

Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events throughout June, July and August 2018

JUNE

Wildlife Watch Club: 30 Days Wild Challenge at Queenswood (Part of 30 Days Wild) Sun 3 June 12.30pm-2.30pm

This will be a special Family Wildlife Watch Club dedicated to encouraging parents, carers, grandparents and siblings to take on the challenge of 30 Days Wild! Can you do something wild every day this month?! We'll get you started.....

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

Cost: £2 per child

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

Nature Tots

Tues 5, 12 June

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

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

Talk: Reptiles and amphibians in Herefordshire

Wed 6 June

7pm-9pm

Talk by Nigel Hand from Central Ecology and national expert on reptiles and amphibians 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

Hellens Garden Festival

Sat 9-Sun 10 June

10am-5pm

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust is thrilled to be partnering the Hellens Garden Festival again this year, helping people to enjoy and connect to nature and promoting this year's theme of 'Water – The Life Force' this year.

Teaming up with Herefordshire's amphibians and reptiles conservation organisation HART on the **Saturday**, Trust staff and volunteers will be chatting about its new Heritage Lottery funded project **Lugg Wetland Gem** as well as about its work maintaining nature reserves around the county and its activities for families at Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum. **Lugg Wetland Gem** is a two year Herefordshire Lottery funded project which will seek to transform Bodenham Lake nature reserve into a wildlife haven with new visitor facilities for wildlife watchers of all ages.

The Trust's WildPlay team will be at the festival on **Sunday**, running water and wildlife themed crafts and activities for children aged 2 to 12 years, but all are welcome.

Bodenham Lake Open Day (Part of 30 Days Wild)

Sat 9 June

11am-2pm

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust is hosting an Open Day at its Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve, offering guided walks, orchard tours and lake play activities for children.

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

Cost: Free

Booking: Details about booking information and timings will be available shortly on the website at <http://www.herefordshirewt.org> or call 01432 356872.

Please note: Dogs must be on leads at all times and no dogs will be allowed on the guided walks as the route will go into the restricted area of the lake.

Dragonfly Identification Workshop (Part of 30 Days Wild)

Mon 11 June

10am-12.30pm

Workshop run by Peter Garner at Bodenham Lake.

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

Cost: Free

Booking: Places are limited so please book 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.

Visit: Moccas Deer Park**Wed 13 June****2.30pm**

Summer visit to Moccas Deer Park by the Black Mountain branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. The ancient trees host a large variety of epiphytic plants (plants that grow non-parasitically on other plants). More than 200 species of lichen have been recorded and a wide range of fungi grow in the forest and grassland, some of them very rare. The reserve also supports a number of invertebrate groups, bats, dragonflies and damselflies. Well-preserved features show evidence of habitation dating back to at least the Bronze Age, including a Bronze Age round barrow, a Norman motte and bailey and an 18th century park wall and lime kiln.

Venue: Meet at the entrance to Moccas Deer Park, Moccas, Herefordshire.

Booking: Places are limited so please email Liz Overstall at 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/>

The Big Wild Weekend (Part of 30 Days Wild)

FREE events running as part of our BIG WILD WEEKEND of events though if you would like to make a small donation towards our work that would be most welcome.

Booking Essential: To view full details and book your places online, visit www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872.

Saturday 16 June

Guided Walk: Birds at Bodenham Lake nature reserve

7am-9am

Guided Walk: Hampton Meadow nature reserve & Museum Orchard

10am-1pm

Guided Walk: The Doward nature reserves

10am-1pm

Guided Walk: The Woolhope Dome

10am-3pm**Sunday 17 June**

Guided Walk: Birches Farm

10am-12pm

Guided Walk: The Parks nature reserve

10am-12pm?

Guided Walk: Holywell Dingle Nature Reserve

2pm-4pm**Pollinator Day at Eastnor Castle****Sun 17 June****Opening times 11am-5.30 pm**

Join Herefordshire Wildlife Trust for information on bumblebees, butterflies and related craft activities at Eastnor Castle.

Suitable for ages 4 to 12 years.

Venue: Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1RL

Cost: Eastnor Castle Grounds only admission. **Adult:** £7; **Child** (3-15 years): £5; **Family** (2 adult + 3 children) £20

No booking required

View the website for further details www.eastnorcastle.com/visit-eastnor-castle

Nature Tots**Tues 19. 26 June****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.

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JULY

Wildlife Watch Club: Pollinators

Sun 1 July

12.30pm-2.30pm

Join Wildlife Watch members and buzz around the woods to discover the different sorts of pollinators, learn why they are so important and discover what we can do to help them. 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 & Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, nr Leominster, HR6 0PY.

Cost: £2 per child

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

Nature Tots

Tues 3, 10, 17 July

1pm-2.30pm

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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

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Moth trapping

Mon 9 July

9am-11am

Experience the wonder of moths as local moth expert, Robin Hemming opens his moth traps. June and July are the best time of the year to see the large diversity of moth species and numbers of individuals, including the hawkmoth.

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

Cost: Free

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

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Walk: Hereford City Brooks

Thurs 12 July

6.30pm

Join the Hereford City Branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust for a walk upstream along the City's Brooks and learn about their history, geography and wildlife.

Meeting Point: Meet at Brookfield Vet Surgery, 1 Old Eign Hill, Hereford HR1 1TU. Park on nearby Sedgefield Road or Lichfield Avenue (not Vet's surgery parking). The walk will finish at the Three Elms Industrial Estate around 21:00 and walkers will be given a ride back to the start of the walk in the Trust's minibus.

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members

Booking: Places are limited so booking is essential. Book your place online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872

Adventure Club

Tues 24 July

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 25 July

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

Adventure Club

Tues 31 July

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>

AUGUST

Get Crafty

Wed 1, 8, 15, 22 August 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

Wildlife Watch Club: Survival Skills and Campfire Cooking

Sun 5 August

12.30pm-2.30pm

Members of Wildlife Watch will learn about all those essential skills that will enable them to survive in the wild such as using tools, building shelters, lighting fires and discovering what wild plants can be foraged and cooked over the camp fire! 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.

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Cost: £2 per child

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

Adventure Clubs

Tues 7, 14, 21 August

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>

The Gruffalo Summer Festival

Sun 12 August

10am-3pm

Family Day with Gruffalo themed activities, crafts and play at Queenswood Country Park. Park and ride coaches will be available from Wyevale Garden Centre in Wellington.

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

Cost: Activities individually priced. Pay and display parking or park and ride from Wellington Garden Centre for £4.

No booking required.

Lake Play at Bodenham Lake

Fri 17, 24 August

1.30pm-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

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Walk: An urban bat walk through Hereford

Thurs 23 August

7.45pm-10pm, depart 8pm

Join the Hereford City Branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and local 'batman' James Bisset for a chance to hear (and hopefully see) these marvels of the night during an easy Bat walk'n'talk around the banks of the River Wye in Hereford City. After an introduction to these fascinating nocturnal mammals a gentle stroll starting in Wye Street will continue up to Victoria Bridge and along the South Bank to Greyfriars, then along to GWW and over the bridge before returning back via Greyfriars Avenue. Bat detectors, to translate their ultrasonic calls to your hearing, will be available to borrow or bring your own detector if you have one. Please wear sensible footwear and wet weather clothing if raining. No dogs please.

Venue: Meet in St Martins Carpark (by City Centre Swimming Pool), St Martin's Avenue, Hereford HR4 7BA. (PAY & DISPLAY).

Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non-members

Booking: Places are limited so please book online at www.herefordshirewt.org.