

countryside events

Rangers welcome visitors to the countryside and help people discover and appreciate what's around them. Rangers run a variety of countryside events that encourage people to learn about the National Park. A sample of this month's free events is listed below. A full list of events can be found on www.cairngorms.co.uk or ask at your accommodation, local Visitor Information Centre or ranger base.



G7 Every Tuesday

10-11.30am, Explore Abernethy Centre, Nethy Bridge

Discover the habitats and former inhabitants of the Caledonian pine forest. Children U16 accompanied by adult. Donations please. Bookings essential 01479 821565.

I4 Every Wednesday from April 7th

2-4pm Balmoral Woodlands Walk. Meeting point: Balmoral Carriage Exhibition

Discover the grounds and woods around Balmoral Castle. Learn about the estates history and wildlife. Distance 4km, ascent 130m. Cost is FREE once entry fee into grounds has been paid.

G7 Every Sunday

2-4pm Explore Abernethy Centre, Nethy Bridge

Discover the history and wildlife of Abernethy's ancient Caledonian pine forest. Children U16 accompanied by adult. Bookings essential 01479 821565. Donations please. Explore Abernethy Ranger Service, easy walk, wheelchair access.

D5 April 1st

2-4pm Guide In The Hide
Drop in to Insh Marshes where we'll be on hand to help show you wildlife and talk about the reserve. Contact number 01540 661518. Information viewpoint, Insh Marshes, 2 miles along the B970 from Kingussie and ½ mile beyond Ruthven Barracks. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. High powered optics will be in the hide to help you spot the wildlife. FREE.

E1 April 3rd

2-3.30pm Egg Olympics. Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl

A challenging afternoon for eggs - painting, rolling, assault course, quiz, swimming. Has your egg got what it takes? Please bring a (highly trained) hard-boiled egg with you. Kids' event, kids £1.00. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

F6 April 5th

2-4 pm Easter Monday Eggstravaganza. Hayfield Car Park, Glenmore Forest Park

Can you work out the clues left by left by the pinewood animals and help find the missing egg? No need to book. Phone 01478 861220 for info. Free event. Forestry Commission Scotland

E1 April 7th

2-3.30pm Spring Treasure Hunt. Atholl Estates

A family event searching for clues and treasure in the woods. Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. 1 mile north of Blair Atholl on road to Old Blair. Kids £2. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

D5 April 8th

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J4 April 10th

2-4pm Deeside Way Spring Clean. Deeside Way at Old Station Place, Ballater

Join in the National Spring Clean by helping to clear litter from the Deeside Way in Ballater. U16 with an adult. Contact South Marr Ranger c/o Bennachie Centre 01467 681470. FREE. Aberdeenshire Council. Wheelchair access.

I2 April 11th

12noon-4pm Eagles, Hawks and Falcons. Glen Doll Ranger Base, near Kirriemuir

Join the Ranger in the search for the golden eagle and other birds of prey that inhabit upper Glen Clova. Booking essential 01575 550233. FREE. Angus Glens Ranger Service. Stout shoes and packed lunch required. Bring binoculars if you can.

D1 April 11th

2-3.30pm Red Squirrel Walk. Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. 1 mile north of Blair Atholl on road to Old Blair

Come and look for our red squirrels and learn more about them. Adults: £2, children £1. Atholl Estates. No dogs please.

I4 April 17th

10.30am-3pm Craig Leek Wildlife Walk. Keiloch car park, off A93 between Crathie & Braemar

Explore the rich biodiversity & social history of this scenic area on a 5mile/8km walk. U16 with an adult. Booking essential. Senior Ranger (South) c/o Bennachie Centre 01467 681470. FREE. Aberdeenshire Council & Invercauld Estate. Moderate walk. Bring packed lunch