



## **Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events – April 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 Friday in April                      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](mailto: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

### **April 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>                      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

### **April 4<sup>th</sup>    2.00pm – 3.30pm    MOTHS AND MUSIC**

Listen to the joys of the dawn chorus and look at the amazing moths we have caught overnight in our live moth trap.

**Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl.** 1 mile north of Blair Atholl on road to Old Blair. Tel: 01796 481355

Cost: Adults £3

Atholl Estates Ranger Service.

### **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>                      11.30am                      SEARCH & RESCUE DOG DEMONSTRATION**

Moudy will be taking part in a search and rescue dog demonstration with his handler David Benson. The demo lasts 40 minutes.

**Meet at the Ranger base at CairnGorm Mountain** Tel: 01479 861261

Cost: Free but donations welcome to Search and Rescue Dog Association Scotland.

### **April 7<sup>th</sup>    2.00pm – 3.30pm    EGG OLYMPICS**

A challenging afternoon for eggs - painting, rolling, assault course, quiz, swimming. Has your egg got what it takes? Please bring a (highly trained) hard-boiled egg with you. Kids' event.

**Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl.** Tel: 01796 481355

Cost: Kids £2

Atholl Estates Ranger Service. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>                      12.00noon-3.00pm                      CADBURY EASTER TRAIL**

Enjoy an action packed afternoon – follow the Easter trail to receive your Cadbury Easter egg. There will be Easter crafts and badge making. Outdoor games, including the giant jigsaws and touch box will be available to keep everyone occupied. Family event.

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

Booking: Just turn up

Cost: Children £2; accompanying adults free

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**April 8<sup>th</sup>                                      10.00am-4.00pm                      EASTER EGG TRAIL AT MAR LODGE**

Follow the nature trail, collect the clues, solve the puzzle and then enjoy your hard-earned chocolate reward!

**Meet at Mar Lodge** Tel: 013397 20164

Booking: No booking required

Cost: £2 per trail sheet

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

**April 10<sup>th</sup>                                      2.00pm-3.30pm                      WOODLAND TREASURE HUNT**

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

**Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl.** 1 mile north of Blair Atholl on road to Old Blair.

Cost: Kids £2

Atholl Estates Ranger Service. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>                      11.00am–12.00 noon                      RED SQUIRREL SAFARI**

Walk through the ancient pine forest to a magical woodland hide and watch red squirrels climbing, jumping and chasing each other, as well as many other woodland creatures such as crested tits, red deer, and woodpeckers. Lasts approx 1 hour.

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Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

**April 11<sup>th</sup>                      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.

**Booking essential, phone 013397 20164**

**Meet at Mar Lodge**

Cost: £5 adult, £2.50 child U-16

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**April 11<sup>th</sup>                                      10.30am-12.00noon                      SPRING WOODLAND TRAIL**

Collect a trail paper from the ranger and hunt for clues and questions in the woods. Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds. Children’s event.

**Meet in lower car park at the Hermitage, by Dunkeld** Tel: 0844 4932192

Booking: Just turn up  
Cost: Children £3; accompanying adults free  
National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 4.00pm LEARN TO READ OR GET LOST**  
A practical guide to basic navigation, including taking bearings, grid references, mountain safety and use of a GPS. Mountain walk, off path on rough ground.

Booking essential – telephone 013397 55059.

**Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.**  
Distance: 10 km, ascent 350m.

Cost: £10  
Balmoral Estate Ranger Service.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am – 4.00pm VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT**  
Hands on conservation day with the John Muir Trust North East Group at Glen Tanar Estate.

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**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar**  
Cost: Free  
All welcome, adults or accompanied children.  
Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 06.00am – 8.30pm BIRDS B4 BREAKFAST**

An excellent opportunity to observe the courtship rituals of black grouse from a Land Rover Discovery.

Booking essential – telephone 013397 55059.

**Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.**  
Cost: £10  
Balmoral Estate Ranger Service.