



Slapton Ley

Free Events 2013



Beach Activities

For more information on individual days, see website or please contact us.

Saturdays – Beach Art Day, Sundays – Treasure Hunt Day, Mondays – Pond Dipping Day, Tuesdays – Minibeast Discovery Day, Wednesdays – Make Space for Nature Day, Thursdays – Bat Discovery Day

Weekends in July and everyday except Friday during the school summer holiday, 12 noon–4pm

Discover more about Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve with fun activities, crafts and trails at our Beach Trailer in the Memorial Car Park on Slapton Sands. Each day has a different theme, so please check for more detailed information.

Sensible outdoor clothing, suncream and footwear recommended for all activities.

Celebrate Start Bay

Saturday 24th August, 12noon–4pm

A day-long celebration of 'all that is good' about the Start Bay area showcasing local arts and crafts, food and the great outdoors. Plus a full programme of outdoor and indoor activities, entertainment, talks and workshops.

• Contact Slapton Ley Field Centre for more details

Premium Events

Wildlife Canoe Tour

Every Thursday in August

Join us for a rare opportunity to experience Slapton Ley from a unique perspective. You will be taken on a 2 hour educational canoe trip on the Ley, learning about its diverse wildlife and rich history along the way

- Three 2 hours trips run throughout the day (call for more details)
- Meet at the Fishing Hut by Slapton Bridge • £20 per person • Wear appropriate clothing and footwear (you may get cold and wet!) and bring a change of clothes • Bring sun cream, hat and a drink

Hedgerow Harvest

Monday 1st April 10 am – 12 noon and Saturday 25th May, 2-4pm

Taste your way through Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve on a wild-food themed walk, searching for edible plants of the woodland, hedgerow and seashore

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Bring a basket • sorry, no dogs

Bluebell Walk

Saturday 20th April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of a woodland coming alive in spring. Discover hidden secrets and spectacular wildlife as you are guided through the sanctuary areas of Slapton Ley.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • sorry, no dogs

Dawn Chorus

Saturday 27th April, 6am–8am

Listen to the sound of birds waking to a spring dawn on a quiet morning stroll around Slapton Ley. Afterwards enjoy an optional breakfast of wholesome food

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Binoculars useful but not essential • Breakfast provided at £5 per person

Birds of Slapton Ley

Saturday 4th, and Saturday 11th May, 10am–12 noon

Discover the spring birds of Slapton Ley on a guided walk along the nature trail

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Binoculars useful but not essential • sorry, no dogs

Rocky Shore

Mon 27th May – 2.00pm-4.00pm, Wed 7th August – 12.00 noon-2.00pm, Mon 19th August – 10.30am-12.30pm, Wed 21st August – 12.00 noon-2.00pm

Come on a rocktastic experience! Search for animals living in rock pools, and discover adorable anemones, brave barnacles, cheeky crabs, gruesome gastropods, lazy limpets and more. Find out what makes these creatures so special! Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential. Wellies recommended but can be hired if prior notice is given. • Meet at the Slapton Ley View Point in Torcross car park • Wellies recommended but can be hired if prior notice is given • I.D. guides will be available for purchase

Bat Watch

Tuesday 28th May and every Tuesday & Thursday from 30th July until 4th September

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

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

Meet the Ranger

Monday 29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August, 2pm-4pm

Join us for a stroll around Slapton Ley to explore the variety of wildlife found on the reserve and speak to the ranger who manages this wonderful area

- Meet at the Beach Trailer • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • sorry, no dogs

Pond Dipping

Every Monday from 29th July to 26th August, 2pm-4pm

From scorpions to snails, or damselfly to dragons, there are lots of exciting creatures to discover on a pond dip in Slapton Ley.

- Meet at the Beach Trailer • Wellies recommended but can be hired if prior notice is given • I.D. guides will be available for purchase

Mysterious Minibeasts

Every Tuesday from 30th July to 27th August, 2pm-4pm

Lying under logs and hiding in bushes, minibeasts can be found all around the nature reserve. Join us on an adventure to discover the best beetles, superb spiders, weird woodlice and more, and find out why our lives depend on them!

- Meet at the Beach Trailer • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear • I.D. guides will be available for purchase

Secretive Dormice

Wednesday 29th May, Wed 7th, 14th & 28th August, 10am–12 noon

Discover more about one of our most elusive mammals and hopefully catch a glimpse of one on an adventure around the nature reserve

- Meet at the Beach Trailer • Long trousers and sensible footwear are essential • sorry, no dogs

Bird in the Hand

Saturday 27th July, 8.00am–10am

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 join us on a walk through a sanctuary area to watch these birds in flight

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • Binoculars useful but not essential • sorry, no dogs

Nature Trail Orienteering

Wednesday 21st July, Wed 7th, 14th & 21st August, 2–4pm

Discover the hidden Nature and Wildlife Trail at Strete Gate. Use your best map reading skills to discover all about its wildlife and history and see if you can solve a tricky puzzle at the end!

- Meet at the Strete Gate Car Park • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • sorry, no dogs

Bushcraft

Thursday 1st, 8th and 15th August, 2–4pm

Test your survival skills as you learn how to light fires and build shelters on a walk around Slapton Ley.

- Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear

Seashore Adventure

Friday 2nd, 9th August & Thursday 22nd August, 2–4pm

Come on an exciting Seashore Adventure afternoon! Imagine being shipwrecked on a faraway island and use your very best survival skills to stay alive. Learn how to light a fire without matches, and maybe cook a tasty snack! • Meet at the Strete Gate Car Park • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended

The Big Beach Clean

Sunday 22nd September, 10am-1pm

Join us on Slapton Sands to help clean up our beautiful coastline. • Meet in the middle car park on Slapton Sands (free parking) • Gardening gloves useful • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended

Booking is essential for all events.

For more information or to make a booking please call 07967 497 624 or visit www.slennr.org.uk

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