

Aberdeen City Countryside Ranger Service

Year of Natural Scotland 2013 is a Scottish Government initiative led in partnership by EventScotland, VisitScotland and Scottish Natural Heritage.

In 2013 the Year of Natural Scotland will inspire our people and our visitors to celebrate this enviable natural beauty, landscapes and biodiversity as we progress towards Homecoming 2014 and beyond.

Join the Countryside Rangers Events to celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland

JULY

Tuesday 9 July – 1pm-4pm

Family Fun Afternoon at Lochinch Farm
This family afternoon of fun will include a minibeast safari, eco-games, bark rubbing, animal tracks plaster cast making and shelter building. Meet at the Lochinch Farm Interpretation Centre, Redmoss Road.

Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

Wednesday 17 July – 2pm-4pm

Woodland Tales of Seaton Park Seaton Park

Using natural materials as props, families will be able to get closer to the woodland environment and find out about the animals that live there through story and drama. Meet at the main car park.

Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

Saturday 20 July – 8.30pm-midnight

A Wild Night at Grandholm! Grandholm by Don

Enter the mysterious world of night creatures with Countryside Ranger Rob Rowe. This will include setting

up a moth trap with Helen Rowe of the Aberdeenshire Ranger Service, and later finding out what moths have been caught. Meet at the start of the path by the Grandholm Village turning circle at the end of the cobbled road on the River Don north bank by Grandholm Bridge. The access is from Gordons Mills Road. Please bring a torch, sunglasses & wide-brimmed hat, if you have them, to shield eyes from moth trap light. Booking is required. Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

Tuesday 23 July – 10.00am–12.00noon

Rock Pooling at Cove Harbour

Residents of the rock pools need to be tough where life is constantly changing and every tide may bring in new arrivals. Join a Countryside Ranger at Cove Harbour for an opportunity to explore the rock pools, meet some of the residents and create some wild beach art. Meet at Colsea Road car park.

Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

AUGUST

Saturday 10 August – 8.30pm-11.00pm

Bat Lovers Walk Peterculter

Join Countryside Ranger Rob Rowe for a tour into the world of the bat. Meet at the St Peter's Heritage Centre car park, Station Road West.

Please bring a torch. Booking is required. Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

Saturday 17 August 10am-1pm

Tullos Toddle, Tullos Hill

Join Woodlands Community Ranger, Stephen Bly, on a healthy walk starting and finishing at the entrance Tullos Hill

next to the Service Point and near Stenna Drilling units on Greenbank Crescent on East Tullos Industrial Estate. The walk will take in all the diversity of habitats and wildlife Tullos Hill has to offer and cover the rich history of the area as well. Bring a camera as the views of Aberdeen are picturesque to say the least! There are a few challenging inclines with well established paths but the pace will be steady and relaxed. You will need stout footwear, waterproofs, refreshments and a packed lunch on the day. Please phone 01224 897400 to book your place and for further information.

Saturday 24 August 8.30pm-11.00pm
Bat Lovers Walk Peterculter

Join Countryside Ranger Simon Whitworth for a tour into the world of the bat. Meet

at the St Peter's Heritage Centre car park. Please bring a torch.
Booking is required. Please phone 01224 897400 to book and for further information.

For more information visit www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/rangerservice and click on the Kincorth Hill link on the right hand side.

There is also a Flickr page at www.flickr.com/groups/countrysiderangerservice/ where people can upload photos of our sites and associated wildlife.

