

Tread Lightly in the Park



Cairngorms
NATIONAL PARK



April 2013

Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services

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 small sample of this month's events is listed below – there are many more going on.

Every Friday in April

**10am - 11.30am
HEALTH WALK**

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

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

Booking: essential - tel: 013398 86072 or email:

ranger@glentantar.co.uk

Cost: FREE

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

April 1st **10am – 4.30pm** IN SEARCH OF JOCK'S BICYCLE

A short walk to explore the archaeology and natural history of the beautiful pine woods of Glen Quoick.

Meet at Mar Lodge Estate. Easy walk. No dogs.

Booking: essential

Contact: 013397 20164

Cost: adults £5, children U-16 £2.50

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

April 3rd **2pm – 3.30pm** WOODLAND TREASURE HUNT

A family event searching for clues and treasures in the woods.

Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: children £2

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

April 4th **2pm – 3.30pm** BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle.

Interactive battle talk (1hr) in woods above Soldiers Leap, followed by children's craft activities and a display of weapons outside the visitor centre. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre.

Booking: not required

Cost: adults £4, children £2

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April 5th **3pm – 4.30pm** DEER, PONIES, LAMBS AND CALVES

A walk round the fields to see some of the spring new-borns and get a look at our red deer and Atholl ponies too.

Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. **Booking:** not required

Cost: adults £2, children £1

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

April 10th & 17th **5pm – 7pm** LORDS OF THE DANCE, KINCRAIG

An opportunity to witness the spectacle of a Black Grouse Lek and other wildlife in spectacular surroundings.

Meeting place given out on booking. Tea and coffee available.

Booking: essential - by 5pm on day before.

Contact: 01479 873706

Cost: adults £5, conc £3

Highland Council Ranger Service

April 13th **10.30am – 3.30pm** SCRUB BASHING FOR BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Help cut scrub invading an important site for moths and butterflies.

Meeting point near Braemar; given out on booking.

Tools and gloves provided. Bring waterproofs, stout footwear and packed lunch.

Booking: essential - tel: 013398 80868 or email: marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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Cost: Free

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service



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April 13th DISCOVER THE SHIELIN OF MARK

10am – 3pm

A walk up to the secluded and atmospheric bothy called The Shielin of Mark. Follow the Allt Darrarie burn up onto the moorlands of Glen Muick. A day of wide open and dramatic landscapes.

Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre. A long mountain walk, off path on rough ground. A good level of fitness is required. Bring a packed lunch. **Booking:** essential - tel: 013397 55059

Cost: FREE

Balmoral Ranger Service

April 20th VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT

10am – 4pm

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

Meet at Braeloinne Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar.

Booking: essential - tel: 013398 96072 or email: ranger@glentanmar.co.uk

Cost: FREE

Glentamar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

April 20th & 25th BLACK GROUSE 'DAWNWATCH'

4.30am start

An unmissable opportunity to view the breeding display of these magnificent birds. Followed by a hearty traditional breakfast.

Meet at Mar Lodge Estate. Sorry no dogs. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Booking: essential, places limited - tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults/children £25

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

April 21st JOHN MUIR DAY

10am – 3pm

Take part in a practical conservation task with the Balmoral Rangers to help safeguard the wildlife of the Cairngorms National Park.

Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.

Organised to celebrate The Year of Natural Scotland.

Bring a packed lunch.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 55059

Cost: FREE

Balmoral Ranger Service

April 21st IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN MUIR

10am – 3pm

On the anniversary of the birth of John Muir we will let the landscapes of Glen Tromie and the words of the great man inspire us while we explore the beautiful glen.

Meet at Ruthven Barracks car park.

Booking: essential - tel: 01479 873706 or email:

duncan.macdonald@highland.gov.uk **Cost:** adults £5, cons £3

Highland Council Ranger Service

April 21st DORE BHRAGHAD - THE BIG OLD FIR COPSE

1pm – 4pm

An easy climb, taking in views of Glen Ey, the Dee, and the Cairngorms plateau before descending through the ancient pines.

Meet at Mar Lodge Estate. Mid-level walk. Sorry, no dogs.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults £5, children U-16 £2.50

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

April 27th REDCOATS AND REDSHANKS

1pm-4pm

Join the Ranger and RSPB Futurescapes at Ruthven Barracks for some family friendly activities celebrating the landscape and nature on our doorstep.

Meet at Ruthven Barracks. For further details go to

www.rspb.org.uk/inshmarshes

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