

Slapton Ley NNR Free Events 2016

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March/April

Wild Food Forage

Tuesday 29th March and 5th April 10.30am-12.30pm

Taste your way through the National Nature Reserve on a wild-food themed walk, searching for edible plants of the hedgerow and woodland. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Bring a basket • Sorry, no dogs

What Lurks Beneath?

Tuesday 5th April 1.30-3.30pm

From scorpions to snails, and damselfly to dragons, there are lots of exciting creatures to discover pond dipping in Slapton Ley. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at the Beach Activity Trailer • Wellies recommended • I.D. guides will be available for purchase



Seashore Adventure

Wednesday 6th April 1.30-3.30pm

Come on an exciting Seashore Adventure! Imagine being shipwrecked on an island and use your very best survival skills to stay alive. Design your island paradise, build a shelter and light a fire! • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Strete Gate car park

Survive in the Wild

Thursday 7th April 1.30-3.30pm

Try out your bush craft skills, explore the woods for materials, build a shelter and maybe light a campfire. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Strete Gate car park • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential



Rocky Shore

Friday 8th April 1-3pm

Come on a rocktastic experience - search for animals living in rock pools, and discover adorable anemones, brave barnacles, cheeky crabs, lazy limpets and more! Find out about these creatures and what makes them so special. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at the Slapton Ley view point in Torcross car park • Wellies recommended • Rocky shore I.D. guides will be available for you to purchase

The Big Beach Clean

Saturday 23rd April 10am-1pm

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, part of our beautiful coastline. • Meet in Slapton Sands Middle Car Park (free parking) • Gardening gloves useful • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • No booking required



Dawn Chorus

Saturday 30th April 6-8am

Listen to the sound of birds waking at dawn on a quiet morning stroll around Slapton Ley. Afterwards you have the option to enjoy a wholesome breakfast at the field centre. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Binoculars useful but not essential • Breakfast provided at £5 per person (optional) • Sorry, no dogs



May

Birds of Slapton Ley

Saturday 14th May 10am-12pm

Discover the birds of Slapton Ley on a guided walk along the nature trail, skirting the edge of Slapton Ley • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Binoculars useful but not essential • Sorry, no dogs

Half term

Beach Activity Trailer

Everyday in half term 11am-4pm (See July/ August for details)



Secret World of Wildlife

Monday 30th May 10am-12pm

Lying under logs and hiding in bushes, join us to discover the best beetles, superb spiders and much more! • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Strete Gate car park • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • I.D. guides will be available for purchase



Bat Watch

Monday 30th May and Thursday 2nd June

Times vary with sunset and will be confirmed on booking

Explore the night-time world of these magical creatures. Watch them emerge from their roost, follow their foraging routes and use our bat detectors to hear their weird and wonderful calls • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • A torch is advisable • I.D. guides will be available for purchase

Mammals and moths

Tuesday 31st May 9.30-11.30am

See who is active whilst we are all asleep as you locate traps set up to collect night-time creatures. Discover the amazing shapes and colours of moths, and see if you can spot a mouse or vole. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • Sorry, no dogs • I.D. guides will be available for purchase



What Lurks Beneath?

Tuesday 31st May 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Seashore Adventure

Wednesday 1st June 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Survive in the Wild

Thursday 2nd June 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Wild Food Forage

Saturday 4th June 10.30am-12.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**



Rocky Shore

Sunday 5th June 12-2pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

July/August

Bird in the Hand

Saturday 30th July 8-10am

Join us for a walk across adjoining farmland and through the Higher Ley sanctuary area before getting up close to some of our feathered friends. Then view the bird-ringing operation manned by the Slapton Bird Observatory Ringing Group and watch the birds take flight. • **Booking Essential** • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • Binoculars useful but not essential • Sorry, no dogs

Celebrate Start Bay

Sunday 7th August 12-4pm

A celebration of 'all that is good' about the Start Bay area showcasing local arts, crafts, food and the great outdoors. As well as stalls there will be a programme of activities and entertainment. To be held this year in the grounds of Stokeley Farm shop. • **Free entry** • Contact us for more details • No booking required

Beach Activity Trailer

Weekends in July and every day during the summer holidays 11am-4pm

Discover more about Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve with fun activities, crafts and trails at our Beach Activity Trailer in the Middle Car Park on Slapton Sands. Please contact us for more detailed information. • Sensible outdoor clothing, sun cream and footwear recommended for all activities. • No booking required

Summer Holidays

Secret World of Wildlife

Every Monday from 25th July until 22nd August 10am-12pm (See May for details) • **Booking Essential**

Bat Watch

Every Monday and Thursday from 25th July until 25th August. Times vary with sunset and will be confirmed on booking (See May for details) • **Booking Essential**

Mammals and moths

Every Tuesday from 26th July until 23rd August 9.30-11.30am (See May for details) • **Booking Essential**

What Lurks Beneath?

Every Tuesday from 26th July until 23rd August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Seashore Adventure

Every Wednesday from 27th July until 24th August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Secretive Dormice

Every Thursday from 28th July to 25th August 10.30am-12.30pm

Discover more about one of our most elusive mammals and hopefully catch a glimpse of one around the National Nature Reserve • **Booking Essential** • Meet at the Beach Activity Trailer • Long trousers and sensible footwear are essential • Sorry, no dogs

Survive in the Wild

Every Thursday from 28th July until 25th August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

Rocky Shore

Sunday 31st July 10am-12pm and 21st August 2-4pm. (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

September

Beach Activity Trailer

Weekends in September 11am-4pm (See July/ August for details)

The Big Beach Clean

Saturday 17th September 10am-1pm

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, part of our beautiful coastline. • Meet in Slapton Sands Middle Car Park (free parking) • Gardening gloves useful • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • No booking required

Premium Event

Wildlife Canoe Safari

Every Wednesday from 27th July - 24th August

Join us for a rare opportunity to experience Slapton Ley from the water. You will be escorted on a 2 hour educational canoe trip, learning about its diverse wildlife and rich history along the way. • Three 2 hour trips each day (call to confirm time, meeting point and what to bring) • No age restriction • £20 per person



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Booking is essential for all events.

For more information or to make a booking please call or text: 07967 497624