

Free events 2018

Booking is essential for all events unless stated.

For more information or to make a booking, please text 07967 497 624 or email reserve.sl@field-studies-council.org

April

Easter holiday Monday 2–Friday 13 April

Rocky Shore Tuesday 3 April 1.00–3.00pm

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

Wild Food Forage Sunday 8 and 15 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. Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Bring a basket • Sorry, no dogs

Secret World of Wildlife Monday 9 April 1.30–3.30pm

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

Seashore Adventure Wednesday 11 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. Meet at Strete Gate car park

Survive in the Wild Thursday 12 April 1.30–3.30pm

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

What Lurks Beneath? Friday 13 April 1.30–3.30pm

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

The Great British Beach Clean Saturday 14 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 28 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. 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/June

Birds of Slapton Ley Saturday 12 May 8.30–10.30am

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

After your event, visit our local pubs, cafes and restaurants...



Half term holiday Monday 28 May–Friday 1 June

Beach Activity Trailer Every day 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

Secret World of Wildlife Monday 28 May 1.30–3.30pm

See April for details.

Bat Watch Monday 28 May and Thursday 31 May

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 foraging routes and use bat detectors to hear their weird and wonderful calls. **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 29 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. **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 30 May 10.30am–12.30pm

See April for details.

Seashore Adventure Wednesday 30 May 1.30–3.30pm

See April for details.

Survive in the Wild Thursday 31 May 1.30–3.30pm

See April for details.

What Lurks Beneath? Friday 1 June 1.30–3.30pm

See April for details.

BioBlitz Saturday 16 June

Join us for a mammoth day of ecological exploration on our newly acquired site at Strete Gate. We will be carrying out a Bird Blitz at Dawn, Bug and Botany Blitzes by day and Bat Blitz by night. During the morning we will also discover if other night time creatures such as mammals and moths have come to visit. All day 5 different events, come to one or come to all! Please contact us for more details including timings. **Meet at Strete Gate Car Park** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear

July/August

Balsam Bashing Saturday 14 July 9am–12.30pm

Come and explore how the nature reserve is managed with our Ranger and learn the importance of its habitats to the wildlife that lives here. Then get hands on with some conversation tasks to help our wildlife have some where great to live. Tea and Cake included. **Meet at the Slapton Ley Field Centre** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear

Bird in the Hand Saturdays 21 July and 18 August 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. **Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • Binoculars useful but not essential • Sorry, no dogs

Wildlife Canoe Safari

Every Wednesday from 25th July until 29th 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

Premium event

Beach Activity Trailer Weekends in July 11am–4pm.

See half term for details. • No booking required

Celebrate Start Bay Sunday 5 August 12–5pm

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 and parking** • Get in touch for more details • No booking required

Rocky Shore Tuesday 14 August 1.30–3.30 See April for details.

Summer holiday Monday 30 July–Friday 31 August

Beach Activity Trailer Every day 11am–4pm.

See half term for details. • No booking required

Secret World of Wildlife Every Monday from 23

July until 27 August 1.30–3.30pm See April for details.

Bat Watch Every Monday and Thursday from 23 July until 30 August. Times vary See half term holiday for details.

Mammals and Moths Every Tuesday from 24 July until 28 August 9.30–11.30am See half term holiday for details.

Seashore Adventure Every Wednesday from 25 July until 29 August 1.30–3.30pm See April for details.

Survive in the Wild Every from Thursday 26 July until 30 August 1.30–3.30pm See April for details.

What Lurks Beneath? Every Friday from 27 July until 31 August 1.30–3.30pm See April for details.

September

The Great British Rake Off Saturday 1 September – drop in between 10am–3pm

Come and explore how the nature reserve is managed with our Ranger and learn the importance of the habitat between the road and the ley to the wildlife that lives here. Then get hands on with some conversation tasks to help our wildlife have some where great to live. Tea and Cake included. **Follow signs from the Slapton Ley Viewpoint in Torcross Car Park** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear • No booking required

Hidden History Saturday 8 September 10.30am–12.30pm

Come and explore the hidden history of this unique and fascinating area. Learn about how the Ley was formed, what happened here during the war, how it became the way it is today and all the interesting stories in between. Part of the Heritage Open Days. **Meet at Slapton Bridge** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear

The Great British Beach Clean Saturday 15 September 10am–1pm See April for details. Meet at the Beach Activity Trailer in Slapton Sands Middle Car Park • free parking • No booking required

Beach Activity Trailer Weekends in September 11am–4pm See half term for details. • No booking required

October

Fungal Foray Thursday 25 October 10.30–12.30pm

Take a guided stroll through the autumn woodlands with our Reserve Ranger. **Meet in Slapton Ley Field Centre** • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • Sorry, no dogs

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