

# CAIRNGORMS NATURE



AVIEMORE

Cairngorms Nature Festival, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2015

Key:



Family Fun



Nature Lovers



Food & Drink



Get Involved

**Saturday 16th**

**10am – 4pm**

## **BEHIND THE SCENES AT INSH**



A leisurely five mile walk with the RSPB Insh Marshes Reserve Warden. This is a chance to see parts of the Reserve not normally visited, walking out along the banks of the River Spey where wading birds will be very active and returning through Inshriach Forest. Duration is 6 hours, bring a packed lunch along with suitable clothing and footwear. Dogs on leads or under close control only

**Booking:** Required (max 20)

**Contact:** Pete Moore on 01540 661518 or [pete.moore@rspb.org.uk](mailto:pete.moore@rspb.org.uk)

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Ivy Cottage in the village of Insh (TBC)

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**10am - 3pm**

## **GIVE NATURE A FOREST**



Come along to help RSPB Scotland plant aspen trees on the stunningly beautiful Abernethy reserve. After a scenic trailer ride with the possibility of spotting iconic wildlife, get digging as we plant trees at the forest edge. We'll have knowledgeable staff on hand to show you the tricks of the trade and inform you about our forest expansion project and why it is so important. A great family day out – suitable for the whole family esp children aged 10 and over (must be accompanied by an adult). Bring lunch, waterproofs and appropriate footwear. Followed by tea and cake back at Forest Lodge.

**Booking:** Required (max 25 people)

**Contact:** [jayne.stevenson@rspb.org.uk](mailto:jayne.stevenson@rspb.org.uk) or 01479 821 409

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Forest Lodge car park, Abernethy Reserve, PH25 3EF at 10am

**Saturday 16th May**

**11am – 2pm**

## **THE DAZZLING DAMSELFLIES OF**

## **CRAIGELLACHIE**



We will walk from the Railway Station to the Reserve, this will take 20 mins. We will stop first at Loch Puladdern to look for damselflies and also do some pond dipping to find out what creatures we can find under the water. We will then head a little further up the hill to the Reservoir and see if we can find anything different there. Hopefully we will find the rare Northern Damselfly during our searches.

This walk has some narrow sections and steep grades, the nearest toilets are in Aviemore. Take warm, waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies.

**Booking:** Required (max 14, by 5pm 13 May)

**Contact:** [jonathan.willet@highland.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.willet@highland.gov.uk)

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Aviemore Youth Hostel car park

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**11am**

## **BALLIEFURTH FARM VISIT**



Balliefurth Farm is approximately 400 acres including 100 acres of mixed woodland and a bank of the Spey River. Currently we have 60 Shorthorn cows and 180 Highland Mule sheep. The cows are all born and bred on the farm. We have a great respect for the environment of the farm and manage our land to encourage wading birds to nest here in the Spring months. We look forward to welcoming you on a farm walk where we can explain more about how the food you eat is raised and our vision for the future.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** Patrick Harrison

[patrickharrison@balliefurth.co.uk](mailto:patrickharrison@balliefurth.co.uk)

**Cost:** £3 voluntary contribution to Balliefurth's Environmental Fund

**Meet:** Balliefurth Farm, Nethy Bridge Road, Grantown on Spey, PH26 3NH

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**Saturday 16th May**

**2 - 4 pm**

## **HANDS ON CONSERVATION**



Come and have fun taking part in some conservation work, a great experience for all the family. Find out how the Forestry Commission is protecting and enhancing the native Caledonian pine forest.

**Booking:** Required by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Contact:** 01479 861220

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Glenmore FCS Visitor Centre

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**2 - 4pm**

## **LET'S MAKE WILDLIFE HOMES!**



Some fun activities to create your very own wildlife homes for you to put in your garden.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** Saranne Bish tel 01479 873914 or email

[saranne.bish@highland.gov.uk](mailto:saranne.bish@highland.gov.uk)

**Cost:** Adults £4, conc £3, family £11

**Meet:** The Town House, High Street, Grantown on Spey

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**Saturday 16th May**

**2pm**

## **LANDROVER 'behind the scenes' SAFARI**



Guided and driven by an experienced Rothiemurchus Ranger sit back, relax and discover the many different aspects that make Rothiemurchus so special. You will be given an in-depth look at the history, wildlife and land use on this extraordinary Highland Estate. Travel through varied terrain and visit the ancient Caledonian pinewood forest, Loch an Eilein, the Deer Farm and Highland Cattle. Sorry no dogs.

**Booking:** Required (min 2 people, max 6)

**Contact:** Rothiemurchus estate tel 01479 812 345

**Cost:** £30pp

**Meet:** Rothiemurchus Estate, Inverdrue, Aviemore, PH22 1QH

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**Saturday 16th May** 10am - 12pm

## BIO-BLITZ THE BOAT

Come and join **TV's Nick Baker** in the thrill of recording all the flora and fauna of the Milton Loch area in Boat of Garten. Moth trapping, bush beating, mini beast hunting and pond dipping are just some of the activities we will do. Then join us for a cuppa at the Community Hall to verify our records.

**Booking:** ~~Required for all bookings, aged 7+~~ **FULLY BOOKED**

**Contact:** [heather@cairngormwildlife.co.uk](mailto:heather@cairngormwildlife.co.uk)

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Milton Loch Bird Hide, Boat of Garten, Grid Ref: NH943193, 10am

**Dow's Store and Osprey Café at Boat of Garten are offering a 10% discount on all food and drink consumed in the Osprey Café on the weekend of the Festival. Please quote 'Cairngorms Nature Festival' to take advantage of this great offer.**

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**Saturday 16th May** 10.30am

## CAIRNGORM MOUNTAIN WALK

Explore the beauty of Cairn Gorm Mountain on foot with our spectacular guided walk. The mountain offers special arctic flora and fauna that will delight even the most casual observer as well as some of the world's most breath taking views.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** Nic Bullivant tel 01479 861327 or email [n.bullivant@naturalretreats.com](mailto:n.bullivant@naturalretreats.com)

**Cost:** TBC

**Meet:** Cairn Gorm Mountain

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**Saturday 16th May** 10am - 4pm

## SMARTY ART

Come along to Smarty Art in Grantown on Spey to get involved in some family fun painting species that you might find in the Cairngorms. Please quote '**Cairngorms Nature Festival**' to take part in this offer.

**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** [info@smartyart.co.uk](mailto:info@smartyart.co.uk)

**Cost:** TBC

**Meet:** Smarty Art, High Street, Grantown on Spey

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**Saturday 16th May** 11.30am & 2.30pm

## BREWERY TOUR & BEER TASTING

Pop along to the Cairngorm Brewery for a tour and some beer tasting. Sample some 'Caillie' – 15p of each case sold goes back into Cairngorms Nature Projects

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** 01479813303

**Cost:** £3 (for adults)

**Meet:** Cairngorm Brewery, Aviemore

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**Saturday 16th May** 6am – 10am

## BIRD RINGING

Take part in some bird ringing with SNH. Follow onto the Reserve from the signs from Aviemore Youth Hostels

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** Chris Donald 07808 126 584

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Craigellachie National Nature Reserve

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**Saturday 16th May** 11am – 6pm

## GRANTOWN NATURE FESTIVAL

In conjunction with Grantown 250 and hosted by the Bookmark Grantown on Spey, come along to the Grant Arms Hotel for a lively and unforgettable day with Scotland's foremost nature writers and speakers on our stunning landscapes, wildlife and sustainable ways to engage with our wild spaces. A rare opportunity to meet authoritative experts in conservation, biodiversity, species reintroductions, photography and foraging. Starring: Sir John Lister-Kaye, Jim Crumley, Fi Martynoga, Neil MacGregor and Chris Townsend.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** 01479 873433

**Cost:** £10 (CONC £8)

**Meet:** Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

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**Saturday 16th May** 4.45 – 8pm

## EVENING OSPREY WATCH

Come and join our fully guided evening Osprey Watching trip to our loch side hides within the Fishery. While you wait in anticipation our wildlife guide will be in radio contact with you to help to spot any ospreys that may visit the osprey pond to hunt for fish. This is a fantastic opportunity to watch ospreys at such close quarters.

Sorry no dogs.

**Booking:** Required (min 2 people, max 10)

**Contact:** Rothiemurchus estate tel 01479 812 345

**Cost:** £17.50pp

**Meet:** Rothiemurchus Estate, Inverdrue,  
Aviemore, PH22 1QH

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**Saturday 16th May** 6.30 – 10pm

## AN EVENING WITH NICK BAKER

Come and join **TV's Nick Baker** to hear about his life, experiences and passion. The evening will start at 6.30pm with a performance from the fantastic Fèis Spè Junior Ceilidh Band, followed by Nick talking about his amazing life as a wildlife presenter and his passion for nature.

**Booking:** Required [book here](#) -

<http://nickbakercnfestival.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Contact:** 01479 873535

**Cost:** £5

**Meet:** Boat of Garten Community Hall

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**Sat 16th & Sun 17th May** to suit

## GUIDED WILDLIFE WATCHING

Join one of Speyside Wildlife's experienced guides for a day out in the Cairngorms National Park, for the best chance of catching up with capercaillie, ptarmigan, Scottish crossbill, golden eagle, red squirrel, black grouse and much more.

**Booking:** Required – [book here](#)

**Contact:** [enquiries@speysidewildlife.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@speysidewildlife.co.uk)  
or 01479 812498

**Cost:** Standard day £160, extended days £195 (if booked online). All transport included, for a max of 7 guests, pick up from local accom available.

**Meet:** Confirmed on booking

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**Sat 16 & Sun 17th May** 11am – 4pm

## WONDERFUL WADERS & WILD ART

Cairngorms Nature Festival events bring you lapwings, redshanks, snipe and oystercatcher. See the animals at the Highland Wildlife Park and get up close to some wonderful wild waders and their cute chicks as you drive through. Then let your imagination run riot as you create your very own wader works of art with RSPB Scotland and Royal Zoological Society of Scotland – no artistic ability needed, it's all about having fun!

**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** [Catherine.Vis-Christie@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.Vis-Christie@rspb.org.uk)

**Cost:** Standard gate entry charge to the Highland Wildlife Park applies – activities are free.

**Meet:** Highland Wildlife Park, Kincaig

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**Sunday 17th May** 6pm – 8pm

## WILDLIFE OF SPEYSIDE

A tour through our unique habitats and exciting wildlife. In conjunction with Speyside Wildlife, come along to hear Duncan Macdonald talk about the animals and birds of the Cairngorms National Park. Canapes and refreshments will be served.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** [info@muckrach.com](mailto:info@muckrach.com) or 01479 851227

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Muckrach Country House Hotel, Dulnain Bridge, PH26 3LY

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**Sunday 17th May** 11am – 3pm

## SPEYFANTASTIC

Everything you ever wanted to know about the mighty River Spey and the creatures that live in and depend upon it. Learn how to count fish, do some detective work and find out more about the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest river in Scotland.

Electrofishing demos will be held at 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm – no booking necessary.

**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** Liz Henderson

[l.henderson@speyfisheryboard.com](mailto:l.henderson@speyfisheryboard.com)

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** car park at Inverdrue, Rothiemurchus, Aviemore, grid ref: NH 901 110

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**Sunday 17th May** 12pm - 4pm

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**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** [info@smartyart.co.uk](mailto:info@smartyart.co.uk)

**Cost:** TBC

**Meet:** Smarty Art, High Street, Grantown on Spey

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**Sat 16 & Sun 17 May** 10am – 4pm

## 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 Glenmore Forestry Commission Scotland Visitor Centre with our cameras, computers, maps and games.

**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** CNPA 01479 873535

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Glenmore FCS Visitor Centre

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**Cost:** £30pp

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**anytime**

## **SELF-GUIDED WALKS**

Take to the hills – explore Craigellachie NNR and hike to the viewpoint to take in the majesty of the Caledonian pine forest.

If hill walking is not your thing then explore Aviemore Park and enjoy a walk along the River Spey.

Let the train take the strain – book your bike on the Strathspey Steam Train to Boat of Garten then cycle back along the Speyside Way.

**Booking:** Not required

**Contact:** [View all the walks here](#)

**Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Aviemore

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**8.30pm**

## **EVENING MAMMAL WATCHING**

Come and enjoy our famous dusk wildlife, in the comfort of a purpose built and warm hide, with one of our professional wildlife guides. A chance to see pine marten, badger, red and roe deer and much more at close quarters. Sorry no dogs.

**Booking:** Required – [book here](#) or in person at the Rothiemurchus Centre, PH22 1QH

**Contact:** [enquiries@speysidewildlife.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@speysidewildlife.co.uk) or 01479 812498 /812345

**Cost:** adults £20, 8-10 yrs £10 (if booked online)

**Meet:** Confirmed on booking

**Sat 16th May**

**10am**

## **MOUNTAIN WALK!**

As part of the **Kingussie Walking Festival** come and walk the mountains with experienced leader Gordon Stewart. This is an all day walk with a chance to see red deer, mountain hare, grouse and smaller birds such as wheatear, meadow pipit and golden plover.

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** 01540 661228 or [www.kcdc.co.uk](http://www.kcdc.co.uk)

**Cost:** free

**Meet:** Ardvonie carpark, Kingussie

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## **WETLANDS WALK!**



As part of the **Kingussie Walking Festival** join us at RSPB Insh Marshes National Nature Reserve for a unique walk through one of the UK's most important wetlands, a view of Badenoch that few have had the opportunity to enjoy. Join the warden and site expert who will interpret the landscape and wildlife all around you while helping you navigate a path through the marsh. Spring is a wonderful vocal time to visit the Marshes, displaying lapwing, red shank and curlew, create a constant sound track for your journey. This walk will take 4-5 hours.

**Booking:** Required – places are limited

**Contact:** 01540 661518

**Cost:** free

**Meet:** RSPB Office Insh

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**10am – 3.30pm**

**Sun 17th May**

**12pm – 3.30pm**

## **TREEZONE SPECIAL OFFER!**

Only available during the weekend of the **Cairngorms Nature Festival** – have a complimentary second lap of the Buzzard Course immediately after you have finished (subject to satisfactory completion of your first go). This offer usually costs £10 – please quote **'Cairngorms Nature Festival'** to take advantage of it! **Booking:** Required

**Contact:** 01479 811 426 or [www.treezone.co.uk](http://www.treezone.co.uk)

**Cost:** please check website

**Meet:** Treezone, Rothiemurchus, Aviemore

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**Please check with Centre for times**

## **CAIRNGORMS ON HORSEBACK**

Newtonmore Riding Centre is located within the Cairngorms National Park and the scenery and wildlife will astound most visitors. With direct access to countryside only 100m from the centre with wild goats and red roe deer right on our doorstep this is an opportunity not to be missed. As part of the Cairngorms Nature Festival Newtonmore Riding Centre are offering 20% off all activities during the weekend of the Cairngorms Nature Festival. Please quote **'Cairngorms Nature Festival'** to take advantage of it!

**Booking:** Required

**Contact:** 01540 670 000 or

[www.newtonmoreridingcentre.com](http://www.newtonmoreridingcentre.com)

**Cost:** please check website

**Meet:** Newtonmore Riding Centre, Fort William Road, Newtonmore

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## **GERRY'S TAXI'S AVIEMORE**

**Are offering a 15% discount on metered fares for Cairngorms Nature Festival' visitors over the Festival weekend. Please quote 'Cairngorms Nature Festival to take part of this great offer.**

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