

## **Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events – May 2011**

Rangers welcome visitors to the countryside and help people discover and appreciate what's around them. Rangers run a variety of countryside events that encourage people to learn about the National Park. A sample of this month's events is listed below. A full list of events can be found on [www.cairngorms.co.uk](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk) or ask at your accommodation, local Tourist Information Centre or Ranger base.

### **Daily (weather dependant) 10.20: 11.00: 14.00 WALK @ THE TOP**

A 90 minute guided walk with a Ranger leaving from Top Station for a circular walk to the summit of Cairn Gorm and back again.

**Booking recommended. Book online at [www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book) or in person at the Ticket Office**  
**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

Adult £14.00, Junior (6-16years) £10.00, Senior (65+) £12.50. £6.00 if you decide to walk and already have a funicular ticket.

Bring waterproof clothing, good walking boots, hat and gloves. Registered assistance dogs only. Once you have collected your ticket you will meet the Ranger in the Ranger Base, 15 minutes before the departure time.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

### **May 4 2pm – 4pm BALMORAL WOODLAND WALK**

Discover the grounds and woods around Balmoral Castle. Learn about the estates history and wildlife. Distance 4Kms, ascent 130m.

**Meet at Balmoral Carriage Exhibition, Balmoral Castle.**

Cost: Free once entry fee into grounds has been paid.

Balmoral Ranger Service

### **May 4 10.30am-3.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK**

Enjoy a guided walk in the Northern Corries of Cairn Gorm every Wednesday morning.

**Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at [www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book)**

**Meet at the Ranger Base.**

Adult £12.00, Junior (6-16) £6.00, Senior (65+) £8.00, Friends of CairnGorm £8.00

Bring waterproof clothing, good walking boots, hat and gloves. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**May 6                      10am – 11.30am                      HEALTH WALK**

Very easy ranger-led health walk in the beautiful surroundings of the Glen Tanar Estate.

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

[ranger@glentanmar.co.uk](mailto:ranger@glentanmar.co.uk)

**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar**

Free

Glen Tanar Ranger Service

**May 11                      2pm – 4pm                      BALMORAL WOODLAND WALK**

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Glen Tanar Ranger Service

**May 14                      2pm – 5pm                      RED KITE DAY**

An afternoon of crafts and fun activities to celebrate a beautiful bird of prey. A joint event with RSPB

**Meet at Talla na Ross, King Street, Kingussie. 01540 673 907**

Donations welcome.

Highland Council Countryside Rangers

**May 18                      2pm – 4pm                      BALMORAL WOODLAND WALK**

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Balmoral Ranger Service

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**May 20            6pm – 8pm            RED DEER RAMBLE**

Discover the intriguing lifestyle and learn about the management of the majestic red deer of Glen Muick. Distance 4.5Kms, ascent 50m.

**Booking essential– 013397 55059.**

**Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.**

Free

Balmoral Ranger Service

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Free

Glen Tanar Ranger Service

**May 21            10am – 4pm            CELEBRATING NATURE TREES, FORESTS AND US**

A day of fun activities, learning, demonstrations and advice about woodlands and forest management.

**The Four Seasons Lawn, Aviemore Highland Resort**

Free

Various Ranger Services plus others

**May 21            10am – 4pm            VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT**

Hands on volunteer day with the John Muir Trust doing conservation work at Glen Tanar Estate.

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Free

Glen Tanar Ranger Service

**May 24            10am – 1pm                            SEASONAL WALK**

Join reserve staff to learn about the wildlife of this special place with an emphasis on birds.

Booking not required. More details 01540 661518

**Meet at RSPB Insh Marshes NNR.** Car park 2 miles along B970 from Kingussie, ½ mile past Ruthven Barracks

£2 Adults (RSPB members), £5 Adults (non-members), Children under 16 free.

RSPB. Be prepared for wet/cold weather. Stout footwear recommended.

**May 25            2pm – 4pm                            BALMORAL WOODLAND WALK**

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Balmoral Ranger Service.

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**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar**

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Glen Tanar Ranger Service

**May 28            10am – 12 noon                            JEWELS OF THE AIR**

Help record the variety of butterflies, moths, dragonflies and damselflies in Cambus O' May Forest. Under 16's with an adult.

**Booking Essential 013398 80868**

**Meet at Cambus o' May Forest car park, nr Ballater**

Free

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service and Forestry Commission Scotland. Easy Walk, bring binoculars if you have them.

**May 29            2pm – 4pm            WHAT'S THAT TREE?**

2011 is the UN International Year of Forests. Discover the variety of trees growing with Glen Doll Forest. Learn how to identify them and what they are used for.

**Booking Essential 01575 550233**

**Meet at Glen Doll Ranger Base, Grid Ref: NO282759**

Free

Angus Council Ranger Service. Stout shoes required.