

West Lancashire Borough Council

Parks and Countryside Events Programme

January - December 2024



For more information about our events or any of our sites please contact us:

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Facebook /WLBC.Rangers

Did you know that we have information about our parks, self guided trails, self guided walks and educational activities on our website. Check them out at:

WWW.WESTLANCS.GOV.UK/COUNTRYSIDE



www.westlancs.gov.uk/countryside



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West Lancashire's Parks and Countryside Sites

West Lancashire Borough Councils Parks and Countryside Service management 16 sites across the Borough.

Abbey Lakes *///splashes.knees.safest*

Off Orrell Road Upholland, WN5 8QZ

A tranquil fishing spot boasting a good range of wildlife.

Beacon Country Park *///revival.craziest.music*

Beacon Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RU

WLBC's flagship award winning 300acre country park, hosting a range of events and wildlife habitats.

Burscough Brickpits *///couch.skis.overpaid*

Liverpool Rd South, Burscough, L40 7SU

A compact wildlife site made up of species rich grasslands.

Cheshire Lines *///cactus.cuddling.bits*

Off Carr Lane, Lydiate, L31 4EU

A 6 mile linear cycle route. Part of NCN 62 Trans Pennine Trail.

Chequer Lane *///scoop.welfare.relate*

Chequer Lane, Upholland, WN8 0DA

Compact fishing pond and wildlife area with children's play area.

Coronation Park *///plays.sizes.slick*

Park Road, Ormskirk, L39 3BY

Award winning town centre park with excellent play facilities, wildlife areas and formal area.

Dean Wood *///snore.sometimes.wades*

Off Lafford Lane, Upholland, WN8 0QZ

Linear semi natural ancient woodland site following Dean Brook.

Fairy Glen *///cabbies.impose.case*

Sparrow Hill, Appley Bridge, WN6 9EQ

Linear woodland site with small waterfalls.

West Lancashire's Parks and Countryside Sites

Hunters Hill *///coil.dine.hobbit*

Bannister Lane, Hilldale, WN6 9QD

Scenic woodland and heathland on the site of a former quarry.

Mill Leat *///bars.scare.lushly*

Mill Leat, Parbold, WN8 7NJ

Area of scrub and grassland habitat with attractive canal views.

Platts Lane Lake *///purple.lifts.mural*

Platts Lane, Burscough, L40 7TE

Scenic fishing lake and woodland hosting a range of wildlife.

Richmond Park *///ties.swims.lies*

Junction Lane, Burscough, L40 5SS

Small town centre park with play, bowling and football facilities.

Ruff Wood *///timer.tulip.replied*

Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, L40 6HQ

Woodland, wildlife site on the site of an old sandstone quarry.

Stanley Coronation Park *///tinny.ahead.earth*

Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale, WN8 8HW

Small town centre park with play facilities and a green gym.

Station Approach *///filled.loss.bliss*

Station Approach, Ormskirk, L39 2YN

Tranquil Woodland Walk with sculptures.

Tawd Valley Park *///edges.revise.wheat*

Off Yewdale, Skelmersdale, WN8 6SX

Large country park with a mosaic of habitats and a rich heritage.

Visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/countryside for further information about any of our sites.

Volunteer With Us

Volunteering is a brilliant way of keeping fit, meeting new people and learning new skills. All whilst giving something back to your local community. The Ranger Service offer a wide range of volunteer opportunities across the Borough. Volunteers can get involved with practical tasks, wildlife surveys, fundraising and even project planning to enhance your local greenspace. Tasks vary with the seasons and we run a flexible program of activities with a mix of planned projects and reactionary works.

Parks and Countryside Volunteers Group

This group meets on Thursdays at Beacon Country Park and carries out practical maintenance across all 16 of our sites as required. Tasks include but aren't limited to:-

- Woodland Management
- Tree Planting
- Grasscutting/Strimming
- Footpath Creation
- Fence, Bench, Bin Installations
- Litterpicking

Team Tawd

Run in partnership with the Friends of Tawd Valley, Team Tawd are a Friday morning group that help with the upkeep and maintenance of Tawd Valley Park which runs through the heart of Skelmersdale. They carry out similar tasks to the parks and countryside volunteers group but also help plan and organise events within the park.

Team Tawd also meet on the first Saturday of each month to undertake a larger scale conservation task. Details of the Friends of Tawd Valley park can be found on their website. www.friendsoftawdvalley.org.



In order to volunteer with us you must be aged 18 years or over. If you would be interested in becoming involved with any of the groups above please contact the Ranger Service for more information and to arrange an informal interview. The Ranger Service can also accommodate a limited number of organised groups and corporate working parties. Contact us via beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk for details.

Friends of Tawd Valley

In addition to working in partnership with the Parks and Countryside Service to help deliver our events programme, the Friends of Tawd Valley plan and organise a series of independent events. These are included in the programme on the right and highlighted in bold text. For further information about any of these events please visit the Friends of Tawd Valley website: www.friendsoftawdvalley.org

Junior Rangers Club

Junior Rangers events are open to children aged from 5 to 12 years old. We will be running the following Junior Rangers sessions during the School Summer Holidays.

Weds 31st July	Beacon CP	2pm
Fri 2nd Aug	Tawd Valley Park	10am
Weds 7th Aug	Beacon CP	2pm
Fri 9th Aug	Coronation Park	10am
Weds 14th Aug	Beacon CP	2pm
Fri 16th Aug	Tawd Valley Park	10am
Weds 21st Aug	Beacon CP	2pm
Fri 23rd Aug	Coronation Park	10am

For further details about any of the Junior Rangers events please check out our website and social media pages.

Places are limited so booking is essential.

Great British Spring Clean Pick a Picker

To celebrate and to show our support for Keep Britain Tidy's annual Great British Spring Clean event we will be offering a "Pick a picker" service between Saturday 16th March and Sunday 31st March,

We will provide bin bags and lend out litter pickers to anyone wishing to help clean up their local community.

For further details or to book a slot please email Beacon.Park@westlancs.gov.uk

Schools and Youth Groups

The Parks and Countryside Service can offer environmental educational walks and activities to Schools and Youth Groups.

For further information about the activities that we are able to offer or to discuss arranging a visit please contact us via beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk.

Please note that this provision is limited and the number of sessions that we can accept is dependant on staff availability.

Have a go craft/skills sessions

Learn new skills and crafts at our "have a go" sessions throughout the year. **Booking is essential via Beacon.Park@westlancs.gov.uk**

21st Apr	Charcoal Making	BCP
19th May	Oak Bark Peeling	BCP
2nd June	Introduction to Knot-Tying	BCP
16th June	Basket Making	BCP
21st Sept	Have a go Scything	CP
28th Sept	Meadow Maintenance	CP
27th Oct	Besom Broom Making	BCP
17th Nov	Have a go at Coppicing	BCP
1st Dec	Wreath Making	BCP
21st Dec	Make a Reindeer	BCP

Wildlife Walks and Events

The Ranger Service work with a range of partners to organise a series of themed walks that take a closer look at the wildlife of our sites and help visitors to understand the range of creatures living there.

21st Jan	Feed the Birds	BCP	2pm
1st Apr	Dawn Chorus Walk	BCP	5.30am
24th Mar	Spring Photography	BCP	2pm
13th Apr	Bat Walk	TVP	8pm
20th Apr	Bat Walk	BCP	8pm
27th May	Wildlife Walk	BCP	2pm
23rd June	Summer Photography	BCP	2pm
11th Aug	River Fly Surveying	TVP	2pm
22nd Sept	Autumn Photography	BCP	2pm
13th Oct	Foraging Walk	HH	1pm
20th Oct	Foraging Walk	TVP	1pm
3rd Nov	Foraging Walk	BCP	1pm
24th Nov	Feed the Birds	BCP	1pm
22nd Dec	Winter Photography	BCP	1pm



Situated in the wonderfully picturesque Beacon Country Park our dog friendly Coppice Café offers a range of quality food and drink at an affordable price.

With a friendly, natural atmosphere the café provides the perfect place to sit and unwind with a slice of cake and a brew.

Opening hours vary with the seasons so check our website for details and the latest menus.

www.westlancs.gov.uk/coppicecafe



Events January - December 2024

JANUARY

Sat 6th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sun 21st Feed the Birds BCP 2pm

FEBRUARY

Sat 3rd **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 10th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC

MARCH

Sat 2nd **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 9th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sat 16th Great British Spring Clean TVP 10am
16th - 31st GBSC Pick a picker event info on left
Sun 24th Spring Photographic Walk BCP 2pm

APRIL

1st - 14th Easter Trails Various
Sat 6th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 13th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sat 13th Bat Walk TVP 8pm
Sun 21st Charcoal Making BCP TBC
Sat 27th **Dawn Chorus Walk** TVP 5.20am
Sat 27th Bat Walk BCP 8pm
Sun 28th West Lancs Dog Festival BCP 11-3

MAY

Sat 4th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 11th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
11th/12th Medieval Festival CP 11-4
Sat 18th Dawn Chorus Walk BCP 4.30am
Sun 19th Oak Bark Peeling BCP TBC
Sun 26th Brassband in the Park CP 2pm
Mon 27th Beacon Wildlife Walk BCP 2pm

JUNE

Sat 1st **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sun 2nd Introduction to Knot Tying BCP 2pm
Thurs 6th D-day Beacon Lighting BCP TBC
Sat 8th **Teddy Bears Picnic** TVP 10am
Sat 8th Balsam Bashing BCP 10am
Sun 16th Basket Making BCP 2pm
Sat 22nd Skelmersdale Festival TVP 11-4
Sun 23rd Summer Photographic Walk BCP 2pm
Sun 30th Brassband in the Park CP 2pm

JULY

Sat 6th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
20th/21st Green Fayre BCP 11-5
Sun 28th Brassband in the park CP 2pm
Jul 31st - Aug 23rd - Junior Rangers Club - info on left

AUGUST

Sun 11th **Riverfly Surveying** TVP 2pm
Sun 25th Brassband in the Park CP 2pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat 7th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 14th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sat 21st Have a go at Scything CP 2pm
Sun 22nd Autumn Photographic Walk BCP 2pm
Sat 28th Meadow Maintenance CP 10am

OCTOBER

Sat 5th **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sat 12th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sun 13th Fungi and Foraging HH 1pm
Sun 20th Fungi and Foraging TVP 1pm
21st - 1st Autumn Trails Various
Sat 26th Pumpkin Carving CP 1-3pm
Sun 27th Besom Broom Making BCP 1-3pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd **Team Tawd Action Day** TVP 10am
Sun 3rd Fungi and Foraging BCP 1pm
Sat 9th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sun 17th Have a go Coppicing TVP 1pm
Sun 24th Feed the birds BCP 1-3pm

DECEMBER

1st - 31st Winter Trails Various
Sun 1st Wreath making BCP 1-3pm
Sat 7th **Xmas Coffee morning** TVP 10am
Sat 14th **Kingfisher Club** TVP TBC
Sun 15th Santa Dash BCP 10am
Sat 21st Make a Reindeer BCP 1-3pm
Sun 22nd Winter Photographic Walk BCP 1pm
Thurs 26th **Boxing Day Walk** TVP 10am

Location Key

BCP = Beacon Country Park CP = Coronation Park HH = Hunters Hill TVP = Tawd Valley Park

Note: Please check our social media pages and website for more information about events and their starting loca-

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