



Free  
Events!

# Secret Slapton

## Spring events 2011

### Badger Watch

Tuesday May 31 and Thursday June 2

Join us for a rare opportunity to see these fascinating animals in their natural environment.

- Meet at Slapton Bridge. Start time is roughly 30 minutes before sunset (contact the reserve for more details), event usually lasts 2 hours
- Warm, soft, 'quiet' clothing (not scratchy waterproofs)
- A torch and insect repellent are advisable

### Dawn Chorus

Saturday April 30, 6am-8.30am

Sssshhh!! Join us for a quiet morning stroll around Slapton Ley, listening to the morning song of our feathered friends as they wake to (hopefully!) a tranquil summer dawn.

Afterwards enjoy a breakfast of scrumptious, local food prepared in our home kitchen.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre
- Optional Breakfast provided at £6.00 per person
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear
- Binoculars useful but not essential

### Ancient Woodland Walk

Saturday April 16, 10am - 12.30

Accompany us on a guided walk through the sanctuary areas of Slapton Ley Nature Reserve. Find out about the rich history and wildlife of the area, and enjoy the smells, sights and sounds of a woodland coming alive in early Spring.

- Meet at Slapton Field Centre
- Tea, coffee and cakes are available on arrival (recommended donation of £2.50)
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended

### Bat Watch

Wednesday June 1st

Explore the nighttime world of these magical creatures. Watch them emerge from their roosts and follow their foraging routes, using our bat detectors to hear their weird and wonderful calls

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre. Start time is roughly 30 minutes before sunset, event usually lasts 2 hours
- A torch and insect repellent are advisable
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended

### Sanctuary Walk

Saturday March 26, 10am -12 noon

Meet at Stokeley Barton Farm Shop from where we will guide you on a walk through the sanctuary areas of Slapton Ley Nature Reserve. Find out about the rich history and wildlife of the area, and enjoy the smells, sights and sounds of the woodland coming alive in early Spring. The walk will end with an optional lunch at Stokeley Barton Farm Shop.

- Meet at Stokeley Barton Farm Shop
- Optional Lunch at Stokeley Barton Farm Shop provided at £8 per person
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential

### Spring Birds at Slapton Ley

Monday May 2, Saturday May 14 and Saturday May 21, 9.45am - 12 noon

Join Experience the Spring birds of Slapton Ley on a stroll around the nature reserve accompanied by Professor Ian Mercer, President of the Field Studies Council. Afterwards enjoy an optional lunch of wholesome, local food.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre
- Optional lunch provided at £6.00 per person
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended
- Binoculars useful but not essential

Booking is essential for all events. For more information or to make a booking, call Slapton Ley Field Centre on 01548 580685



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## Summer events 2011

### Badger Watch

Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 26 – September 1

- Join us for a rare opportunity to see these fascinating animals in their natural environment.
- Meet at Slapton Field Centre. Start time is roughly 30 minutes before sunset (contact the reserve for more details), event usually lasts 2 hours
  - Warm, soft, 'quiet' clothing (not scratchy waterproofs)
  - A torch and insect repellent are advisable

### Beach Activities @ Slapton Sands

Weekends in July and Saturday - Thursday during the school summer holidays, 12 noon-4pm

Visit our information trailer at Slapton Sands to discover more about the Nature Reserve and the local area. Join in with crafts and quizzes, and sign up for some of the exciting events we have on offer, including:

#### Pond dipping Wednesdays @ 2pm

Explore the watery underworld of Slapton Ley

#### Working with Nature Thursdays @ 2pm

Join us rain or shine to discover ideas on how to encourage wildlife into your own garden as you build homes for bugs and birds and

### Bird in the Hand

Saturday July 30, 8.00am-10am

Take a stroll down to Slapton Bridge to get up close and personal with some of our feathered friends by viewing the bird-ringing operation manned by the Devon Bird watching & Preservation Society. Then enjoy an optional brunch of wholesome, local food followed by a walk around the Higher Ley to observe some birds and try out your field ID skills.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre
- Optional Brunch provided at £6.00 per person
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended
- Binoculars useful but not essential

### Bat Watch

Every Wednesday from July 27-August 31

Explore the nighttime world of these magical creatures. Watch them emerge from their roosts and follow their foraging routes, using our bat detectors to hear their weird and wonderful calls

- Meet at Slapton Field Centre
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended
- A torch and insect repellent are advisable

### Bushcraft

Wednesday August 3, August 10 and August 17, 10am-12 noon

Test your survival skills in the woods around Slapton Ley, then join us for woodland barbeque.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended
- Optional barbeque at £6 per person from 12 noon

### Dormouse Survey

Thursday July 28 and August 18, 10am - 12 noon

Join us on a morning adventure around Slapton Ley Nature Reserve as we conduct our Dormouse surveys. Learn about this rare and elusive mammal and even catch a glimpse in its native habitat. The event will be followed by an optional lunch of wholesome, local food.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre
- Optional lunch provided at £6.00 per person
- Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended

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