



Events & Walks 2015 March

Spring Woodland Wander Tuesday 24th - 10.30am start

From a Lords Bridge up a Gutter to a Common and down a Dell. A 5 mile walk through varied woodland habitat looking for the early sights and sounds of spring.

- ✦ Meet at Forestry Commission Car Park by The Ramblers Retreat - GRef: SK 06231 43152; Postcode ST10 4BU.
- ⓘ *Route has moderate gradients and will be muddy in parts so please wear suitable footwear. Bring a packed lunch and waterproofs.*

Events & Walks 2015 April

Action Stations Tuesday 21th - 10am start

From Cheddleton Railway upto Coombes RSPB and back again past Sharpcliffe Hall, through Rod Wood SWT to Cheddleton Heath and back. An 8 mile walk through 2 nature reserves.

- ✦ Meet at Station Car Park. GRef: S 98227 52057; Postcode ST13 7EE.
- ⓘ *A strenuous walk with steep gradients. Route will be muddy in parts so please wear sturdy outdoor footwear. Take packed lunch and waterproofs.*

Events & Walks 2015 May

Dawn Chorus - Hawksmoor Sunday 10th - 4.45am start

A early morning walk of chattering birds.

- ✦ Meet at roadside layby. GRef: SK 03220 43983; Postcode ST10 4QX.
- ⓘ *The reserve is hilly and some of the paths may be muddy so please wear appropriate footwear, wrap up warm!*

Evening Birdsong - Rudyard Wednesday 13th - 6pm start

A gentle walk by Rudyard lake listening to the evening birdsong.

- ✦ Meet at 6pm at the Miniature Railway Car Park GRef: SJ 95567 57869; Postcode ST13 8UX.

Evening Birdsong - St Edwards Park Wednesday 20th - 6pm start to 8pm

A stroll around the old St Edwards site listening to the evening Birds.

- ✦ Meet in front of St Edwards Hall GRef SJ 97306 53471; Postcode ST137FA.

Family Bushcraft - St Edwards Park Thursday 28th - 11am to 4pm

Drop by anytime to enjoy tracking and animal signs, taste and cook wild food, shelter building and practice fire lighting. Activities for ages 6 and up. Follow a tracking trail, Build a shelter, join a wild food foray and try your hand at fire lighting & camp bread cooking in the grounds of St Edwards Park.

- ✦ Meet at Rugby Club Car park GRef: SJ 97125 53495; Postcode ST13 7BJ.
- ⓘ *Under 12's must be accompanied.*

Events & Walks 2015 June

Flowers of Thorswood Friday 12th - 7pm to 9pm

An evening stroll over Thorswood SWT reserve looking at the flowers blooming on the limestone grassland.

- ✦ Meet at small car park GRef SK 11516 47292; Postcode DE62BY

Hospital and a bunch of Flowers Tuesday 23rd - 10 am start

A 6 Mile walk From Ladderedge Country Park to Deep Hayes Country park through the flowering pastures, returning along the Caldon Canal and Leek Arm via St Edwards Park.

- ✦ Meet at Sunnyhills Carpark GRef: SJ 97586 55270; Postcode ST13 5RJ.
- ⓘ *Route has some steep gradients but is generally flat and could be muddy in parts so please wear suitable footwear. Bring a packed lunch and waterproofs.*

A Walk through Rod Wood - Staffordshire's Coronation Meadow. June 25th - 7pm start

Discover the flowers of this beautiful reserve with Wildlife Trust Officer Victoria Brooks.

- ✦ Meet at reserve car park GRef: SJ 99719 52939; Postcode ST13 7DU.
- ⓘ *Route has moderate gradients, please wear suitable outdoor clothing.*

June continued...

The Footsteps of Rousseau

☞ Sunday 28th - 11am start

Onto Walk Hill and the Weavers then down to the lanes of Wooton as the writer and philosopher used too.

✦ Meet at Wootton Cricket ground GRef: SK 10183 45400; Postcode DE62GW.

❗ Route has moderate gradients, please wear suitable outdoor clothing.



July

Walking with Bead

☞ Sunday 5th and Tuesday 14th - 2pm start

George Eliot stayed in Ellastone with her uncle when she was a young girl, and the book Adam Bede is based there. An easy 3 mile (2 hour) guided walk taking in 17 scenes described in the book starting at Ellastone village hall and Calwich Abbey, finishing at Ellastone Church for tea & cakes (£5 donation to the Church)

✦ Meet at Ellastone village Hall GRef: SK 11621 43429; Postcode DE62HB.

On the Plateway Trail

☞ Tuesday 21st - 10.30am start

Walking along some of the oldest railways in the world. An 8 mile walk from Froghall Wharf following the lines of the old plateways to Cauldon Quarry.

✦ Meet at Froghall Wharf GRef: SK02685 47655; Postcode ST10 2HH.

❗ A strenuous walk with steep gradients. Route will be muddy in parts so please wear sturdy outdoor footwear. Take packed lunch and waterproofs.



August

Trees with Leaves - St Edwards Park

☞ Sunday 9th - 1.30pm-3.30pm

Tree I.D with fun quiz at the end.

✦ Meet at Rugby Club Car Park GRef: SJ 97125 53495; Postcode ST13 7BJ.

'Big Pull Fortnight'

Saturday 27th June to Sunday 12th July

Help control the invasive Himalayan Balsam from running riot in the Churnet Valley by attending a Balsam Bash event. Check churnet-valley.org.uk from June to get details of a workparty near you.



Tittesworth Nature Detectives

☞ Tuesday August 18th

Morning 10.00am to 12 noon

Afternoon 1pm - 3pm

Discover the natural world in 2 sessions of craft, games and exploring. Aimed at families with children aged 6-12.

✦ Meet at Visitor Centre GRef: SJ 99347 60177; Postcode ST13 8SN.

❗ Under 12's must be accompanied.

In the Footsteps of the Earl of Shrewsbury

☞ Tuesday 18th - 10am start

The Earls of Shrewsbury's country seat in Victorian times. A ten mile walk over land once owned by successive Earls of Shrewsbury. Those wanting a shorter walk can finish approx halfway around the figure 8 route.

✦ Meet at Forestry Commission Car Park GRef: SK06231 43152; Postcode ST10 4BU.

❗ Most of the walk is along undulating footpaths and trackways, however there are some steep gradients. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing. Take Waterproofs and a packed lunch.



September

Headwaters of the River Churnet

☞ Tuesday 8th - 10am start

Walk from the source of the River near Ramshaw Rocks down to the shores of Tittesworth reservoir over Hillswood and finishing at the Brindley Mill Museum. A linear walk, places limited. Lifts (16) from Leek available.

✦ Meet at Sainsbury's Car Park GRef: SJ 97612 57051; Postcode ST13 8YG.

❗ Booking Required.



October

Fungi on the FarSide

☞ Saturday 24th - 10am to 1pm

Search the far slopes of Tittesworth reservoir on this beginners foray into the world of fungi.

✦ Meet at visitor centre GRef: SJ 99347 60177; Postcode ST13 8SN.

❗ Car parking charges apply.



November

Trees without Leaves

☞ Saturday 28th - 1.30pm-3.30pm

Walk around Coombes RSPB reserve and learn how to identify trees in winter with a fun quiz at the end.

✦ Meet at visitor Centre GRef: SK00921 53405; Postcode ST13 7EU.

❗ The reserve is hilly. Paths may be muddy please wear appropriate clothing.



Volunteering and training

Regular adult practical projects workparties take place weekly on Wednesdays and

Thursdays at beautiful locations throughout the Churnet Valley area. No experience is necessary just enthusiasm.

A free City & Guilds Level 2 course in Land Based Environmental Conservation is available for anyone wishing to gain a qualification.

Tasks include fencing, walling; hedge laying; boardwalks; grassland and woodland management, Balsam pulling and path construction works.

12-21yr olds can get involved by attending the Youth Ranger group.

For more info contact r.whiting@staffs-wildlife.org.uk or visit www.churnet-valley.org.uk and look at the calendar.

For details on any of the walks and events or to book contact:

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All walks are
free
to attend

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For further information about the Churnet Valley visit
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