

CAIRNGORMS NATURE



BLAIR ATHOLL

Cairngorms Nature Festival, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2015

Key:



Family Fun



Nature Lovers



Food & Drink



Get Involved

Saturday 16th May & Sunday 17th May

WILD NIGHT OUT!  

Sleep out and experience the night-time sights and sounds of nature. Join us on our family camping event with ranger activities on Sat night and Sun morning. Bring your own camping gear.

Booking: Required

Contact: Polly Freeman 01796 481355

or pf@athollestates.co.uk

Cost: adults £12, children £6

Meet: Blair Atholl - details given on booking

Saturday 16th May **2 - 4pm**

MINIATURE KILLIECRANKIE  

Discover the miniature world of Killiecrankie. Look closely at the plants and flowers; find out who or what is hiding in the undergrowth.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Ben Notley bnotley@nts.org.uk

Cost: Children £2, accompanying adults free

Meet: Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, PH16 5LG

Saturday 16th May

11am - 3pm

PEREGRINE WATCH 

Join the Ranger on a guided walk in Glen Doll to view the world's fastest flying bird, watch them bring prey to feed their young. Stout shoes, warm clothing, waterproofs and packed lunch required. Telescope available, bring binoculars if you have.

Booking: Required

Contact: 01575 550233

or GlenDollRanger@angus.gov.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Glen Doll Ranger Base car park, DD8 4RD.

Parking - £2 per day

NOTE: this event is approx 2 hours from Blair Atholl

Sunday 17th May

10am & 2pm

WILDLIFE TRIPS 

Visit the beautiful Invermark Estate in Glenesk in the company of gamekeeper Andy Malcolm who has walked and worked these hills for 27 years. Travel by landrover then on foot into the Cairngorms where you are likely to see red deer, mountain hares and red squirrels and an array of birds of prey; perhaps even a golden eagle.

Sorry no dogs.

Booking: Required (Max 4 people)

Contact: Andy Malcolm

andymalcolm1@btinternet.com

Cost: adults £10, children £5

Meet: The Glenesk Retreat, DD9 7YT

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Sunday 17th May 10.30am – 12.30pm

SPRING EXPLORERS SAFARI

Explore the Pass of Killiecrankie on foot and discover some of its secret corners. Learn about wildflowers and trees and find out about the larger animals that inhabit the woodland. There will be an opportunity to see our live mammal traps in action and handle some animal skins and skulls.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Emma O'Shea eoshea@nts.org.uk

Cost: Adults £4, children £2

Meet: Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, PH16 5LG

Sunday 17th May 10am – 2pm

BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST!

Come along and find out all about bugs and other OPAL citizen science projects. Become a Citizen Scientist and take part in a Bugs Count challenge (from 11 – 11.45am) to find as many bugs as you can. Or come along at 1.15 – 2pm to take part in an Air Quality Survey looking for lichens on trees to discover more about air pollution and local air quality (suitable from age 7+).

Booking: Required

Contact: Anne-marie Robinson
annierobinson@abdn.ac.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl Tourist Information Centre

Sat/Sun 16/17th May anytime

WOOLLY WOODS

Come and see our woolly wildlife in the park and woods around the visitor centre. Contact the ranger service in advance for a pack so that you can help us make the woods and park teem with woollen wildlife. All knitted, crocheted and fabric craft most welcome. Our theme is local wildlife.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Polly or Mark 01796 481355

or pf@athollestates.co.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl Tourist Information Centre

Sunday 17th May 1.30 pm – 2.30pm

CAN'T- DANCE-CAMERON

Cameron the capercaillie is the worst dancer in the Cairngorms, but maybe with the help of his new friend Hazel the red squirrel, he'll learn some great moves!

Can't-Dance-Cameron is a brilliant story about believing in yourself, full of fun actions, sounds and dancing.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Aunty Emily

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl Caravan Park Reception

Sunday 17 May 11am – 3.30pm

FLYING HIGH!

BIRDS IN THE UPLANDS

What's life like for wildlife in the Cairngorms? Join the RSPB for a range of family activities to discover more about our special upland birds. Find out how to track an eagle with the radio tracking game, get crafty and make a bird kite or take part in our Explorer Challenge and learn what it takes to live in the uplands.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Lauren on 01738 783233

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl Tourist Information Centre

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Come and find out about the Cairngorms Scenic Photo Posts Project. This is a new project and it's all about using photography to study how our landscapes change. We will be at the Tourist Information Centre with our cameras, computers, maps and games.

Booking: Not required

Contact: CNPA 01479 873535

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl Tourist Information Centre

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SELF-GUIDED WALKS

Follow in the footsteps of Robbie Burns – from the House of Bruar follow the course of the Bruar to the falls.

Or enjoy a walk by the River Tilt – find the wishing well and watch out for witches rock on this tour of the River Tilt

Booking: Not required

Contact: [View all walks here](#)

Cost: Free

Meet: Blair Atholl
