



Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May 2017

## Tomintoul Events



For more info and to book events, please go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend) or scan this QR code with your phone

Share your big weekend stories on social media and tag them with #CNBW17

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If you enjoyed the event, you can make a donation by texting CNBW17 followed by an amount of either £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070

Your donation will go to many Cairngorms Nature projects that are currently underway. For more information, go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/terms](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/terms)

## 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](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)



## Saturday Events

#	Time	Event
46	1000 - 1200	Discovering Nature
47	1000 - 1200	A question of balance – wildlife & land management
48	1330 - 1530	Hands on our Nature
13	1930 - 2100	Tales from the Taiga - Boreal Forest talk with Ronan Dugan
12	2100 - 0900	Night Time on the Nethy

## Sunday Events

#	Time	Event
49	1000 - 1230	The Nature of Farming
50	1330 - 1600	More than a Moor
20	1930 - 2130	Love Thy Nature - Film
45	1900 - 2100	Big Weekend Closing Event SCOTLAND : the BIG picture at Balmoral with Pete Cairns





**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](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)  
Adult: £5.00 - Child: Suitable for 12 years +



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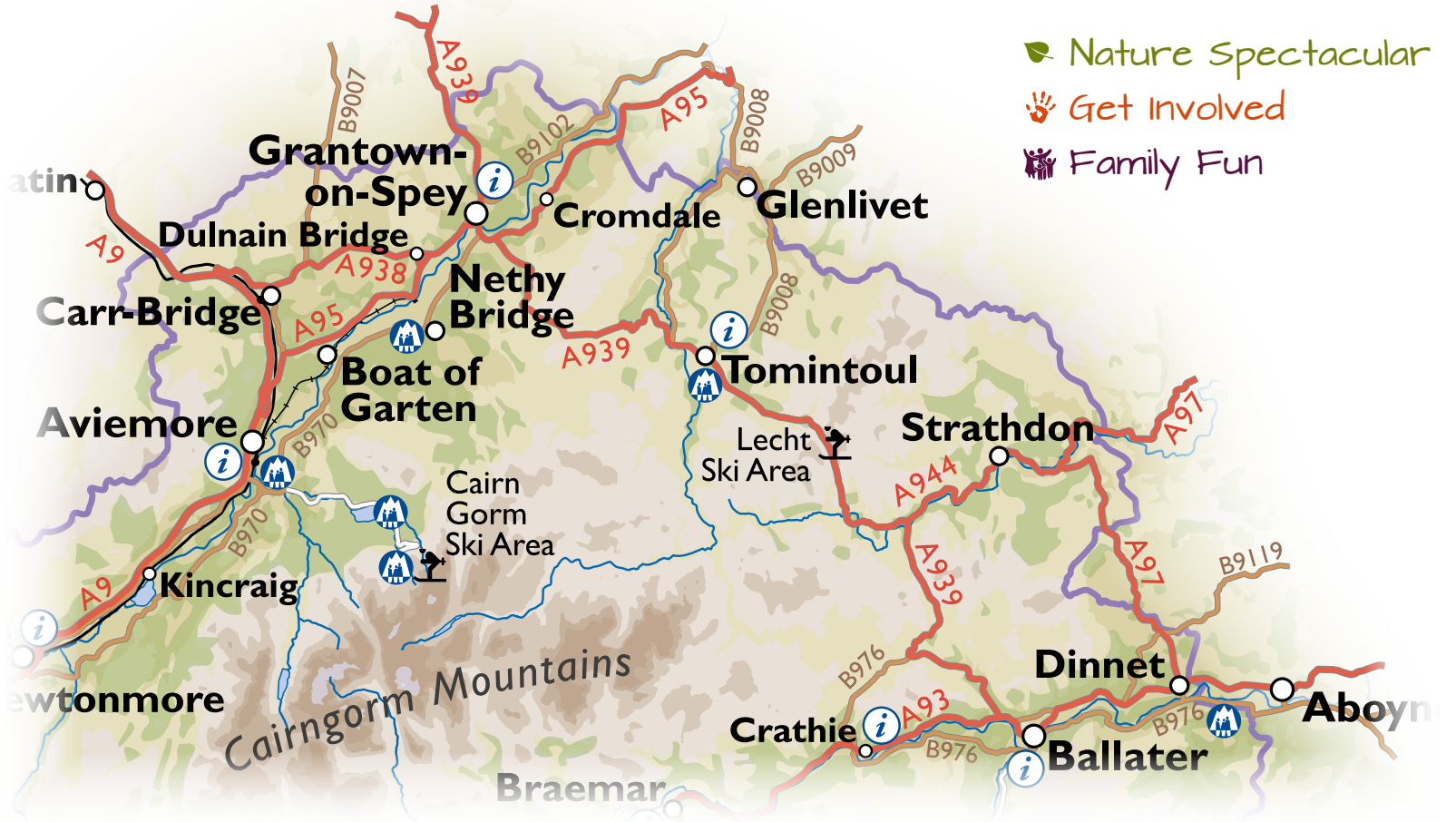
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**Discovering Nature**  
Sat 13th • 1000 - 1200

Scottish Wildcat Action will take you on the trail of the Scottish wildcat. The Tomintoul & Glenlivet Wildlife Group will be on hand to show you all sorts of wildlife tracking equipment, from moth traps to wildlife cameras, and with the Glenlivet Estate Ranger Service you will discover ways to explore a world of miniature creatures. Will include walking and exploring over some rough ground.

Location: Glenlivet Estate Visitor Centre  
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**A Question of Balance Wildlife & Land Management**  
Sat 13th • 1000 - 1200

A land rover tour and walk on award-winning Allargue Estate to see at first hand how the work of a modern, conservation-minded estate can benefit a number of species including black grouse, lapwing and curlew.

Location: Allargue  
Booking: Go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)  
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**More than a Moor**  
Sun 14th • 1330 - 1600

Visit the Glenmullach Moor, high above Tomintoul and learn about integrated moorland management. The Cairngorms Peatland Officer will take you on a tour of the moor which has recently undergone a Peatland Restoration project. Also a chance to meet the gamekeepers of Glenlivet Estate and learn about moorland management.

Location: Tomintoul village square bus stop (transport via bus is provided)  
Booking: Go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)  
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**Night Time on the Nethy**  
Sat 13th • 2100 - 0900

Fancy a night out? A WHOLE night out? The banks of the river Nethy offer a lovely location for stargazing at stars, listening to hooting owls, watching waders glide by and falling asleep to the sound of lapping water. Event suitable for children aged 7 and above. Children under 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Location: Nethy Bridge. Details on booking.  
Booking: Go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)  
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**Hands on our Nature**  
Sat 13th • 1330 - 1530

An afternoon of getting hands on and closely involved with Nature. Over the afternoon you'll get the opportunity to get hands on and try several different activities; the Crown Estate Scotland and Volunteer Cairngorms project will give you the chance to get stuck in with some practical conservation work, the Tomintoul & Glenlivet Wildlife Group will help you build your own bird box and our bushcraft expert will show you how to get back to basics in the woods.

Location: Glenlivet Estate Visitor Centre  
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**Tales from the Taiga Boreal Forest talk with Ronan Dugan**  
Sat 13th • 1930 - 2130

Ronan Dugan shares stories of adventure from his time alongside Capercaillie in the natural Russian Taiga. Ronan will also compare the forests of Russia to Scotland and share what conservation lessons he has learnt along the way.

Location: Boat of Garten Community Hall  
Booking: Go to [www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/bigweekend)  
Donations to Boat of Garten Wildlife Interest on the night

**The Nature of Farming**  
Sun 14th • 1000 - 1230

A great opportunity to visit the winning farm of the Cairngorms Nature Farm Awards (2016). Farmer Jim Simmons will take you around his farm on the Glenlivet Estate and show you some of the improvements he has made for wildlife and the environment. An RSPB specialist will tell you more about the wading birds that live on the farm, and the Cairngorms National Park ecologist will help you discover the fascinating flowers of the farm.

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**Love Thy Nature - Film**  
Sun 14th • 1930 - 2130

Screening of new film narrated by Liam Neeson - Love Thy Nature points to how deeply we've lost touch with nature and takes viewers on a cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. The film shows that a renewed connection with nature is key both to good health and to solving our climate and environmental crises.

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