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These sites are open every day except Christmas Day.

For information on events and activities at all sites call: 0870 179 1111 or visit www.moretoexperience.co.uk/events

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Events Guide April - Dec 2008

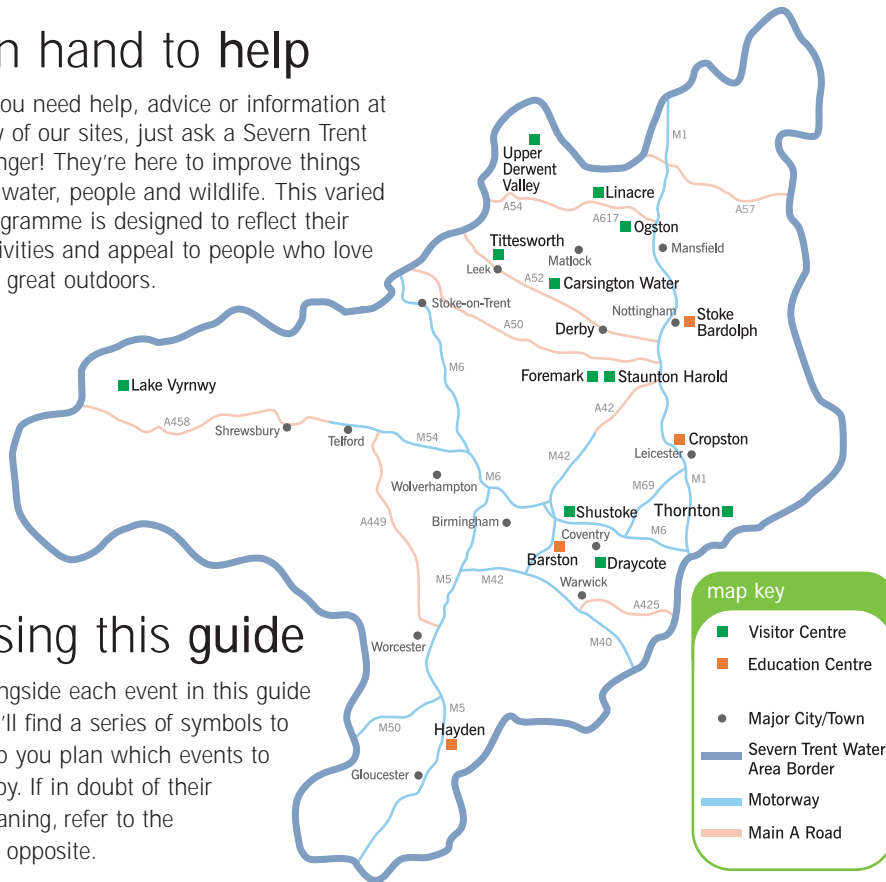
Severn Trent Water

something for everyone

Welcome to Severn Trent Water's guide to what's happening at our Visitor Centres across the region in 2008. Bigger and better than ever, there's something for everyone, whether you're 8 or 80. From guided walks to practical conservation tasks to birdwatching, you'll be surprised at the variety.

on hand to help

If you need help, advice or information at any of our sites, just ask a Severn Trent Ranger! They're here to improve things for water, people and wildlife. This varied programme is designed to reflect their activities and appeal to people who love the great outdoors.



using this guide

Alongside each event in this guide you'll find a series of symbols to help you plan which events to enjoy. If in doubt of their meaning, refer to the key opposite.

Carsington Water

Carsington Water is off the B5035 between Ashbourne and Wirksworth. We're open at 10am every day of the year except Christmas Day.

Tel: 01629 540696

Tittesworth Water

Tittesworth Water is situated 3 miles north of Leek off the Buxton Road. Follow signposts from the A53 to Meerbrook. We're open at 10am every day of the year except Christmas Day. Closing times may vary.

Tel: 01538 300400

Upper Derwent Valley

The Upper Derwent Valley is on the A57 between Manchester and Sheffield. The Visitor Centre at Fairholmes is open from 10am to 5.30pm every day April to October. Reduced hours November and December but still open every day. Fairholmes and the UDV is managed in partnership with the Peak District National Park.

Tel: 01433 650953

Lake Vyrnwy

Lake Vyrnwy is less than an hour from Snowdonia or Shrewsbury and 2 hours from Birmingham or Stoke. The Visitor Centre complex for Lake Vyrnwy is by the dam on the B4393 Llanfyllin to Bala road.

Tel: 01691 870278

Draycote Water Shustoke Reservoir

Draycote Water is situated off the A426 1 mile south of Dunchurch near Rugby. We are open every day except Christmas Day.

Shustoke Reservoir is located off the B4114 in Shustoke Village, near Coleshill.

Tel: 01788 811107

Staunton Harold Thornton Reservoir Foremark Reservoir

Staunton Harold is situated south of Derby at Melbourne just off the B587.

Thornton Reservoir is located south-west of J22 of the M1 and Foremark Reservoir is just 5 miles north-east of Burton-on-Trent, off the A514, between Ticknall and Milton.

Tel: 01332 865081

Linacre

Linacre Valley Project, managed in partnership with Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service, is off the B6050 between Cutthorpe and Baslow.

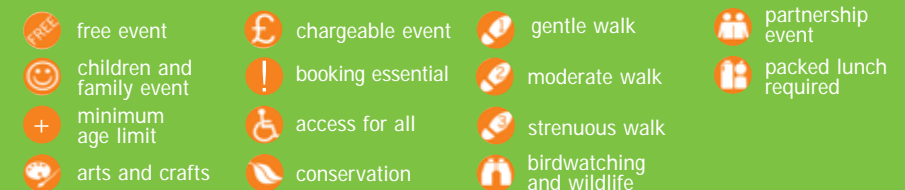
Tel: 01246 567049

Ogston

Ogston, situated just off the B6014, near Woolley Moor, Clay Cross is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) with provision for bird watching, sailing and fishing. Contact Carsington Water Visitor Centre.

Tel: 01629 540696

Key to symbols



April at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Tue 1/8/15/22/29 & Sun 6/13/20/27	Aren't birds brilliant!
	Sat 5 & 19	Introduction to fishing with a fly
	Sun 6 & 27	Birdwatching for beginners
	Sat 19	Improvers fly fishing course
	Sun 20 & Fri 25	Vistas of Carsington Water
	Tue 22	Lexus European Fly Fishing Championship
	Sat 26	Ashbourne duathlon
	Sat 26	Sheepwash spinners
	Sun 27	Birdwatching for beginners – Peak District Walking Festival 2008
	Tittesworth Water	Sat 19
	Sat 26	Bat talk and walk
Draycote Water	Daily	Spring watch
Ogston	Sat 5	Bird Club guided walk
Thornton Reservoir	Sat 19	Bird walk
Upper Derwent Valley	Sun 20	Win Hill wander
	Sat 26	Navigation for beginners
	Sun 27 April	Dam builders and dam busters
Lake Vyrnwy	Sat 5 & Sun 6	Optics demonstration
	Sun 6	Lambing on the farm
	Sun 27	How do bogs work?





Horse and dray rides

Horse and dray rides will be available at Carsington Water (weather permitting) on certain dates during Easter, Spring and Summer bank holidays and Summer school holidays.


April

Carsington Water

 **Aren't birds brilliant!**
 Events Tuesday and Sunday throughout the year, 10.30am - 4.00pm (Mar – Oct),
 10.30am – 3.30pm (Nov – Feb,
 not over Christmas).
 Come and be dazzled by Carsington Water's fantastic wildlife, whatever the weather! Join Severn Trent Water and the RSPB at the Wildlife Centre where partnership volunteers will help you learn about the wildlife on site and its conservation. Binoculars and top of the range telescopes will be on hand for your use, live wildlife cameras, Animal Antics quiz (£1.00) and lots of information. Fun for all the family. Phone 01629 540696 for details.

 **Introduction to fishing with a fly**
 Sat 5 April, 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
 Sat 19 April, 10am-1pm
 An opportunity to learn the basics of fly fishing. The course covers basic casting, knots and entomology. All equipment and a qualified instructor will be provided for the course. After you have learned how to throw a line you can fish from the bank for the rest of the day (for which you must have an EA rod licence and your own tackle). Meet at the Fishery Lodge, 2 sessions on some days, see times above. Places are limited, ring or call into Carsington Sports and Leisure on 01629 540 478. Cost £20.00 per person. Please pay on the day at the Watersports Centre.

 **Birdwatching for beginners**
 Sun 6 and Sun 27 April
 Join a volunteer Ranger for an introduction to watching and identifying birds. First come first served to a maximum of 25 places. Meet at Visitor Centre reception at 10am to finish 12 noon. Bring walking boots and suitable clothing, binoculars and notebook. Sorry, no dogs. Booking advisable as places limited. Phone 01629 540696.

 **Improvers fly fishing course**
 Sat 19 April
 Now you have
 learned to cast



a fly why not take it one step further and learn to fish from a boat? On this course you will learn boat handling skills, reading the water, fishing on the drift with a drogue, fishing tactics and fly selection as well as further pointers on your casting. All equipment, boat hire and a qualified instructor will be provided for the course. After the course has finished you can continue to fish from your boat for the rest of the day (for which you must have an EA rod licence and your own tackle). Meet at the Fishery Lodge at 2pm prompt to finish at approx 5pm. Places are limited, ring or call into Carsington Sports and Leisure on 01629 540 478. Cost £40.00 per person. Please pay on the day at the Watersports Centre.

Carsington Water

13+ **Vistas of Carsington Water – Peak District Walking Festival 2008**
Sun 20 and Fri 25 April
 Meet at the Visitor Centre at 10.30am to finish at approx 4.30pm. Car parking charges apply. Join a Volunteer Ranger for a moderate 6 mile circular walk with low level views of Carsington Water. Call 01629 540696. Sorry no dogs, not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

16+ **Lexus European Fly Fishing Championship**
Tue 22 April
 Heat of Europe's largest fly fishing competition. Open to anyone to have a go in this superb, friendly event. Please contact the Fishery office on 01629 540769 for full details.

Asbourne duathlon
Sat 26 April
 Contact James Creswell for details 01332 513299 or visit www.punishingevents.com

Sheepwash spinners
Sat 26 April
 Drop in anytime between 11am - 4pm at the Visitor Centre Henmore Room. Come and watch local experts demonstrate wool spinning using traditional methods and learn about the importance of the wool industry in Derbyshire.

Birdwatching for beginners – Peak District Walking Festival 2008
Sun 27 April
 See April for further details.

Tittesworth Water

Aren't birds brilliant! Fun Day
Sat 19 April
 Join our friends at the RSPB for a brilliant day getting close and personal to Tittesworth Water's beautiful wildlife. Top of the range telescopes will be available for you to use. Make a bird flapper, mask or pick up some free information about wildlife and what you can do to help. Look out for us around the Visitor Centre, from 10.30am – 4pm.

Bat talk and walk
Sat 26 April
 Come along for an informative evening with Staffordshire Bat Group to learn about our nocturnal inhabitants. Join us for an early evening talk in the BBQ area followed by a short walk around site. Cost £2 per person, under 10s go free. Starts 7.45pm.



Draycote Water

Spring watch
Daily
 Become a phenologist (a very special title for a very special job!). Phenology is the study of how nature changes with the seasons, something people have been recording for hundreds of years...now its your turn! Join in with Spring and Autumn watch at Draycote Water, throughout the year we will have lots of information in the Visitor Centre to help you, help us record Nature's calendar. Pick up your free information sheet at the Visitor Centre and get recording. All information that we receive will go towards helping the Woodland Trust and the UK Phenology Network record the impact of climate change on our plants and wildlife.



Ogston

Bird Club guided walk
Sat 5 April
 Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk

Thornton Reservoir

Bird walk
Sat 19 April
 A gentle 2.5 mile stroll around the reservoir and through the woods identifying some of the feathered users of the site. Meet at the information room at 10am to return at around 12 noon. Stout shoes are advisable. Remember to bring your

binoculars if you have them. The Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society will be on site, offering advice of what you are likely to find and how you can spot them. Cost £2 per person.

Upper Derwent Valley

! Win Hill wander
 Sun 20 April
 A 9 mile strenuous route from Ladybower Dam to Win Hill looking at landscape changes and visiting local points of interest. Meet at Heatherdene car park (SK202859). Call 01629 816593.

! Navigation for beginners Grade B
 Sat 26 April
 A 5 mile walk giving an introduction to navigation and map reading on the hills above Ladybower, which will involve steep climbs. Please bring a Dark Peak Map and compass. Meet at the Ranger Centre at Fairholmes, Upper Derwent at 10.30am, finish at 5pm. Call 01629 816593. Sorry no dogs.

! Dam builders and dam busters
 Sun 27 April
 A 6 mile walk to the site of the village of Birchinlee to discover the story of 'Tin Town', the Dam builders and the dam busters. This walk will involve some steep ascents, Guide dogs only. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10.30am, finish 4.30pm. Call 01629 816593.



Lake Vyrnwy

! Optics demonstration
 Sat 5 and Sun 6 April
 Whether you are an avid birdwatcher or just enjoy watching the birds in your garden, this event will help you choose the right binoculars or telescope. Try our extensive range and get expert help. 10.30am - 4.30pm.



£ Lambing on the farm
 Sun 6 April
 Come and meet Spring's new arrivals, and learn about our wildlife-friendly organic farm. Don't forget your wellies. 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

FREE How do bogs work?
 Sun 27 April
 Join the LIFE project team to discover how to survey the blanket bog high above Lake Vyrnwy. It's fun for all the family. Starts at 1pm, finish around 3pm.

May at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Tue 6/13/20/27 & Sun 4/11/18/25 Sat 3 & 17 Sun 4 Sun 4 Sat 10 Sat 17 Sun 18 Sat 31 Sat 31	Aren't birds brilliant! Introduction to fishing with a fly Birds of prey family fun day Birdwatching for beginners Dawn chorus walk Improvers fly fishing course RNLI family fun day Bat safari Sheepwash spinners
Ogston	Sat 3 Mon 5	Bird Club guided walk Open day
Tittesworth Water	Sat 24 Sat 24 – Sun 1 June Sun 25	Strawberry Moon festival special promotion day Teddy bear hunt A glimpse at our wetland wildlife
Upper Derwent Valley	Sun 18	Castles but no soldiers
Lake Vyrnwy	Sun 4 & 11 Mon 5 Mon 5 & 26, Sun 25 Sun 11 Sun 18 Sat 24 Sun 25 Fri 30 Sat 31 Sat 31	Dawn chorus & breakfast What's in an owl pellet? BBQ and family fun days Tour of the organic farm Migrant discovery walk How not to get lost! Guided walk to the blanket bog Roger's WildSquare Springwatch with the RSPB Optics demonstration
Draycote Water	Daily Mon 26 – Fri 30	Spring watch Pirates and lost treasure
Linacre	Wed 7 Sun 11	Bluebell bimbles Early bird wake up call
Foremark Reservoir	Sun 18	Walk in the woods

May

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! 😊👤♿👤
See April for details.

10+ Introduction to fishing with a fly
! Sat 3 May 10am-1pm
♿ Sat 17 May, 10am-1pm
See April for details.

😊 **Birds of prey family fun day**
£ Sun 4 May
Join in the fun of celebrating the UK's birds of prey, which are among our most beautiful and inspirational birds. The RSPB and Severn Trent Water are running activities for all the family from 10.30pm – 4pm. Make masks, bird flappers and lots more in the Visitor Centre. In the Wildlife Centre, volunteers will be on hand with top of the range telescopes to show you the exciting wildlife on site. Little owls are regular visitors and you might see a peregrine falcon or kestrel prowling for food. The RSPB's award winning film 'The Eagle Odyssey' (50 mins) will also be shown at 11am, 1pm and 3pm in the Visitor Centre. £3 per person with all proceeds going to support the RSPB's Birds of Prey Campaign. Booking advised. Call 01629 540696 for more details.

Birdwatching for beginners
Sun 4 May
See April for details. 🆓♿13+👤👤

🆓 **Dawn chorus walk**
👤 Sat 10 May
Join Carsington Bird Club for a short walk to view and listen to the early morning bird life on the reservoir then enjoy a cooked breakfast – optional, cost £2. Don't forget your binoculars! See more information at www.carsingtonbirdclub.co.uk

10+ Improvers fly fishing course
! Sat 17 May
♿ See April for details.

😊 **RNLI family fun day**
£ Sun 18 May
Come and join us for a great day out at Carsington Water, the main spectacle will be the raft race but there will also be plenty of other attractions for all ages, including a barbecue, treasure hunt, live music and children's activities, as well as the usual attractions at Carsington Water. All proceeds will go to help in the essential work of the RNLI in saving lives at sea. We look forward to meeting you there. Admission from 10am. For further details, please telephone 01298 79724 or 01298 71309.

6+ **Bat safari**
£ Sat 31 May
Meet at Millfields car park at 8.45pm. Join Derbyshire Bat Conservation Group and the Rangers for an evening stroll near part of the reservoir. Listen and look out for these unusual yet wonderful creatures of the night. This event takes place at dusk so torches are essential. Phone the Visitor Centre on 01629 540696. Cost: £2.50 including free parking. Sorry no dogs.

😊 **Sheepwash spinners**
👤 Sat 31 May
♿ See April for details.

Aren't birds brilliant!



Come and be dazzled by Carsington Water's fantastic wildlife - whatever the weather. Throughout the year Severn Trent Water and RSPB run a whole series of events where partnership volunteers will help you learn all about the wildlife on site and its conservation. Binoculars and top-of-the-range telescopes are on hand, live wildlife cameras, Animal Antics quiz and lots of information

Events are held every Tuesday and Sunday throughout the year.
10.30am – 5pm (Mar – Oct)
10.30am – 3.30pm (Nov – Feb, not over Christmas)

For further information call 01629 540696


Ogston

-  **Bird Club guided walk**
Sat 3 May
Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am.
For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk



-  **Ogston Sailing Club, Bird Club and Derbyshire County Angling Club open day**
Mon 5 May
Meet at Ogston Sailing Club, Quarry Lane, Woolley Moor, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6FN. Event runs from 11.30am to 5pm. Free entry, however some charges apply. Boat rides and sailing, bird club and angling stands. Barbeque and hot drinks served. Change of clothing may be needed for sailing activities. For further details visit www.ogstonsc.org.uk


Tittesworth Water

-  **Teddy bear hunt**
Sat 24 May - Sun 1 June
Find all the teddy bears and answer all the clues to claim your prize. Start in the Visitor Centre reception from 10.30am - 4pm daily. Cost £2 per child.

Strawberry Moon festival special promotion day
Sat 24 May
See page 17 for details.




-  **A glimpse at our wetland wildlife**
Sun 25 May
Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and the Rangers for an informative walk around our conservation area. Starts at 2pm, finish around 4pm. Includes a refreshing drink afterwards. Sturdy footwear required. Cost £2 per person, under 5s go free.


Upper Derwent Valley


-  **Castles but no soldiers**
Sun 18 May
A 9 mile walk to Alport Castle, with some steep climbs. Return via the Alport valley and the River Ashop. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10.15am, finish 4.30pm. Bring £1 for bus fare and binoculars in case of peregrine sightings. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.





Lake Vyrnwy


-  **Dawn chorus and breakfast**
Sun 4 and 11 May
Join our expert, Dr Jared Wilson, on this early morning walk, starting at 4.30am. Cost £5 (includes breakfast). Payment required prior to the event. Vegetarian and vegan options available – please indicate when booking.
-  **What's in an owl pellet?**
Mon 5 May
Dissect an owl pellet and discover what Lake Vyrnwy's owls have been feasting on. From 11am to 3pm.
-  **Barbeque and family fun days**
Mon 5, Sun 25 and Mon 26 May
Barbeque with organic burgers from the Lake Vyrnwy farm, plus face painting, pebble painting and other activities. From 11am to 4.30pm.


-  **Tour of the organic farm**
Sun 11 May
Discover how the RSPB's organic farm is managed and how it helps wildlife. See the new lambs and our Welsh Black cattle. From 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

-  **Migrant discovery walk**
Sun 18 May
Migrants make an epic journey to get here. Join our expert, Dr Jared Wilson, on this walk to discover which have arrived. Starts at 5pm, finish around 7pm.

-  **How not to get lost!**
Sat 24 May
An introduction to map reading and orienteering, with a run (or walk!) around a short course. An event for all the family. Starts at 1pm, finish around 4pm.

-  **Guided walk to the blanket bog**
Sun 25 May
Join us for a walk through the woodland, emerging on the stunning blanket bog above Lake Vyrnwy. Starts at noon, finish around 3pm.

-  **Roger's WildSquare**
Fri 30 May
We will make and use a pooter, a device used to catch insects. Starts at 1pm.

-  **Springwatch with the RSPB**
Sat 31 May
Join our bird ringer, Peter Bache from the British Trust for Ornithology, as he visits some of our 350 nestboxes to ring chicks. From noon until 3pm.

-  **Optics demonstration**
Sat 31 May
See April for further details.



Draycote Water

FREE Spring watch
Daily
See April for details



FREE Pirates and lost treasure
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May
Join in with the pirate treasure trail around the country park and reservoir (don't worry not all the way around!). Learn some fun facts about the high seas and even make your own pirate hat and eye patch. Watch out for the Draycote pirates who are lurking in the shadows, they will try and steal your treasure! Find all the clues and claim your prize! £1 per trail sheet, £2 per hat and eye patch. From 11am to 4pm daily.

Linacre

FREE Bluebell bimble
Wed 7 May
Enjoy the floral seasonal splendour of the Linacre Valley on a ramble for the sheer pleasure of high spring woodlands and wildlife. Meet at the lower car park at 6pm, finish around 7.30pm. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.



FREE Early bird wake up call
Sun 11 May
Catch the peak of the dawn chorus with members of the Chesterfield RSPB group around the woodlands and reservoirs of Linacre Valley. Meet at the lower car park by the totem pole at 5am, finish around 8am. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Sorry no dogs.



Foremark Reservoir

£ Walk in the woods
Sun 18 May
As part of the Tree Council's 'Walk in the Woods' campaign and the National Forest's Walking Festival, come along and join a Ranger for a walk around the reservoir and through the woodland areas. Enjoy the tranquillity of the woodland and spot some of the wildlife that thrives here. A walk of around 4 miles, meet at the information room at 10am to return around 1pm. Stout shoes are essential. Cost £2 per person.



June at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Sun 1/8/15/22/29 & Tue 3/10/17/24	Aren't birds brilliant! Birdwatching for beginners
	Sun 1	Introduction to fishing with a fly
	Sat 7 & 21	Aren't birds brilliant! family fun day
	Sun 8	Marvellous moths
	Sun 8	Watersports open evening
	Mon 9	Improvers fly fishing course
	Sat 21	Sheepwash spinners
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Ogston	Sat 7	Bird Club guided walk
Tittesworth Water	Sun 1	Teddy bear hunt
	Sat 28 & Sun 29	Strawberry Moon festival
Draycote Water	Daily	Spring watch
Lake Vyrnwy	Sun 1	Migrant discovery walk
	Sat 7	Come and meet 'Flora of Vyrnwy'
	Sat 14	Father's Day card making
	Sun 15	Tips on bird photography
	Sat 21	Guided walk to the blanket bog
	Sat 21	Summer solstice walk
	Sat 28	Introduction to wildlife art
	Sat 28	Otter discovery walk
Upper Derwent Valley	Sun 1	Peregrine watch
	Sun 8	Water story
Staunton Harold	Sun 15	Reservoir walk
Foremark Reservoir	Sat 7	National moth night

June

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! 😊👤♿👤
See April for details.

Birdwatching for beginners
Sun 1 June
See April for details. 🆓♿13+👤👤

10+ Introduction to fishing with a fly
! Sat 7 June 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
♿ Sat 21 June, 10am-1pm
See April for details.

😊 Aren't birds brilliant!
👤 Family fun day
Sun 8 June
Join Severn Trent Water and the RSPB in celebrating the wonder of wildlife! Fun family activities including quizzes, mask and dragonfly making, bird flappers and more in the Visitor Centre plus pond dipping at 11am and 2pm. Charges vary. In the Wildlife Centre, volunteers will be on hand with top of the range telescopes and cameras to show you the exciting wildlife on site.

😊 Marvellous moths
👤 Sun 8 June
Meet at the Wildlife Centre (near the main car park) at 1.30pm. Meet a Ranger to see how many of the 4,000 species of moths found in the UK are present at the reservoir. A (harmless) trap will be set up the night before to allow close views of the moths so you can learn more about them. Bring outdoor clothing and footwear.

😊 Carsington Sports and Leisure (Watersports) open evening
! Mon 9 June
👤 Come and have a taster of the watersports and activities available at Carsington Water. Complimentary barbecue for participants and spectators. For more information telephone the Watersports Centre on 01629 540478 or e-mail enquiries@carsingtonwater.com

10+ ! Improvers fly fishing course
♿ Sat 21 June
See April for details.

😊 Sheepwash spinners
👤 Sat 21 June
♿ See April for details.

Ogston

🆓 Bird Club guided walk
👤 Sat 7 June
Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk



Tittesworth Water

Teddy bear hunt
Sun 1 June
See May for details



Celebrate! Strawberry Moon Festival

Tittesworth Water
Sat 28 and Sun 29 June

😊 A great family day out for people everywhere. There's something for everyone, as the second Strawberry Moon Festival showcases the cream of local talent in music, drama, dance, crafts and many more art forms from around the Midlands.

The 'Makers Market' will be an opportunity to try, taste and buy from local food producers and creative businesses, from weavers to jewellery makers and ceramicists.

On Saturday the event runs from 11am – 11pm and on Sunday from 11am – 6pm.

Ticket Prices
Saturday adult (16 yrs – 59 yrs) £8.00
Saturday Concessions (5 – 15 yrs & 60 and over) £4.00
Saturday Evening Ticket (only available at the gate after 5pm)
Adult £4.00 (16yrs and over) and Children (15yrs and under) free
Sunday adult (16 yrs – 59 yrs) £8.00
Sunday Concessions (5 – 15 yrs & 60 and over) £4.00
Family Ticket: Saturday (2 Adult & 2 Concessions) £20.00
Family Ticket: Sunday (2 Adult & 2 Concessions) £15.00
Under 5s (Either day) Free!

Car parking charge included. Please telephone REAP on 01298 83500 or visit www.reapweb.org.uk or your local Tourist Information Centre




Special Promotion Day on Saturday 24 May 2008. A free child/concession ticket with every adult ticket purchased. See www.moretoexperience.co.uk for further details.


Draycote Water

Spring watch       
 Until 30 June
 See April for details.

Lake Vyrnwy


 Migrant discovery walk
 Sun 1 June
 See May for further details.


 Come and meet 'Flora of Vyrnwy'
 Sat 7 June
 Join Fiona Walker to look at wild flowers and other flora here at beautiful Lake Vyrnwy. Start at 1pm, finish around 3pm.


 Father's Day card making
 Sat 14 June
 Show your Dad how much you love him by making him a Father's Day card. From 11am - 3pm.

 Tips on bird photography
 Sun 15 June
 Award-winning bird photographer John Power will give a talk and slide show, plus the chance to buy a range of stunning photographs, cards and prints. Event runs from 1pm to 3pm.




 Summer solstice walk
 Sat 21 June
 Join Mike Walker, our Senior Site Manager, for a relaxing walk around the reserve ending up at the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel. Start at 7pm, finish around 9pm.


 Guided walk to the blanket bog
 Sat 21 June
 See May for further details.

 Introduction to wildlife art
 Sat 28 June
 Join award-winning artist Jonathan Latimer for a presentation on drawing and painting wildlife. There will be an exhibition of his work, with the chance to purchase. Sessions at 11am and 2.30pm.


 Otter discovery walk
 Sat 28 June
 After an illustrated talk, we head off along the River Vyrnwy with guide Mike Morris, searching for signs of this elusive mammal. Bring your wellies! Start at 7pm.

Upper Derwent Valley

 Peregrine watch
 Sun 1 June
 A 5 mile walk to Alport Castle, with some steep climbs. Sightings not guaranteed, but Peregrines nested here in 2005/6/7. Bring binoculars and £1 for bus fare. Meet at 9.45am at Fairholmes Ranger Centre, return by 4.30pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.


 Water story
 Sun 8 June
 A family walk along the banks of Ladybower Reservoir, looking at the story of water in the area. It's 3 miles and easy walking! Meet at 10am at Bridge End car park, return by 2pm. Call 01433 659986.

Staunton Harold

 Reservoir walk
 Sat 15 June
 A circular 10 mile walk linking Staunton Harold and Foremark Reservoirs, following one of the National Forest's walk routes. This is a great opportunity to see some of the beautiful countryside in this area along with numerous landmarks, steeped in history.

Meet the Ranger at Staunton Harold Visitor Centre at 10am, to return around 5pm. Stout shoes are essential and a packed lunch.

Foremark Reservoir

 National moth night
 Sat 7 June
 Come along and join the Rangers for an evening stroll around the conservation areas looking out for some of the nightlife of Foremark Reservoir. As part of National Moth Night, the walk will end with a moth trapping session with local expert Tony Davison. Booking essential on 01332 865081. Cost £2 per person.










July at a glance




Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Tue 1/8/15/22/29 & Sun 6/13/20/27 Sat 5 & 19 Sat 19 Sun 20 – Fri 25 Sat 26	Aren't birds brilliant! Introduction to fishing with a fly Improvers fly fishing course National Youth Sailing Regatta Sheepwash spinners
Upper Derwent Valley	Sat 19 Sun 20	Aircraft wrecks around the Howden Moors Find the trees in the wood
Tittesworth Water	Sun 13 Sun 27	RSPCA dog walk & show A summer wildlife walk
Foremark Reservoir	Sun 27	Butterfly walk
Ogston	Sat 5	Bird Club guided walk
Draycote Water	Daily Mon 21 & 28 Wed 23 Fri 25 Wed 30	Autumn watch Pottery painting Let's go fly a kite Teddy bear's picnic Animal tracks
Linacre	Sat 12	Family nature ramble
Lake Vyrnwy	Sat 5 Sun 6 Sun 6 & Thu 31 Sat 12 Sat 12 Fri 18 Sun 27	Marvellous moths Get your woolly coats off! Guided walk – blanket bog How do bogs work? Bat walk Roger's WildSquare 2nd Annual International Bog Day


July

Carsington Water




Aren't birds brilliant!    
See April for details.

 **Introduction to fishing with a fly**
 Sat 5 July, 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
 Sat 19 July, 10am-1pm
See April for details.





Improvers fly fishing course
Sat 19 July
See April for details.   


 **National Youth Sailing Regatta**
Sun 20 - Fri 25 July
In association with Derbyshire Youth Sailing, Derbyshire Sport and Carsington Sailing Club, Severn Trent Water are pleased to support the National School Sailing Association National Youth Regatta, which will be held this year at Carsington Water. One of the most prestigious regattas on the youth sailing calendar, this fantastic week long event is anticipated to attract more sailors and visitors than ever before,

with more than 300 dinghies expected to take part. Young sailors aged between 8 and 18 years old from right around the UK will come to Carsington Water in School Association teams representing counties and cities to compete for a host of prestigious trophies. There will be sailors of all abilities, ranging from those who are new to racing to those hoping to go on to represent Great Britain in future Olympics, maybe even for London 2012. A total of ten races will be staged over four days involving four different fleets – Laser Class, Topper Class, Slow and Fast Mixed Handicap and Rookie.
For more information see www.nssa.org.uk

 **Sheepwash spinners**
 **Sat 26 Jul**
 See April for details.

Upper Derwent Valley






 **Aircraft wrecks around the Howden Moors**
 Sat 19 July
 A long, rough walk over the moors in search of some of the wrecks to be found in the area. Bring £1 for the bus fare.
 Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 9.45am, to finish at 5pm.
Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.

 **Find the trees in the wood**
 Sun 20 July
 A family morning walk discovering the Wonders of the Woods. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10.30am, to finish at 1pm. Call 01433 659986.





Tittesworth Water



 **RSPCA sponsored dog walk and show**
 Sun 13 July
 The event runs from 11am - 4pm. Call 01782 336556 or 07832 142491 for further details. Car parking charges apply.

 **A summer wildlife walk**
 Sun 27 July
 Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and the rangers for an informative walk around the short trail, learning about the various species around at this time of year.
  Cost £2 per person, under 5s go free. Includes a refreshing drink afterwards.

Foremark Reservoir

 **Butterfly walk**
 Sun 27 July
 Come along and join the Rangers for a walk and survey around the reservoir identifying some of the more colourful residents of Foremark. This is a great opportunity to spot some of the 27 species of butterfly on site including some of the less common species. For details and to book, call the Rangers on 01332 865081. Cost £2 per person.

Ogston

 **Bird Club guided walk**
 Sat 5 July
 Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk



Draycote Water

 **Autumn watch**
 Daily
 Become a phenologist (a very special title for a very special job!). Phenology is the study of how nature changes with the seasons, something people have been recording for hundreds of years...now its your turn! Join in with Autumn Watch at Draycote Water, throughout the year we will have lots of information in the Visitor Centre to help you, help us record nature's calendar. Pick up your free information sheet at the Visitor Centre and get recording. All information that we receive will go towards helping the Woodland Trust and UK Phenology Network record the impact of climate change on our plants and wildlife.

 **Pottery painting**
 Mon 21 and 28 July
 Draycote Water welcomes the Wobbly Plate back with their fun and exciting range of pottery painting for the young and old, alike. Drop in sessions from 11am to 4pm.




 **Let's go fly a kite**
 Wed 23 July
 Make your own colourful kite and fly on top of Hensborough Hill (if there is enough wind!). Cost £2.50 per child.

 **Teddy bear's picnic**
 Fri 25 July
 Treat your teddy to a day out at Draycote Water. There will be lots going on throughout the afternoon, bring along a picnic, listen to our story teller and have a sing-a-long. There will also be a teddy treasure hunt, best dressed teddy competition, face painting and a teddy doctor on hand to tend to any poorly bears. And if that's not enough there will be giant garden games to play with, so bring along your friends and family and have a game of giant snakes and ladders. Various charges. From noon to 3pm.

 **Animal tracks**
 Wed 30 July
 Join the Rangers for a fun filled hour of animal tracking. Walk around the country park and spot some fascinating tracks and even take a print of one to take home. Cost £2.50 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.





Linacre



 **Family nature ramble**
 Sat 12 July
 Explore the hidden delights of the Summer countryside around the water and woodland of Linacre Reservoirs. Meet at the lower car park at 11am, finish around 4pm. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.









Lake Vyrnwy




 **Marvellous moths**
 Sat 5 July
 Join Reserve Assistant, Suzanne Grimwood, and the Montgomeryshire Moth Group to learn more about these insects and help set up a moth trap. Starts at 7pm.

 **Get your woolly coats off!**
 Sun 6 July
 Watch our expert sheep shearer as he gets to grips with removing our sheeps' woolly coats. Learn how the RSPB's organic farm is managed, and how it helps wildlife on the reserve. Starts at 1.30pm, finish around 3.30pm.

 **Guided walk to the blanket bog**
 Sun 6 July and Thu 31 July
 See May for details.

 **How do bogs work?**
 Sat 12 July
 Join the LIFE project team to discover how to survey the blanket bog high above Lake Vyrnwy. It's fun for all the family.

 **Bat walk**
 Sat 12 July
 Armed with bat detectors, we set off on an exciting quest for bats. Bring a torch and insect repellent. Meet outside the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel at 8.50pm (grid reference SJ022197).

 **Roger's WildSquare**
 Fri 18 July
 Come and beat a tree! Starts at 1pm.

 **2nd Annual International Bog Day**
 Sun 27 July
 With displays and even toy diggers! Discover more about one of Wales's most important habitats. Or enjoy a walk on the moor with fantastic views. Event runs from noon - 3.30pm.



August at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Sun 3/10/17/24/31 & Tue 5/12/19/26 Sat 2 & 16 Sun 3 Sun 3 Sat 9 Sat 16 Sat 30	Aren't birds brilliant! Introduction to fishing with a fly Open day with the ELFA Birdwatching for beginners Bat safari Improvers fly fishing course Sheepwash spinners
Tittesworth Water	Wed 13 Fri 29	Kite making with Rangers Aren't birds brilliant! fun day
Draycote Water	Daily Mon 4/11/18/25 Wed 6 Fri 8 Wed 13 Wed 20 Fri 22 Wed 27	Autumn watch Pottery painting Pebble painting Big bug day Natural materials mobile Hilarious grass heads Wacky water day Designer plants and pots
Upper Derwent Valley	Thu 21 Sat 30	Derwent from the edge Navigation for beginners
Linacre	Sat 16 & Sun 17	Woodland festival
Staunton Harold	Fri 1	Bat walk
Foremark Reservoir	Wed 13	Pond dipping
Lake Vyrnwy	Sat 2 & 16 Sun 3, Tue 19 & Mon 25 Fri 8 Sat 9 Mon 11 & Thu 21 Fri 15 & 29 Sat 23 Sun 24 & Mon 25	Bat walk Guided walk – blanket bog Nature scavenger hunt Get your woolly coats off! How do bogs work? Roger's WildSquare Optics demonstration BBQ and family fun days
Thornton	Sat 23	Bat safari
Ogston	Sat 2	Bird Club guided walk

August

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! 😊👤🦿👤
See April for details.

Birdwatching for beginners 🦋🦿13+🦿👤
Sun 3 Aug
See April for details.

Bat safari 🚫👤
Sat 9 Aug
Meet at Millfields car park at 8pm.
Cost £2.50 including free parking.
Join Derbyshire Bat Conservation Group and the Rangers for an evening stroll around part of the reservoir. Listen and look out for these unusual yet wonderful creatures of the night. This event takes place at dusk, so torches are essential. Please bring stout footwear and warm clothing. Sorry no dogs.

Improvers fly fishing course 🚫👤
Sat 16 Aug
See April for details.

Sheepwash spinners 😊👤🦿
Sat 30 Aug
See April for details.

10+ **Introduction to fishing with a fly** 🚫👤🦿
Sat 2 August, 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Sat 16 August, 10am-1pm
See April for further details.

16+ **Open day with the ELFA (England Ladies Fly Fishing Association)** 🦿👤
Sun 3 Aug
Fun Day with casting and fly tying demonstrations, Entomology display, casting lessons and the Carsington Water ELFA open competition. The competition is open to anyone to have a go. There will be prizes on offer down to 10th place and for the biggest fish of the day. All proceeds from the competition will go to the England Ladies Fly Fishing Association and their Cancer Charity 'Casting for recovery'. Contact the Fishery for further details 01629 540769.

Tittesworth Water

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Kite making with the Rangers
Wed 13 Aug
Come to Tittesworth and learn how to make a basic kite with the help of the Rangers. Suitable for children over the age of 5. All children must be accompanied by an adult, cost £3.

😊👤🦿🦿
Aren't birds brilliant! fun day
Fri 29 Aug
Join our friends at the RSPB for a brilliant day getting up close and personal to Tittesworth Water's beautiful wildlife. Top of the range telescopes will be available for you to use. Make a bird flapper, mask or pick up some free information about wildlife and what you can do to help. Look out for us around the Visitor Centre, from 10.30am - 4pm.

Draycote Water

Autumn watch
Daily
See July for details.

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Pottery painting
Mon 4, 11, 18 and 25 Aug
Draycote welcomes the Wobbly Plate back with their fun and exciting range of pottery painting for the young and old alike. Drop in sessions from 11am to 4pm.

😊👤🦿
Pebble painting
Wed 6 Aug
Join us at the waterside picnic area for our very popular pebble painting. You can take your pebbles home and use them for all sorts of things from door stops to paper weights. £2.50 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.

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Big bug day
Fri 8 Aug
Join the Rangers for an interesting investigation into the life of bugs, during the sessions we will be pond dipping, mini beast hunting and also using sweep nets to look at a variety of bugs that live in our country park. You will also learn lots of fun facts and tips on how to encourage bugs into your garden at home or in your local area. £5 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.

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Natural materials mobile
Wed 13 Aug
Go on a hunt around the country park to find all the materials you need to make your mobile. Along the way there will be fun and interesting facts about the life that some of the animals lead at Draycote Water. £2.50 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.


😊👤🦿
Hilarious grass heads
Wed 20 Aug
Come along and let your imagination run wild, we love helping make your very own grass heads which you can take home, grow and give them funky hair cuts. We have pigs with Mohicans and caterpillars with mullets! £2.50 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.

😊👤🦿
Wacky water day
Fri 22 Aug
Come along and learn all about water! We will have a variety of games, quizzes and stalls to keep you amused and learn all about why we are here. Have a go at poopla (an alternative to hoopla), see how the water cycle works, visit the WaterAid stands and see how people in Africa get their water. We will have fun facts about the history of Draycote Water and how the water is cleaned at the treatment works that you get from your taps at home. Drop in anytime during the day between 11am and 3pm.

😊👤🦿
Designer plants and plant pots
Wed 27 Aug
Come and paint your own design on a plant pot. We provide plants for you to take home and look after, giving you all the information you need to care for your new plant. £2.50 per child. Sessions at 11am and 2pm.



Upper Derwent Valley

-  **Derwent from the edge**
Thu 21 Aug
A 10 mile walk on Derwent Edge, discovering the history of the valley with a National Trust Warden. There are some steep sections on this route, which involves walking on rough tracks. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre, Upper Derwent Valley at 10.30am, to finish 4pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.


-  **Navigation for beginners Grade B**
Sat 30 Aug
A 5 mile walk giving an introduction to navigation and map reading on the hills above Ladybower, which will involve steep climbs. Please bring a Dark Peak Map and compass. Meet at the Ranger Centre at Fairholmes, Upper Derwent at 10.30am, finish at 5pm. Call 01629 816593. Sorry no dogs.

Linacre


-  **Linacre woodland festival**
Sat 16 and Sun 17 Aug
Come and enjoy a woodland alive with crafts, demonstrations and activities for everyone in the beautiful surroundings of Linacre Reservoirs. Loads of free things to see, learn and try! See the chainsaw sculptor and meet the Green Man. Event runs 11am – 5pm. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Car parking charge applies.












Staunton Harold

-  **Bat walk**
Fri 1 Aug
An evening walk along the reservoir with a local bat expert, experiencing some of the 'night life' at Staunton Harold. This is a joint event with the Derbyshire Bat Group. Spaces are limited. To book call 01332 865081. Cost £2 per person (no parking charge applies).

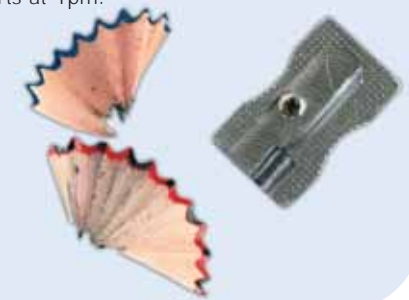
Foremark Reservoir

-  **Pond dipping**
Wed 13 Aug
Come along and join the Rangers to find out what creatures lurk beneath the water's surface. Can you find the dragons and the scorpions? This event runs from 1pm - 3pm from the Carver's Rocks car park. Cost £2 per child.



Lake Vyrnwy

-  **Bat walk**
Sat 2 and 16 Aug
 Armed with bat detectors, we set off on an exciting quest for bats. Bring a torch and insect repellent. Meet outside the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel at 8.50pm (grid reference SJ022197).
-  **Guided walk to the blanket bog**
Sun 3, Tue 19 and Mon 25 Aug
 See May for further details.
- Nature scavenger hunt**
Fri 8 Aug
 Follow the clues around the reserve and collect an array of interesting objects from the natural world. Start at 1pm, finish around 3pm.
-  **Get your woolly coats off!**
Sat 9 Aug
 See July for further details.
-  **How do bogs work?**
Mon 11 Aug and Thu 21 Aug
 See July for further details.

-  **Roger's WildSquare**
Fri 15 Aug
 Make a pitfall trap and see what creatures we get. Starts at 1pm.
-  **Optics demonstration**
Sat 23 Aug
See April for further details.
-  **Barbecue and family fun days**
Sun 24 and Mon 25 Aug
 Barbecue with organic burgers from the Lake Vyrnwy farm, plus face painting, pebble painting and other activities. From 11am - 4.30pm.
-  **Roger's WildSquare**
Fri 29 Aug
 Try your hand at sketching birds. Starts at 1pm.



Thornton Reservoir

-  **Bat safari**
Sat 23 Aug
 An evening walk around the reservoir with local bat expert Bernard Gibney, identifying some of the bat species that use this site. This is a joint event with the Leicester Bat Group. Cost £2 per person. Spaces are limited on this walk.

Ogston

-  **Bird Club guided walk**
Sat 2 Aug
 Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk

September at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Tue 2/9/16/23/30 & Sun 7/14/21/28 Sat 6 Sat 6 Sat 6 Sun 7	Aren't birds brilliant! Introduction to fishing with a fly Improvers fly fishing course WaterAid raft race Birdwatching for beginners
Tittesworth Water	Sat 6	Bat walk and talk
Foremark Reservoir	Sun 14	Circular walk
Upper Derwent Valley	Thu 4 Sun 14	Dam builders and dam busters Around the Moscar bridleways
Lake Vyrnwy	Sat 20 & Sun 21 Sat 27	Optics demonstration Guided walk to blanket bog
Linacre	Sun 28	Bramble ramble
Ogston	Sat 6	Bird Club guided walk
Draycote Water	Daily Mon 22 - Tue 30	Autumn watch Seed gathering



September

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! 😊👤🦿👤
See April for details.

10+ Introduction to fishing with a fly
! Sat 6 Sep, 10am-1pm
🦿 See April for details.

Improvers fly fishing course
Sat 6 Sep 10+ ! 🦿
See April for details.

FREE WaterAid raft race
😊 Sat 6 Sep
🦿 Visitor Centre area from 11am - 3pm.
👤 Come along and cheer on Severn Trent
👤 Water staff and contractors and help them raise funds for WaterAid by rafting on the reservoir. Family activities and BBQ. Donations to the raft teams welcome.

FREE Birdwatching for beginners
Sun 7 Sep
13+ Join a Volunteer Ranger for an introduction into watching and identifying birds. Meet at the Visitor Centre reception at 10am to finish 12pm. Bring walking boots and suitable clothing, binoculars and notebook. Sorry, no dogs. Booking advisable as places are limited. Phone 01629 540696 or call in at the Visitor Centre to book.




Tittesworth Water

£ Bat talk and walk
! Sat 6 Sep
🦿 Come along for an informative evening with Staffordshire Bat Group to learn about our nocturnal inhabitants. Join us for an early evening talk in the BBQ area followed by a short walk around site. Cost £2 per person, under 10s go free. Start time 7pm.

Foremark Reservoir

£ Circular walk
Sun 14 Sep
🦿 A gentle 6 mile stroll with the Ranger around the reservoir, starting at Bendall's Information Room. Start at 10am to return at 1pm. Stout shoes are essential. Cost £2 per person.



Upper Derwent Valley

-  **Dam builders and dam busters**
Thu 4 Sep
A 6 mile walk to the site of the village of Birchinlee to discover the story of 'Tin Town', the dam builders and the dam busters. This walk will involve some steep ascents, guide dogs only. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10.30am, finish 4.30pm. Call 01433 659986.

-  **Around the Moscar bridleways**
Sun 14 Sep
Meet at Cutthroat Bridge Lay-by (SK216874) (Buses from Sheffield). Following bridleways in the area up on to Derwent Edge with views into the Derwent Valley and back towards Sheffield and Bradfield. Distance 4 miles with no steep ascents. Meet at 11.30am, to return at 3pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.




Lake Vyrnwy

-  **Optics demonstration**
Sat 20 and Sun 21 Sept
See April for further details.
-  **Guided walk to the blanket bog**
Sat 27 Sep
See May for further details.



Linacre

-  **Bramble ramble**
Sun 28 Sep
As Summer draws to a close, come and see the glorious colours of Autumn as we wander through the Linacre Valley. This walk takes in the beautiful woodlands and

reservoirs on Chesterfield's doorstep. Meet at the lower car park at 10.30am, finish around 1pm. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Draycote Water

- Autumn watch**    
Daily
See July for details   

-    **Seed gathering**
Mon 22 Sep -
Mon 20 Oct
Come along to the Visitor Centre and pick up a seed gathering pack, which contains information on where to collect seeds on site, types of seed to collect, and tips on growing trees from seeds.



Ogston

-  **Bird Club guided walk**
Sat 6 Sep
Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk

Also containers to sow your seeds, compost and a label to mark your seeds. This event is in connection with The Tree Council's longstanding Seed Gathering campaign, aimed to encourage everyone to enjoy the magic of trees and woods. Cost 50p per pack.

October at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Sun 5/12/19/26 & Tue 7/14/21/28	Aren't birds brilliant!
	Sun 5	Birdwatching for beginners
	Sun 5	Carsington duathlon
	Thu 9	WaterAid charity fly fishing match
	Sat 11 & Sun 12	Honey fair
	Sat 25 & Sun 26	The RSPB feed the birds day
	Thu 30 & Fri 31	Aren't birds brilliant! children's activity sessions
Upper Derwent Valley	Thu 2	Lost villages walk
	Sat 11	Fungus foray
	Sun 19	Win Hill vistas
	Sat 25	Navigation for improvers
Tittesworth Water	Sun 19	Artful autumn
Ogston	Sat 4	Bird Club guided walk
Draycote Water	Daily	The big draw
	Daily	Autumn watch
	Wed 1 - Mon 20	Seed gathering
	Mon 27 - Fri 31	Halloween spooktacular



October

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! ☺ ♿ ♿ ♿
See April for details.

FREE **Birdwatching for beginners**
Sun 5 Oct
Join a Volunteer Ranger for an introduction into watching and identifying birds. Meet at the Visitor Centre reception at 10am to finish 12pm. Bring walking boots and suitable clothing, binoculars and notebook. Sorry, no dogs. Booking advisable as places are limited. Phone 01629 540696 or call in at the Visitor Centre to book.

Carsington duathlon
Sun 5 Oct
Contact James Creswell for details on 01332 513299 or visit www.punishingevents.com.

10+ **WaterAid charity fly fishing match**
£ **Thu 9 Oct**
This friendly boat and bank competition is open to novices and experienced anglers alike, with trophies for all categories. This is a great way to end the fishing season at Carsington Water. To book your place e-mail: gail.richards@severntrent.co.uk

FREE **Honey fair**
☺ ♿ **Sat 11 and Sun 12 October**
Derbyshire Bee Keepers will have displays in the Henmore Room at the Visitor Centre, so come and find out how honey is made and why many of Britain's bees are declining in number. Starts 1pm (Sat) and 11am (Sun).


☺ **The RSPB feed the birds day**
Sat 25 and Sun 26 October
♿ Time to help the birds survive the harsh Winter months. Fun family activities including bird feeder making, bird flappers, quizzes and more in the Visitor Centre. Make a bird mask for Halloween! At the Wildlife Centre, volunteers will be on hand with top of the range telescopes and cameras to show you the exciting wildlife on site. Stunning wildfowl from Northern Europe, Iceland and Russia start arriving in Autumn to spend the Winter at Carsington Water. Come and be dazzled by their colours. Event runs from 10.30am - 4pm.

☺ **Aren't birds brilliant! children's activity sessions**
♿ ♿ **Thu 30 and Fri 31 October**
Come to the Education Room at the Visitor Centre between 10.30am and 12.30pm for fun, hands-on, educational sessions for children aged 5-12 aimed at learning more about wildlife with the RSPB and Severn Trent Water. Weather permitting, we will be outside playing games and hunting for plants and animals that are preparing for the winter ahead. Make masks, bird feeders and more. Activities will be planned indoors if the weather is bad. Please bring wellies and waterproofs. £3.50 per child. Sorry, no dogs. Booking advised. Call 01629 540696.


Upper Derwent Valley

-  **Lost villages walk**
Thu 2 Oct
A 7 mile walk discovering the story of Ashopton and Derwent Villages and the building of the Ladybower Reservoir. Meet at the Ladybower Inn at 10am, to finish at 4pm. Call 01433 659986.



-  **Fungus foray**
Sat 11 Oct
Join Kevin Gilfedder on a stroll to identify the wide variety of fungi in the Upper Derwent Woodlands. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 11am, to finish at 4pm. Bring packed lunch, waterproofs and stout footwear. Call 01433 659986.

-  **Win Hill vistas**
Sun 19 Oct
View the majestic panoramas of Win Hill, Ladybower and the surrounding area on this 8 mile walk from Heatherdene. Steep climbs and rough underfoot. Start at 10.30am, to finish at 4pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.

-  **Navigation for improvers Grade D**
Sat 25 Oct
Develop your navigation and map reading skills on moorland terrain. Suitable for people who have already gained some skills, will involve walking on high, rough ground for 8 miles. Bring map, compass and bus fare. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10.30am, to finish at 4pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs.



Tittesworth Water


-  **Artful autumn**
Sun 19 Oct
Take artistic inspiration from the Autumn landscape at Tittesworth Water. Meet at the BBQ shelter between 1pm and 3pm, cost £1.50 per person.











Ogston


-  **Bird Club guided walk**
Sat 4 Oct
Meet at the West Bank car park at 9.30am. For further details visit www.ogstonbirdclub.co.uk

Draycote Water

-  **The big draw**
Daily throughout October
Keep the children busy with our big draw task. The Visitor Centre will have a huge picture divided into a hundred smaller pictures. While you have a relaxing cup of tea in the café, amuse the kids with the task of colouring in their own section of the big picture. Packs will be available from the Visitor Centre reception throughout October, if you fancy a go yourself, why not? It's not just for the kids! And hopefully by the end of the month the big picture will be complete for all to see. Part of the national Big Draw campaign. This event is free.

-  **Halloween spooktacular**
Mon 27 - Fri 31 October
Make your own Halloween mask, witch or wizard's hat or ghoulish ghost with Halloween crafts in the Visitor Centre. The Wobbly Plate will be back again with their Halloween themed pottery painting. Have your face painted in a spooky style, dare to try the scary walk along our pumpkin hunt in the country park, or have a trick or treat in the haunted café. Various charges from £1. Drop in sessions from 11am - 4.30pm daily.

- Autumn watch**    
Daily
See July for details.   

-  **Seed gathering**
Wed 1 - Mon 20 Oct
See September for details.



November at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Sun 2/9/16/23/30 & Tue 4/11/18/25 Sun 2 Sat 8 & Sun 9 Sat 29 – Wed 24 Dec	Aren't birds brilliant! Birdwatching for beginners Children in Need car wash Christmas lunches in the Mainsail Restaurant
Upper Derwent Valley	Sat 8 Sun 16	Fungus foray Patrol with a Ranger
Draycote Water	Daily Sat 29 & Sun 30 TBC	Autumn watch Woodland action weekend Willow sculptures and structures
Tittesworth Water	Sat 15	Feed the birds
Ogston	Sat 1	Bird Club guided walk



November

Carsington Water

Aren't birds brilliant! 🌞 🧑 🧑 🧑
See April for details.

Birdwatching for beginners
Sun 2 Nov
See April for details. 🆓 🧑 🧑 13+ 🧑 🧑

Children in Need car wash
Sat 8 and Sun 9 Nov
As part of the BBC's annual campaign, Severn Trent Water's Rangers and Volunteer Rangers will be washing cars on both days in the Visitor Centre's main car park, to raise money for Children in Need. Help us beat last year's record! £4 minimum donation (£5 for 4x4s and vans).

Christmas lunches in the Mainsail Restaurant
Sat 29 Nov - Mon 24 Dec
Enjoy a delightful 3 course Christmas lunch in the relaxing atmosphere of the Mainsail Restaurant whilst taking in the spectacular views of Carsington Water. Served Monday to Saturday. For further details please call New Leaf Catering on 01629 540363.



Upper Derwent Valley

Fungus foray
Sat 8 Nov
Join Kevin Gilfedder on a stroll to identify the wide variety of fungi in the Upper Derwent Woodlands. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 11am, to finish at 4pm. Bring packed lunch, waterproofs and stout footwear. Call 01433 659986.

Patrol with a Ranger
Sun 16 Nov
Join a Ranger on patrol to gain an insight into the varied roles of the Ranger Service in the Upper Derwent Valley. An 8 mile route will involve walking on rough ground with some steep sections. Meet at Fairholmes Ranger Centre at 10am, to finish at 4pm. Call 01433 659986. Sorry no dogs. Bring bus fare.

Draycote Water

Autumn watch

Daily

See July for details.



Willow sculptures and structures

Dates TBC

Look out for our living willow days during November. Come and help us build willow domes, tunnels and igloos in the country park. See onsite or call 01788 811107 for more details.

Woodland action weekend volunteer day

Sat 29

As part of the Tree Council's National Tree Week, come and join the Rangers, for a day's work in the environment. Help us look after our wooded areas by plantation thinning and shrub removal. Throughout the day you will learn about the habitats here at Draycote, how we look after this special site and get your hands dirty for a good cause. Meet at 10am to finish at 3pm. Please wear old clothing and suitable footwear.

Woodland action weekend ID trail

Sat 29 and Sun 30 Nov

If you don't fancy getting your hands too dirty, you can always join in with National Tree Weekend by picking up our tree identification trail from the Visitor Centre. The trail takes you around parts of the site, pointing out different species of tree, with facts and information about each, it also includes a quiz to test your new found knowledge. This is a fun and educational activity for all the family. From 10am - 3pm, daily. Cost 10p per tree trail.



Tittesworth Water

Feed the birds

Sat 15 Nov

Make a reuseable bird feeder. Meet at the BBQ shelter between 1pm and 3pm. Cost £1.50 per feeder.

Ogston

Bird Club guided walk

Sat 1

See April for further details.

December at a glance

Location	Date	Event
Carsington Water	Mon 1 - Wed 24 Tue 2/9/16/30 & Sun 7/14/21 Sat 6 & Sun 7 Sun 7	Christmas lunches in The Mainsail Restaurant Aren't birds brilliant! Christmas at Carsington Water Birdwatching for beginners
Tittesworth Water	Sun 14	Christmas cracker fell race
Draycote Water	Daily Fri 19 - Wed 24	Autumn watch Reindeer trail and Christmas gifts



December

Carsington Water

Christmas lunches in the Mainsail Restaurant

Daily until Mon 24 Dec
See November for details.


Aren't birds brilliant!


See April for details.



Christmas at Carsington Water

Sat 6 and Sun 7 Dec

 Come to the Visitor Centre for a festive filled weekend. Browse the shops for stocking fillers and other gifts.

 PLUS Aren't birds brilliant! open day at the Wildlife Centre.

Birdwatching for beginners

Sun 7 Dec

See April for details.



Draycote Water

Autumn Watch

See July for details.



Reindeer trail and Christmas crafts

From 19 - 24 December

 Various charges from £1

 Join in with the festivities at Draycote this Christmas, there is lots to see and do including a reindeer trail through the country park. Collect all the clues and receive a small gift from Santa for your help. Santa's post box will be open again, post your letters to the big man and see if he writes back! Make a variety of Christmas crafts in the Visitor Centre from cards to tree decorations. Enjoy the festive atmosphere in the balcony café where there will be lots of festive treats to try. Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm daily.

Tittesworth Water

Christmas cracker fell race

Sun 14 Dec

Come and support the runners of this 8 mile multi-terrain race. It is quite a sight to see, as most of the runners are in fancy dress! The race is from 11am - 4pm.

