



THE WILD WATCH



DISCOVERING NIDDERDALE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY'S WILDLIFE

Take part in one of **The Wild Watch** walks, talks, training and family fun sessions in 2017.

SCREEN FREE SUNDAYS

Put down your screens and go tech-free for the day with your family and friends. We've got loads of great ways for you to spend a 'Screen Free Sunday' in Nature.



BOOKING INFORMATION

All our events are free but in some cases you do need to book a place. Please go to www.thewildwatch.org.uk or call us on **01423 712950**.

Full event details and meeting location will be provided on booking. Our events are popular – if you find that you can't make the event you've booked please let us know so we can reallocate your place to someone else.

EXTRA INFORMATION

No dogs on our events please. Please wear suitable clothing.



GET INVOLVED!

www.thewildwatch.org.uk
[@thewildwatch](https://twitter.com/thewildwatch)

Moths Morning

Where: Bivouac, Nr Masham

When: 8th July; 9am – 11am

We'll set our moth traps overnight and at this special morning event do the big reveal to see which of our elusive nocturnal friends we have caught. Join our moth experts who will help you identify them and discover all about their fascinating and mysterious lives. Round off a great morning with a delicious coffee and cake at the Bivouac cafe.

Info: No booking required.

Wildlife Detectives

Where: Pateley Bridge

When: 9th July; 10am – 12noon

A family event perfect for our junior wildlife explorers. Join enthusiastic wildlife expert Richard Baines to play wildlife games and activities, hunting for wildlife and looking for tracks and signs. Exploring and learning about nature in a fun and inspiring way.

Info: Booking required

Distance: 1 mile (easy)

Pond Dipping and Minibeast Safari

Where: Millennium Green, Pateley Bridge

When: 16th July; 2pm – 4pm

A fun family session aimed at children and families pond dipping and mini beast hunt. Join us on the Millennium Green at Pateley Bridge.

Info: No booking required.

Introduction to aquatic species surveying

Where: Pateley Bridge

When: 22nd July; 9.30am – 4pm

Join ecologist Jennie Caddick and learn how to survey for aquatic mammals (water vole, otter); river birds (kingfisher, dipper, grey wagtail) and invertebrate species (golden-ringed dragonfly, azure damselfly, black darter). A highly informative classroom session followed by an afternoon in the field. A great chance to learn new skills and get involved in The Wild Watch.

Info: Booking required, no experience necessary.

Distance: 2 miles

Aquatic species survey training

Where: Various locations

When: 26th July 2017; 3 field sessions available: 9am, 12noon or 3pm

For volunteers who have done the introduction to aquatic species this is a chance to top up your field surveying skills with ecologist Jennie Caddick on a follow up training session.

Distance: 2 miles

Wildlife Walk

Where: Hackfall

When: 4th August; 2pm – 4pm

Join ecologist Richard Baines for a wildlife spotting walk in beautiful woodlands near Masham. From learning the calls of woodland birds to looking for signs of otters, you are guaranteed to learn lots about wildlife from Richard's infectious

enthusiasm for all things natural.

Info: Booking required.

Distance: 3 miles (steep terrain)

Bird Watching Walk

Where: Hackfall

When: 6th August; 9am – 11am

Join ornithologist Richard Baines on a woodland bird walk. We will be spotting resident birds and migrants and learning how to identify bird calls and the songs of our late summer woodland birds. Bring your binoculars (or you can borrow ours if you don't have any).

Info: Booking required.

Distance: 2 miles and steep terrain

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Info: Booking required

Distance: 1 mile (easy terrain)

Dragonflies, Bumblebees and Butterflies Summer Walk

Where: Low Dam, Washburn Valley

When: 20th August; 2pm – 4pm

A delightful short walk spotting and identifying butterflies, bees and

dragonflies with expert Andrew Cutts. We'll be using sweep nets to get a close up view and learning amazing insect facts.

Booking info: Booking required.

Distance: 2 miles (easy)

Listening to Insects:

The World of Bioacoustics

Where: Pateley Bridge and field trip

When: 30th August; 2pm – 4pm

Expert Dr Dave Chesmore will help us uncover the secret lives of insects in a fascinating afternoon. Starting with a short presentation we will learn about the latest scientific techniques and research used to record the sounds of insects. Then out to a local insect hot spot, armed with bat detectors to listen and identify as many species as possible!

Booking info: Booking required.

Distance: 0.5 miles (steep terrain)

Surveying for Reptiles:

Introduction

Where: Pateley Bridge

When: 6th September; 9.30am – 1pm

Join Dr Kelly Harmar for an introduction to the UK's reptile species. In the classroom session you will learn all the basics and then into the field at a local reptile hot spot looking for adder, slow worm and common lizard with our experts. A great chance to learn new skills and get involved in The Wild Watch.

Info: Booking required, no experience necessary.

Distance: 2 miles (rough terrain)

Bat Walk and Talk

Where: Pateley Bridge

When: 8th September; 7pm – 9pm

Join renowned bat experts Professor John Altringham and Dr Anna Berthinussen for a highly informative illustrated bat talk. Then its time to grab the bat detectors and look for the real thing.

Info: Booking required

Distance: 1 mile/easy

Pop up! The Wild Watch at Fountains Abbey

Where: Fountains Abbey

When: 10th September; 11am – 4pm

The Wild Watch team are on tour! Come and see us in our pop up tent in an amazing spot - Fountains Abbey - as part of the Open Heritage weekend. Wildlife games, activities, free goodies and a chance to find out how you can get involved in our fantastic wildlife project.

Info: No booking required



Surveying for Reptiles:

Mini Introduction

Where: Pateley Bridge

When: 11th September; 7pm – 8pm

A bite sized introduction to the UK's reptiles with Dr Kelly Harmar. Discover more about adder, slow worm and common lizard, their habitats and how you can help us by joining our survey team.

Info: Booking required.

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