

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks



Venue: South Hill Park. Talks start at 7:30pm and end at about 9:30pm (Doors open from 7:15pm) Entrance fee for members £1; visitors £3; under 16 free (annual membership £12). No booking required.

2018

Nov 19 Magnificent Nepal by Chris Chadwell
Dec 10 Birds in Winter by Brian Clews

2019

Jan 21 How to be an Urban Birder by David Lindo
Feb 18 On the Trail of Polecats and Pine Martens by Lizzie Croose
Mar 18 Saving the Hazel Dormouse by Ian White
Apr 15 Urban Ecology by Professor Mark Fellowes
May 20 The Return of Large Carnivores by Dr Adriana Consorte-McCrea
June 17 The Life of a Glow-Worm by John Tyler

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Parks and countryside events programme



November 2018 – April 2019

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events

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Making Strides - Volunteer Led Walks



Walks start at 10:30am unless otherwise stated. No booking or payment required.

For more information visit <https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events>



Leisurely (L) – up to 2 miles (1 hour)
Moderate (M) – up to 4 miles (1¾ hours)
Rambler (R) – up to 5½ miles (2¼ hours)

20 November – Around Broadmoor (R)

Meet: Wildmoor Heath Car Park, Crowthorne Road GU47 8PD

18 December – The Mince Pie Trail (R)

A longer walk with refreshments and a festive mince pie afterwards

Meet: Frost Folly car park, Weller's Lane, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 6EN

15 January - Binfield & Billingbear – (M/R)

Meet: Jack O'Newbury pub, Terrace Road North, Binfield, Bracknell RG42 5HX

19 February - Swinley Park - (R)

Meet: at Englemere Pond Car Park, Off Swinley Road (B3017) Ascot SL5 8BA

19 March - Around Cabbage Hill (R)

Meet: at Jock Lane car park, Binfield Road, RG12 2BH

16 April - Lakes & Ridges – (M)

A shorter family friendly walk

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

You might also like...

Every Friday, 9:30am – 10:30am

Over 50s Nordic Walking, Swinley Forest

A qualified, instructor led, over 50s super fun & friendly Nordic Walking group.

Contact: 07961 356207 or email: ruthaaron24@googlemail.com.

Meet: 9:20am at The Look Out car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell RG12 7QW.

Booking Essential. Cost: £4 per session. Car parking charges apply.

Four week beginner courses also available at £32 every few months. The beginners courses are 11am to 12 noon. **Booking essential.**

The Thames Basin Heaths Partnership hold events including walks and outdoor activities throughout the year. Visit their website for further information <http://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/>

Information about walking, cycling, orienteering, fishing and horse riding opportunities in the borough is also available on our website www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/outdoor-activities

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 booking spaces online.

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



Tree climbs



Nature conservation



Walks



Culture



Treasure hunts



Wildlife



Litter picks/
recycle




Talks

Booking and pre-payment is required (BR) for all our events unless otherwise stated. Please book via <https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events>

NOVEMBER

Celebrating Self Care week (12-18 November)

 **Pope's and Amen Corner wander (BR)**
Wednesday 14, 11.00am-12.15pm
Ranger led countryside walk of up to up to 2 miles (1 hour). Light refreshments provided. **Meet:** Pope's Meadow car park, St Mark's Rd, Binfield, Bracknell RG42 4BA. **Cost:** free

20 November – Volunteer walk around Broadmoor
See our volunteer led countryside walks for further detail.



DECEMBER

 **Heathland Magic at Wildmoor Heath (BR)**
Saturday 15, 10.30am-1.30pm
Try your hand at harvesting birch trees to help conserve this precious site. Enjoy a bonfire, marshmallows and possibly take home your own Christmas tree. Tools & refreshments provided. Please bring work gloves. Suitable for all. **Meet:** Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. **Cost:** Free.

 **Christmas Treasure Hunts (BR)**
Solve a series of festive clues to win a chocolate* prize! Morning or afternoon events available (10am-11.30am or 1pm-2.30pm). Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment. **Cost:** £4.14 per child.

Saturday, 15 December at South Hill Park
Meet: Gazebo on rear field at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Sunday, 16 December at Lily Hill Park
Meet: Giant Picnic Table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.


*A non-dairy prize option is available



JANUARY

 **Heathland Management at Wildmoor Heath (BR)**
Sunday 6, 10am-1.30pm
Kick start your new year by helping the rangers conserve this precious site. We will be clearing birch and pine trees from the heath and enjoying a bonfire in a wonderful setting. Tools, training & refreshments provided, please bring a pack lunch and work gloves. **Meet:** Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. **Cost:** Free.

 **Traditional Orchard Wassail at Lily Hill Park (BR)**
Saturday 12, 5.30pm-7pm
Wassailing is an old English custom to celebrate and protect fruit trees and ensure a good harvest. Come and enjoy a simple revival of this seasonal tradition, by firelight and accompanied by lively music and dancing by the OBJ Morris Dancers. Suitable for all. Bring cider* or apple juice. **Cost:** £4.14. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. *Please drink responsibly.

 **Community litter pick at South Hill Park**
Wednesday 23, 2pm-3pm
Meet: Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **No booking required.**

FEBRUARY


 **Orchard Pruning at Lily Hill Park (BR)**
Thursday 7, 10am-12 noon
Help prune Lily Hill Park's Community Orchard and learn how to care for your fruit trees. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** free

 **Nature Quest at South Hill Park (BR)**
Tuesday 19, 10am-12noon
Young Explorers are invited to join us in a nature related scavenger hunt throughout the grounds of South Hill Park. **Meet:** Gazebo on rear field at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Cost:** £4.14.

 **Half Term Wildlife Workshop at Horseshoe Lake (BR)**
Wednesday 20, 10am-12 noon
Learn a range of outdoor skills including how to build, light and load a bonfire. Learn the safe way to cut down small trees and find out why this helps wildlife. Discover the best way to roast marshmallows on an open fire. Tools & refreshments provided. Please bring gloves, outdoor clothing and wellies! Best suited for 7yrs+. **Cost:** £4.14. **Meet:** Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.



MARCH

 **Community litter pick at Lily Hill Park**
Thursday 21, 2pm-3pm
Meet: North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **No booking required.**

APRIL


 **Easter Treasure Hunts (BR)**
Solve a series of festive clues to win a chocolate* prize! Morning or afternoon events available (10am-11.30am or 1pm-2.30pm). Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment. **Cost:** £4.14 per child.

Tuesday, 9 April at South Hill Park
Meet: Gazebo on rear field at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Thursday, 11 April at Lily Hill Park
Meet: Giant Picnic Table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

*A non-dairy prize option is available



 **The Big Tree Climb at Westmorland Park**
Saturday 13, 1 hour slots between 10am – 3:45pm.

Fun for 6 year olds and over. Climb up into the tree canopy and take in amazing views. **Meet:** At Oak tree in Westmorland Park, off Westmorland Drive, Warfield, RG42 3QP. **Cost:** £20 per climber. **Places can be booked at:** <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>



NEW for 2019! Tree Climbing Birthday Parties (BR)

Celebrate a birthday with friends in the tree tops of Bracknell Forest! Tailor made parties run by The Big Tree Climbing Company that will ensure your child and their friends have a safe, amazing time and a party to remember. Available to children aged 6 or over, including those with special needs and disabilities. Hall hire may also be available at specific locations. The minimum number for a party is 8. Please email info@bigtreeclimbing.co.uk to see our availability.

Conservation volunteering is a practical way for you to protect the environment you care about. Contact us via our online form to find out how you can get involved in activities such as heathland conservation, hedge laying, tree planting, building stag beetle loggeries etc. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/countryside-conservation>

We're also looking for volunteers to work with us and the [Bracknell Forest Local Countryside Access Forum](#) to help improve access to the countryside.

Typical activities may include building gates, repairing bridges and stiles, developing new recreation routes and using social media to promote walking, cycling and horse riding opportunities.

Please contact our rights of way team if you're interested in getting involved RightsOfWay@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk