

Tread Lightly in the Park



Cairngorms
NATIONAL PARK



May 2013

Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events

Every Day in May FEED THE DEER

2 – 3pm

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 of other wildlife while on your stroll.

Booking: essential tel: 01479 812 345
Cost: adults £8, children £4

Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

Daily except Wednesday ROTHIEMURCHUS EXPERIENCE BY LAND ROVER

This is a fascinating experience looking into the history, people and work of Rothiemurchus. Driven and guided by a friendly Rothiemurchus Ranger you will visit the Highland Cattle, parts of the Ancient Caledonian Pine Forest, Loch an Eilein with views of its mysterious castle, Tullochgrue high ground, the Doune House and finish off getting up close and hand feeding hinds and stags at the Deer Farm. Meet at Rothiemurchus Centre.

Booking: essential tel: 01479 812 345
Cost: £30 per person

Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

Every Tuesday in May 11am – 12 noon (7th, 14th, 21st & 28th May) RED SQUIRREL SAFARI

Walks through the ancient pine forest to a magical woodland hide and watch red squirrel climbing, jumping and chasing each other, as well as many other woodland creatures such as crested tits, red deer and woodpeckers.

Booking: essential tel: 01479 812 345
Cost: adults £8, children £4

Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

Every Wednesday in May

(8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th May)
HIGHLAND LADY SAFARI

Step back in time and get a glimpse into the mysterious world of life on a Highland Estate in the early 1800's. Based on the famous book *Memoirs of a Highland Lady* this tour takes place at the Grants family home *The Doune*. Guided by a Ranger walk around this magnificent grand house and witness for yourself the work that is ongoing to restore this outstanding building. As an extra special treat you are invited into the living quarters of the Grants to see the renovation work that has been completed to date.

Booking: essential tel: 01479 812 345

Cost: £20

Rothiemurchus Estate Ranger Service

May 3rd 5am – 7am OUT WITH THE OTTERS AT DAWN

A bright and early start to look for these beautiful but elusive animals.

Tea and coffee available. Meeting place given out on booking. Book by 5pm on 2nd May.

Booking: essential tel: 01479 873706

or duncan.mcdonald@highland.gov.uk

Cost: adults £5, conc £3

Highland Council Ranger Service

May 4th 4.30am start BLACK GROUSE 'DAWNWATCH'

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

No dogs. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Places limited, Mar Lodge Estate.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults/children £25 (includes breakfast)

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 5th 2pm – 5pm GLEN FENDER MEADOWS BOOK LAUNCH

Launch of this stunning photographic book of the nature in Glen Fender meadows.

Meet at the Country Life Museum, Blair Atholl.

Booking: not required

Cost: FREE

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

May 6th

1pm – 4pm

DOIRE BHRAGHAD - THE BIG OLD FIR COPSE

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

Mid level walk. Sorry, no dogs. Mar Lodge Estate

Booking: essential tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults £5, children U-16 £2.50

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 6th 6am – 8.30am BIRDS B4 BREAKFAST

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

Meeting point: Spittal of Glen Muick visitor centre.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 55059

Cost: £10 per person

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

May 12th 10.30am – 4.30pm BIO BUZZ - CLAIS FHEARNAIG

A walk in beautiful Cairngorm scenery over heather moor at Mar Lodge Estate, enjoying the trees, birds, butterflies and flowers on the way, returning by 'The Hollow of Alders'.

Long mid-level walk. Sorry, no dogs.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults £15, children U-16 £7

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 15th 2pm – 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 Quich.

Easy walk, Sorry, no dogs.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adult £5, children U-16 £2.50

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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 list of events can also be found on www.cairngorms.co.uk or ask at your accommodation, local Visitor Information Centre or Ranger base.

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National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

May 18th 10.30am – 4.30pm

MOTHS/BUTTERFLIES RECORDING DAY

Learn about special moths & butterflies of the Cairngorms and how to record them to aid their conservation.

Meet at Burn o'Vat Visitor Centre, Dinnet.

Adults and accompanied children 12+. Bring waterproofs, stout footwear & packed lunch.

Booking: essential - tel: 013398 80868 or

email: marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cost: FREE

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

May 18th 10am - 4pm

CELEBRATING CAIRNGORMS NATURE

Come along and celebrate the nature found in the National Park. Lots of fun-filled activities for all the family

Meet at MacDonald Aviemore Resort.

Booking: not required

Contact: 01479 873535

May 20th 6pm – 8pm

RED DEER RAMBLE

Accompany a ranger to discover the intriguing lifestyle and learn about the management of the majestic red deer of Glen Muick, also a good opportunity to observe the wildlife of Glen Muick. Meeting point: Spittal of Glen Muick visitor centre.

Booking: essential - tel: 013397 55059

Cost: FREE

Balmoral Ranger Service

May 25th 2.30pm – 3.30pm

JACOBITE WEAPONS DISPLAY

Find out about the weapons that were used at the Battle of Killiecrankie.

Booking: not required

Cost: adults £1, children £0.50

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

May 28th 10am - 1pm

INSH MARSHES GUIDED WALK

Join the NNR Warden to learn about this special site covering wetland and woodland.

Meet at RSPB car park near Kingussie.

Booking: not required

Contact: 01540 661518 / insh@rspb.org.uk

Cost: adults £2 (RSPB members), non-

members £5, children U-16 FREE

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

May 31st 6pm - 10pm

WALK & STALK

An evening in the company of one of the Trust's stalkers. A good opportunity to see red deer and hear about the stalker's work on Mar Lodge Estate.

Booking: essential tel: 013397 20164

Cost: adults £15, children U-16 £5

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