

Ranger Events Programme 2017

The Ranger Service provides a whole range of events for people of all ages and abilities. They are a great way to discover nature, explore new areas and enjoy the health benefits of being out and about. Children are welcome at all our events but an adult **MUST** supervise under 16's at all times.



All of our events must be booked in advance.

For further information about the events and to book –please e-mail countryside@stirling.gov.uk or call **01786 40 40 40**. If you've booked on to an event and can't make it – please call and let us know, as someone else may be able to go in your place.

Friday 25th August, 8 – 10pm BATWALK PCP

Come to Pleian Country Park and enjoy a guided walk around the park at dusk, where experts from The Central Scotland Bat Group show you how to use bat detectors to find as many of the furry little creatures as you can. Warm clothes and midge spray are advisable things to bring.



Saturday 30th September, 10am – 12 noon FUNGI FORAY WALK PCP

Join the Rangers for a fantastic foray to hunt for these autumnal fruits. If you have ID books and carrying containers it could be useful to bring them along.



Saturday 14th October, 10am – 3pm MADD (Make A Difference Day)

Come along and help Stirling Council Ranger Service in conjunction with Friends of Pleian Country Park celebrate CSV Make a Difference Day with our annual volunteer BBQ and rhodie bash. Help us cut and burn the invasive, non-native species *Rhododendron ponticum* to try and clear it from the park to let the natural flora re-establish. Refreshments, tools, gloves and equipment are provided but please bring your own lunch. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear stout footwear.

Saturday 28th October, 10am – 3pm BOG ACTION DAY WESTER MOSS

Joining forces with Butterfly Conservation, we will be taking invading pine saplings off the moss, cutting back scrub and damming up ditches. Refreshments, tools, gloves and equipment are provided but please bring your own lunch. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear stout footwear.

Saturday 11th November 10am – 4pm HEDGE WEAVING PCP

Come along and help us get the wild hedgerow tamed! This traditionally layed hedge is getting a bit unruly, and provides less shelter for wildlife if it is left to grow all straggly. We need a hand to weave the strands back in, like weaving a giant basket! Refreshments and equipment provided, but bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing and footwear.

Saturday 25th November, 10am – 4pm POND TASK DAY BALQUHIDDEROCK WOOD

Lend a hand to provide some TLC to our newest ponds by carrying out some maintenance tasks to make sure they are in great condition for the frogs and newts wishing to breed in it come spring time! Bring a packed lunch, and wellies are a must!!

Saturday 2nd December, 10am – 3pm FESTIVE RHODIE BASH PCP

As 21st October, but you will be making a difference with a festive party theme to the day instead. A hot lunch, mince pies and refreshments provided to keep you energised in the battle against the alien invaders!!!! Booking ESSENTIAL for catering purposes.



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