

Woodland Autumn Walk

4 October

Discover the history and wildlife of Craigmillar and Burdiehouse and enjoy the autumn colours as you join a Countryside Ranger walking through two of South Edinburgh's countryside parks. Bring a packed lunch and water.

Meet: Park at Bridgend Farm, Old Dalkeith Road. 10am to 3pm

WeBS Training

16 October

Join the Countryside Rangers for our monthly Wetland Bird Survey from Cramond to Newhaven Harbour (this information feeds into a national survey) to improve your Identification skills. Transport will be provided but some walking is required where vehicle access is limited.

Meet: Cramond public car park. 12 to 4pm

An Historical Haunted Hermitage

30 October

Get in the mood for Halloween and dare follow the local witch to discover the fascinating characters, from the past, of the Hermitage Estate. Come in costume if you dare but wrap up warm as you'll be outside.

Meet: Hermitage of Braid Visitor Centre. 2pm to 4pm

Wonders of Cammo

22 November

Walk round Cammo Estate to discover its fascinating history and look at the many specimen trees and wildlife here.

Meet: Cammo Lodge Visitor Centre. 10am to 12 noon

Walk the Water of Leith

6 December

Walk the 12¾ miles of the Water of Leith river corridor running through the heart of the city, from Balerno to Leith. Explore its natural heritage, its past and visit St Bernard's Well. Free return transport to the start. Bring a packed lunch.

Meet: Start of walkway, Bridge Rd by Balerno High School. 9.30am to 4.30pm

Booking is essential for all Events

unless specified as a drop in event

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For all events please bring sturdy footwear, warm clothes and water-proofs. All under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

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Meet the Butterflies! **19 April**

This course will introduce butterfly identification so you can help the Countryside Rangers do their annual butterfly survey at the Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill.

Meet: Hermitage of Braid Visitor Centre. 10am to 4pm

Badgers on Corstorphine Hill **20 May**

Join the Countryside Ranger for an introduction to badgers, followed by a walk to a badger sett. Bring dark coloured non-rustle clothing i.e. fleecy material, rug or cushion to sit on, gloves, hat, binoculars to assist viewing and a torch.

Meet: Clermiston Road North car park. 8.30pm to 10.30pm

Underwater Mini-Monsters **24 May**

As part of Biodiversity week explore the underwater magic of Easter Craiglockhart's Pond. Have a go at pond dipping and learn about the creatures who have made this pond home.

Meet: Lockharton Crescent Entrance, near the pond. 2pm to 4pm

Seashore Search **26 June**

Paddle in the pools of Joppa Rocks searching for the creatures that live there. Bring wellies, warm clothes, and waterproofs.

Meet: Joppa end of Portobello Promenade by the gazebo. 12.30pm to 2pm

Bugs, Beasties and Giants **9 July**

Explore Cammo Estate with the Countryside Ranger, be introduced to the giant trees, find out where they are from, meet the bugs and beasties of the woodland and learn some fascinating facts. Suitable for age 5 to 10 years.

Meet: Cammo Lodge Visitor Centre. 1pm to 3pm

Walk to Cramond Island **15 July**

Walk out along the causeway to Cramond Island and discover the historical se-

crets that the island holds. You may see some of the wildlife that now lives there.

Meet: Cramond public car park. 1pm to 3pm

Bugs and Beasties on Patrol **23 July**

Join a countryside ranger for a walk through the fields and forests of Cammo Estate, with stops to look for the hidden heroes of the park; the mini-beasts! Suitable for age 5 to 10 years.

Meet: Cammo Lodge Visitor Centre. 1pm to 3pm

River Almond Ramble **26 July**

As part of Love Parks week wander along the banks of the River Almond looking at its industrial heritage, round Cammo Estate to discover its fascinating history and then down to Cramond Foreshore. Bring a packed lunch.

Meet: Cramond Brig Inn car park just off the A90. 10am to 2pm

A wander with bugs and butterflies **6 August**

Enjoy a walk in the old Cammo Estate and discover the creepy crawlies and butterflies that like to live there. After your adventure we will get creative at the Cammo Lodge Visitor Centre. Suitable for age 5 to 10 years.

Meet: Cammo Lodge Visitor Centre. 1pm to 3pm

Bats in the Park **28 August**

Join the Countryside Ranger on a dusk walk to discover more about bats and dispel the myths and legends about these small mammals. Please bring a torch.

Meet: Gilmerton Dykes Street entrance to Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park LNR. 8pm to 10pm

Bat Walk in the Park **3 September**

Join the Countryside Ranger on an exciting evening walk to discover the wonderful bats of Craigmillar Castle Park. We will use hand held bat detectors to listen to them. Please bring a torch.

Meet: Bridgend Farm entrance, off Old Dalkeith Road. 8pm to 9.30pm

Blackford Hill Festival **13 September**

This is the first festival on Blackford Hill. An afternoon packed with history, activities and fun for all the family, including your dog! We'll see you there!

Meet: Blackford Hill, use Observatory Car Park. Drop in 1pm to 4pm.