

Countryside walks

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/walking

Ranger-led walks start at 10:30am unless otherwise stated. All walks are dog friendly, unless otherwise stated and dogs must be kept on a lead.



Wednesday, 10 May – Savernake Park (L)

Meet: Savernake car park, Savernake Way, Bracknell, RG12 OUX.

Tuesday, 16 May – Nuptown Circuit (M)

Meet: Junction of Nuptown Lane and Hawthorne Lane, Bracknell. Map Ref: 890 736

Wednesday, 14 Jun – Through the wooded relics of Bracknell (L)

Meet: Mill Park car park, off Wildridings Road, Bracknell, RG12 7WT.

Tuesday, 20 June – Around Larks (R)

Meet: Larks Hill car park, off Harvest Ride, Warfield, RG42 2QD. Map Ref: 870 708

Wednesday, 12 July – Swinley Forest and Caesar's Camp (L)

Meet: The Look Out Discovery Centre, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, RG12 7QW. Please note car parking charges apply at The Look Out.

Tuesday, 18 July – North Ascot (R)

Meet: Englemere Pond car park, off Swinley Road (B3017), SL5 8BA. Map Ref: 901 684

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks

<http://bfhistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html>

15 May – 'Geology and Fossils in Bracklesham Bay' (An illustrated talk by David Bone)

19 June – 'Reptiles' (A presentation by Philip Merrin with live specimens)

16 July – Visit to Oxford Botanical Gardens (details tbc nearer the time)

18 September – 'British Moths' (An illustrated talk by Jan Haseler)

16 October – 'Deep Ocean Ridges' (An illustrated talk by Professor Alex Rodgers)

Visitors are welcome and there is no need to book.

Meet: Recital Room at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

7:30pm - 9:30pm (Doors open from 7:15pm), with a break for refreshments in between.

Membership is £12 per year with an entrance fee of £1 for evening meetings – or come along as a visitor and pay just £3 for the evening.

Parks Photographic Competition 2017

Visit our website to find out more about our annual competition, which is open to amateur photographers.

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parksandcountrysidevents>



Avenue at Ringmead in infrared, by Stuart Shafran

Wednesday, 9 August – Larks Hill to Garth Meadows and back (M)

Meet: Larks Hill car park, off Harvest Ride, Warfield, Bracknell, RG42 2QD.

Tuesday, 15 August – Wildmoor (M)

Meet: Wildmoor Heath car park, off Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. Map Ref: 842 630

Wednesday, 13 September – South Hill Park grounds and surrounds (L)

Meet: Courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Tuesday, 19 September – Chapel Green and back (R)

Meet: Heath Lake car park, off Nine Mile Ride, RG40 3AT. Map Ref: 827 654

Wednesday, 11 October – Exploring the grounds of Lily Hill Park (L)

Meet: North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

Tuesday, 17 October – Swinley Park (R)

Meet: Englemere Pond car park, off Swinley Road (B3017), SL5 8BA. Map Ref: 901 684

All walks are dog friendly, unless otherwise stated. Dogs must be kept on a lead.

(L) Leisurely – up to 2 miles (1 hour)

(M) Moderate – up to 4 miles (up to 2 hours)

(R) Rambler – up to 7 miles (up to 3 hours)

Timings and distances are approximations only.



Event Booking and advice



For all events, particularly those taking place outdoors, please wear suitable clothing and footwear.



Events may be filmed and/or photographed - please specify to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in this.

Please pre-book all events where stated by contacting 01344 354441.

Events are free unless otherwise stated. Payment can be made prior to the event or on the day, this is non-refundable.

All children under 16 attending our events must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Contacts

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Should you require a copy of this leaflet in large print, please ask at the Look Out reception or call 01344 352000.

Community litter picks

Tuesday, 16 May, 10am - 11am at South Hill Park

Meet: Courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Tuesday, 11 July, 10am - 11am at South Hill Park

Meet: Courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Saturday, 23 September, 2pm - 3pm at Berrybank Copse

Meet: Main entrance by garages at end of Berrybank, off York Town Road, Sandhurst, GU47 0PY.

Tuesday, 3 October, 10am - 11:30am at The Three Copses

Meet: Jock's Lane Recreation Ground car park, off B3018 Binfield Road, Bracknell, RG12 2BH.

Historic parks gardening clubs

South Hill Park Gardening Group Every Wednesday, 10am - 12 noon

Join our small, friendly group who help to keep the grounds of South Hill Park looking beautiful! Tea/coffee provided. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them.

Meet: Rear terrace at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Cultivating Friends at Lily Hill Park Every Thursday, 10am - 12 noon

Get stuck in with the Lily Hill Park gardening team and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee amongst friends. Tea/coffee provided. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them.

Meet: North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.



Discover ...

Parks and countryside events programme



May - October 2017

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MAY



West Garden Coarse

Thursday, 4 May, 10:30am - 12noon Spring flowers and bluebell stroll at Jennett's Park

Put a spring in your step and enjoy a guided walk through ancient woods and discover the beauty of our wildflowers. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.

Wednesday, 17 May, 2:30pm - 4:30pm Wildlife at Wellington College Tour

An exclusive tour of the college grounds and rare heathland bog with staff and students at the college. Find out what wildlife projects have been underway and learn more about the history of this very special place. **Meet:** Wellington College main car park, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, RG45 7PU. **Booking required – T: 01344 354441.**

Tuesday, 23 May, 2pm - 3pm Rhododendron Walk at Lily Hill Park

Guided walk celebrating the stunning collection of Rhododendron and Azaleas, which date back to 1922. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

Tuesday, 30 May, 1pm - 3pm Nature Quest at South Hill Park

Young explorers are invited to join us in a nature related scavenger hunt.

Meet: Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Booking required – T: 01344 354441.

JUNE

Thursday, 1 June, 12noon - 2pm Community Fun Day at Farley Wood Community Centre

Enjoy games and nature based activities within the grounds of Farley Wood. Please bring a picnic/packed lunch. **Meet:** Farley Wood Community Centre, off Turnpike Road, Binfield, RG42 1FW.

Saturday, 3 June, 9:30am - 1:30pm Three Castles Path Walk

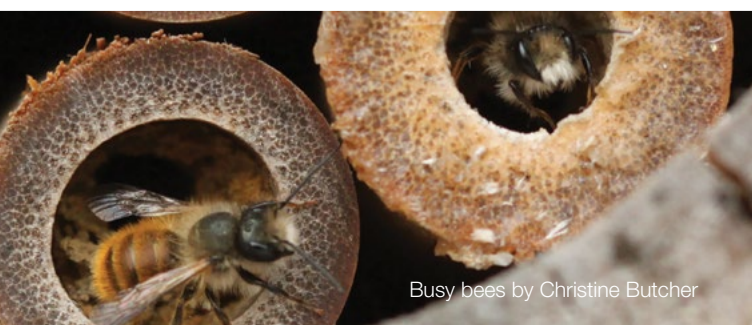
Join the rangers to walk a 9 mile section of this long distance route, which runs from Winchester Castle to Windsor Castle. Walk from Horseshoe Lake to Englemere Pond over varying terrain. Please note this is not a circular walk, but public transport is available. Please bring a packed lunch. **Meet:** Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW. **Finish:** Englemere Pond car park, off Swinley Road (B3017), Ascot, SL5 8BA. Map ref: 901 684. **Booking required - T: 01344 354441.**

Thursday, 8 June, 1pm - 3pm Capturing Nature: Photography at Lily Hill Park

Outdoor photography for the beginner set in the beautiful landscape of Lily Hill Park. Please bring a camera; a tripod may also be useful if you have one. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost £2. Booking required – T: 01344 354441.**

Saturday, 10 June, 12noon - 3:30pm Build a Bug Hotel at Evenlode Way

Bring plastic tubing, ceramic tiles or pots and guttering, breeze blocks, air bricks, bamboo canes, wood and any materials you can think of that bugs would like to nest in and leave on site. **Meet:** Evenlode Way, Sandhurst, GU47 9RE.



Busy bees by Christine Butcher

Tuesday, 13 June, 1pm - 3pm

Orienteering Open Event at South Hill Park
Discover the orienteering course at South Hill Park and learn how to read maps, find points and solve the puzzle. **Meet:** Gazebo on rear field at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Friday, 16 June, 7:30pm - 10pm Discover Nightjars and Moths at Caesar's Camp

Encounter nocturnal wildlife on this 3 mile walk through heathland and forest. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear (uneven ground conditions) and bring insect repellent, a torch and binoculars. **No dogs please. Meet:** The Look Out Discovery Centre car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, RG12 7QW. Please note car parking charges apply at The Look Out. **Booking required T: 01344 354441.**

Saturday, 17 June, 9am - 12noon Heathland Hounds at Jennett's Park

The Thames Basin Heaths partnership and Bracknell's Parks & Countryside Rangers will be on site to promote responsible dog ownership. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.

Wednesday, 21 June, 10am - 2pm Wildflower ID training at Goddard Way

Learn about the different flowers and grasses of the meadow and do some survey recording. Bring a packed lunch. **Meet:** At site noticeboard, Goddard Way, off Priory Lane, Warfield, RG42 2JP.

JULY

Himalayan Balsam pulling

Learn about how and why we control invasive plants and get involved in the practical battle to stop the spread!

Saturday, 1 July, 1pm - 3pm

Meet: Garth Pond entrance, opposite Totale Rise, Bracknell, RG42 2PW.

Sunday, 2 July, 1pm - 3pm And Saturday, 8 July, 1pm - 3pm

Meet: Horseshoe Lake car park, off Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.

Tuesday, 25 July, 1pm - 3pm Big Butterfly Count at Lily Hill Park

Join us in the national counting survey of our beautiful butterflies.

Meet: At the giant picnic bench. Parking available at the car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.



Gatekeeper by Rob Solomon

Friday, 28 July, 10am - 12pm Young Explorers Day at South Hill Park

Come and join us to learn about our wonderful plants and wildlife in the park using the South Hill Park Explorer Packs. Suitable for under 11s.

Meet: Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Booking required – T: 01344 354441.**

AUGUST

Monday 7 - Sunday 13 August The WOW! Week of Walks

In celebration of our 80 green open spaces, the Bracknell Forest Society is holding another WOW! Week of Walks. For more information **T: 01344 451878** www.thebracknellforestsociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 16 August, 10am - 12pm Bug and Bird Safari at Jennett's Park

Learn about woodland birds on an interactive walk and then hunt for bugs in the meadows. Best suited for 5yrs+. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY. **Booking required T: 01344 354441.**

Saturday, 19 August, 11am - 4pm

Paws in the Park at South Hill Park
Enjoy a day out for all the family, especially the dogs! Promoting responsible dog ownership, this free event features canine activities including demonstrations, product displays, fun competitions, veterinary advice and more. Provided with support from local businesses and charities. **Dogs on lead welcome.** Please consider walking/cycling/using public transport to get to this event as parking is very limited, thank you. **Meet:** North field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Saturday, 26 August, 8pm - 10pm International Bat Night at Big Wood

Discover the world of bats on a stroll around the woodland edge at dusk. Celebrate International Bat Night with a chance to see Britain's biggest bat, the Noctule.

Meet: Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8BX.

Tuesday, 29 August, 1pm - 3pm Fruit Foraging Day at Larks Hill

Find out what's good to eat and take home some lovely fruit and maybe some sunflowers from the field! Suitable for families. **Meet:** Larks Hill car park, off Harvest Ride, Warfield, RG42 2QD.



Autumn fruits

Thursday, 31 August, 1pm - 3pm The Great Outdoors at Lily Hill Park

From folklore to fire – learn about the wonder of trees and plants, and have a go at campfire cookery. Best suited for 6yrs+. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost £2. Booking required T: 01344 354441.**

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 7 September Heritage Open Day Walk at South Hill Park Tour of the grounds 2:30pm - 3:30pm Tour of the mansion 4pm - 5pm

Come to either or both events with the opportunity for further questions and refreshments in the café between walks. **Meet:** Courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Friday, 8 September, 10:30am - 11:30am Heritage Open Day Walk at Lily Hill Park

Guided walk to learn about the exotic trees and plants in this historic park. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

Saturday, 23 September, 10:30am - 12noon Wonderful Wild Service Trees at Jocks Lane

Join us for an autumnal woodland stroll and help us collect seed from the Wild Service Tree to preserve this important species for future generations. **Meet:** Jocks Lane Recreation Ground, off B3018 Binfield Road, Bracknell, RG12 2BH.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, 17 October, 10am - 12noon Capturing Nature: Photography at South Hill Park

Outdoor photography for the beginner set in the beautiful landscape of South Hill Park. Please bring a camera; a tripod may also be useful if you have one. **Meet:** Courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Cost £2. Booking required – T: 01344 354441.**

Tuesday, 24 October, 10am - 11:30am Fungal Foray at Lily Hill Park

Experience the amazing world of fungi in this guided walk, led by local enthusiast Gordon Crutchfield. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost £2. Booking required T: 01344 354441.**