



## **Cairngorms National Park Ranger Services Countryside Events – Oct 2011**

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.

### **Daily (weather dependant) 10.20: 11.00: 14.00**

### **WALK @ THE TOP**

A 90 minute guided walk with a Ranger leaving from Top Station for a circular walk to the summit of Cairn Gorm and back again.

**Booking recommended. Book online at [www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book), or in person at the Ticket Office**

**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

Cost: Adult £14.00, Junior (6-16years) £10.00, Senior (65+) £12.50. £6.00 if you decide to walk and already have a funicular ticket.

Bring waterproof clothing, good walking boots, hat and gloves. Registered assistance dogs only. Once you have collected your ticket you will meet the Ranger in the Ranger Base, 15 minutes before the departure time.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**2 October**

**2pm – 4pm**

### **RANGER GUIDED WALK**

Discover the special wildlife and industrial history of Abernethy's ancient Caledonian pine forest.

**Booking Essential** Call or email **01479 821565** [ranger@nethybridge.com](mailto:ranger@nethybridge.com)

**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**4 October**

**10am – 11:30am**

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Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**5 October                      10.30am - 15.30pm      GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK**

Enjoy a guided walk in the Northern Corries of Cairn Gorm every Wednesday morning.

**Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at**

**[www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book)**

**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

Cost: Adult £12.00, Junior (6-16) £6.00, Senior (65+) £8.00, Friends of CairnGorm £8.00

Bring waterproof clothing, good walking boots, hat and gloves. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**7 – 30 October                      Any time daily                      THE EXPLOROUTE**

Spend an hour or less following clues which lead you on a trail around the lower part of the Coire Cas side of the mountain, close to the Base Station on easy paths not far from the car park. Make discoveries at every turn. See if you can find your way around.

**Start at the back door to the Base Station at CairnGorm Mountain**

Cost: Free

Suitable for all ages.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**7 October                      10am – 11.30am                      HEALTH WALK**

Very easy 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**

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**8 October                      7.30pm – 9.30pm                      DARK SKIES – THE DRAGON'S STORM**

A storm of shooting stars is predicted tonight, come and watch from a really dark location.

**Booking Essential Telephone 01575 550233**

**Meet at Glen Doll Ranger Base Grid Ref: NO282759**

Cost: Free

Stout shoes required.

Angus Glens Ranger Service.

**9 October                      2pm – 4pm                      RANGER GUIDED WALK**

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**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

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Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**11 October                      10am – 11:30am                      RANGER GUIDED WALK**

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**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**12 October                      10.30am - 15.30pm      GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK**

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[www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk/book)

**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

Cost: Adult £12.00, Junior (6-16) £6.00, Senior (65+) £8.00, Friends of CairnGorm £8.00

Bring waterproof clothing, good walking boots, hat and gloves. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**12 October                      2pm – 3.30pm                      BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE**

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1hr) in woods above Soldier's Leap; followed by children's craft activities and a display of weapons outside the visitor centre.

**Booking: Just turn up!** (More information if required from Killiecrankie visitor centre 0844 4932194 or Dunkeld area office 0844 4932192)

**The National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre**

Adults £3; Children £2

Suitable for all ages

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

**13 October                      11.30am – 12:15pm                      SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG  
DEMONSTRATION**

Moudy will be once again taking part in a search and rescue dog demonstration with his handler David Benson. The demonstration lasts for around 40 minutes and includes an on hill demonstration and question and answer session. A very enjoyable informative session suitable for all ages.

**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

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

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**14 October                      10am – 11.30am                      HEALTH WALK**

Very easy ranger-led health walk in the beautiful surroundings of the Glen Tanar Estate.

**Booking Essential** Call or email for more details **013398 86072**

[ranger@glentinar.co.uk](mailto:ranger@glentinar.co.uk)

**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar**

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**14 October 4.30pm – 7:00pm THE MONARCHS OF THE GLEN, LAGGAN**

The Red deer rut is one of Scotland's finest wildlife spectacles and at this time of the year the glens echo with the bellowing of the stags.

**Booking essential 01540 673 907**

Cost: Adults £5 Concession 3

Highland Council Countryside Rangers

**15 – 23 October daily (weather permitting) 11am & 2pm TREE PLANTING**

CairnGorm Mountain have been reinstating this montane scrub habitat by having tree planting days. This October they need your help to continue tree planting on the hillside, so please come along to one of these sessions, learn about the trees and make a difference. Sessions will last approx 45 minutes.

**Meet in the Wild Mountain Garden at CairnGorm Mountain.**

Cost: Free

Please bring walking boots or wellington boots, waterproof clothing, gloves and a hat.

CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**15 October 10am – 4pm VOLUNTEER DAY WITH JMT**

Hands on volunteering day with the John Muir Trust doing conservation work at Glen Tanar Estate.

**Booking Essential** Call or email for more details **013398 86072**

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**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar**

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**16 October 11am – 3pm CLASH OF THE TITANS**

A walk along the Dounalt loop to watch and listen to the roaring of the rutting Red Deer stags as they round up their harem of hinds

**Booking Essential Telephone 01575 550233**

**Meet at Glen Doll Ranger Base Grid Ref: NO282759**

Cost: Free

Stout shoes, warm clothing, packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

Angus Glens Ranger Service.

**16 October 2pm – 4pm RANGER GUIDED WALK**

Discover the special wildlife and industrial history of Abernethy's ancient Caledonian pine forest.

**Booking Essential** Call or email **01479 821565** [ranger@nethybridge.com](mailto:ranger@nethybridge.com)

**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**16 October 11am – 3.30pm ROARING STAGS AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS**  
Climb some low hills with the ranger to get some excellent views of the high hills, and hopefully hear stags at their best.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Phone 01796 481355 to book.

**Meet at Blair Atholl.**

Cost: £6

Some rough walking off a path. No dogs please.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service.

**17 October 5pm – 7pm ROAR OF THE REDS**

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the red deer rut, when stags challenge each other for the hinds. Under 16's with an adult.

**Booking Essential 013398 80868**

**The Mews, Mar Road, Braemar (opposite Fife Arms hotel) AB35 5YL**

Cost: Donations please

Easy Walk, bring stout footwear, waterproofs & torch. Sorry no dogs

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service & Invercauld Estate.

**18 October 10am – 11:30am RANGER GUIDED WALK**

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**Booking Essential** Call or email **01479 821565** [ranger@nethybridge.com](mailto:ranger@nethybridge.com)

**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**18 October 2pm – 4pm KITE MAKING! GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY**

A chance to make all sorts of kites out of odds and ends and, weather permitting, fly them. Fun for kids, big and small. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Path suitable for prams and buggies.

**Meet at Kylintra Meadow, Grantown-on-Spey. 01479 873 914**

Cost: Adults £3, children £2

Highland Council Countryside Rangers

**19 October 10.30am - 15.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK**

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**Meet at the CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Base.**

Cost: Adult £12.00, Junior (6-16) £6.00, Senior (65+) £8.00, Friends of CairnGorm £8.00

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CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**19 October 10.30am – 12noon AUTUMN SAFARI**

A walk in the woods – collecting nuts and seeds and looking at autumn leaves and fungi.

**Booking: Just turn up!** (More information if required from Killiecrankie visitor centre 0844 4932194 or Dunkeld area office 0844 4932192)

**The National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre**

Children £2; accompanying adults £1

Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

**19 October 2pm – 3.30pm AUTUMN TREASURE HUNT**

A family event searching for clues and treasure.

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

Cost: Children £2. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service.

**21 October 10.00am – 11.30am HEALTH WALK**

Very easy ranger-led health walk in the beautiful surroundings of the Glen Tanar Estate.

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[ranger@glentandar.co.uk](mailto:ranger@glentandar.co.uk)

**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar**

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**23 October 2pm – 3.30pm RED SQUIRREL WALK**

Come and look for our red squirrels and learn more about them. Children are welcome but need to be able to stand still and quietly.

**Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl**

Cost: Adults: £2, Children: £1

No dogs please. 01796 481355

Atholl Estates Ranger Service.

**23 October 2pm – 4pm RANGER GUIDED WALK**

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**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

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Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**25 October**                      **10am – 11:30am**                      **RANGER GUIDED WALK**  
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**Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre**

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

**26 October**                      **10.30am - 15.30pm**                      **GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK**  
Enjoy a guided walk in the Northern Corries of Cairn Gorm every Wednesday morning.

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CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**26 October**                      **2pm – 3.30pm**                      **AUTUMN TREE-MENDOUS**

Kids' event. Get up close and personal to our tree giants.

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

Cost: Children £1

All children must be accompanied by an adult. 01796 481355

Atholl Estates Ranger Service.

**26 October**                      **2pm – 3.30pm**                      **BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE**

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**27 October**                      **11.30am – 12:15pm**                      **SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG  
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CairnGorm Mountain Ranger Service

**28 October                      10am – 11.30am    HEALTH WALK**

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**Booking Essential** Call or email for more details **013398 86072**

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**Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar**

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**29 October                      10am – 4pm    CAIRNS WALK**

Experience the autumn splendor of the Balmoral Woods. A walk linking some of the historical cairns on the Estate, with spectacular views of Deeside. Organised to celebrate The International Year of Forests.

**Booking essential** – 013397 55059.

**Meet at Crathie car park.**

Cost: Free.

Distance: 10kms (6 miles), Ascent 250m.

Balmoral Ranger Service

**30 October                      2pm – 3.30pm    WILD HALLOWE'EN**

Discover what the woodland animals associated with Hallowe'en are doing at this time of year. Fancy dress welcome!

**Booking: Just turn up!** (More information if required from Killiecrankie visitor centre 0844 4932194 or Dunkeld area office 0844 4932192)

**Meet at the National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre**

Cost: Children £2; accompanying adults £1

Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service