

# Slapton Ley NNR Free Events 2017

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## April

**Wild Food Forage** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Secret World of Wildlife** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1.30-3.30pm

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 available for purchase**

**Rocky Shore** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1-3pm

A rocktastic experience - search through rock pools and find adorable anemones, brave barnacles, lazy limpets and more! • **Booking Essential** • **Meet at the Slapton Ley view point in Torcross car park** • **Wellies recommended** • **I.D. guides available for purchase**

**Seashore Adventure** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. • **Booking Essential** • **Meet at Strete Gate car park**

**Survive in the Wild** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

**What Lurks Beneath?** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 available for purchase**

**Dawn Chorus** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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** Every day in half term 11am-4pm (See July/ August for details)

**Rocky Shore** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm (See April for details)

**Secret World of Wildlife** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

**Bat Watch** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 available for purchase**

**Mammals and moths** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-11.30am

See who is active whilst we sleep. Discover the amazing shapes and colours of moths, and see if we find a mouse or vole. • **Booking Essential** • **Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre** • **Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended** • **Sorry, no dogs** • **I.D. guides available for purchase**

**Wild Food Forage** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10.30am-12.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

**Seashore Adventure** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

**Survive in the Wild** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

**What Lurks Beneath?** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**



## July/August

**Bird in the Hand** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Slapton Ley Field Centre. • **Free entry** • **Get in touch 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, footwear and sun cream are recommended for all activities.** • **No booking required**

## Summer Holidays

**Secret World of Wildlife** Every Monday from 24<sup>th</sup> July until 28<sup>th</sup> August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

## Bat Watch

Every Monday and Thursday from 24<sup>th</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> August. Times vary with sunset and confirmed on booking (See May for details) • **Booking Essential**

**Mammals and moths** Every Tuesday from 25<sup>th</sup> July until 29<sup>th</sup> August 9.30-11.30am (See May for details) • **Booking Essential**

## Rocky Shore

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</sup> August (Times vary due to tides). (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

## Seashore Adventure

Every Wednesday from 26<sup>th</sup> July until 30<sup>th</sup> August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

## Survive in the Wild

Every Thursday from 27<sup>th</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> August 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

## What Lurks Beneath?

Every Friday from 28<sup>th</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> September 1.30-3.30pm (See April for details) • **Booking Essential**

## The Great British Beach Cleans

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July - 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Booking is essential for all events.**

**For more information or to make a booking please call**

**or text: 07967 497624**

