Tread Lightly in the Park





June 2013

Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events

Every Friday in June 10.00am - 11.30am HEALTH WALK

Easy, low-level ranger-led health walk in the beautiful surroundings of the Glen Tanar Estate. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 886072 or ranger@glentanar.co.uk Cost: Free Meet: Glen Tanar Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar or pick up in Aboyne. Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

Daily 9.00am and 1.00pm BALMORAL LUXURY LAND R OVER TOURS

Accompany a ranger on a 'behind the scenes' tour of Balmoral Estate. The safaris pass through the manicured parkland of Balmoral Castle up into pristine Caledonian Pine Forest and finally out onto the open moorland at the foot of Lochnagar. An excellent opportunity to experience the spectacular mountain scenery and wildlife of The Cairngorms National Park, all from the comfort of a luxury land rover Discovery. The safari includes admission to the grounds, gardens and exhibitions around Balmoral Castle. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 742534 **Cost:** £60 per person **Meet:** Balmoral Estate Office Balmoral Estate

Every Wednesday 10.30am - 16.30pm THE NORTHERN CORRIES WALK

Discover the Cairngorm Mountains on a 4-6 hour walk. U16 with an adult. Cost: Adults £12.00, Juniors £6.00, Student/Senior £8.00 Meet: Ranger Base, CairnGorm Mountain Ski Area Cairngorm Mountain

Daily 10.20am and 13.20pm GUIDED WALK @ THE TOP

Ride the funicular up for a guided walk to the summit and back. Allow I 1/2 hours. **Cost:** Adults £15.95, Juniors £10.50, Student/Senior £13.95, Family (2+2) £50.00, Family (1+2) £35.00 Meet: Base Station, CairnGorm Mountain Ski Area Cairngorm Mountain

13.20pm Daily FUNICULAR UP, GUIDED WALK DOWN

Ride the funicular up then join a guided walk back down. Allow 1 ¾ hours. **Cost:** Adults £15.95, Juniors £10.50, Student/Senior £13.95, Family (2+2) £50.00, Family (1+2) £35.00 Meet: Base Station, CairnGorm Mountain Ski Area Cairngorm Mountain

Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun GUIDED RIDGE TO RIVER, BIKE DESCENT

Take our bikes up on the funicular for a guided descent 3000ft to Aviemore. Allow 31/2 hours. **Cost:** Adults £35.00, Juniors £20.00, Student/Senior £35.00 Meet: Base Station, CairnGorm Mountain Ski Area Cairngorm Mountain

Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun HILL TRACK, MOUNTAIN BIKE DESCENT

Take our bikes up on the funicular for a guided 1500ft descent. Allow 1 hour. Cost: Adults £22.50, Juniors £15.00 Student/Senior £22.50 Meet: Base Station. CairnGorm Mountain Ski Area. Cairngorm Mountain

lune 6th 10.30am - 3.30pm CARN-NAL KNOWLEDGE

A gradual climb by path and rough moorland to the summits of Carn na Criche and Carn na Drochaide with fine views of Glen Ouoich and beyond. Mountain walk. Sorry, no dogs. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £15, Children U-16 £7 The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

June 7th & 14th 6.00pm – 10.00pm WALK & STALK

An evening in the company of one of the Trust's stalkers. This is a good opportunity to see red deer and hear about the stalker's work on this Highland estate. Mid-level walk on rough ground. Sorry, no dogs. Booking: Essential – places limited Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £15. Children U-16 £5 The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

Hands on conservation day with the John Muir Trust North East Group at Glen Tanar Estate. All welcome, adults or accompanied children. Booking: Essential Contact: 0/3398 86072 or ranger@glentanar.co.uk for more details Cost: Free Meet: Braeloine Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

June 15th 11.00am - 2.00pm WILD FLOWER INDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS

A stroll in Glen Doll forest to identify the variety of plants that grow there. Stout shoes, appropriate clothing and packed lunch required. Booking: Required Contact: 01575 550233 Cost: Free Meet: Glen Doll Ranger Base

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June 15th 9.30am - 5.00pm GLEN GIRNOCK CIRCUIT WALK

Discover the history and natural history of this secluded glen. A long walk on rough tracks and paths. A good level of fitness and stamina required. Distance: 18 Kms (11 miles), ascent 260m. Bring a packed lunch. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 755059

Cost: Free Meet: Crathie Visitor Information Centre cars will then be moved to the South Deeside 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.

June 18th 10.30am – 3.30pm QUEENS VIEW TO BLAIR ATHOLL

Walk from Strathtummel over to Blair Atholl via Tulach Hill. A varied walk with fabulous views, 8 miles, bring lunch. Drive to walk start included. Adults only. Booking: Essential Contact: 01796 481355 (Blair Atholl)

Cost: £10 Atholl Estates

June 20th 7.00pm – 8.30pm A WALK IN THE PARK

An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom. Easy walk. Tea and shortbread included. Sorry, no dogs. **Booking:** Essential Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £3, Children U-16 free The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

June 21st 10.00am - 4.00pm DEUCHARY HILL

A walk past lochs and burns to the open summit of Deuchary Hill with fabulous views to the Tay Estuary and Fife, 11 miles, bring lunch. Adults only. **Booking:** Essential Contact: 01796 481355 (Dunkeld) Cost: £6 Atholl Estates

June 21st 10.30am – 3.30pm GRANTOWN TO CROMDALE WALK

Join us for a lovely circular walk (12km/8miles long) through woodland and along the River Spey, Learn some of the colourful history of the woods and the River Spey and try your hand at wildflower ID. Bring a packed lunch to eat along the way. Grade: B Contact: Saranne Bish on 01479 873914

or saranne.bish@highland.gov.uk Cost: Adults £10, Concessions £6 Meet: Confirmed on booking

June 22nd 10.30am - 4.30pm **BIO-BUZZ – CLAIS FHEARNAIG**

A walk in beautiful Cairngorm scenery over heather moor enjoying the trees, birds, butterflies and flowers on the way, returning by 'The Hollow of the Alders'. Long mid-level walk. Sorry, no dogs. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £15, Children U-16 £7 The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

9.30am – 7.00pm June 25th

MAR LODGE TO FOREST LODGE A walk through wild country from Braemar to Glen Tilt. 15 miles with a river crossing. Adults only. Booking: Essential Contact: 01796 481355 Cost: £40 Meet: Blair Atholl. Drive to start at Braemar included. Atholl Estates

June 27th 7.00pm - 8.30pm A WALK IN THE PARK

An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom. Easy walk. Tea and shortbread included. Sorry, no dogs. Booking: Essential Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £3, Children U-16 free The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

June 25th 10.00am - 1.00pm GUIDED WALK

Join the reserve warden to look at birds, plants and insects on this very special site. Bring stout shoes and binoculars. Booking: Not required Contact: 01540 661518 Cost: Adults RSPB member £2, Adults non-member £5, Children U-16 Free Meet: RSPB car park two miles out of Kingussie on the B970 past Ruthven Barracks Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

June 28th 10.30am - 3.30pm **ORCHIDS GALORE**

Now is the time for the upland flower extravaganza. Enjoy orchids and other wild flowers on this 6 mile walk. Adults only. **Booking:** Essential Contact: 01796 481355 (Blair Atholl) Cost: £5 Atholl Estates

June 28th 7.00pm – 10.00pm BABES ON THE MOOR, KINGUSSIE

A unique obbortunity to see this year's Red Deer calves as they are led to low ground with their mothers, truly special. Refreshments available. Grade: A Booking: Essential please book by 4pm 27th June Contact: Duncan Macdonald on 01479 873706 or duncan.macdonald@highland.gov.uk Cost: Adults £5, concessions £3 Meet: Confirmed on booking

June 29th 2.00pm – 4.00pm ANT ANTICS

Join our Ecologists for a walk in the woods to see some wood ant nests and learn about how they live. Easy walk. Bring a hand lens if you have one. Sorry, no dogs. **Booking:** Essential

Contact: 01339 720164 (Mar Lodge Estate) Cost: Adults £3, Children U-16 free The National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

June 30th 11.00am – 3.00pm UPPER GLEN CLOVA EAGLE WATCH

An opportunity to view breeding Golden Eagles as they bring prey to the nest to feed their young. Stout shoes, appropriate clothing and packed lunch required. Please bring binoculars if you have them Booking: Required Contact: 01575 550233 Cost: Free Meet: Glen Doll Ranger Base

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June 15th 10.00am - 4.00pm VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT