

Countryside Service



Things to do in the countryside

Events Guide 2009

East Devon Countryside Service Events 2009

Whether you want to learn more about wildlife and your environment or just spend some time enjoying the East Devon Countryside you are very welcome at our events. Most of our events are free of charge and do not require prior booking, unless stated.



Local Nature Reserves

The Countryside Service manages eight Local Nature Reserves which are open, and free, to visit at any time. This events programme gives you the chance to discover the reserves with an experienced and knowledgeable guide. If you would like to explore the reserves independently, a set of leaflets is available from local Tourist Information Centres and libraries or at www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside.



Arboricultural Service

The Tree Officers are responsible for all tree and hedgerow matters from advising on planning applications to making Tree Preservation Orders. Events led by the Tree Officers are an opportunity to learn about East Devon's trees in their widest context.



Junior Rangers

The Junior Rangers club is free and open to any young person living in East Devon keen to learn more about wildlife. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, Marshes Mirror, and, as well as being welcome to the events listed in this events programme, are invited to exclusive Junior Ranger events. Please note that Junior Rangers must be accompanied by a responsible adult or guardian at our events.



Volunteers

This year the Countryside Service is increasing opportunities for volunteers to get involved in practical habitat management tasks. In addition to the Axe Estuary Wetland Project and the Devon Water Vole Recovery Project (see below) there is an occasional weekend work party at Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve. Volunteer events at Exmouth Local Nature Reserve are organised by the Exe Estuary Management Partnership, see www.exe-estuary.org for details. Please note that volunteers have to be aged 16 or over. Stout footwear and appropriate clothing essential.



Axe Estuary Wetland Project

The Axe Estuary Wetland Project is an ambitious proposal to create a large scale nature reserve, expanding on the already existing Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common reserves. For the first time, we are running monthly work parties for Friends of the Wetlands so that volunteers can help with practical tasks. We are also running walks, talks and other events with our partners who support the Project including Seaton Tramway, Seaton Visitor Centre Trust, Axe Estuary Ringing Group and the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.



Devon Water Vole Recovery Project

This exciting project to encourage the water vole back into the River Otter and the River Axe has moved into a new phase this year with ambitious plans to improve bankside vegetation, clear riverside willow and alder and to renovate around 20 ponds. Our band of enthusiastic volunteers is growing and now meets on a weekly basis – please ring 01395 517557 if you would like to join them!



Coastal Festival

Coastal Festival events are aimed at young people who would like to explore the wonderful world of rockpools which emerge along our coastline at low tide.



Axmouth to Lyme Regis Undercliff National Nature Reserve

This magnificent reserve, managed by Natural England, is one of the most important wilderness areas in Britain. The entire reserve is formed from landslides and is particularly famous for the occurrence of an enormous landslide on Christmas Eve 1839. These landslides still occur today, creating an internationally important mix of habitats from dense scrub and woodland to open ground with many special plants and animals. Our events in the Undercliff give you the opportunity to access parts of the reserve away from the South West Coast Path.



The Seaton Visitor Centre Trust

A registered charity which works to raise awareness and funds to support the development of the proposed Seaton Visitor Centre. The Centre will enable the connection and interpretation of the wide range of local natural environments on the coast and the surrounding Wetlands.

Important information

- Please wear suitable clothing and footwear according to the weather
- Sorry, but our events are not suitable for dogs
- Most of our events are on a bus route: visit www.traveline.org.uk or telephone 0871 200 2233
- Please note that Junior Rangers have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Please note that work party volunteers have to be 16 years of age or over.

If you have any questions or comments about our events programme, would like to reserve a place, enrol as a Friend, Junior Ranger or other volunteer please contact the Countryside Service:

countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk
www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside

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January 2009



Interested in water voles? Why not volunteer to help with practical habitat management in the Axe and Otter river catchments at one of our regular work parties? For details of this month's activities please phone 01395 517557



Thursday 8 January 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve
SX 998 811

Join the Education Ranger for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, adjacent to the Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 9 January 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Clearing vegetation from the Borrow Pit Island to provide areas for roosting and nesting birds. We will be using our boat to ferry volunteers and vegetation. Meet in the nature reserve car park.



Saturday 17 January 10:00 - 12:30

Friends of Trinity Hill Volunteer Work Party

Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve
SY 307 959

Roll up your sleeves and help us with some practical tasks on this heathland reserve. Please wear gloves and stout footwear. Meet in the nature reserve car park.



Wednesday 21 January 09:30 - 15:30

Devon Water Vole Project Volunteer Work Party

Meet at Offwell Village Hall
SY 197 997

Come and help clear some of the rhododendron around the leats and ponds within the Offwell Woodland Education Centre. The aim is to improve the habitat for water vole. Please wear stout boots and gloves and bring a packed lunch.



Friday 30 January 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.

February 2009



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Friday 6 February 10:00 - 12:00

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SY 248 908

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Tuesday 10 February 10:00 - 16:00

In-focus binocular and telescope event

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 **Wednesday 11 February 19:00 - 20:30**

Reinstating Heathland

River Cottage HQ, Park Farm, Axminster
SY 303 948


The annual indoor meeting of the Friends of Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve. Following a brief update on recent progress at Trinity Hill there will be a presentation about the reinstatement of heathland on coniferous plantations. Presented by Gavin Saunders, Project Manager of the Neroche Scheme in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Booking essential on 01395 517557.

 **Friday 13 February 10:00 - 16:00**

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922


We would like your help to create a path around the new reed bed at Colyford Common. Bring your wellies. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.

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 **Tuesday 17 February 10:00 - 12:00**

Junior Rangers woodland wildlife

Holyford Woods Local Nature Reserve
SY 233 913

Explore what spring wildlife is appearing in Holyford Woods with the Education Ranger. Meet in layby at top of Seaton Down Hill.



Thursday 19 February 10:00 - 12:00

Young bird watchers Tram Trip

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

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Sunday 22 February 10:00 - 12:00

Bird watching from the Tram

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

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Sunday 22 February 14:00 - 16:00

Explore Black Hole Marsh

Meet at Colyford Memorial Hall
SY 249 924

Come and see how the new saline lagoon is shaping up. After our ramble to the lagoon we will return to the village hall for coffee and biscuits. Black Hole Marsh is not yet open to the public so numbers are limited. This event is organised with the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust. Please book on 01395 517557.



Friday 27 February 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

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SY 250 922

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March 2009



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Thursday 5 March 10:00 - 12:00

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Join the Education Ranger for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, adjacent to the Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 6 March 10:00 - 12:00

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Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

Putting up the boundary fence at Black Hole Marsh - the challenge will be to make it stock proof! Wellies definitely a requirement. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall - we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.



Friday 27 March 10:00 - 12:00

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April 2009



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Thursday 2 Apr 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve
SX 998 811

Join the Local Nature Reserves Officer for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, adjacent to the Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 3 Apr 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Join the Local Nature Reserves Officer in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary.



Sunday 5 April 14:00 - 16:00

Junior Rangers meet Young Archaeologists

Seaton Tourist Information Centre
SY 247 901

East Devon Junior Rangers and the Devon Young Archaeologists' Club are joining forces on this session. We will take core samples of soil from Seaton Marshes and work out what was growing there hundreds of years ago.



Sunday 5 April 17:00 - 19:00

Bird watching from the Tram

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Tuesday 7 April 14:00 - 16:00

In-focus binocular and telescope event

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Drop in to the bird hide to try out a range of binoculars and telescopes. Get advice and buy if you want to.



Thursday 9 April 14:00 - 16:00

Willow weaving

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 247 901

Get weaving with Windrush Willow. Last year the dragonflies were so good they nearly flew away! Small charge applies. Meet in the reserve car park.



Saturday 11 April 11:00 - 16:00

Birds in the Undercliff National Nature Reserve

Meet at Whitlands
SY 306 914

We will be looking and listening for the wide range of birds found in the Undercliffs. A long distance walk for fit and experienced walkers only taking in parts of the reserve away from the South West Coast Path. Please wear stout footwear and bring a packed lunch. Note that the Undercliffs are remote and largely inaccessible to vehicles – because of this please inform us of any medical conditions that may require emergency treatment when booking this walk. This event is organised by natural England who manage the reserve. Booking essential as places are limited on 01395 517557.



Friday 17 April 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

Yes, we know it's April but the May (aka Hawthorn) needs to go in now. Stout footwear and gloves recommended for those thorns. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.



Sunday 19 April 14:00 - 16:00

History of the Axe Estuary

Seaton Tourist Information Centre
SY 247 901

The Axe estuary has had many guises over the years - a Roman harbour, a Tudor naval base and home to invasion defences during World War II. Discover the changing character and fascinating history of the area on this guided walk. This event is organised with the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust.



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Bird watching from the Tram

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Friday 24 April 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

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SY 250 922

Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.



Saturday 25 April 08:00 - 12:00

Bird Ringing and Breakfast

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

See birds up close as the Axe Estuary Ringing Group catch, measure, ring and release them. How long ringing lasts will depend on the numbers of birds. Bacon butties and tea/coffee at a small charge. Please note that this activity will be cancelled if the weather is very wet for reasons of bird welfare.

May 2009



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Saturday 2 May 06:00 - 20:00

Dawn to Dusk in Holyford Woods Local Nature Reserve

SY 231 920

A full day of activities starting with the dawn chorus and ending with a bat walk. In between we'll be doing survival skills, woodland walks, local history and lots more. Refreshments available. For full details and parking/transport information please contact Seaton Tourist Information Centre or look at www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside.



Tuesday 5 May 15:30 - 16:45

Axe Wetlands & Visitor Centre update

Seaton Tourist Information Centre

SY 247 901

A joint update on the Axe Estuary Wetland and the Seaton Visitor Centre projects. Both these long term projects are working to make the most of Seaton's outstanding natural heritage. Come along and find out the latest news about what's happening.



Tuesday 5 May 17:00 - 19:00

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SY 247 900

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Friday 8 May 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve

SY 250 922

Now it is May it is time to finish off the May planting. Stout footwear and gloves are recommended for those thorns. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.

Tuesday 26 May 09:00 - 11:00



Fire Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve

SY 900 108

Reptile Ramble 09:00 – 11:00

Bugs and Beasties 14:00 – 16:00

Nightjars 19:00 – 21:00

A three event extravaganza with the Education Ranger on this heathland reserve. Come for just one activity or all three to see the full range of what this nature reserve has to offer. Park/meet at the Bowd Inn.

Wednesday 27 May 10:00 - 12:00



Woodland Birds

Holyford Woods Local Nature Reserve

SY 233 913

A morning walk to listen and look out for woodland birds in Holyford Woods. Park/meet in layby at top of Seaton Down Hill.

Thursday 28 May 11:00 - 16:00



Spring flowers in the Undercliffs National Nature Reserve

Meet at Whitlands.

SY 306 914

Come and enjoy the range of wild flowers and plants on the reserve. A long distance walk for fit and experienced walkers only taking in parts of the National Nature Reserve away from the South West Coast Path. Please wear stout footwear and bring a packed lunch. The Undercliffs are remote and largely inaccessible to vehicles – because of this please inform us of any medical conditions that may need emergency treatment when booking on this walk. This event is organised by Natural England who manage the reserve. Booking essential as places are limited on 01395 517557.

Thursday 28 May 14:00 - 15:30



Busy bees

The Maer Local Nature Reserve

SX 007 802

A minibeast safari to see a variety of little creatures which share this popular local nature reserve with the people!



Friday 29 May 10:00 - 12:00

Pond dipping

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Join the Education Ranger and find out what amazing creatures live in the ponds and lagoons on the marshes. Meet in the car park.



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June 2009



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Tuesday 2 June 19:00 - 20:30

A Walk with a Tree Officer

Meet at Uplyme Village Hall Car Park
SY 323 934

A walk led by an EDDC Tree Officer to discuss some of the village's trees, their care and management.



Wednesday 10 June 10:00 - 12:00

A Walk with the Local Nature Reserves Officer

Knapp Copse Local Nature Reserve
SY 158 956

A chance to explore this reclaimed landfill site which now boasts a variety of habitats. This is a moderately challenging walk, so please wear stout footwear. Meet in the car park.



Friday 12 June 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

You'll need tough hands, grim determination and to be as tenacious as himalyan balsam itself but the sense of satisfaction at the end of the day will be huge! Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.



Tuesday 16 June 19:00 - 20:30

A Walk with a Tree Officer

Car Park at eastern end of The Maer
SY 012 800

A walk led by an EDDC Tree Officer to discuss some of the town's trees, their care and management.



Thursday 18 June 10:30 - 12:30

Identifying salt marsh plants of the Axe

Axmouth Bridge
SY 253 900

A botanical foray onto the saltmarsh to identify the plants that make this habitat so special and to plot their distribution in relation to tides. Please wear wellies or stout footwear. This event is organised by the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust.



Saturday 27 June 11:00 - 16:00

To the Plateau

Axmouth to Lyme Regis Undercliff National Nature Reserve. Meet at Whitlands.
SY 306 914

A chance to explore a spectacular area of chalk grassland on the National Nature Reserve away from the South West Coast Path. A strenuous walk for fit and experienced walkers only. Please wear stout footwear and bring a packed lunch. The Undercliffs are remote and largely inaccessible to vehicles – because of this please inform us of any medical conditions that may require emergency treatment when booking on this walk. This event is organised by Natural England who manage the reserve. Booking essential as places are limited on 01395 517557.



Sunday 28 June 10:00 - 16:00

Survival skills

Knapp Copse Local Nature Reserve
SY 158 956

Those of you who last year enjoyed making twine from nettles or using friction to make fire will love today! A whole day of survival, discovery and self resilience for people of all ages. Exact details to be confirmed. Numbers limited so please book on 01395 517557.

July 2009



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Saturday 4 July 10:00 - 16:00

Hidden secrets

The Maer Local Nature Reserve, Exmouth
SX 007 802

There is much more to this reserve than first appears. Join the rangers for a day of events and activities to discover the Maer's hidden secrets. Full details from Exmouth Tourist Information Office, www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside or 01395 517557



Friday 10 July 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

A second bash at ridding the Stafford Brook of invasive himalayan balsam which is threatening the survival of some of our rarer plant species. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend turning left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.



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Sunday 26 July All Day

Heath Week Launch!

Woodbury Common
SY 033 873

A day of fun-packed activities on Woodbury common to get 2009's Heath Week off to an amazing start!



Monday 27 July 10:00 - 12:00

Pond dipping

Aylesbere Common
SY 058 898

Join the Rangers for a tractor ride and pond dipping session on the RSPB heathland reserve. Part of East Devon Heath Week.



Wednesday 29 July 9:00 - 11:00

Reptile Ramble

Fire Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve
SY 900 108

An introduction to the reptilian wildlife on Fire Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve with the Education Ranger who will be checking the reptile traps. Park/meet at the Bowd Inn.

August 2009

East Devon Coastal Festival

Find out what lurks under the sea – come rockpooling with the Education Ranger. Times vary according to the tides:



Sunday 2 August 10:00 – 13:00

Sidmouth

Chit Rocks SY 121 869



Monday 3 August 11:00 – 14:00

Exmouth

Maer Rocks SY 012 799



Tuesday 4 August 12:00 – 15:00

Beer Beach

SY 230 892



Wednesday 5 August 12:30 – 15:30

Sidmouth

Chit Rocks SY 121 869



Thursday 6 August 13:00 – 16:00

Beer Beach

SY 230 892



Friday 7 August 13:30 – 16:30

Sidmouth

Chit Rocks SY 121 869



Tuesday 4 August 11:00 - 15:00

Goat Island on the Undercliff National Nature Reserve

Meet in layby at top of Stepps Lane, Axmouth
SY 266 903

A guided walk to Goat Island which was formed as a result of the 'Great Landslip' that occurred in 1839. We will look at the rich history, culture and wildlife associated with this unique part of the National Nature Reserve that is now managed as chalk grassland. Please wear stout footwear and bring a packed lunch. The Undercliffs are remote and largely inaccessible to vehicles – because of this please inform us of any medical conditions that may need emergency treatment when booking on this walk. This event is organised by Natural England who manage the reserve. Booking essential as places are limited on 01395 517557.



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An essential project to keep clear the only path to the Common clear and to give the young trees the TLC to see them through the year ahead. Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend you turn left out of Elmwood Gardens and walking down Popes Lane to reserve entrance.




Saturday 15 August 14:00 - 16:00

Winefred Walk

Seaton Tourist Information Centre
SY 247 901

A walk tracing the course of Winefred's adventures in the best selling novel of that name set in Seaton, Axmouth and the Undercliffs. Written in 1900 but describing events of the 1830s Winefred is a typical Victorian moralistic melodrama. This event is organised by the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust.



Friday 21 August – Sunday 23 August

Wet 'n' Wild Weekend

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

A three day weekend jam packed with events. The full schedule is still being planned, but Saturday will start early with a Moth Breakfast (don't worry, we don't eat the moths!) and Sunday will also be an early start for Bird Ringing with the Axe Estuary Ringing Group. Old favourites such as pond dipping, ditch dredging, bird watching and a quiz trail will be going on all day every day. Special events will include Survival Skills, Willow Weaving, Meet the Fish, Birds of Prey and lots more. Full details available from Seaton Tourist Information Centre, local press or at www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside.

Please note that parking at the nature reserve is reserved for people with disabilities. Other parking is at the Pay and Display Underfleet Car Park (follow brown tourist signs for Seaton Tramway & TIC). The reserve is a level 800m walk from there - follow the duck's footprints!




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A variety of jobs will need to be done - cleaning, scrubbing, sanding and painting to keep the hide in tip top condition.



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Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary. Parking is available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend you turn left out of Elmwood Gardens and use Popes Lane to get to reserve entrance.



Sunday 27 September 17:00 - 19:00

Bird watching from the Tram

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

Your opportunity to see birds from the best mobile hide around - the tram! You'll be in the company of an experienced bird watcher who will provide commentary and help you identify the birds along the Axe. Cost £10 per person. Please book/pay on 01297 20375

October 2009



Interested in water voles? Why not volunteer to help with practical habitat management in the Axe and Otter river catchments at one of our regular work parties? For details of this month's activities please phone 01395 517557



Thursday 1 October 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve
SX 998 811

Join the Education Ranger for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, behind the rugby club, Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 2 October 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary.



Saturday 3 October 10:00 - 12:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party - in conjunction with Axe Vale and District Conservation Society

Axe Bridge
SY 253 900

We will be joining forces with the Axe Vale & District Conservation Society on their annual clean up of the Axe Estuary.



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Wednesday 28 October 16:30 - 18:30

Bird watching from the Tram

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

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Friday 30 October 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

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November 2009



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Sunday 1 November 10:00 - 12:00

Bird watching from the Tram

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

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Thursday 5 November 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve
SX 998 811

Join the Education Ranger for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, adjacent to the Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 6 November 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary.



Friday 13 November 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

We'll provide the bowsaws and billhooks if you provide the elbow grease to get bashing the scrub around the Borrow Pit. Stout footwear and gloves recommended. Meet in the reserve car park.



Saturday 14 November 10:00 - 12:30

Friends of Trinity Hill Volunteer Work Party

Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve
SY 307 959

Roll up your sleeves and help us with some practical tasks on this heathland reserve. Meet in the reserve car park.



Sunday 15 November 10:00 - 12:00

Bird watching from the Tram

Seaton Tramway Terminus, Seaton
SY 247 900

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Friday 27 November 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve
SY 250 922

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December 2009



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Thursday 3 December 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve
SX 998 811

Join the Education Ranger for an introduction to bird watching on the Exe Estuary. Meet outside the storage shed, adjacent to the Imperial Recreation ground (off The Royal Avenue).



Friday 4 December 10:00 - 12:00

Meet the Birds

Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve
SY 248 908

Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary.



Friday 11 December 10:00 - 16:00

Friends of the Wetlands Volunteer Work Party

SY 250 922

A day to clear the new islands on Black Hole Marsh to keep them in ideal condition for roosting waders. However cold the day you'll keep warm using bowsaws and billhooks to reduce the scrub. Stout footwear and gloves recommended. We will be using our boat to ferry volunteers and vegetation. As it's so close to Christmas we think you'll deserve a mince pie for your efforts! Parking available at Colyford Memorial Hall – we recommend you turn left out of Elmwood Gardens and use Popes Lane to get to reserve entrance.



Saturday 12 December 10:00 - 12:30

Friends of Trinity Hill Volunteer Work Party

Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve

SY 307 959

Roll up your sleeves and help us with some silver birch bashing on this heathland reserve. Please wear gloves and stout footwear. Meet in the nature reserve car park. As it's so close to Christmas we think you'll deserve a mince pie for your efforts!

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in our events programme

Your feedback on the quality and range of our events is always welcome

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Thank you!



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