**APRIL**

**Saturday 6 April – 10am-1pm**

**Dens in the Den**

**Den of Maidencraig LNR – Perfect for families**

Come and join the Rangers for a relaxing morning in the reserve’s young woodland building shelters using natural materials, creating some fantastic natural art and crafts and making tasty hot drinks using an outdoor kettle.

Meet at the Nature Reserve car park on Skene Road. First Bus 11 goes to Queen’s Road and Stagecoach X17 to Skene Road.

**Booking essential**

**Wednesday 10 April – 10am-Midday**

**Rock Pooling at Cove**

**Cove – Perfect for families**

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

Meet at Balmoral Terrace car park in Cove opposite the cottages. First Bus 3 goes to Cove Road. Remember to bring wellies!

**Booking essential**

**Saturday 13 April – 1pm-3pm**

**Rock Pooling at Cove**

**Cove – Perfect for families**

See 10 April event for details.

Meet at Balmoral Terrace car park in Cove opposite the cottages. First Bus 3 goes to Cove Road. Remember to bring wellies!

**Booking essential**

**Saturday 20 April – 10am-1pm**

**Hilltop Treasure Trail**

**Kincorth Hill Local Nature Reserve – Perfect for families**

Explore some of the history and wildlife to be found on Kincorth Hill. With our easy to use orienteering map follow the trails around the nature reserve. Join a Countryside Ranger on this guided walk to find the bronze panels of leaves and animal tracks along the way and take crayon rubbings to complete your treasure hunt!

Meet at the Kincorth Hill car park off Abbotswell Crescent. First Bus 18 goes to Abbotswell Crescent.

**Booking essential**

**Saturday 27 April – 10am-4:30pm**

**DolphinFest Family Fun Day**

**Duthie Park – Great for all ages**

Dolphinwatch is a free attraction where visitors can learn more about dolphins and marine wildlife from RSPB Scotland’s team of friendly and knowledgeable staff and volunteers at Torry Battery overlooking Aberdeen Harbour.

Join us on the third day of DolphinFest for a day of family fun organised by RSPB Scotland. Take part in a range of activities and games, find out how local organisations are helping to protect marine wildlife, listen to talks from inspiring young people and challenge yourself with our bespoke marine themed escape room. For more information please visit [www.rspb.org.uk/dolphinwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/dolphinwatch)
MAY

Saturday 4 May – 10am-3pm

**Squirrel Woodland Management**

**Hazlehead Woods – Ideal for adults and older children**

Red squirrels are now thriving in Hazlehead Woods. Come and help the Rangers get rid of spruce saplings to help the native trees spread and increase the chance of seeing red squirrels in this lovely part of the city.

Gloves, tools and hot drinks will be provided but please bring water and a packed lunch.

Meet at the Hazlehead Crematorium West Chapel car park. First Bus 11 goes to Queen’s Road and Stagecoach X17 to Skene Road.

**Booking essential**

Saturday 11 May – 10am-3pm

**Bracken-Busters on Elrick Hill**

**Elrick Hill – Ideal for adults and older children**

On some parts of Elrick Hill bracken is becoming an invasive species, preventing other heathland species such as heather and blaeberry from thriving. Come and help the Countryside Rangers bash the invasive bracken fronds, and help conserve the native flora whilst getting a good workout!

Gloves, tools and hot drinks will be provided but please bring water and a packed lunch.

Meet at the second car park signposted for Tyrebagger Forest on the left when you leave the A96.

**Booking essential**

Wednesday 15 May – 4:15pm-6.15pm

**Wee Wildlife Wander**

**River Don – Great for all ages**

Join the Countryside Rangers and Sustrans on a wee wildlife wander down the River Don between Tillydrone and Seaton Park. Look out for wildlife and learn about the history of people living and working on the river.

Meet at St George’s Tillydrone Church, Hayton Road. First Bus 19 goes to Hayton Road.

**Booking essential**

Saturday 18 May – 1pm-3pm

**A Donmouth Ramble**

**Donmouth LNR – Ideal for adults and older children**

Spring is here! Join a Countryside Ranger on this circular walk around the Donmouth Local Nature Reserve (approximately 3km). We should get good views of wading birds alongside a variety of other wildlife.

Meet at the bird hide on the Esplanade. First Bus 1 & 2 go to Bridge of Don.

**Booking essential**

Saturday 25 May – 10am-3pm

**Bracken-Busters on Elrick Hill**

**Elrick Hill – Ideal for adults and older children**

See 11 May event for details

Gloves, tools and hot drinks will be provided but please bring water and a packed lunch.

Meet at the second car park signposted for Tyrebagger Forest on the left when you leave the A96.

**Booking essential**

Sunday 26 May – Midday-4pm

**May Festival**

**Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen – All ages**

Visit the Rangers in the “Hall of Mayhem” as part of the May Festival 2019. At this family friendly event you’ll be able to do some arts and crafts and join in with our indoor minibeast hunt!

First Bus 1 & 2 go to King Street.

**Drop-in event, no booking required.**
JUNE

Saturday 1 June – 10am-1pm
Minibeast Safari & Bird Watching
St Fittick’s Park – Perfect for families

The St. Fittick’s area is rich in bird and bug life, especially in the wildflower meadows and recently created ponds. Come and explore the wildlife to be found with the Countryside Rangers. Please wear sturdy footwear or wellies, and bring binoculars and a camera if you like; you never know what might be discovered in the meadows or in the skies!

Meet at the old St. Fittick’s Church on St. Fittick’s Road. First Bus 12 goes to Balnagask Road.
Booking essential €

Saturday 8 June – 10am-Midday
Donmouth Beach Clean
Donmouth Local Nature Reserve – Great for all ages

Help the Countryside Rangers clean up the beach and surrounding area at Donmouth LNR. You’ll be helping wildlife directly by removing litter which could harm wildlife here on the beach or be swept out to sea where it could harm marine wildlife!

Litter pickers will be provided, as well as hot drinks and biscuits.

Meet at the bird hide on the Esplanade. First Bus 1 & 2 go to Bridge of Don.
Booking essential €

Saturday 15 June – 10am-3pm
Rescue our Riverbank
River Don – Ideal for adults and older children

Himalayan Balsam is a non-native invasive plant, recognisable by its bright purple flowers and sickly sweet smell. These plants spread very quickly, overrunning areas of native wildflowers and are taking over the banks of the River Don. Come and help the Countryside Rangers pull up these invasive plants before they can set seed.

Gloves and hot drinks will be provided but please bring water and a packed lunch.

Meet at the Persley Walled Garden car park. First Bus number 17 and 18A go to Auchmill Road.
Booking essential €

Sunday 16 June – 10am-5pm
Highland Games
Hazlehead Park – Great for all ages

Join the Countryside Rangers at the Highland Games in Hazlehead Park. A variety of activities will be on offer at our stall as well as the opportunity to discover more about the city’s green places and what the Rangers do.

First Bus 11 and Stagecoach X17 go to Queens Road.
Drop-in event (admission charges apply). Please phone 01224 326429 for further information.
Saturday 22 June – 2pm-4pm
**Macro Magic**

**Den of Maidencraig LNR – Ideal for adults & older children**

Come to Den of Maidencraig LNR and get up close and personal with minibeasts, fungi and other micro inhabitants of the nature reserve. Learn or practice using the close-up macro settings on your camera, giving you a chance to really see how these animals live and record their images.

Meet at the Nature Reserve car park on Skene Road. First Bus 11 goes to Queen’s Road and Stagecoach X17 to Skene Road.

*Booking essential* 📞

Wednesday 26 June – 6pm-8pm
**Maidencraig Meander with Added History**

**Hazlehead Woods & Den of Maidencraig LNR – Ideal for adults and older children**

Starting in Hazlehead this guided walk takes us through the woods and across to the Den of Maidencraig. Look out for wildlife including deer, foxes and herons. Learn about the history of the area back to the last ice age.

Please wear sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for the weather.

Meet in front of the Hazlehead Park café. First Bus 11 and Stagecoach X17 go to Queen’s Road.

*Booking essential* 📞

JULY

Saturday 6 July – 10am-Midday
**Rock Pooling at Cove**

**Cove – Perfect for families**

See 10 April event for details.

Meet at Balmoral Terrace car park in Cove opposite the cottages. First Bus 3 goes to Cove Road. Remember to bring wellies!

*Booking essential* 📞

Saturday 13 July – 2pm-4pm
**Dynamic Dragonflies**

**Scotstown Moor LNR – Ideal for adults and older children**

Join a Countryside Ranger at Scotstown Moor Local Nature Reserve for a fantastic opportunity to see colourful dragonflies and damselflies. Bring along your camera if you want to photograph these eye-catching creatures.

Meet at the Nature Reserve car park off Scotstown Road. First Bus 2 goes to Scotstown Road and 8 to Dubford Road.

*Booking essential* 📞

Saturday 20 July – 7pm-11pm
**Evening Campout**

**Elrick Hill – Perfect for families**

Come along for a fun evening of shelter building using natural materials, natural art and making a hot drink using outdoor kettles as it gets dark.

Bring a torch and suitable clothing for the weather.

Meet at the second car park signposted for Tyrebagger Forest on the left when you leave the A96.

*Booking essential* 📞
AUGUST

Thursday 1 August – 2pm-4pm

Look What I Found!

Tullos Hill – Perfect for families

Enjoy an afternoon of minibeast hunting and exploration of Tullos Hill. Discover and record the animals we find.

Meet at the new car park for Tullos Hill at the end of Altens Farm Road, accessible off Hareness Road. First Bus number 3 goes to Wellington Road and number 18 to Hareness Road.

Booking essential

Friday 26 July – 8:30pm-10:30pm

Woodside Bat Walk

River Don – Ideal for adults and older children

Join a Countryside Ranger for an insight into the world of the bat. You’ll be using bat detectors to hear the bats’ ultrasonic communication while keeping an eye out for other wildlife along the river. Please bring a torch.

Meet at the Grandholm Bridge. Parking is available on the North side of the bridge.

First Bus 19 goes to Gordon’s Mills Road.

Booking essential

Saturday 27 July – 10am-Midday

Kincorth Hill Clean Up

Kincorth Hill Local Nature Reserve – Great for all ages

Join the Countryside Rangers to help remove litter from Kincorth Hill LNR. You’ll be helping wildlife by directly removing litter which could harm animals, helping to lower the risk of wildfires and will have fun too!

Litter pickers will be provided, as well as hot drinks & biscuits.

Meet at the Kincorth Hill car park off Abbotswell Crescent.

First Bus 18 goes to Abbotswell Crescent.

Booking essential

Wednesday 31 July – 7pm-8.30pm

World Ranger Day & The Rangers of Aberdeen

Pets Corner, Hazlehead Park – Adults & older children

Join us for an illustrated talk on the work of the Countryside Ranger Service in Aberdeen and how it has developed over the decades.

Meet at Pets Corner in Hazlehead Park. First Bus 11 and Stagecoach X17 go to Queen’s Road.

Booking essential
Saturday 10 August – 3pm-5pm
**Rock Pooling at Cove**

*Cove – Perfect for families*

See 10 April event for details.

Meet at Balmoral Terrace car park in Cove opposite the cottages. First Bus 3 goes to Cove Road. Remember to bring wellies!

**Booking essential**

Saturday 17 August – 8.30pm-Midnight

**Bat Lovers Walk**

*Peterculter – Ideal for adults and older children*

Join a Countryside Ranger for an insight into the world of the bat. You’ll be using bat detectors to hear the bats’ ultrasonic communication! Please bring a torch.

Meet at the St Peter’s Heritage Centre car park, Station Road East, Peterculter. First Bus 19 and Stagecoach 201, 202, & 203 go to the North Deeside Road (A93).

**Booking essential**

Saturday 24 August – 10am-1pm

**Scotstown Woodland Experience**

*Scotstown Moor LNR – Perfect for families*

Come and join the Countryside Rangers for this fun family morning of shelter building with natural materials. Make a hot drink using water boiled in an outdoor kettle and get creative with some natural art to decorate your shelter.

Please wear clothing suitable for the weather.

Meet at the Nature Reserve car park on Scotstown Road. First Bus 2 goes to Scotstown Road and 8 to Dubford Road.

**Booking essential**

FURTHER INFO

• 01224 326429

Saturday 7 September – 2pm-4pm

**A Walk Through Time**

*Tullos Hill – Ideal for adults and older children*

Join a Countryside Ranger for a walk that will take in 10,000 years of history as well as looking out for the wildlife that inhabits the hill.

Meet at the new car park for Tullos Hill at the end of Altens Farm Road, accessible off Hareness Road. First Bus 3 goes to Wellington Road and 18 to Hareness Road.

**Booking essential**

Saturday 14 September – 1pm-4pm

**Brimmond Hill Guided Walk**

*Brimmond Hill – Ideal for adults and older children*

Find out more about the fascinating and varied history, archaeology and natural history of Brimmond Hill including the March Stones. If the weather permits, you can get great views from the summit.

This is a more strenuous walk with some steeper inclines and uneven ground.

Meet at Brimmond north car park. Please phone 01224 326429 for further information.

**Booking essential**
Saturday 21 September – 7am-9am
**Silent Squirrel Spotting Safari**

**Hazlehead Woods – Ideal for adults and older children**

The red squirrel is the UK’s only native squirrel species and was once a common sight across all of mainland Britain but now is mainly found in Scotland.

Join us on a journey to try and find signs of the woods red squirrel population in Hazlehead. Perhaps you’ll be lucky enough to see one of the squirrels!

Meet at the Hazlehead Crematorium West Chapel car park. First Bus 11 goes to Queen’s Road or Stagecoach X17 to Skene Road.

**Booking essential**

Wednesday 25 September – 7pm-8.30pm
**The Rewilding of Aberdeen**

**Pets Corner, Hazlehead Park – Adults and older children**

Join us for an illustrated talk and discussion about the rewilding of Aberdeen and the surrounding areas. From the recolonisation of native pine marten and red squirrel to the changes in land management around our green spaces we will see how Aberdeen is becoming a greener more wildlife friendly city.

Meet at Pets Corner in Hazlehead Park. First Bus 11 and Stagecoach X17 go to Queen’s Road.

**Booking essential**

Saturday 28 September – 8pm-11pm
**A Wild Night Out at Seaton Park**

**Seaton Park – Ideal for adults and older children**

On the weekend of National Moth Night, enter the mysterious world of night creatures! This will include setting up sugar and light traps to attract moths – which we will release unharmed after identification – and using detectors to pick up the ultrasound of hunting bats.


Meet in the Seaton Park car park. First Bus 1 & 2 go to King Street.

**Booking essential**
The Countryside Ranger service can be contacted:

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NB: All outdoor events will require warm clothes sturdy foot wear and waterproofs. Young people under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If, after you have booked, you are not able to attend, please phone to cancel your booking as there may be others on a waiting list.

All events are free but donations to support the Countryside Ranger Service are appreciated.

For public transport information please contact:

Travel Line  
www.travelinescotland.com

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www.firstgroup.com/aberdeen

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www.stagecoachbus.com

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