



Ochils Festival

1-30 June
2014



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The Ochils Festival



The Ochils Festival is a varied programme of FREE events designed to celebrate the landscape, heritage and people of the Ochils and Hillfoots.

The programme includes something for everyone - locals and visitors alike: walks, talks, workshops, craft and discovery sessions, tours of historic kirkyards and fun family activities.

There is a fun-filled family day on Saturday 21 June - **Ochils Fest**.

New to the programme for 2014 is the **Tartan Ball**, a revival of the event that was first held in the 1840s to inject some life into the local textile industry.

Each Ochils Festival event helps to encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of this unique area, which includes rolling hills, rugged glens, meandering rivers and woodlands. The spectacular landscape has directly contributed to much of the area's built and cultural heritage, notably that connected with the textiles and mining industries.

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How to book / cancel

- All events are **FREE!**
- For some events, booking is either recommended or essential. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, please **book in advance**.
- You can book on-line at www.ochils.org.uk. Alternatively...
- Phone: 01259 452675 or 01259 452528
- Email: info@ochils.org.uk
- Post: please return the tear-off form on the back page of this booklet to: **Kirsty McAlister, Ochils Landscape Partnership, c/o Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB**
- **If you need to cancel** your booking at any point, please contact us (by email or phone as above or 07980 651007 / 07970 290868) so that your place can be re-allocated. We have a waiting list for over-subscribed events.
- Children under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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Grading of walks

The Ochils Landscape Partnership has followed the grading system implemented by the Ramblers. For more details on walk grading please see www.ramblers.org.uk. Walks are graded as follows:

Easy



Walks for anyone of a reasonable fitness level who doesn't have a mobility difficulty. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Paths are clearly identifiable on the ground.

Leisurely



Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate



Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Strenuous



Walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness should contact the organiser or leader in advance.

Important. Grades are provided as a general guide only. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

Local transport

For information on public transport, see www.clacksweb.org.uk/transport/public/ www.travelinescotland.com/welcome.do



The Alva Loop: Introduction to Hill Walking and Navigation in the Ochils

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Join us for a moderate introduction to hill-walking for people who would like to try this increasingly popular activity but haven't quite gained the confidence to buy a map and just go for it! Experienced walk leader, Gavin Clarke, will give guidance on the basic principles of navigation using a map and compass, with emphasis on how to keep safe and avoid going astray when the weather closes in.

When: Sunday 1 and Sunday 22 June, 10am



Moderate-to-strenuous. This walk is around 6-7 miles, with an ascent of around 600-750 metres. It should take around 4-5 hours to complete.

Where: Meet at 10am at the car park in Alva Glen (Grid Ref NS885975)

Event Leaders: Gavin Clarke  Alva Ecolodge C.I.C.

Note: Hill walking kit recommended:

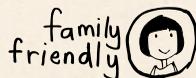
1. Layered warm clothing, e.g. fleece, mid- and base-layer, non-cotton trousers, waterproof jacket and overtrousers, hat and gloves.
2. Waterproof boots with decent treads - the grassy slopes can be very slippery.
3. Food and water.
4. OS Maps (1:50000) and compasses if available. Mapcase or polypocket.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 10 participants.

Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must be happy to walk at a modest pace for 4-5 hours.



Introduction to Geo-caching in the Ochils



Geo-caching is an outdoor treasure hunting game - an excellent activity for all the family! Join Amanda in the Woodland Park to learn the ropes. She'll explain the main aims of Geo-caching and show you how to use GPS co-ordinates to navigate around the countryside. This is the perfect time to start as we are running an OLP Geo-caching competition during June, with great prizes to be won.

When: Sunday 1 June, 10.30-12pm

Where: Ochils Woodland Park, between Alva and Tillicoultry - meet in the car park.

Event Leader: Amanda Joaquin

Note: Bring your Smartphone or GPS device if you have one. If not, don't worry as you can try out ours. You can also take away a paper-based version of our trails and join in just the same. Remember to wear suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 15 participants.

OLP Geo-caching competition!

The aim of Geo-caching is to use GPS-enabled devices to follow clues and discover caches (i.e. containers) hidden in the environment.

Last year the Ochils Landscape Partnership created a Geo-caching trail in the Woodland Park. This year we have installed a new Geo-caching trail in Alva Glen. We are also running a Geo-caching competition during June, with fantastic prizes to be won. Thanks to the kind folks at Trespass at Sterling Mills, we have vouchers, water bottles, compasses, head torches and much more!

To help you get started we are hosting an Introduction to Geo-caching session on Sunday 1 June. Don't worry if you don't have a GPS device or Smartphone as we have created a paper-based trail too - you can choose which one to do.

Come and discover our unique caches and create your very own outdoor adventure!



When: June 2014 **NB:** this competition ends on 30 June 2014

Note: Bring your Smartphone or GPS device if you have one. If not, don't worry as you can try out ours. You can also take away a paper-based version of our trails and join in just the same. Remember to wear suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.



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Musical Mayhem

Join us for a creative afternoon of woodland crafts followed by a wee informal outdoor family ceilidh. Learn how to make some simple woodland percussion instruments and try your hand at making a 'Swedish candle'. Once our instruments have been carved, we'll be joined by Blackford Fiddle Group to have a jamming session in the woods!

When: Sunday 1 June, 1-5pm

Where: Ochils Woodland Park, between Alva and Tillicoultry

Event Leaders:

Karen Yearsley (Clackmannanshire Ranger) and Ian McFarlane



Note: Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 25 participants.



The Tillicoultry Triangle

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Not a watery vortex, but a triangular tour of three old burial grounds: Tillicoultry Upper Kirkyard, which contains the earliest gravestone in the county; Tillicoultry Lower Kirkyard, where you can find out how the village developed into a mill town; and Tait's Tomb, the unusual private burial ground for the Tait family of Harviestoun Castle. For those who came on this walk last year, this is the perfect opportunity to see the terrific results of the restoration and conservation work that's been undertaken.

When: Sunday 1 June, 1-4.30pm (approx)

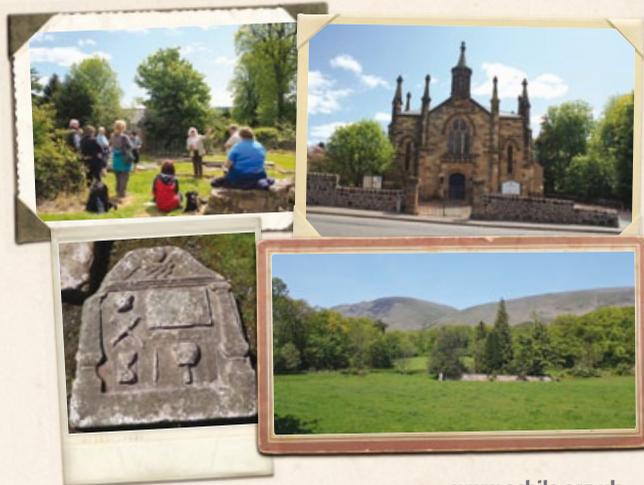
 This is a leisurely walk, covering approximately 3 miles, but it includes the need to cross a small burn.

Where: Tillicoultry Upper Kirkyard, Fir Park, Tillicoultry, FK13 6PX

Event Leaders: Susan Mills and Kirsty McAlister

Note: The walk will probably take between 3 and 4 hours. Stout, waterproof footwear and suitable clothing are recommended.

Booking: Booking recommended; max 18 participants



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River Devon Canoe Journey

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A chance to see the hidden world of the River Devon while paddling between Tillicultry and Alva. Guided by experienced instructors you can enjoy a sociable evening on the river. Paddling in pairs you'll learn some basic skills before playing some games to test them out. And there is no need to paddle upstream as we'll drive to the start point!



When: Tuesday 3 June, 6-8.30pm

Where: Colorado Canoe Centre, Alva (just before the bridge across the River Devon on the Alva to Fishcross road).

Event Leaders:

Callum Adam and Neil Kerr



Note: No experience required. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet, and bring a spare set to change into afterwards along with a towel. While we don't intend for you to get wet, there is always the possibility! Trainer type shoes should be worn.

There is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants.



Mining and Quarrying Round Dollar

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Join us at Dollar Museum for a quick look at the exhibition on Mining and Quarrying Round Dollar. The people behind the exhibition, the Mining Group, will then lead an enjoyable and informative walk, following a route past the site of Carbo, the street in the Old Town built for miners, and on past the sites of the Stair Pit and the old mines at the Kelly Burn, Middleton and Westertoun. They will use photographs, plans and reminiscences to demonstrate how the landscape looked when the Dollar Mine and Gloom Hill Quarry were active. A super way to learn more about how Dollar's past has influenced the present.

When: Tuesday 3 June, 7pm

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Where: Dollar Museum, Castle Campbell Hall, 1 High Street, Dollar FK14 7AY

Event Leaders: Friends of Dollar Museum

Note: Wear sensible shoes and remember your umbrella if it's wet!

Booking: No booking necessary.





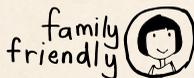
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Hillfoots Kirkyards Uncovered



Much work has been done in the last year to clean, record and excavate gravestones in the historic Hillfoots kirkyards. This event will be a presentation of that work by the volunteers who did it and, as well as looking at the stones and what they tell us about customs and traditions in the different towns and villages, will also look at what we have discovered about the people they commemorate.

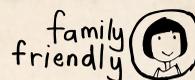
When: Wednesday 4 June, 7.30pm

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leaders: Historic Kirkyards volunteers and Susan Mills

Booking: Booking recommended; max 40 attendees.

Handmade Paper Workshop



This paper making taster session offers an easy introduction to the process of making paper at home. Learn how to make your own pulp and deckle frame – what that is will become clear on the day! After that, you're ready to pull your very own sheets of paper. No previous experience is necessary.

When: Thursday 5 June, 2-4pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:

Linn Knox



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Note: All materials and equipment will be provided although it would be appreciated if participants could bring a packet of kitchen J-cloths. Paper making involves lots of water and wet hands, so you may wish to bring hand lotion for afterwards and a towel to carry home your wet sheets of paper.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants.



Wednesday 4 June

Thursday 5 June



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Bee and Bug Box Blitz

Give nature a helping hand! Join us to build a bug box for your garden. This box will provide shelter for ladybirds, bees, spiders and insects. Create your very own mini-beast community, which you can monitor throughout the year to see lifespan and seasonal changes.

When: Thursday 5 June, 6-8pm

Where: Dollar Holiday Home and Lodge Park, Devon Road, Dollarfield, Dollar, FK14 7LX

Event Leader: Amanda Joaquin

Note: Wear sturdy shoes and sun block / hat / raincoat as required! Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Booking: Booking recommended; maximum 1 box per family.



Silver, Spice and Ice: All about the Alva Estate

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Find out how Alva Woodland Park was once part of an estate owned successively by three different families - Bruce, Erskine and Johnstone - who all made changes to their home and improved the landscape around it. See what has survived - Sir John Erskine's plantation scheme; the ruins of Alva House, the Stables - and explore the mysterious ice house, now the only one in Clackmannanshire!

When: Friday 6 June, 6.30pm

Where: Ochils Woodland Park, between Alva and Tillicoultry - meet in the car park.

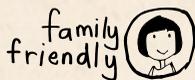
Event Leaders: Susan Mills and Kirsty McAlister

Note: Bring warm clothing and sensible footwear: even if the weather is warm and dry it can still get cold in the evening and the ground may still be wet. The tour will last about 90 minutes.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 25 participants.



The Sheriffmuir Loop: Introduction to Hill Walking and Navigation in the Ochils



Join us for a moderate introduction to hill-walking for people who would like to try this increasingly popular activity but haven't quite gained the confidence to buy a map and just go for it! Experienced walk leader, Gavin Clarke, will give guidance on the basic principles of navigation using a map and compass, with emphasis on how to keep safe and avoid going astray when the weather closes in.

When: Saturday 7 June, 10am



Moderate-to-strenuous. This walk is around 6-7 miles, with an ascent of around 600-750 metres. It should take around 4-5 hours to complete.

Where: Meet at 10am in the private car park just to the north of the Sheriffmuir Inn – not in the main public car park (Grid Ref NN827022)

Event Leader:

Gavin Clarke



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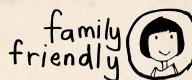
Note: Hill walking kit recommended:

1. Layered warm clothing, e.g. fleece, mid- and base-layer, non-cotton trousers, waterproof jacket and overtrousers, hat and gloves.
2. Waterproof boots with decent treads - the grassy slopes can be very slippery.
3. Food and water.
4. OS Maps (1:50000) and compasses if available. Mapcase or polypocket.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 10 participants.

Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must be happy to walk at a modest pace for 4-5 hours.

Food for Free Along the Devon



A walk on the wild side! Your opportunity to discover some unlikely sources of food and ingredients for recipes beside the River Devon. Margaret Lear will explain how wild food can be sourced from trees, shrubs and ground cover available in June. Margaret will entertain with stories about the uses of wild food and offer tips on safe identification and sustainable foraging. Everyone taking part will receive a Wild Food Information Sheet.



When: Saturday 7 June, 10am



This is a leisurely walk, covering approximately 3 miles.

Where: Meet at the parking / picnic area near Tait's Tomb, to the east of Tillicultry on the A91. Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Event Leader:

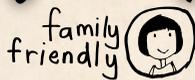
Margaret Lear, horticulturalist



Note: Remember to dress for the weather and bring a basket or carrier bag to hold the items you have collected. Participants are strongly advised NOT to eat any foraged foods before hearing professional advice: all consumption is at your own risk. Those with allergies should take particular care.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 15 participants.

Guided tour of Logie Old Kirk and Kirkyard



Two Norse hogback gravestones in Logie Old Kirkyard confirm that there has been a centre of worship here since the 11th century. The ruined old kirk, built around 1598, has recently been restored, and there are many interesting 17th-century gravestones with mortality and trade symbols. Drop in for a guided tour of the highlights, and look through the records in the small interpretive centre that has been set up in the original Watch Hut (once used to deter grave robbers).

When: Saturday 7 June, 10-4pm &
Sunday 8 June, 2-5pm

Where: Logie Old Graveyard, FK9 4LB

Event Leaders: Eleanor and Joe Young

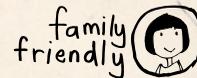
Host: Logie Old Graveyard Group

Note: Please ensure you wear suitable footwear - the ground is uneven and it may be damp underfoot, even in June! Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Booking: No booking required - just drop-in for a tour.



Once Upon A Time in the Ochils



This lively interactive storytelling session will uncover the fabulous secrets of the Ochil Hills. Find out why Whitewisp is always the last to cast her snow in winter, and hear how Ben Cleuch became the Deceiver. Using age-old tradition, Joanne Ross warmly welcomes young and old; come along, listen to the hills, and bring them to life with captivating stories.

When: Saturday 7 June, 2-4pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader: Joanne Ross,
local writer and storyteller



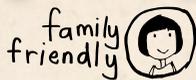
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Note: Paper and pencil (optional)

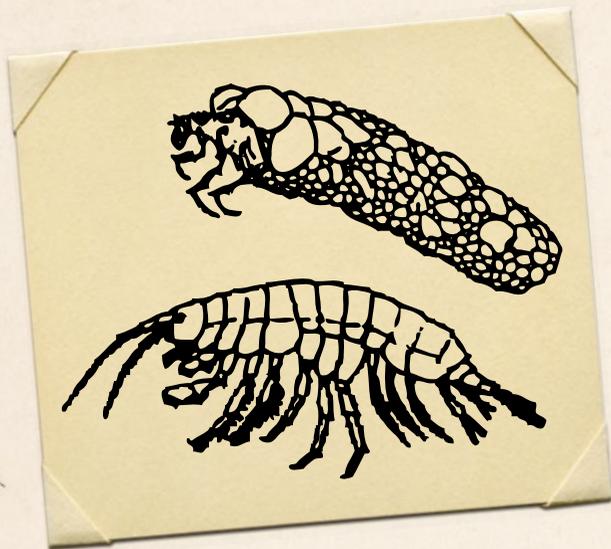
Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 8 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



River Dipping in Dollar



There are some fab wee creatures lurking in Kelly Burn in Dollar, from freshwater shrimps to mayfly nymphs. You'll be able to see caddisfly larvae too, and learn about how they use silk to make their homes from stones and leaves. We will dip the burn and use hand lenses and ID keys to identify the small invertebrates. The creatures we find will show us how healthy Kelly Burn is.



When: Saturday 7 June, 1pm

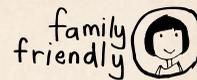
Where: Meet at the Ochils Landscape Partnership stall, Dollar Gala Day, behind Dollar Civic Centre, Park Crescent, Dollar, FK14 7AA

Event Leader: Amanda Joaquin

Note: Wellies are recommended!

Booking: No booking required - just turn up at the stall by 1pm.

Abseiling & Climbing: an introduction



Join us for this introduction to abseiling and climbing in the hills above Menstrie. This local crag is a great location for beginners to get a taste of the activities with experienced instructors. You'll learn the basic rope skills that will allow you to lower yourself off the top of the crag and help other people climb back up again. Choice of two sessions on the day.

When: Sunday 8 June, 10-12pm and 1-3pm

Where: Outside the Scout Hall, Ochil Road, Menstrie, FK11 7BW.

Event Leaders:

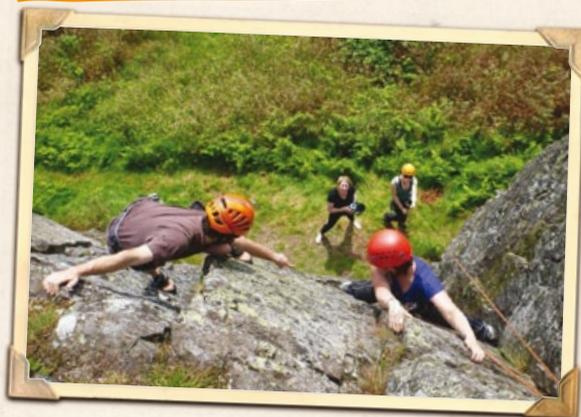
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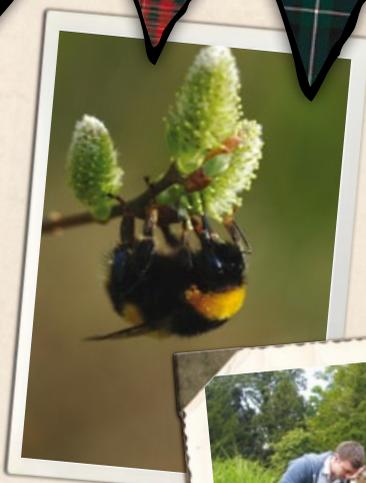


Note: A pair of trainers with good grip and ankle support are required.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants per session.

Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.





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Getting Busy with the Bees

This is a great opportunity to join staff from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, who will lead two 45-minute walks around Muckhart Nature Park in search of bees. This is a great time of year to get up close to these fascinating wee creatures, and to learn about their habitats, habits and helpful ways.

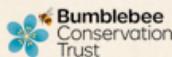
When: Sunday 8 June, 10.30am and 11.30am

 Easy

Where: Muckhart Parish Church, 8 Kirk Hill, Pool of Muckhart, FK14 7JQ

Event Leader:

Anthony McCluskey



Note: Suitable for all ages, but under 14s should be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

Booking: No booking required - just meet outside Muckhart Parish Church at 10.30 or 11.30.

Handmade Tile Workshop

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Join ceramic artist Fiona Byrne-Sutton for the opportunity to make your own decorative tile, which can be embedded with foliage and plants from the Ochil Community Garden. Learn how to use texture imaginatively and paint your tile with clay from Gartenkeir Farm, Coalsnaughton. Tiles will be fired off-site and returned to their creators for them to keep. Learn about the history of local ceramic production and the properties of local clay throughout the session.

When: Sunday 8 June, 2-4pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:

Fiona Byrne-Sutton



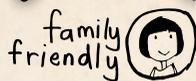
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Note: All tools and equipment will be supplied.

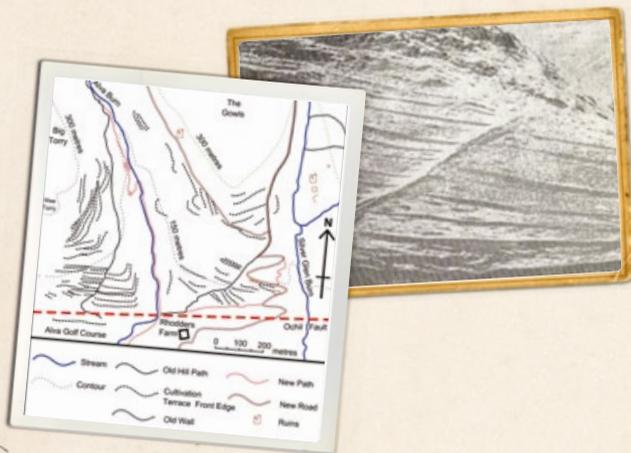
Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 8 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Farming in the Ochils



The front facing slopes and glen entrances of the western Ochils are covered in the remains of ancient cultivation terraces and field systems. Stretching from Blairlogie in the west to Tillicoultry in the east, they represent one of the largest, best preserved and most accessible examples in the UK. Come along to find out why and when they were likely to have come into use and later abandoned. Learn how they were created and, most importantly, how to recognise them.



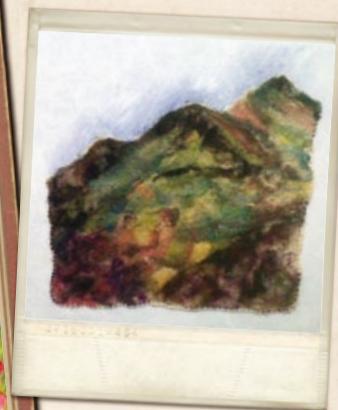
When: Monday 9 June, 7.30pm

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

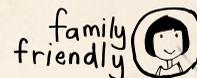
Event Leader: Murray Dickie

Note: We are running two Alva-based Introduction to Hill-walking and Navigation events - on 1 and 22 June. These will take you right past some of the terraces Murray will discuss!

Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 40 attendees.



Wet Felting Workshop



Explore the art of wet felt making with local artist Linn Knox. Using layers of differently coloured carded fleece and fibres, learn to build up an image which will, with a lot of soap, hot water and elbow grease, become your own unique textile. What will your masterpiece textile become? A cushion... a bag... a wall hanging...?

When: Tuesday 10 June, 7-9pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:

Linn Knox



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Note: All materials will be supplied for the day - an eclectic mix of wool fleece and natural fibres, not to mention a plethora of 'bits n bobs' (from bright shiny sequins and buttons to conkers and rose buds). If you could bring along a bath sized towel, that would be appreciated!

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants.



The Devon Dawdle

Join Liz Lavery, an experienced botanist, for this gentle saunter alongside the River Devon. Liz will identify flora and fauna along the route, and explain why certain plants can found there. Midsummer is a great time to see a glorious display of wild flowers, from wild comfrey, red campion and common spotted orchids to sweet cicely, goat's beard, wild garlic and vetches. Don't forget to bring your camera!

When: Wednesday 11 June, 6.30pm
This is a leisurely walk, covering approximately 3 miles, and lasting about 2.5 hours

Where: Meet at the Devonvale Hall, Moss Road, Tillicoultry, FK13 6NS

Event Leader: Liz Lavery

Note: Remember to dress for the weather and bring your camera and sturdy shoes!

Booking: Booking required; maximum 15 participants.

Photographing Wildlife and Landscapes in and around the Ochils



A pictorial presentation by local Wildpix Scotland and RSPB Wildlife and Landscape photography tutor, Dave Taylor, illustrating the great diversity of natural and built heritage on and around the Ochils and River Devon. The talk includes hints and tips on achieving great photographic wildlife and landscape compositions, capturing unseen animal behavioural characteristics. Dave will also discuss conservation, climate change, the welfare of wildlife and other countryside issues.

When: Wednesday 11 June, 7-8.30pm

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leader: Dave Taylor



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Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 40 attendees.



Willow Weaving

family
friendly 

Come and learn how to weave a hanging willow tree, which you can decorate with ribbon and flowers. Once you've mastered that, you can move on to weaving a willow fish. Of course, you'll be able to take your creations home with you! Materials we'll use will include willow and dogwood (cornus).



When: Thursday 12 June, 2-4pm
Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)
Event Leader: Joan Campbell



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Willow
Basketry, Weaving & Clay Sculpting

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants.



Handmade Clay Flowerpot and Garden Ornament Workshop

family
friendly 

Join ceramics artist Fiona Byrne-Sutton for this fun pottery workshop. You will have the opportunity to make pretty and decorative flowerpots, tortoises and mushrooms for your garden and window ledges, using curly coils of clay and press moulds. We will use clay from Gartenkeir Farm, Coalsnaughton.

When: Thursday 12 June, 6.30-8.30pm
Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)
Event Leader:  Fiona Byrne-Sutton

Note: All tools and equipment will be supplied.

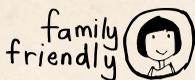
Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 8 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Thursday 12 June

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The Dollar Loop: Introduction to Hill Walking and Navigation in the Ochils



Join us for a moderate introduction to hill-walking for people who would like to try this increasingly popular activity but haven't quite gained the confidence to buy a map and just go for it! Experienced walk leader, Gavin Clarke, will give guidance on the basic principles of navigation using a map and compass, with emphasis on how to keep safe and avoid going astray when the weather closes in.

When: Saturday 14 June, 10am

  Moderate-to-strenuous. This walk is around 6-7 miles, with an ascent of around 600-750 metres. It should take around 4-5 hours to complete.

Where: Meet at 10am at the lower car park on the minor road to Castle Campbell (Grid Ref NS964989)

Event Leader:

Gavin Clarke



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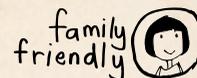
Note: Hill walking kit recommended:

1. Layered warm clothing, e.g. fleece, mid- and base-layer, non-cotton trousers, waterproof jacket and overtrousers, hat and gloves.
2. Waterproof boots with decent treads - the grassy slopes can be very slippery.
3. Food and water.
4. OS Maps (1:50000) and compasses if available. Mapcase or polypocket.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 10 participants.

Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must be happy to walk at a modest pace for 4-5 hours.

Place-name walk from Tillicoultry to Alva



Join the members of the Glasgow University STIT (Scottish Toponymy in Transition) project on a circular walk from Tillicoultry to Alva. Find out about the language and landscape history of the area through its place-names. Learn about the miracles that St Serf performed at Tillicoultry and Alva, medieval kings and lords, and Clackmannanshire's industrial past. The walk will include views of the Ochils and a rare opportunity to see inside Sauchie Tower.

When: Saturday 14 June, 10am

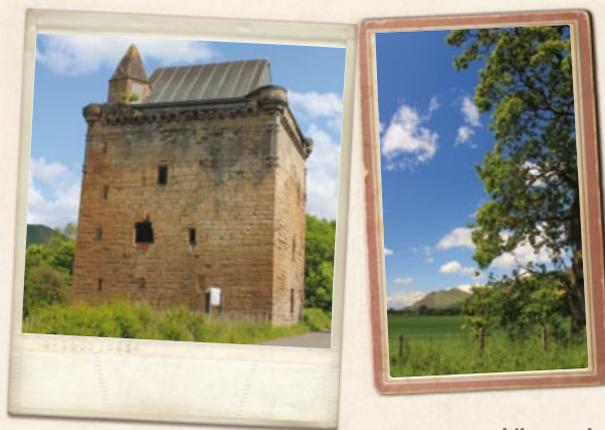
 This is a moderate walk, covering approximately 5 miles, and lasting about 3.5 hours.

Where: The walk will begin and end outside the Woolpack Inn, Glassford Square, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AU

Event Leaders: Scottish Toponymy in Transition members, including Eila Williamson, Simon Taylor and Pete McNiven

Note: Walkers are advised to wear stout footwear and bring a snack / water. There will also be an option to join the project team for lunch after the walk (lunch option is at walkers' own expense).

Booking: Booking required; maximum 25 participants.



The Tartan Ball



A celebration of Hillfoots heritage, with a modern twist! A fusion of traditional and modern Scottish culture, the Tartan Ball 2014 is a revival of the event that was first held in Alva in the 1840s to inject some life into the local textile industry. A key feature then was that ladies wore tartan evening dresses: in 2014 the tartan rule applies to *everyone*, although they can decide for themselves whether they want to wear a dress!

The Tartan Ball offers an opportunity to experience and savour authentic Scottish hospitality in a stunning setting at the foot of the Ochil Hills. There will be traditional Scottish music and song, courtesy of the Fraser McKinnon Ceilidh Band; and there will, of course, be dancing - energetic and always great fun! A tasty selection of Scottish fare will be served, from savoury canapés to sweet treats. Alcoholic and soft drinks (at own cost) will include locally produced ales.

Keeping you entertained as you take a break from all the dancing will be a piper, a Jacobite soldier, a stilt walker, a fire juggler and a magician - all kitted out in the obligatory tartan, of course!

An event not to be missed!

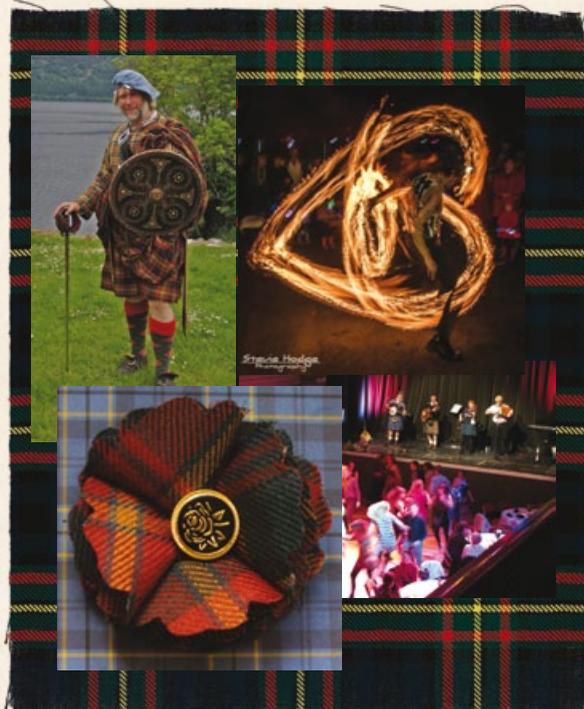
When: Saturday 14 June, 7.30-11.30pm

Where: Cochrane Hall, West Stirling Street, Alva, FK12 5LJ

Note:

- Attendees are required to wear something tartan, and be prepared to show it!
- This event is free but ticketed. Tickets can be collected in person or posted (by special arrangement) once booking is confirmed. Please bring your ticket on the night to be entered into the free raffle.
- While the event is free, drinks will have to be paid for on the night.

Booking: Booking essential. As with all our events, please inform us if you have to cancel your booking. This will allow us to re-allocate your ticket.

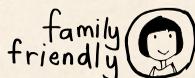


Saturday 14 June

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Mindfulness Walk



This is a nature walk with a difference. Participants will explore how to slow their pace by taking part in different sensory exercises. These are specifically designed to enhance our appreciation of the more subtle elements in our surroundings - the smells, the sounds, the light, the textures. The perfect way to spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon!

When: Sunday 15 June, 2-4pm



Where: Alva Glen. Meet in the car park, Brook Street, Alva, FK12 5JL

Event Leader:

Sonia Grant



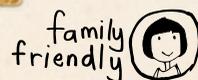
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Note: The route includes steps. Participants are advised to wear flat footwear with a good grip, and to dress appropriately for the weather.

Booking: Booking recommended: max 12 participants.



Coal at all Costs? and The Story of the Silver Glen



Two talks on the environmental impact of mining in the local area.

Coal at all Costs?

In 1872 the Royal Commission on River Pollution described the River Devon below Dollar as 'a seething mass of polluted and disgusting corruption.' Jennifer Geller will explore the role of the Devon Iron Works and colliery in this 'corruption' of the river.

The Story of the Silver Glen

In 1715, local landowner John Erskine discovered a deposit of silver on his estate near Alva. This site would come to be known by its more familiar name of the 'Silver Glen'. Using a combination of video footage, images, mine plans and historic maps of the area, James MacKean will explore the environmental history of the glen and the surviving industrial archaeology of mineral extraction.

When: Monday 16 June, 7.30pm

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leaders: Jennifer Geller and James MacKean, Masters students at the University of Stirling



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Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 40 attendees.

Industrial Devon: poster exhibition

family
friendly 

An exhibition of posters created by the six Hillfoots primary schools, depicting their exploration of the industrial and environmental history of the river Devon. The display is a culmination of a community engagement project in which the pupils worked with staff and students from the University of Stirling to become 'landscape detectives' and trace visible and invisible clues using a mix of historical research and scientific analysis to understand their local environment.

The project was generously funded by the Strathmartine Trust.

When: May to August 2014, Weekdays 9am – 5pm,
Weekends 11am – 3pm

Where: University Art Collection, Pathfoot Building,
University of Stirling, FK9 4LA

Host: Centre for Environmental History
and Policy and the
University Art Collection,
University of Stirling



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Booking: No booking required: free admission.



family
friendly 

Food Foraging in Alva Glen

A walk on the wild side in Alva Glen will reveal some very unlikely sources of food and ingredients for recipes. Join Margaret Lear's party of foragers to explore how wild food can be sourced from trees, shrubs, ground cover and even pond plants available in June. Margaret will entertain with stories about the uses of wild food and offer tips on safe identification and sustainable foraging. Everyone taking part will receive a Wild Food Information Sheet.

When: Tuesday 17 June, 6pm

Where: Alva Glen car park,
Brook Street, Alva, FK12 5JL

Event Leader:

Margaret Lear, horticulturalist



Note: Remember to dress for the weather and bring a basket or carrier bag to hold the items you have collected.

Margaret will provide tips on safe identification on the day. Participants are strongly advised NOT to eat any foraged foods before hearing professional advice: all consumption is at your own risk. Those with allergies should take particular care.

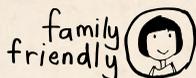
Booking: Booking required; maximum 15 participants.



Tuesday 17 June

May to August

Natural Dye, Paint & Print Workshop



In this workshop we will celebrate the colours of the Ochils landscape, using natural dyes sourced from the environment. We will create unique art pieces by exploring different techniques involving painting and printing with the dyes.



When: Wednesday 18 June, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:

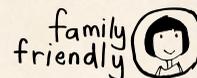
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Note: Materials will be provided but participants might like to bring along light coloured cotton squares (max 12") or wool for dyeing.

Booking: Booking required: max 12 participants.



Cyanotype Workshop

Make beautiful, hand-printed cyanotypes using this iron-based photographic process that dates back to the 19th century. Used in the 20th century to make blueprint reproductions of engineering and architectural drawings, you will learn how the process works, how to coat the paper and how to make cobalt blue images using the power of the sun (hopefully!) and natural foliage found in the community garden.

When: Thursday 19 June, 2-4pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:

Sheila Woodward,
wREN Fine Art Photography



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Booking: Booking required: max 12 participants.

Wednesday 18 June

Thursday 19 June

Ochils Fest

Saturday 21 June

11-3pm

Dumyat Centre
Menstrie

family friendly 

A fun-filled family day that celebrates the landscape and heritage of the Ochils and Hillfoots - LOADS of FREE activities!

When: Saturday 21 June, 11-3pm

Where: Dumyat Centre and Grounds, Menstrie, FK11 7BL

Note: Children should be accompanied.

Please keep dogs on leads.

Check www.ochils.org.uk for updates about new events!



Here are just some of the highlights...



The Mysteries of History

Visit our authentic campaign camp to discover what life was like in the 17th century, when Menstrie Castle was besieged by Royalist soldiers. Interact with our

historical re-enactors to find out about the food people ate, the clothes they wore, and what women used to use as cosmetics - you might be surprised! There will be live musket firing and weapons demonstrations throughout the day too!

Event Leaders: Living History Scotland



A Dawdle in Dollar Old Kirkyard

family friendly 

Dollar has developed in a different way to the other Hillfoots towns and villages... and it's all due to Dollar Academy. Come and see the tiny Session House where the momentous decision to build 'McNabb's School' was taken, the Old Kirk which replaced the medieval church in 1775 and the graves of teachers, farmers and many more who helped to shape the Dollar we know today.

When: Thursday 19 June, 6.30pm

Where: Dollar Old Kirkyard, Bridge Street, Dollar, FK14 7AJ

Event Leaders: Susan Mills and Janet Carolan

Note: Bring warm clothing and sensible footwear: even if the weather is warm and dry it can still get cold in the kirkyard and the grass may still be wet. The tour will last about 90 minutes.

Booking: Booking required: max 30 participants.

Thursday 19 June

Saturday 21 June

The Jacobites are Here!

Meet some real life Jacobites in their new encampment in Menstrie! Find out why they wanted to regain the thrones for the Stewarts. Learn about their costumes and why tartan was banned in the 18th century. Watch their incredible weaponry displays. Be careful though - they might try to persuade you to join their forces!

Event Leaders: Battle Scar Entertainment



Citizen Science – be a scientist for the day!

The Conservation Volunteers will host a wide range of fun scientific activities for all the family. Come along to find out about the Open Air Laboratory's brilliant surveys of air, soil, bugs, water and trees.

Event Leader: Stevie Jarron



Ladybird Hibernation Box Building

Make and decorate your own ladybird hibernation house for your garden. Learn how to make your garden more ladybird-friendly, and about what these colourful wee beasties can do for it in return!

Event Leader: Emily Wadsworth



Forest Creatures Puppet Show

In the forest of Ghillie Dhu, the Forest Ranger looks after some special creatures - Red Squirrel, Badger, Owl, Pine Marten

and a few others. In this hilarious show, the gang get stuck into a range of environmental topics. Learn from the creatures themselves why taking care of the woods is so important. (6 shows throughout the day)

Event Leaders:



Leathercraft Workshop

Drop in to make your own leather disk pendant, which you can decorate with your Viking initial. Try to identify the different animal skins (some with hair still on them) that people would have used for clothes and kit in the past.

Event Leader: Andy Birrell



Woodcarving Demo

See master wood carver Richard Douglas in action. Sign up for a free wood carving workshop to be held on the evening of Tuesday 24 June.



Dragons & Damsels

Visit the British Dragonfly Society stand and make an arty wee dragonfly to take home with you. Learn how to record the dragonflies you see and how to make your garden great for dragonflies!

Event Leader: Danielle Muir



Animation Station

Cartoon Corner

Join us in the main hall to watch the animations made by children at Hillfoots primary schools. Classes have been working with the OLP on environmental projects, and their films use a range of materials and techniques to tell their unique, locally-focused stories.



Ochils Animation



You can even make your own cartoon with animators from Red Kite Animation, the team behind the schools' films. Choose from a

range of inspiring stories, and bring them to life by creating characters or creatures from around the Ochils area. All films will be uploaded to Red Kite's website, so you can watch them later and show them off. Fab fun for all the family!

Event Leader: Jim Stirk



Play Away with The Conservation Volunteers' Discovering Nature team

The Conservation Volunteers will use a range of Natural Play activities to encourage people to use the great outdoors to learn, get fit and have FUN! Whether it's a local nature reserve or your back garden, there are many ways to enjoy the natural environment. Come along and join in!

Event Leaders: John McFarlane and Noelia Collado Salas



Tree Cookies



Join us to make some adorable wee 'tree cookies'. First we cut small disks from tree branches, then it's over to you to paint them in a design of your choice. If you like, we can thread the disks to make necklaces or key chains. Please note these 'cookies' are NOT edible!



Event Leader: Anna Hamilton

World of Wings

Come and see a selection of our amazing birds of prey. Chat with our falconer and find out all about their diets, natural habitats, skills and personalities.



Animal Magic



Get up close and personal at this live animal handling session! Meet an Egyptian hedgehog and an African python - compare these exotic animals with their native Scottish counterparts.

Event Leader: Laura Rennie, Animal Magic

Note: Live animals are used in this presentation, which is not suitable for people with allergies to or phobias of birds, mammals, reptiles or amphibians.

Toys Through the Ages

Come along and experience toys from every decade of the 20th century, from the original Muffin the Mule and homemade toys to those iconic toys of the 1970s and 80s, such as Action Man, Tiny Tears and early handheld video games. You can make your own cool toy to take away too. Suitable for big kids of all ages!

Event Leaders: Kevin Kerrigan and Mark Nixon, Scottish Independent Touring Exhibition



Victorian life

From flat caps and waistcoats to florals and smocks, come and try on some Victorian costumes! Discover what life was like for Victorian children... How far do you think you can roll the hoop?

Event Leader: Susan Mills, Museum and Heritage Officer, Clackmannanshire Council



Bird Box Building

Start from scratch and build your own wooden bird box to take home and place in your garden, all free of charge!

Event Leader: Ryan Walker, Stirling Council Ranger Service

Note: Max 10 at any one time.

Bushcraft and Wilderness Living

How well could you survive in the wild? Discover how the environment can provide tools, utensils, food and shelter. Interesting and interactive!

Event Leader: Stuart Fish



Archaeology for All

Try your hand at archaeology - dig up a skull and other buried treasures! Find out about the latest archaeological discoveries in

the area, from Iron Age Brochs and a medieval hunting lodge to World War I practice trenches. Discover how to get involved in forthcoming projects too!

Event Leader: Fiona Watson, Stirling Council Ranger Service



Castle Law and Myreton Hill

family friendly

Join the friendly Ramblers for this walk, which takes in Castle Law (Dumyat's wee brother) and Myreton Hill. Leaving from the car park at Blairlogie, we will head up Castle Law, where there are two route options, one a bit steeper than the other. From there, we will cross Menstrie Glen and head to the gentle slopes of Myreton. A great opportunity to see some terrific views and enjoy some great company.

When: Sunday 22 June, 10am

 Moderate-to-strenuous. This walk is around 7.5 miles, with an ascent of 550 metres. It should take around 5 hours to complete.

Where: Blairlogie Car Park, Map Ref: 57/NS:831969

Event Leader: Ray Finlay



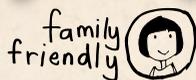
Note: Participants should bring appropriate outdoor clothing, sturdy footwear, lunch and drinks.

Booking: No booking required.

Sunday 22 June

Saturday 21 June

Natural Art in Alva



This is a hands-on, environmentally friendly activity that will encourage people to have fun and be creative in the outdoors. Guidance will be provided to help people create temporary art using inspiration and materials found locally in the environment. We'll share our ideas but it's up to you to let your imagination run wild! Large or small, realistic or abstract, we'll take photographs to record our creations before leaving them to deteriorate naturally.

When: Sunday 22 June, 2-4pm

Where: Alva Glen. Meet in the car park, Brook Street, Alva, FK12 5JL

Event Leader:
Claire Templeton

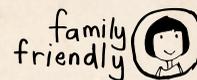


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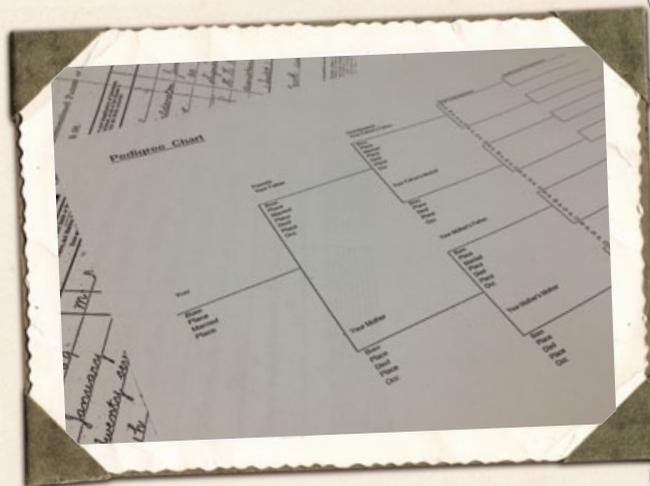
Note: Remember to dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear.

Booking: Booking recommended: max 20 participants. Please note that under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

How To Trace Your Scottish Ancestors



Genealogy is one of the most popular pastimes of recent years, and can be revealing and rewarding in all sorts of ways. But it can be very difficult to know just where to begin, or where to turn if you hit an apparently dead end. Join us for this evening of genealogical advice from Elma Lindsay and Mary McIntyre - members of Central Scotland Family History Society. Following a presentation by Elma, in which she will outline good places to start looking for your Scottish ancestors, there will be an opportunity to get hints and tips on a one-to-one basis.



When: Monday 23 June, 7pm

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leaders: Elma Lindsay
and Mary McIntyre



Booking: Booking recommended; max 40 participants.



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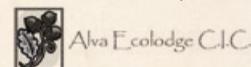
Foraged Flavours

This demo and workshop celebrates and explores the environment through taste and smell. Using foods foraged locally over different seasons, we will share some recipes to show how a few free ingredients can provide us with tasty and surprisingly nutritious dishes. Recipe cards will be provided for participants to take home.

When: Wednesday 25 June, 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leader:
Claire Templeton



Note: All consumption is at your own risk. Please inform the group leader about any food allergies or intolerances you have.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants.



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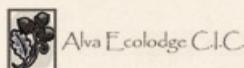
Woodcarving Workshop

This workshop is designed to give participants the experience of using hand carving tools on wood. The main aim is to give people the opportunity to use unfamiliar tools in a unfamiliar way, but every effort will be made to ensure that everyone can take something home - something that is not simply a bit of firewood!

When: Tuesday 24 June, 7-9pm

Where: Wee County Crafters Workshop, Cobden Street, Alva, FK12 5AA

Event Leader:
Richard Douglas.



Note: All wood and tools supplied.

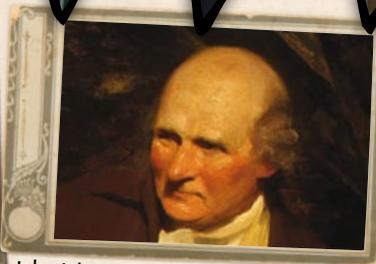
Booking: Booking required: max 12 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 16 for this event: under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 24 June

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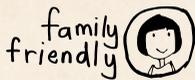


Sir John Erskine of Alva



John Johnstone

Silver, Soldier and Spice: stirring stories of Alva



Meet some of the great, the good and the not so good of Alva in this rollicking performance by the award-winning Walking Theatre Company. Stars of the show include Sir John Erskine and his brother Dr Robert Erskine; John Johnstone, who made his fortune in the East India Company, his son and grandson James Johnstone; and Andrew Orem, from Methven, who settled in Alva, worked as a butcher, joined the army and fought at Culloden. A fabulous cast, a spectacular setting... a thoroughly entertaining evening!

When: Friday 27 June, 7pm

Where: Alva Old Kirkyard, Loan side, Ochil Road, Alva FK12 5JT

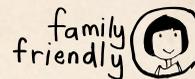
Event Leaders: The Walking Theatre Company and Susan Mills

Note: Bring warm clothing and sensible footwear: even if the weather is warm and dry it can still get cold in the kirkyard and the grass may still be wet. The performance will last about 45 minutes.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 40 participants.



Wild in the Woods



Join us for this interactive introduction to bushcraft! This is a great way to experience how our ancestors used to live in the natural environment. Find out how they made the tools and utensils needed for daily life and learn about the useful plants and resources that are in season. Join in to help us replicate how they made fires and built shelters. This is your chance to discover how we can utilise what nature provides, just like our ancestors did.

When: Sat 28 and Sun 29 June (10.30-13.30 and 14.30-17.30 each day)

Where: Ochils Woodland Park, between Alva and Tillicoultry - meet in the car park.

Event Leader: Stuart Fish



Note: Warm and waterproof clothing, and stout footwear.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 16 participants per session.



Sat 28 & Sun 29 June



family friendly 

Walking Photography Workshop

Join local Wildpix Scotland and RSPB Wildlife and Landscape photography tutor, Dave Taylor, for this guided walk along the banks of the River Devon. Dave will provide a plethora of hints and tips on photographing local flora and wildlife, and will suggest good ways to capture natural landscape compositions along this picturesque route.

When: Saturday 28 June, 10-1pm

 Moderate

Where: Meet at the parking / picnic area near Tait's Tomb, to the east of Tillicoultry on the A91.

Event Leader: Dave Taylor



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Note: Suitable footwear & clothing for seasonal conditions, including sun protection and insect creams as necessary. Bring your camera, and lenses/tripod if you have them.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 10 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Pond Dipping in Muckhart Nature Park

family friendly 

There are some amazing wee creatures lurking in the pond at Muckhart Nature Park, from water beetles to dragonfly larvae. You'll be able to see caddisfly larvae too, and learn about how they use silk to make their homes from stones and leaves. We will dip the pond and identify the small invertebrates using hand lenses and ID keys.



When: Saturday 28 June, 2-4pm

Where: Muckhart Parish Church, 8 Kirk Hill, Pool of Muckhart, FK14 7JQ

Event Leaders: Amanda Joaquin and Muckhart Nature Park volunteers.

Note: Suitable for all ages, but under 14s should be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

Booking: No booking required - just meet outside Muckhart Parish Church at 2pm or join us at the Pond in Muckhart Nature Park.



family friendly 

Gorge Walking in Alva Glen

Offering the perfect cross over between land- and water-based activities, Gorge Walking is sure to get the adrenaline pumping! This is your chance to explore Alva Burn close-up as it descends through the Glen from the hilltops. We will make our way along the twisting course of the Burn, jumping into pools, scrambling over boulders and walking under waterfalls. Exciting stuff!

When: Sunday 29 June, 10:30- 1:30pm
Where: Alva Glen car park, Brook Street, Alva, FK12 5JL
Event Leaders:
 Callum Adam / Neil Kerr



Note: Wetsuits are provided; please bring clothing to wear underneath (swimsuit), and dry clothes to change into, with a towel. A pair of trainers with good grip and ankle support are required.

Booking: Booking required; maximum 12 participants. Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Booking Form

Title _____ Name _____

Postal address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Unless you indicate a preference for post, we will normally contact you by email

Tick here if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive newsletters and information about future events

Events

Please insert the number of people you wish to book places for in the box next to the event.

Sun 1 June

The Alva Loop
 Ages _____

Introduction to Geocaching in the Ochils
 Ages _____

Musical Mayhem
 Ages _____

The Tillicultry Triangle
 Ages _____

Tue 3 June

River Devon Canoe Journey
 Ages _____

Wed 4 June

Hillfoots Kirkyards Uncovered
 Ages _____

Thu 5 June

Handmade Paper Workshop
 Ages _____

Bee and Bug Box Blitz
 Ages _____

Fri 6 June

Silver, Spice and Ice: All about the Alva Estate
 Ages _____

Sat 7 June

The Sheriffmuir Loop
 Ages _____

Food for Free Along the Devon
 Ages _____

Once Upon A Time in the Ochils
 Ages _____

Sun 8 June

Abseiling & Climbing
 Ages _____

Handmade Tile Workshop
 Ages _____

Mon 9 June

Farming in the Ochils
 Ages _____

Tue 10 June

Wet Felting Workshop
 Ages _____



Wed 11 June

- The Devon Dawdle
Ages _____
- Photographing Wildlife and Landscapes in and around the Ochils
Ages _____

Thu 12 June

- Willow Weaving
Ages _____
- Handmade Clay Flowerpot and Garden Ornament Workshop
Ages _____

Sat 14 June

- The Dollar Loop
Ages _____
- Place-name walk from Tillicoultry to Alva
Ages _____
- The Tartan Ball
Ages _____

Sun 15 June

- Mindfulness Walk
Ages _____

Mon 16 June

- Coal at all Costs? and The Story of the Silver Glen
Ages _____

Tue 17 June

Food Foraging in Alva Glen
Ages _____

Wed 18 June

- Natural Dye, Paint & Print Workshop
Ages _____

Thu 19 June

- Cyanotype Workshop
Ages _____
- A Dawdle in Dollar Old Kirkyard
Ages _____

Sun 22 June

- Natural Art in Alva
Ages _____
- The Alva Loop
Ages _____

Mon 23 June

- How To Trace Your Scottish Ancestors
Ages _____

Tue 24 June

- Woodcarving Workshop
Ages _____

Wed 25 June

- Foraged Flavours
Ages _____

Fri 27 June

- Silver, Soldier and Spice: stirring stories of Alva
Ages _____

Sat 28 June

- Wild in the Woods
Ages _____
- Walking Photography Workshop
Ages _____

Sun 29 June

- Wild in the Woods
Ages _____
- Gorge Walking in Alva Glen
Ages _____

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