

Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events in April 2018

Gruffalo Easter Egg Hunt at Queenswood

Fri 30 March- Sunday 15 April

Come and find all the Easter Eggs hiding along Queenswood's Gruffalo Child's trail during the Easter holidays. Egg Hunt activity sheets will be available from our Visitor Centre for £1 with an Easter Egg Prize if you can find them all!

Venue: Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, nr. Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: Usual parking charges apply.

Booking: None

Wildlife Watch Club: Dawn Chorus at Bodenham Lake

Sun 1 April

7am to 9am

Get up early and join Wildlife Watch members to hear the exciting dawn chorus at Bodenham Lake with bird expert Trevor Hulme! Wildlife Watch is Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's monthly club for young naturalists aged 7 to 14 years which meets on the first Sunday of each month at either Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum or Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve.

Venue: Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve, Bodenham, HR1 3JT

Cost: £2 per child

Booking: Book your place online at www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch or call 01432 356872

Adventure Clubs

Tuesdays 3, 10 April

9am-4pm or 10am-3pm

Wild spring activities including fire making and camp fire cooking, using tools, seasonal crafts, den making, wildlife spotting and team games. Suitable for children aged 7 to 14 years.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY.

Cost: £21 (9am-4pm session), £15 (10am-3pm session)

Booking: Book your place online at <http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org>

Get Crafty

Wednesdays 4, 11 April

1.30pm-3.30pm

Drop in WildPlay session for families and children aged 2 to 12 years at Queenswood during the Easter holidays and make seasonal crafts using natural materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY. Meet in the picnic area behind the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2 per child, children under 2 years free.

Booking: Not required

Children's Wildlife Crafts

Thurs 5 April

1pm-3.30pm

Drop in afternoon session of nature-themed craft activities for families with children aged 3 to 12 years at Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's Ledbury Shop. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue: Ledbury Shop, 4 The Homend, Ledbury, HR8 1BT.

Cost: Free

Booking: Not required

Talk: Wildlife in the Falkland Islands

Thurs 5 April

7.30pm-9pm

A talk by Roger Beck, HWT Trustee on the wildlife of these remote islands for the Weobley branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

Venue: Hopelands, Weobley Village Hall, Gadbridge Road, Weobley, HR4 8RZ

Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non-members

No booking required

Talk: Can we Restore Carnivores to Southern Britain

Wed 11 April

7pm

Talk by Consultant Ecologist Johnny Birks about reintroduction programmes for the Black Mountain branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

Venue: Peterchurch Centre, (inside the church), St Peter's Square, Peterchurch, Herefordshire HR2 0RS

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members

Booking: Not required

Lake Play at Bodenham Lake

Thurs 12 April

2pm-3.30pm

Learn about the creatures that live above and below the water at Bodenham Lake and take part in lake inspired crafts, water play and games. Suitable for children aged 3 to 13 years, all children to be accompanied by an adult. Bring a picnic and relax by the lake!

Venue: Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve, Bodenham, HR1 3JT

Cost: This event is free but please book in advance.

Booking: Book your place online at <http://www.herefordshirewt.org> or call 01432 356872

This event is part of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's **Lugg Wetland Gem Project** which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Family Wild Foraging**Thurs 12 April****9.30am-1pm & 2.30-6pm**

Spend the morning foraging with Liz Knight of Fine Forage Foods in the beautiful surroundings of The Parks nature reserve and bring back your findings adding it to a hearty lunchtime meal at Home Farm.

Venue: The Parks nature reserve, Dulas, Eways Harold, Herefordshire, HR2 (Grid reference: SO 369 295)

Cost: £14 per person (includes lunch or tea); £50 per family (2 adults, 3 children)

Booking: Book online at www.herefordshirewt.co.uk or call 01432 356872.

Nature Tots**Tuesdays 17, 24 April****1pm-2.30pm**

This group for children and families meets every Tuesday during term time, running outdoor, child led play and adventures for under 5's.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, nr Leominster, HR1 3JT. Meet outside the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4 per child. Non-walkers free. Normal Car Parking charges apply.

Booking: Book your place online at <http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/events/2018/01/16/nature-tots?instance=0>

Fritillary Guided Walks**Sat 21 April****10am-12pm, 11-1pm, 12-2pm**

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust staff will lead a series of three, two hour guided walks of the rich array of wildflowers and in particular, the nationally rare snake's head fritillaries which grow on the Lugg meadow and talk about the history and wildlife that make this nature reserve unique.

Venue: Meet in Rickyard Pasture which is situated next to Lower House Farm, Ledbury Road, Tupsley, Hereford HR1 1UT. **Directions:** A438 out of Hereford turn left opposite the Cock of Tupsley (signposted- Herefordshire Nature Trust). Lower House Farm is the 17th Century black and white farm house down the lane. Grid ref: SO 536 404.

Cost: £7 per adult. Children up to 14 years old go free.

Booking: Essential. Book your place online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872.

It is advisable to come equipped with warm clothing and good footwear as the Lugg Meadow can be incredibly cold and windy at this time of year and there is no shelter.

Bluebell Walk at Lea & Paget's Wood**Wed 25 April****10am-12pm**

Walk led by Volunteer Reserve Warden Martin Hales through the beautiful nature reserve of Lea & Paget's Wood.

Venue: Lea Pagets Wood, Hawkers Lane, Fownhope, Herefordshire HR1 4PZ. Grid reference: SO 598 343.

Cost: £7

Booking: Book online at www.herefordshirewt.co.uk or call 01432 356872.

Talk: Who's afraid of the big bad wolf**Thurs 26 April****7.30pm-9pm**

A talk by Michael Leach for the Aymestrey branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Venue: Aymestrey Village Hall, A4110 Aymestrey, Herefordshire, HR6 9SX

Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non members

No booking required

Spring Herb Walk round Queenswood with Rowan McOnegal**Sat 28 April****10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

Medical herbalist Rowan McOnegal will lead a two hour ramble in the morning and afternoon through Queenswood identifying herbs and discussing their medicinal uses. Suitable for over 18s.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum, nr. Leominster, HR6 0PY. Meet at the Queenswood Visitor's Centre and Gift Shop. Usual parking charges apply.

Cost: £7 per person. Meet at the Visitor's Centre.

Booking: For booking and more information contact Rowan McOnegal at rowanmconegal@hotmail.com or on 07816 858664.