



Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events – May 2012

Rangers welcome visitors to the countryside and help people discover and appreciate what's around them. Rangers run a variety of countryside events each month that encourage people to learn about the National Park.

Every Day in May 2.00pm–3.00pm

FEED THE DEER

Armed with grain, you can stroke and feed these delightful animals whilst enjoying some magical views of the Spey valley. The Rangers are on hand at all times to answer any questions about the Red deer or other wildlife while on your stroll.

Lasts approx 1 hour.

Booking Essential Call for more details on 01479 812345

Meet at Rothiemurchus Centre, Inverdrue by Aviemore

Cost: £8 adults, kids £4

Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

Every Friday in May 10.00am–11.30am

HEALTH WALK

Easy, low-level ranger-led health walk in the beautiful surroundings of the Glen Tanar Estate.

Booking Essential Call or email for more details **013398 86072**

ranger@glentandar.co.uk

Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar or pick up in Aboyne

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

May 6th 1.00pm-4.00pm DOIRE BHRAGHAD - THE BIG OLD FIR COPSE

"To stand in them is to feel the past". What stories can the ancient pinewoods tell of the centuries they have stood on these hillsides? An easy climb, taking in views of Glen Ey and the Dee, before descending through the ancient pines.

Meet at Mar Lodge. Booking essential, phone 013397 20164

Cost: £5 adult, £2.50 child U-16

Mid-level Walk.

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 6th 3:00pm–4:00pm

POND DIPPING

Do you know what beasts lurk under the water at Milton Loch? Discover dragons, damsels and other weird, wonderful beasts with your local ranger. We'll be using pond nets to find whatever flips & flops in the pond. Bring wellies, waterproofs and a sense of adventure!

Meet at Milton Loch Community Woodland car park, Boat of Garten. Grid Ref - NH 942195

Booking essential. Phone Saranne Bish on 01479 873914

Cost: Children £3

Grade A & wheelchair accessible

Highland Council Countryside Rangers.

May 7^h 3:00pm–4:00pm WOODLAND WANDER AT BOAT OF GARTEN

Come for a wander around the countryside around Boat of Garten with your local countryside ranger and discover the wildlife on your doorstep.

Meet at Meet at Boat of Garten Post Office. Grid Ref - NH 942190

Booking essential. Phone Saranne Bish on 01479 873914

Cost: Adults £3, Concessions/Children £3

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May 7th 6:00pm–8:00pm RED DEER RAMBLE

Discover the intriguing lifestyle and learn about the management of the majestic red deer of Glen Muick.

Booking essential – telephone 013397 55059.

Meet at: Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.

Cost: Free.

Distance: 4.5 km, ascent 50m.

Balmoral Estate Ranger Service.

May 13th 10.30am-4.30pm BIO-BUZZ – CLAIS FHEARNAIG

A celebration of Scotland's biodiversity. A six hour walk in beautiful Cairngorm scenery over heather moor enjoying the trees, birds, butterflies and flowers on the way, returning by 'The Hollow of the Alders'.

Meet at Mar Lodge. Booking essential, phone 013397 20164

Cost: £15 adult, £7 child U-16

Mountain Day

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 16th 2.00pm-4.30pm IN SEARCH OF JOCK'S BICYCLE

Who was Jock? And why might his bicycle be hidden in the beautiful pine woods of Glen Quoich? Join us and find out on this short walk to explore the archaeology and natural history of the woods.

Meet at Mar Lodge. Booking essential, phone 013397 20164

£5 adult, £2.50 child U-16

Easy Walk

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 19th 10.00am – 4.00pm VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT

Hands on conservation day with the John Muir Trust North East Group at Glen Tanar Estate.

Booking Essential Call or email for more details **013398 86072**

ranger@glentandar.co.uk

Meet at Braeloigne Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar

Cost: Free

All welcome, adults or accompanied children.

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

May 20th 10.30am and 12noon BARK BRITAIN SPONSORED DOG WALK

Sponsored dog walk from Blair Atholl – 3 or 10 miles. Join in the fun and help raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Support & Medical Detection Dogs** on Atholl Estates. All (human) participants will also receive free entry to Blair Castle gardens and grounds for the day and a discounted entry into the castle if they have any energy left! There will also be some other dog-based activities at the start / finish.

Contact ranger service for details.

Meet at Blair Castle Tel: 01796 481355 Email: pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

Start anytime between 10.30am and 12noon.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

May 27th 7:00am–11:00am THE BIRDS OF BADENOCH: KINGUSSIE TO NEWTONMORE

Strathspey is a very important area for birds, from the wetlands of Insh Marshes to the high tops. We will take a walk from Kingussie to Newtonmore to look for birds in a range of habitats right on our doorstep. Joint event with RSPB. Meet at the War Memorial opposite Duke of Gordon

Meet at the war Memorial opposite the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie Grid Ref - NH 757006

Booking essential. Contact Duncan Macdonald on 01479 873706

Cost: **Adults £5, Concessions/Children £3**

Grade B

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May 19th 10.30am–12 noon WILDLIFE WORKSHOP

Are you interested in developing your wildlife monitoring equipment at home? Find out about the camera filming technology we are using at Killiecrankie and the types of animals homes eg. bat box, bird box, hedgehog box that are available. This event is aimed at adults

Meet at stone circle at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre Tel: 0844 4932192

Booking: Just turn up

Cost: adults £4.

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 19th 10.00am–12 noon SAVE OUR BUTTERFLIES (& MOTHS)

Help survey spring moths and butterflies by the Loch of Aboyne to mark Save our Butterflies Week & Scottish Biodiversity Week. Various activities including checking moth traps set overnight, use of pheromone lure and (weather dependednt) surveys for Pearl-bordered Fritillary at several sites.

Meet at Lodge on the Loch of Aboyne car park, Aboyne grid ref: NJ 538000

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Marr Ranger on 013398 80868,

marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cost: adults £4.

Suitable for adults & accompanied children aged 8+. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing according to weather & sensible footwear. Bring close-focus binoculars if you have them, money (approx. £2.50) for refreshments & if staying for afternoon, packed lunch & own car.

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

May 19-25th BALLATER WALKING FESTIVAL

Various walks and events throughout the week including two walks led by Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service for adults on the natural and social history of upper Deeside and Donside as part of this annual festival.

For further info contact: Ballater (RD) Ltd. on 013397 55467, info@walkballater.com or www.royal-deeside.org.uk/RDnews/walkweek.htm