

# 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 Braealoin Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar or pick up in Aboyne.

**Booking:** essential - tel: 013398 86072 or email:

[ranger@glentantar.co.uk](mailto: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

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

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

*A walk round the fields to see some of the spring newborns 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](mailto:marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**Cost:** Free

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service



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## April 13th 10am – 3pm DISCOVER THE SHIELIN OF MARK

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 10am – 4pm VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT

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

Meet at Braealoin Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar.

**Booking:** essential - tel: 013398 96072 or email: [ranger@glentantar.co.uk](mailto:ranger@glentantar.co.uk)

**Cost:** FREE

Glentantar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

## April 20th & 25th 4.30am start BLACK GROUSE 'DAWNWATCH'

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 10am – 3pm JOHN MUIR DAY

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 10am – 3pm IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN MUIR

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](mailto:duncan.macdonald@highland.gov.uk) **Cost:** adults

£5, cons £3

Highland Council Ranger Service

## April 21st 1pm – 4pm DORE BHRAGHAD - THE BIG OLD FIR COPE

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 1pm-4pm REDCOATS AND REDSHANKS

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](http://www.rspb.org.uk/inshmarshes)

**Booking:** essential - tel: 01479 873706 or email:

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