



Cairngorms National Park

Ranger Services Countryside Events – Aug 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, or in person at the Ticket Office

Meet at the Cairn Gorm 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.

Cairn Gorm Mountain Ranger Service.

13 August – 4 September

GLENSHEE HEATHER FESTIVAL

www.glenofthefairies.co.uk

1 August

9am – 5pm

LOCHNAGAR TRAVERSE

A spectacular mountain traverse across one of Scotland's most famous peaks. Walk from Keiloch to The Spittal of Glen Muick via the summit of Lochnagar. A long mountain day. Hill walking gear and a good level of fitness and stamina are required to complete this walk.

Booking essential – 013397 55059 (book early to avoid disappointment).

Meet at Keiloch Car Park.

Cost: £10

Distance: 25kms (16miles) ascent 900m. Bring lunch.

Balmoral Ranger Service

1 August

2pm – 4pm

THE MAGICAL MARSHES

Have fun discovering the wildlife of Insh Marshes. Play nature games, look for minibeasts and make crafty creatures.

Booking not required. More details 01540 661518

Meet at RSPB Insh Marshes NNR. Car park 2 miles along B970 from Kingussie, ½ mile past Ruthven Barracks

Cost: Free

For families with primary-school-age children.

RSPB

2 August 10.30am – 12noon CRAZY CRAFTS

Enjoy a messy wildlife related art and craft session at Killiecrankie.

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

2 August 10am – 11:30am 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

2 August 2pm – 4pm FEEDERS AND HOMES

Help your local wildlife this winter. Drop in anytime.

Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl,

Tel: 01796 481355

Cost: Donations

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

3 August 10.30am-15.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK

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

Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at

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

3 August 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)

Meet at the National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

Cost: Adults £3; Children £2

Suitable for all ages

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

4 August 10.30am – 12 noon WET AND WILD
Kids' event. Discover the weird, watery world around the river.
Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl. 01796 481355
Cost: Children £1. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Atholl Estates Ranger Service

5 August 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
Meet at Braeloinne Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar
Cost: Free
Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

6 August 2pm – 5pm WALK IN GLEN ESK
Guided walk along Loch Lee in Glen Esk.
Numbers Limited. Booking Essential 01356 648070
Meet at the Retreat (Grid Ref: NO509789)
Cost: £7.00 per person includes refreshments and tour of the museum at the Retreat after the walk.
Angus Glens Ranger Service

7 August 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
Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre
Cost: Donations
Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.
Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

8 August 2pm – 4pm THE MAGICAL MARSHES
Have fun discovering the wildlife of Insh Marshes. Play nature games, look for minibests and make crafty creatures.
Booking not required. More details 01540 661518
Meet at RSPB Insh Marshes NNR. Car park 2 miles along B970 from Kingussie, ½ mile past Ruthven Barracks
Cost: Free
For families with primary-school-age children.
RSPB

9 August 6am – 7am DAWN SQUIRREL WATCH

Dawn is the best time for seeing our red squirrels. Worth getting up for!

Booking essential - 01796 481355 or 481646

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

Cost: £2.

Children are welcome but need to be able to stand still and quietly. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

9 August 10:15am – 4.15pm CRAIG VALLICH/PANNANICH WALK

Join the Aberdeenshire Council Rangers on a walk to discover more about the natural and cultural heritage of upper Deeside. This walk will take you from the Bridge of Muick up to Craig Vallich, then Pannanich Hill, through the forest and past the old curling pond at the foot of Craig Coillich to emerge by the Royal Bridge. Part of Ballater Victoria Week

Meet at VW Box Office.

Cost: £5

Suitable for adults able to manage the distance and ascent stated, but 16/17-year-olds are welcome if accompanied. Please bring walking boots or stout shoes, waterproofs, sun protection and a packed lunch including drink.

Distance: 10m/16km; ascent 1,300ft/400m

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

9 August 10am – 11:30am 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

10 August 10.30am-3.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK

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

Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at
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

10 August 10:30am – 3:30pm

**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
QUEEN VICTORIA**

Join the Rangers as they follow in the footsteps of Queen Victoria around Loch Muick. Learn about the unique Royal and cultural history of this remote highland glen.

Booking essential – 013397 55059

Meet at Spittal of Glen Muick Visitor Centre.

Cost: Free

Distance: 12Kms (8 miles) on fairly level tracks. Bring lunch.

Balmoral Ranger Service

10 August 10am – 3pm

WALK THROUGH BADENOCH, PART 1

Kincraig to Ruthven. Join the Ranger on a journey through the heart of *The Drowned Land*, exploring the landscape, wildlife and stories of the area.

Booking essential. Phone Duncan Macdonald on 01540 673907 for more details and exact location.

Cost: Adults £5, concessions & children £3

Quite challenging. Bring lunch.

Highland Council Countryside Rangers

10 August 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)

Met at the National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

Cost: Adults £3; Children £2

Suitable for all ages

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

11 August

10.30am – 12 noon

TREE-MENDOUS

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

Booking essential - 01796 481355

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.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

12 August 10am – 3pm

WALK THROUGH BADENOCH, PART 2

Kincraig to Ruthven. Join the Ranger on a journey through the heart of *The Drowned Land*, exploring the landscape, wildlife and stories of the area.

Booking essential. Phone Duncan Macdonald on 01540 673907 for more details and exact location.

Cost: Adults £5, concessions & children £3

Quite challenging. Bring lunch.

Highland Council Countryside Rangers

12 August 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@glentantar.co.uk

Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

**12 August 10:15am – 3.15pm BALLATER-CAMBUS O'MAY
CIRCULAR WALK**

Join the Aberdeenshire Council Rangers on a walk to discover more about the natural and cultural heritage of upper Deeside. You'll cross the Royal Bridge and enter Pannanich Forest to visit the Newfoundlanders' WW2 logging camp, then take in Pannanich Wells, Glascorrie, Torphantrick Wood and Cambus o' May suspension bridge. You'll pass the old station before taking the Deeside Way back to Ballater, taking in three small diversions of historical interest. Part of Ballater Victoria Week.

Meet at VW Box Office.

Cost: £5

Suitable for adults and older children (U16s must be accompanied). Please bring walking boots or stout shoes, waterproofs, sun protection and a packed lunch including drink.

Distance: 9m/14.5km; no ascent

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

12 August 8pm – late BATS AND MOTHS

Night Hunters and their Prey: Get up close and personal with bats and moths. Come and dispel all your fears of these intriguing animals. This event is led jointly by countryside rangers from Balmoral Estate and Aberdeenshire Council in partnership with Butterfly Conservation, a national charity conserving butterflies, moths and their habitats. We will watch bats emerging from their roost, pick up their calls with bat detectors and use different methods of attracting moths to discover the amazing variety of species. Part of Ballater Victoria Week.

Booking Essential Tel: 013397 55059

Meet at Riverside Car Park, Old Line Road.

Cost: Free

Please bring midge repellent/net, a torch and (to shield eyes from moth trap light) sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat, if you have them.

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service and Balmoral Ranger Service

14 August 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

14 August 2pm – 4pm FLOWERS IN THE FOREST

Improve your wild flowers and tree identification skills on a walk through Glen Doll forest with the Ranger

Booking Essential Telephone 01575 550233

Meet at Glen Doll Ranger Grid Base Ref: NO282759

Cost: Free

Stout shoes required.

Angus Glens Ranger Service

15 August 2pm – 4pm THE MAGICAL MARSHES

Have fun discovering the wildlife of Insh Marshes. Play nature games, look for minibeasts and make crafty creatures.

Booking not required. More details 01540 661518

Meet at RSPB Insh Marshes NNR. Car park 2 miles along B970 from Kingussie, ½ mile past Ruthven Barracks

Cost: Free

For families with primary-school-age children.

RSPB

15 August 8pm – 9pm BATS AND MOTHS

An evening walk looking for our local bats and using a moth trap.

Booking essential - 01796 481355

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

Cost: Adults: £2, Children £1. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

16 August 10am – 11:30am 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

17 August 10.30am-15.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK

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

Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at 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

17 August 10:30am – 12 noon POND DIPPING

Join the Ranger to search for the bugs and beasts that live in the depths of the pond.

Booking recommended Tel: 01479 870070

Meet at Glenmulliach Forest Car Park (1 mile south of Tomintoul on the Lecht road)

Cost: Children £2, accompanying adults free (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Activities most suitable for 5-12 year olds.

Glenlivet Estate Ranger Service

17 August 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)

Meet at the National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

Cost: Adults £3; Children £2

Suitable for all ages

National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service

19 August 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@glentanmar.co.uk

Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

20 August 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**

ranger@glentanmar.co.uk

Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar

Cosy: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

21 August 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

23 August 10am – 11:30am 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

23 August 10:30am – 12.00pm NATURE DETECTIVES

Join the Ranger to search for tracks, trails and signs.

Booking recommended Tel: 01479 870070

Meet at Glenmullach Forest Car Park (1 mile south of Tomintoul on the Lecht road)

Cost: Children £2, accompanying adults free (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Activities most suitable for 5-12 year olds.

Glenlivet Estate Ranger Service

23 August 2pm – 3.30pm WOODLAND 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

24 August 10.30am-3.30pm GUIDED NORTHERN CORRIES WALK

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

Booking recommended by telephone on 01479 861341 or online at

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

25 August 7.30pm – 9pm BATTY KIDS

Kids' event. Batty evening activities.

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

Cost: Children £1. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

26 August 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

Meet at Braeloine Visitor Centre Car Park, Glen Tanar

Cost: Free

Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Service

28 August 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

28 August 2pm – 3.30pm FABULOUS FUNGI

Fungi for beginners.

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

Cost: £2.

Atholl Estates Ranger Service

30 August 10am – 1pm SEASONAL WALK

Join reserve staff to learn about the wildlife of this special place with an emphasis on butterflies and moths.

Booking not required. More details 01540 661518

Meet at RSPB Insh Marshes NNR. Car park 2 miles along B970 from Kingussie, ½ mile past Ruthven Barracks

Cost: £2 Adults (RSPB members), £5 Adults (non-members), Children under 16 free.

Be prepared for wet/cold weather. Stout footwear recommended. If the weather is good we may extend the walk into the afternoon so bring a packed lunch.

RSPB

30 August 10am – 11.30am 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

Meet at Explore Abernethy, Community Centre

Cost: Donations

Suitable for all abilities, children U16 accompanied by adult.

Explore Abernethy Ranger Service

31 August 10.30am-3.30pm 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

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