

2019



FREE

Whitelee Countryside Ranger Events



Whitelee Stroller Striders

● Tuesdays 10am - 12noon (approx.) ● Meet at the notice board by the Main Entrance gate

Are you a new parent...or about to become one? Do you want to get out into the fresh air with some healthy exercise? Then come along and join our friendly Stroller Striders group and stretch your legs while meeting new parents, chatting, and trading useful tips. Running since 2011, the group is open to all expectant and new parents and meets every week at 10am at the entrance to the windfarm (next to the map-board), before heading out. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

Key and important information

Please contact the rangers for further information and to book events:


Address: Ranger Cabin, c/o Whitelee visitor centre, Whitelee windfarm, Moor Road, Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire G76 0QQ. E-mail: whitelee-crs@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk
Tel: 0141 614 0962 Website: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee

All events provided by the Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service are FREE.

- We would like to take photos during our events for use in promotional materials but you have a right to refuse. In accordance with general data protection regulations (GDPR) if we do wish to take photos we will request your permission and provide a photo consent form.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please wear/bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Prepare for changeable weather.
- For cycle events please ensure bikes are well maintained and suitable for the terrain. **Cycle helmets are mandatory** on all WCERS cycle events.
- If you book an event but then can't make it, please let us know ASAP so that we can fill your spaces.
- Dogs are welcome on most events, but some may not be suitable for them. Please contact the rangers about bringing your dog to an event.
- All published distances and finish times are approximate and subject to change.
- Please consult the WCERS web pages (www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee) for maps and directions to event meeting points or contact the rangers.
- Please aim to arrive at least 5 minutes before the published event start time.

 Bring lunch

 Suitable for families

 Bring the dog

 Waterproofs essential

 Children's event

● Date ● Drop in event ● Booking essential
● Time ● Meeting point

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Whitelee Countryside Rangers



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The Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service is available for evening and weekend group visits of all ages including uniformed and interest groups for activity sessions, guided walks, talks and presentations.

A Walk In The Woods



- Sat 23 Mar
- 11am - 4pm
- Booking essential
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Forests have helped humans progress - so come along with the rangers to discover Whitelee forest and how it has contributed. **Limited seats available on minibus leaving from Whitelee Visitor Centre.*

Amphibian Amore



- Wed 10 Apr
- 7pm - 9pm
- Drop-in
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Hop with us to our ponds in search of our elusive pond dwelling species like frogs, newts and toads. **Wrap up, don your wellies and bring a torch!*

Easter Eggstravaganza



- Sun 21 Apr
- 12noon - 4pm
- Drop-in
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

The Easter Bunny has misplaced his basket of eggs! Can you help him find them? Decorate your egg and take part in our annual egg-rolling challenge!

Makaton Treasure Hunt



- Mon 6 May
- 11am - 3pm
- Drop-in
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Explore the world of Makaton in this treasure hunt. Signs and symbols will be used throughout the event. Ideal for both Makaton users and people just interested in learning about it.

Whitelee's Secret Forest

Part of Irvine Valley WalkFest
Sun 12 May 10.30am - 12 noon.

Visit one of the more tranquil and scenic parts of Whitelee at Cleughearn Plantation. Walkers will be bussed to Ardochrig and will soon find themselves on a mossy track through trees. This area is home to an array of bird life and has its very own dragonfly pond. Roe deer may be spotted if we are quiet enough.

Booking via valleywalkfest@gmail.com

Our Natural Health Service



- Sat 18 May
- 12noon - 4pm
- Drop-in
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

The great outdoors has been proven to improve mental health and wellbeing. Come along and see how the outdoors can help you.

Wildflower Apothecary



- Sat 25 May
- 1pm - 4pm
- Drop-in
- Ardochrig

Join our plant geek to look at, and possibly try, some of the wild plants found here, and discover their fascinating uses and mythology.

Great Global Greyhound Walk



- Sat 8 June
- 11am - 12.30pm
- Drop-in
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

The Great Global Greyhound Walk is an annual dog-walking event that brings together greyhounds and other sighthounds to raise awareness.

Bivvy B&B



- Sat 22/Sun 23 June
- Sat 2pm - Sun 10am
- Booking essential
- Croilburn

Build your own bivouac & spend the night, aided with instruction from the rangers of course.

**Bring dinner, snacks etc.*

Boggy Beasties Club



Book your kids into our FREE fun-filled 'Boggy Beasties' summer holiday club and keep them active through the summer!

The club is for 6yr olds and above and runs every Wednesday from 10.30am - 12noon for 6 weeks during the summer holidays.

Children can be left for some activities at/ near the visitor centre but should otherwise be accompanied by an adult. **Spaces are limited.**

To book your places, please contact the Whitelee Countryside Rangers.

Adders & Shrews

● **Wed 3 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Fun facts and activities about 2 of Whitelee's fascinating critters – one eats every 2-3 hours, the other can last weeks on one meal...of eating the other one!

Dragonflies & Pond Dwellers

● **Wed 10 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
We're on the lookout for dragons and pond-demons!

Pine Martens & Squirrels

● **Wed 17 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Investigate the mysterious pine martens and their favourite food.

Birds & Bog Plants

● **Wed 24 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Step out onto the bog and find out why the bird poo here is purple!

Hedgehogs & Molluscs

● **Wed 31 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Discover the hidden world of molluscs and the hog of the hedgerow that would eat them.

Bats & Badgers

● **Wed 7 Aug** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
These 2 iconic but elusive mammals love a good winter snooze – come find out why with some fun games and activities!



Muddy Monsters Club



● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Muddy Monsters is our new pre-school club for children between 2 - 5 years old and their parents/ guardians.

The aim of the group is to get young children and their adults outside enjoying nature through games, songs, stories and play.

The group meet on the second Thursday of each month from 1pm - 2pm at the Whitelee Visitor Centre and each session will cover a different theme.



Muddy Marvellous!



● **Sat 29 June** ● **1pm - 4pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

It's International Mud Day! Reconnect with nature through games & activities involving MUD...no-one shall leave clean!

Canine Capers



● **Sat 13 July** ● **1pm - 4pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

A doggy fun day with games and challenges to get you and your 4-legged friend thinking.

Run The Blades

Fri 19 & Sat 20 July.

Entering its 5th year and fully supported by WCRC, Run The Blades is a unique event incorporating 3 distances: 10k, half marathon & 50K ultra.

See **Breaking Strain** events
www.breakingstrain.co.uk for more information

Let's Get Bogging For International Bog Day



● **Sun 28 July** ● **1pm - 4pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Food, preserving food...and bodies, saving us from climate change and purifying water are just some of the things bogs do for us. Join our guided walk to find out more!

Ranger Day Ramble



● **Wed 31 July** ● **9.30am - 3pm**
● **Booking essential** ● **Location TBC**

It's World Ranger Day, so join us for a celebratory hike.

Crafty Campfire Stories



● **Fri 9 Aug** ● **6.30pm - 8.30pm**
● **Booking essential** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Help us get a cosy campfire going and huddle round with marshmallows and your imagination as we create some campfire stories.



Hide & Seek Championship



- Fri 16 Aug
- Drop-in
- 1pm - 4pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Are you a hider or a seeker? Find out on our big H&S games and try some international versions of this kids' favourite.

A Bug's Life



- Sun 25 Aug
- Booking essential
- 1pm - 4pm
- Ardochrig

Come find out about some of Whitelee's real characters of the bug world with some minibeast hunting.

A History Of Whitelee - By Bike



- Sat 7 Sep
- Booking essential
- 10.30am - 4pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Explore some of Whitelee's hard to reach history by bike. **Special hire rate for bikes for the event or bring your own.*

Autumn Equinox Amble



- Mon 23 Sep
- Booking essential
- 6pm - 9pm
- Ardochrig

When daytime equals night-time - a good walk to a high point to see the sunset on the first day of Autumn. Approx. 6 miles. **Bring your torch.*

Bog Monster Hunt



- Mon 30 Sep
- Booking essential
- 11am - 4pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

The bog monsters have escaped and are causing trouble in the windfarm. Can your team of monster hunters follow the clues to find the monsters and put them back in the bog?

Looking for somewhere to run a charity or sponsored event? Have you considered the unique setting of Whitelee? Contact the Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service for more information.

For events updates and photos, as well as news from Whitelee, follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and visit us at: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee

Art Attack



- Wed 16 Oct
- Drop-in
- 1pm - 4pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Taking inspiration from the landscape & nature of the windfarm - let's make some inspiring art!

Spooktastic - The Burning Man



- Fri 25 Oct
- Drop-in
- 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Join us for our Halloween event ritual where we'll be immersing ourselves in the Wicker Man theme! There will be games and activities as well as our renowned spooky walk. **Don't forget to dress up for our best dressed competition.*

Nae Fireworks Nights



- Sun 3 - Tue 5 Nov
- Drop-in
- 5pm - midnight
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Escape the fireworks with the dog and head to Whitelee for our huge firework-free nights! Visitor centre re-opens 5 - 10pm (café closes 9pm). There will be a Ranger-led walk from 7pm on Tues 5th. **Bring your torch.*

Rockin' Robin's Feathered Feast



- Sat 9 Nov
- Drop-in
- 1pm - 3pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Robin and his pals need your help this winter to put on a feast like no other. So drop in and make your own bird-feeders to delight your feathered friends.

Crimbo Crafternoon



- Sun 1 Dec
- Drop-in
- 12noon - 3pm
- Whitelee Visitor Centre

Get in the festive mood by taking part in our annual crafts workshop.