

## Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events in May 2018

### **Nature Tots**

**Tues 1, 8, 15 & 22 May**

**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: £6 for the first child (includes parking) and £4 for additional children. You will be issued a car parking pass by your session leader on arrival. If you wish to block book for 6 weeks (10% discount) please contact Katrina Preston directly on 01432 530088 or by email [k.preston@herefordshirewt.co.uk](mailto:k.preston@herefordshirewt.co.uk)

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

### **Talk: The life of bees**

**Wed 2 May**

**7pm-9pm**

Talk by Mary Walter from the Herefordshire Beekeepers Association for the Marden branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

Venue: Marden Community Centre, Marden HR1 3DT

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members

Booking: Not required

### **Wildlife Watch Club: Signs of spring at Queenswood**

**Sun 6 May**

**12.30pm-2.30pm**

Explore the woods for signs that spring is springing into action and look for flowers, leaves and signs of new born animals and much more! 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: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY.

Cost: £2 per child

Booking: Book your place online at [www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch](http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch) or call 01432 356872

### **Visit: Red Squirrel Trip to Pumsaint, Mid Wales**

**Wed 16 May**

**9am-5pm**

This is an exciting opportunity to visit the Pumsaint reserve where the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales are supporting a colony of red squirrels. There will be an introductory talk about the squirrels and conservation methods followed by a talk on the pine martens which are also found on the reserve. The Forest Ranger Huw will give a guided walk around the site which has been managed for squirrels for many years. We will see pine marten boxes and hear about the pine martens that use them. If the weather is poor lunch can be eaten at the Coachhouse in Pumsaint.

Cost: £15 each

Booking: Places are limited so please email Liz Overstall at [lizoverstall@gmail.com](mailto:lizoverstall@gmail.com) if you wish to book a place and for information about the cost. The group plans to organise car sharing and will inform attendees about the meeting point and times. Bring a packed lunch and good walking shoes or boots. Please note that no dogs are permitted.

For more info about the project visit: <https://www.welshwildlife.org/living-landscapes/the-mid-wales-red-squirrel-project/>

### **Walk: Hereford City Forage Walk**

**Thurs 17 May**

**6pm meet, for a 6:15 start**

Join expert forager and botanist Kerry Woodfield for an exciting circular foraging tour in the heart of Hereford. Meet at the main entrance to Hereford Cathedral, where Kerry will then lead us down through Castle Green, over the Victoria Bridge and follow the banks of the river Wye. Kerry will highlight the edible plant wonders on our doorstep, and share her top tips for successful foraging in the spring – you'll be amazed with what she has found on her ambles round the city.

The walk will last approximately 1¼ hours, ending at the De Koffie Pot courtyard, where all are welcome to stay for refreshments. There is a steep gradient at the Victoria Bridge entrance to Castle Green but the remainder of the guided walk will be accessible for wheelchair users.

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members

Booking: Book your place online at [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org) or call 01432 356872.

### **Adventure Club**

**Tues 29 May**

**9am-4pm or 10am-3pm**

Wild spring activities including fire lighting, camp fire cooking, woodcraft, seasonal crafts, wildlife spotting and 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****Wed 30 May****1.30pm-3.30pm**

Drop in WildPlay session for families and children aged 2 to 12 years at Queenswood during half term and make seasonal nature based crafts. There will be sensory, free play activities for the under 2's. 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

**Lake Play at Bodenham Lake****Thurs 31 May****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.

For details of the latest events taking place at the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, visit the website [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org).