



Local Nature Reserve Celebrations 2007

26th May – 10th June



LOCAL NATURE RESERVE CELEBRATIONS 2007

Local Nature Reserves are places where people can experience and enjoy nature close to where they live. This summer, a fortnight of events to celebrate LNRs is taking place in Scotland.

Use this guide to find out what is happening near you. There are events taking place in :

**Aberdeenshire... Clackmannanshire... Dumfries and Galloway...
Dundee... East Ayrshire... East Dunbartonshire... Edinburgh... Fife...
Glasgow... Mid-Lothain... North Lanarkshire... West
Dunbartonshire... Western Isles**

ABERDEENSHIRE

Waters of Philorth LNR

WATER, WADERS AND WINGS

Saturday 2nd June, 2pm – 4pm

An afternoon of fun for all the family, as we take part in the Local Nature Reserve Celebrations. Drop in on Philorth, and discover the inhabitants of this LNR through bird watching, river dipping and bug hunting. This event will be run in conjunction with RSPB Strathbeg.

Meet at the Waters of Philorth LNR car park

Bring Warm old clothes and stout footwear

Booking not essential.

Contact Jodie Rhodes (Banff and Buchan ranger) on 01261 813299

Portlethen Moss LNR

PORTLETHEN MOSS DAY

Sunday 10th June, 2pm – 4pm

As part of the Local Nature Reserve Celebrations, come for a walk round Portlethen Moss. Get up close and personal with the creatures of the moss, find out what makes the site special, and, if you are interested, how you can become involved with its future.

Meet at the south-east entrance to the Moss on Bruntland Road (NO911959)

Bring appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear

Booking essential

Contact Kincardine and Mearns Ranger on 01569 768292

CLACKMANNANSHIRE

Gartmorn Dam LNR

BIRDS FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday 9th June, 10am – 12pm and 2pm – 4pm

A short workshop to help people who have little or no experience of birdwatching to identify and appreciate the birds they see at the LNR.

Meet at Gartmorn Dam visitor centre

Bring suitable clothing and sturdy footwear

Booking essential

Contact Lisa Ford on 01259 452635 or email Lford@clacks.gov.uk

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Wigtown Bay LNR

IN THE WAKE OF THE FERRYMAN

Monday 21st May – Sunday 10th June

There used to be a ford and ferries between the 2 communities on the Eastern and Western shores of Wigtown Bay LNR but now they have to go around the “long way” by road and through Newton Stewart. As both towns are bypassed by road they are often not visited by people from the opposite shore. Throughout the LNR Celebrations, there will be a series of events aiming to bring the two communities together, in ‘the wake of the ferryman’. These will include artist-led workshops and exhibitions in Newton Stewart and Creetown.

Contact Wigtown Bay ranger on 01988 402 401 for further information.

Visit the exhibitions at Newton Stewart library and Creetown heritage museum

DUNDEE

Broughty Ferry LNR

IT'S FERRY WILD

Sunday 3rd June, 12noon – 3 pm

Fun wildlife trails, quizzes, minibeast hunts and art and craft activities for all the family.

Meet in the reserve along Broughty Esplanade

Booking not required

Contact Dundee Countryside Ranger service for more information on 01382 431848, email countryside.rangers@dundeecity.gov.uk

Inner Tay Estuary LNR

REEDBEDS REVEALED

Saturday 2nd June, 1.30pm (boat trips at 2pm and 2.30pm)

A 2 hour boat trip on the Tay from Broughty Ferry to Powgavie to look at the wildlife of the river and its adjacent reedbeds. Family event.

Meet at Pilot Pier, Broughty Ferry

Bring warm, waterproof clothing and stout footwear with a good grip

Booking essential

Contact Dundee Countryside Ranger Service on 01382 431848, email countryside.rangers@dundeecity.gov.uk

Trottick Mills LNR

LNR OPEN DAY

Sunday 10th June, 1pm – 3pm

An afternoon of exciting events for all the family, including pond dipping, minibeast hunts, quizzes and trails.

Meet Trottick Mills Pond

Bring outdoor clothing

Booking not required

Contact Dundee Countryside Ranger Service on 01382 431848, email countryside.rangers@dundeecity.gov.uk

EAST AYRSHIRE

Catrine Voes LNR

CATRINE VOES OPEN DAY

Saturday 9th June, 10am – 4pm

This open day at the recently designated Catrine Voes LNR will show visitors the quality of the natural heritage which surrounds the village. The event will feature a dramatic falconry display, a display of bodging, and a walking festival, where visitors will be able to sample a variety of walks around the LNR.

Meet in the village square, Catrine

Bring suitable clothes for outdoor activities

Booking not essential

Contact Alan Atkins on 01563 578168 for further information.

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Merklands LNR

DEEPLY DIPPY

Saturday 9th June, 2pm – 3.30pm

Search for freshwater creatures using pond nets and trays and sample jars with magnifier tops to get a closer look at what lives in Merklands' ponds. Use identification charts to discover the differences and similarities in the animals.

Meet at Merklands LNR car park, Merkland Drive, Kirkintilloch

Bring wellies and suitable clothing

Booking not required

Contact the ranger service on 0141 956 6586 or email rangers@mugdock.org for more information

Lenzie Moss proposed LNR

MINIBEASTS OF LENZIE MOSS

Sunday 3rd June, 2pm – 3.30pm

Explore woodland and grassland using sweep nets and identification charts to discover the wealth of tiny creatures that live on Lenzie Moss.

Meet at the entrance to Lenzie Moss at the end of Lenzie railway station car park.

Bring suitable clothing and footwear

Booking not required

Contact the ranger service on 0141 956 6586 or email rangers@mugdock.org for more information

EDINBURGH

Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park

DO IN THE BURN

Sunday 27th May, 10am – 4pm

An day to celebrate the Burn being designated an LNR. There will be environmental treasure hunts, guided walks, guided cycle runs, orienteering, and other events throughout the day, including skateboard and bmx demonstrations.

Meet the Dip (access via Lasswade Road) - see local press for further details

Booking not required

Contact Alan Bell on 0131 664 5000 for further information

FIFE

Birnie Loch LNR

BIRNIE LOCH OPEN DAY

Sunday 3rd June

Come along to Birnie Loch's open day and find out more about this fascinating nature reserve. There will be an exhibition of

photographs and art work by local artists, as well as guided walks and an art workshop.

Meet at Birnie Loch car park

Booking not required

Contact Tony Wilson on 01334 473047 for further information

GLASGOW

ADDITIONAL LNR EVENTS OUTWITH THE CELEBRATIONS

Dawsholm Park proposed LNR

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE DAY – WILDLIFE ON THE WING

Saturday 23rd June

Come along to find out more about the feathered, fluttering and bumbling wildlife in your LNR. Everyone will get the chance to make a difference. Activities include wildflower planting, making bird feeders, nature crafts, trails and a range of games and quizzes. Suitable for all the family.

Meet at Dawsholm Park LNR near the pond

Bring stout footwear and old clothes

Booking not required

Contact Cath Scott on 0141 287 7026 for further information

Garscadden Wood LNR

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE DAY – WILDLIFE ON THE WING

Wednesday 29th August, 10am - 3pm

Come along to find out more about the feathered, fluttering and bumbling wildlife in your LNR. Everyone will get the chance to make a difference. Activities include wildflower planting, making bird feeders, nature crafts, trails and a range of games and quizzes. Suitable for all the family.

Meet at LNR entrance off Drummore Road

Bring stout footwear and old clothes

Booking not required

Contact Cath Scott on 0141 287 7026 for further information

Robroyston Park LNR

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE DAY – WILDLIFE ON THE WING

Saturday 7th July, 12 noon – 3pm

Come along to find out more about the feathered, fluttering and bumbling wildlife in your LNR. Everyone will get the chance to make a difference. Activities include wildflower planting, making bird feeders, nature crafts, trails and a range of games and quizzes. Suitable for all the family.

Meet at Robroyston Park LNR near the pond

Bring stout footwear and old clothes

Booking not required

Contact Cath Scott on 0141 287 7026 for further information

MIDLOTHIAN

Straiton Pond LNR

STRAITON POND LNR CELEBRATION DAY

5th and 6th June, 10am – 4pm

Celebrate Straiton Pond LNR by getting involved in a range of exciting environmental activities such as pond dipping, conservation tasks around the pond, litter picking, carrying out newt and damselfly surveys and building an amphibian refuge.

Meet at Straiton Pond, just off the B702 at Straiton (opposite McDonalds).

Bring old clothes, wellies

Booking not required

Contact Midlothian Ranger Service on 01875 821990 or email jo.rockingham@midlothian.gov.uk

NORTH LANARKSHIRE

Dumbreck Marsh LNR

CELEBRATION TIME AT DUMBRECK MARSH

Sunday 10th June, from 11am

Come along to Dumbreck Marsh for a day of exciting activities. There will be Tai Chi workshops, guided cycles, wildlife safaris and a marquee with displays.

Meet at the Gavell Road entrance to Dumbreck Marsh LNR

Bring your own bike and helmet if you are taking part in the guided cycle

Contact the Countryside Ranger Service on 01236 780636 if you are interested in coming along

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Brucehill Cliffs proposed LNR

CELEBRATE BRUCEHILL CLIFFS

Tuesday 5th June, 7pm – 9pm

Join an evening guided walk around the cliffs and meadows and learn about the flora and fauna, and do your bit to clean up the beach at this wonderful location.

Meet at Havoc pitches car park

Booking essential

Contact West Dunbartonshire Countryside Ranger Service on 07909595283 or 01389752977 to book or for further information

Faifley Knowes proposed LNR

CELEBRATE FAIFLEY KNOWES

Saturday 2nd June, 1pm – 2pm (*Orchid count*); 2.30pm – 3.30 pm (*guided walk*)

An opportunity to learn about orchids, take part in an ongoing survey and try out some practical conservation tasks. Later, join

the guided walk round the Knowes and learn about the flora and fauna.

Meet at Faifley bus terminal

Booking essential

Contact West Dunbartonshire Countryside Ranger Service on 07909595283 or 01389752977 to book or for further information

The Saltings proposed LNR

CELEBRATE THE SALTINGS

Monday 28th May, 1pm – 3.30 pm; minibeast hunt from 2pm

An opportunity to carry out some practical conservation tasks on this proposed LNR. Later, learn about minibeasts and how they dominate this diverse habitat. Suitable for all the family.

Meet at the scout hall at Old Kilpatrick

Booking essential

Contact West Dunbartonshire Countryside Ranger Service on 07909595283 or 01389752977 to book or for further information

WESTERN ISLES

Loch Stiapabhat

ENVIRONMENTAL FAYRE

Tuesday 29th May

This environmental fayre is a chance to hear from a range of environmental organisations such as RSPB, SNH, SWT and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. There will also be a guided walk on the LNR which will take in some of the highlights of this fascinating reserve.

Booking not essential

Bring sensible footwear, warm clothing and binoculars if you have them.

Contact Alison Brown on 01851 810377 for more information

The Local Nature Reserve Celebrations are supported by Scottish Natural Heritage.

To find out more about Local Nature Reserves, visit www.snh.org.uk/about/lnr or contact SNH's Communities and Greenspace Group on 0141 9514488; email cgg@snh.gov.uk

