

Ranger Events Programme 2016



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 call **01786 40 40 40** or e-mail countryside@stirling.gov.uk. 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.

Thu 14th April 10am – 12noon, Minibeast Hunt, Plean Country Park.

We're going on a minibeast hunt - come dressed for wandering through long grass and searching under logs for these amazing wee beasties that help keep our world turning.

1.30 -3.30pm, Pond dipping. We supply ALL equipment, but advise you bring your own wellies!

Sat 21st May 10am – 2pm, Wild Food Foray (location TBC)

Join the Rangers for a fantastic foray to hunt for food provided by our own natural environment. If you have ID books and warm clothing it could be useful to bring them along.

Saturday 2nd OR 9th July, 10am – 4pm, Annual Orchid Count, Plean Country Park

Join the Friends of Plean Country Park and Scottish Wildlife Trust to form a troop of orchid counters. No special skills required, just an ability to walk through grass counting orchids! This helps us manage the meadows to keep the orchid population healthy. Save the dates, as should the weather be too wet on the 2nd it will be carried out on the 9th instead.

Thursday 28th July, 10.30 – 11.30am, Woodland story telling, Plean Country Park

Family event where we go for a short wander through the wood, tell stories and share some ideas to help create some of your own stories! Suitable for both big and little kids.

Wed 17th August, 10am – 12pm, Minibeast Hunt, Plean Country Park

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Saturday 27th August, 8 – 10pm, Bat Walk (location TBC)

Join us for a walk through some batty feeding grounds to try and see these amazing flying midgie-munchers and pick up on their echo-location by using bat detectors.

Saturday 8th October, 10am – 12pm, Fungal Foray walk, Plean Country Park

A walk to investigate the wonderful world of fungi, where many different species can be discovered in one place. Bring along I.D books, camera and collection container if you wish.

Sat 22nd Oct 10am-3pm, Make A Difference Day, Rhodie Bash, Plean Country Park

Working with the Friends of Plean Country Park and Ranger volunteers to 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 along with training in tool use. Dress appropriately for the weather and the task.

Sunday 4th December, 10am-3pm, Festive Rhodie Bash, Plea Country Park

As 22nd October, but you will be making a difference with a festive party theme to the day instead. Mince pies and refreshments provided to keep you energised in the battle against the alien invaders!!!!

Also WATCH THIS SPACE for our annual astronomy event, date and time to be confirmed.



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