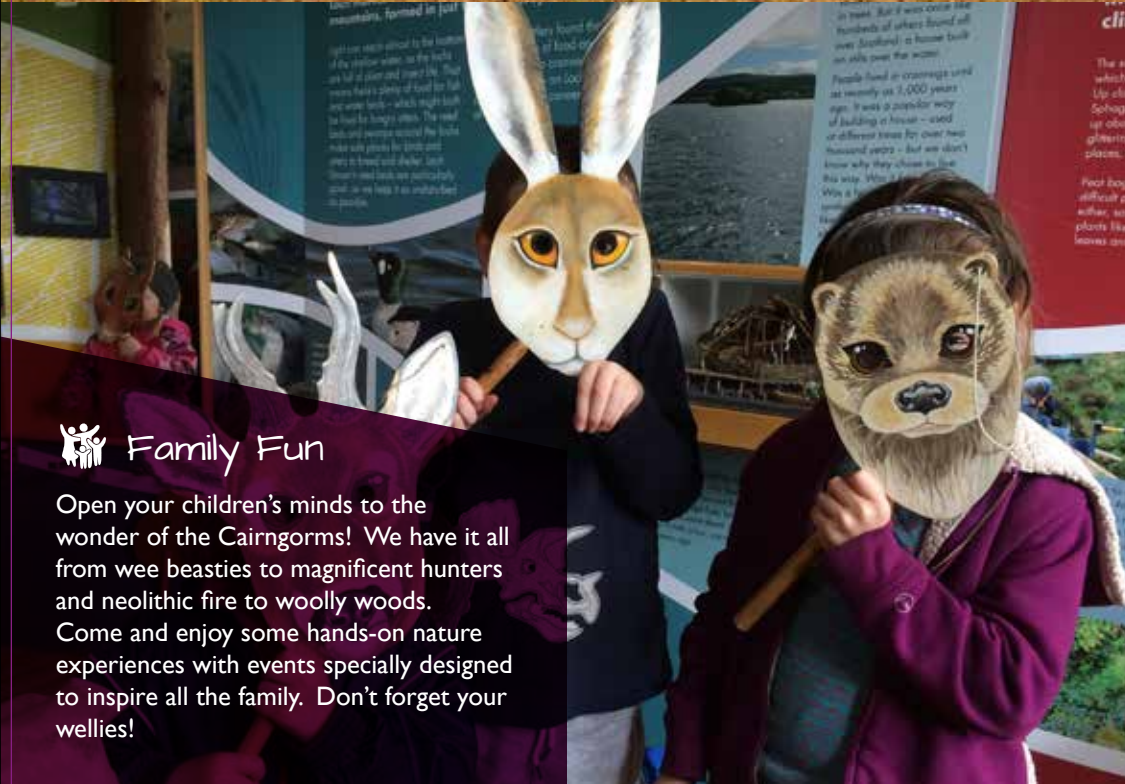
Get Involved

Give something back to the Cairngorms as you Get Involved with one of our volunteering events. It's immensely satisfying to offer your time to vital conservation work; whether monitoring a species, or repairing a path so that others can enjoy it. You'll have fun, meet new people and know you have made a real difference.



Family Fun

Open your children's minds to the wonder of the Cairngorms! We have it all from wee beasties to magnificent hunters and neolithic fire to woolly woods. Come and enjoy some hands-on nature experiences with events specially designed to inspire all the family. Don't forget your wellies!



What is the Big Weekend?

The Cairngorms Nature BIG Weekend is a celebration of the fantastic natural heritage of the Cairngorms National Park. With over 50 activities taking place across the National Park there will be something for everyone, from families to the more seasoned nature lover.

TV naturalist Nick Baker is the special guest again in 2017 and you can join him on a special family event or hear him talk about his life as a wildlife presenter in Blair Atholl.

This is just a taste of what will be on offer, the full programme of events can be found at www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend



Saturday Events

#	Time	Event
23	1000 - 1600	Foraging Walks
25	1000 - 1700	Woolly Woods Safari Drop In
24	1200 - 1600	Nature's Larder
21	1330 - 1630	Secret Creatures of the Cairngorms
22	1930 - 2130	An Evening with Nick Baker

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Sunday Events

#	Time	Event
26	0600 - 0830	Black Grouse Lek Safari
28	1000 - 1600	The Mountains & The People Conservation Volunteering
25	1000 - 1700	Woolly Woods Safari
27	1200 - 1400	Nature and History Walk Life Cycle of the Salmon

Big Weekend Closing Event
45 1900 - 2100 SCOTLAND : the BIG picture at Balmoral with Pete Cairns



21 Secret Creatures of the Cairngorms

SAT 13th • 1330 - 1630

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to get up close to nature with TV's Nick Baker and the Cairngorms National Park Rangers.

It will be a fun-packed afternoon of activities where you will get to discover the secrets of the river with electro-fishing, learn more about the amazing red squirrels on Atholl Estate and find out how to track an animal from its footprints. You will also get to join Nick as he takes you on his minibeast safari!

This will be a popular event and numbers will be limited so be sure to book early!

Location: Blair Atholl Information Centre
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Adult: £5.00 - Child: £2.00



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NATIONAL PARK
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23 Foraging Walks

Sat 13th • 1000 - 1600

Come on a fascinating walk with Monica Wilde, one of Scotland's top foragers, and learn about responsible foraging for plants for food and health.

Location: Blair Atholl Information Centre
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Free - just book your place online



24 Nature's Larder

Sat 13th • 1200 - 1600

Drop in and taste some of the best natural food in Scotland! Scotland's Natural Larder will be providing tasty samples of local and natural produce that has been harvested or hunted. You can find out how you can reconnect with natural foods by booking onto one of their Foraging Walks. Nature's larder will also be at the evening talk with Nick Baker for another chance to sample their cuisine.

Location: Blair Atholl Information Centre
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Free - just book your place online



22 An Evening with Nick Baker

SAT 13th • 1930 - 2130

Nick Baker is an edgy and exciting TV nature presenter. He has been all over the planet in search of bizarre and incredible creatures. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him speak about his work, which is often hilarious and always fascinating!

Location: Blair Atholl Village Hall
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Entry £5 - suitable for 12 years +



When it comes to presenting wildlife Nick Baker is the total package - an edgy, exciting TV presenter with incredible drive and passion. His experience encompasses expeditions to the wildest parts of the planet in search of weird, bizarre and incredible creatures. His 3D one-off special Nick Baker's Beautiful Freaks was broadcast recently on both Discovery (2D) and Sky 3D. He hosts BBC Autumnwatch Unsprung and Springwatch Unsprung and presented the popular long running Weird Creatures series (C5 / Animal Planet).

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25 Woolly Woods Safari

Sat 13th & Sun 14th • 1000 - 1700

Come and wander through the trees and try and spot where our amazing local wildlife is hiding! You will find eagles, otters, red squirrels, minibeasts and more on your woodland walk - all made of wool!

Location: Blair Atholl Information Centre
Booking: Not required - just drop in
Free - just book your place online



26 Black Grouse Lek Safari

Sun 14th • 0600 - 0830

Join the landrover tour to get amazing close-up views of a black grouse lek. Fantastic drama of the birds displaying and fighting, and amazing photo opportunities. The landrover acts like a hide and the birds are not disturbed.

Location: Blair Castle Caravan Park
Booking: helen@atholl-estates.co.uk
Entry £40 - suitable for 12 years +



27 Nature and History Walk Life Cycle of the Salmon

Sun 14th • 1200 - 1400

A walk following the established historic trail of Blair Atholl, part of which is alongside the River Tilt where the life cycle of the salmon will be brought to life! Plenty of historic points of interest along the way.

Location: Memorial car park Blair Atholl, opposite entrance to Blair Castle
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Free - just book your place online



28 The Mountains & The People Conservation Volunteering

Sun 14th • 1000 - 1600

Join us for a day of conservation volunteering on the Glen Tilt trail. Glen Tilt is a beautiful glen with good views of the surrounding mountains. We will be improving the drainage on a section of the path in order to protect the habitat around it.

Location: Meet at the Glen Tilt Car Park 0945
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Adult: Free - Child: Suitable for 12 years +



45 SCOTLAND: the BIG picture at Balmoral with Pete Cairns

SUN 14th • 1900 - 2100

An evening with Pete Cairns, renowned nature photographer, passionate conservationist and communicator. Pete's multimedia presentation showcases Scotland's wildlife and wild places but also portrays a bold vision for Scotland's future, where whole landscapes are restored, natural processes are allowed to flourish and a more diverse and resilient natural environment benefits both wildlife and human life. If you think you've seen Scotland, think again. Come along and join the discussion on SCOTLAND: The Big Picture.

Location: Balmoral
Booking: Go to www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend
Adult: £5.00 - Child: Suitable for 12 years +

