

CAIRNGORMS NATURE



BALLATER

Cairngorms Nature Festival, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2015

Key:



Family Fun



Nature Lovers



Food & Drink



Get Involved

Saturday 16th May 10am – 12pm

WINGED WONDERS

OF THE NIGHT  

Encounter the amazing diversity of moths and learn about their roles in nature. We will unveil last night's live moth trap catch to see some spring-flying species found in the area.

Booking: Required

Contact: marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or tel 013398 80868

Cost: Free

Meet: Burn o' Vat Visitor Centre, near Dinnet, AB34 5NB

Saturday 16th May 10am - 12.30pm

FLY FISHING 

Give fly fishing a go with the River Dee Trust Open to young people aged 8 – 16 years old – accompanied by an adult.

CANCELLED

Booking: Required

Contact: Joanna Dick joanna@riverdee.org.uk

Cost: £5 per angler paid on the day

Meet: Tullich Fishery, Ballater, AB35 5SB

Saturday 16th May

10am - 4pm

HANDS ON CONSERVATION  

A one day/fun day introduction to practical conservation for volunteers. Tools and training provided. Wear suitable clothing and bring a packed lunch. U18's must be accompanied.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Eric Baird ranger@glentamar.co.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Visitor Centre, Glen Tanar, AB34 5EU

Saturday 16th May

10.30am – 12pm & 12.30 – 2pm

WHOOO AM I? ALL ABOUT OWLS  

Why are there different kinds of owls? How do they hunt in the dark – and for what? Dissect a pellet, fascinate over feathers and be amazed by all things owl.

Booking: Not required. Drop-in sessions

Contact: 01224 627853 or

aileen.meek@rspb.org.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Beaton Craigie Room, Victoria & Albert Halls, Ballater, AB35 5QB

Saturday 16th May

1 - 4pm

FORAGING WALK  

Join local bushcraft expert Willow Lohr in a foraging walk to find out about the plants our ancestors ate and used.

Booking: Required (max 10 people)

Contact: Catriona Reid on 013398 81667

Cost: Free

Meet: Burn o'Vat Visitor Centre, Muir of Dinnet AB34 5NB

Saturday 16th May

2 - 4pm

WINGED WONDERS OF THE DAY 

Discover our native butterflies and find out how you can help them. We will take a short walk (up to 2miles/3km) to look for butterflies and other insects, including the Pearl-bordered Fritillary, a specialty of the Cairngorms. Bring outdoor clothing suited to weather, stout footwear and binoculars if you have them.

Booking: Required

Contact: marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Cambus O'May Forest Walks car park, near Ballater, AB35 5SD

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BEAUTIFUL BUGS & BUTTERFLIES

Come along and make butterfly themed arts and crafts in the forest.

Booking: Required

Contact: 01466 794 161 or

morayaberdeenshire@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Cambus O'May Forest Walks car park, near Ballater, AB35 5SD

Saturday 16th May

10.30am – 12pm & 1.30 – 3pm

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT!

Come for a splashy adventure with Mandy Tulloch of Mud Pies. Collect some natural treasures from around the wonderful Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve and use them to make a little raft. We will then head over to the bridge on the burn. Will your boat float merrily down the stream?! There will also be time towards the end of the session to visit the Vat itself.

Sorry no dogs.

Booking: Required– ages under 8

Contact Mandy Tulloch 07929 465 680 or

info@mudpieadventures.co.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Burn O'Vat, Muir of Dinnet, AB35 5HB

Saturday 16th May 2 – 4pm

CAIRNGORMS NATURE EXPLORERS

Come and join the rangers to build some wildlife homes and learn about the tracks and signs that some of the National Parks wildlife leaves behind.

Booking: Required

Contact Glyn Jones 013397 55059

Cost: Free

Meet: Loch Muick, 8 miles from Ballater, AB35 5SU

Saturday 16th May 10am – 12noon

RED SQUIRRELS IN THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK

Join one of the team from Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels for a walk in the woods of Deeside. Look for signs the animals are around and learn how the project surveys for squirrels. We might even find a few red squirrels!

Sorry no dogs.

Booking: Required

Contact: Stephen Willis tel: 01224 266526 or email swillis@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Cambus o'May car park, AB35 5SD

Saturday 16th May 1pm

SECRET LIFE OF MAMMALS

Come along to hear about the secret life of mammals in the North East of Scotland – camera traps will be used to provide a window on our wildlife.

Booking: Required

Contact: Rose Toney rose.toney@hutton.ac.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Halls, Ballater, AB35 5QB

Saturday 16th May 2pm

RECORDING LOCAL WILDLIFE

Go on a wildlife walk in Ballater with Glenn Roberts of the North East Scotland Biological Records Centre and learn how to record the wildlife that you see and how to submit any sightings to NESBReC. Suitable for all ages and levels of experience but children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a pencil, binoculars (if you have them), walking shoes and waterproofs.

Booking: Required

Contact: Glenn Roberts

glenn.roberts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cost: Free

Meet: outside the Library in Station Square, Ballater, AB35 5QB

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Sat/Sun 16/17 May **Time TBC**

SCOTLAND'S NATURAL LARDER

Discover the richness and flavours of our nature through the seasons. Scotland can boast a wealth of wild, natural food. We aim to reconnect people with local and natural produce that has been harvested or hunted, encouraging Best Practice and responsible use of natural food resources.

Booking: Not required

Contact: Chris Donald, SNH

Cost: Free

Meet: The Green, Ballater

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 Braemar Visitor Information Centre with our cameras, computers, maps and games.

Booking: Not required

Contact: CNPA 01479 873535

Cost: Free

Meet: Braemar Visitor Information Centre

Sat 16 & Sun 17 May **anytime**

SELF-GUIDED WALKS

Follow the line: cycle the Old Deeside Line to Cambus O'May and enjoy a cup of tea at the café or sniff out the cheese factory for a wee look. If hiking is your thing then hike up Craigendarroch for some fabulous views of Lochnagar. Or take to the river and follow the all abilities trail alongside the golf course.

Booking: Not required

Contact: [View all walks here](#)

Cost: Free

Meet: Ballater

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

NOTE: this event is approx 2 hours from Blair Atholl

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