

International Year of Biodiversity 2010  
Greater Manchester Calendar of Events

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Date	Event	Organisation/contact details e.g. location, trainer, costs, time.	
<a href="#">May</a>		<a href="#">Top</a>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Practical conservation tasks</b>	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve, Visitor Centre, Mill Lane <b>Location:</b> 10 am to 3 pm Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Bring a packed lunch - The refreshments are on us!	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Dawn Chorus</b>	<b>Friends of Seven Acres / Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton <b>Time:</b> 6am – 8.30am <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Conservation Volunteers</b> Have a go at some practical conservation work during the International Year of Biodiversity. Meet at Beesley Green.	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Worsley Woods <b>Time:</b> 10 – 12:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Family Pond Dip</b>	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve. <i>Meeting point:</i> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane <b>Location:</b> 10 am to 12 pm <b>Contact:</b> Booking essential - please call	

		0161 477 5637 to book a place.
Sunday 9th May	<b>Spring Woods</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> bottom of Cemetery Road, off Stockport Rd, Denton M34 6ER <b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 12 <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bat Wander</b> Reddish Vale Country Park is a great place for bats. Come find more about these wonderful creatures on our guided walk.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve. <i>Meeting point:</i> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane <b>Time:</b> 8:30pm - 10 pm <i>Weather-dependent (bats don't like to fly in the rain)</i> <b>Contact:</b> Call 0161 477 5637 to confirm. <i>Wear sturdy footwear and bring a torch if you have one.</i>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Dawn Chorus</b> Join the Chadkirk Rangers on an early morning bird watch to listen to the dawn chorus.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Chadkirk Country Estate <b>Time:</b> 4.30am <b>Cost:</b> £2.50/person Meet at Chadkirk Chapel. Bacon sandwich and a cup of tea/coffee after the walk. Wear suitable clothing and shoes. <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential. To book call 0161480 1460.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Wonderful Wildflowers</b> Help the Ranger create some Wildflower areas in Chimney Pot Park.	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Chimney Pot Park <b>Time:</b> 3 – 5pm <b>Cost:</b> Free
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Wonderful Wildflowers</b> Help the Ranger create some Wildflower areas in Ordsall Park. Family event.	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Ordsall Park <b>Time:</b> 12 – 2pm <b>Cost:</b> Free
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Spring Wildflower Walk</b> Enjoy a Spring wander to look for and learn about the abundance of wildflowers growing throughout the park at this beautiful time of year.	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Blackleach Country Park <b>Time:</b> 2 – 4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free

Saturday 15th May	<b>Wild about Tameside's Countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Denton Library, Peel Street, Denton M34 3JY <b>Time:</b> 11am -12 <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 16th May	<b>Woodland Meander</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> 10am-2pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 16th May	<b>Wildflower Walk</b>	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Daisy Nook Country Park, Failsworth <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm.
Tuesday 18th May	<b>Woodland Flora Walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> bottom of Cemetery Road, off Stockport Rd, Denton M34 6ER <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 22nd May	<b>Big Saturday</b> A variety of life. Discover the amazing diversity of life on earth and your place within it. Help us create a huge floor mural in our Animal Life 1 gallery; get up close to animals from our collection; make a pledge for International Year of Biodiversity and much more.	<b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Location:</b> The Manchester Museum <b>Time:</b> 11-4pm <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Nature drawing for adults</b> Drawing workshop suitable for all drawing levels. Beginners welcome.	<b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Time:</b> 11-4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Book on 0161 275 2648

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<p><b>Flowers and Flutterbies</b> Discover more about all things colourful at our Butterfly Park. Butterfly Conservation volunteers will be with us with expert advice!</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve. <i>Meeting point:</i> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane <b>Time:</b> 12.30 to 2.30pm</p>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<p><b>Action Day</b> Help the ranger carry out some conservation work on your Local Nature Reserve. Meet outside Garden Needs. Radford Street off Bury New Road.</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Kersal Dale <b>Time:</b> 10 – 12:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Wednesday 26th May	<p><b>Flora walk</b></p>	<p><b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lyme field Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>
Friday 28th May	<p><b>Magic Carpet: Wiggly worms</b> Get comfy on our magic carpet and enjoy stories and activities.</p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Time:</b> 11am-12pm <b>Cost:</b> £1 per child, Under 5s and their families/carers <b>Contact:</b> Book on 0161 275 2648 (from 21 May)</p>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><b>Pond Dipping</b> Learn about the creatures that live in the pond with the Stockport rangers</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Mersey Vale Nature Park <b>Time:</b> 1 pm – 3 pm Meet at Burnage rugby club car park. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. <b>Contact:</b> For more information and to book a place please phone us on 0161 491 3118</p>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><b>Bluebells in Broadbottom</b></p>	<p><b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lyme field Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG <b>Time:</b> 10.30am-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bumblebee ID</b>	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton <b>Time:</b> 1pm – 3pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754
31 May - Friday 4 June	<b>Nature Detectives</b> Become a nature detective and explore the amazing world of nature.	<b>The manchester Museum</b> <b>Time:</b> 11-4pm <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a>
<b>June</b>		<a href="#">Top</a>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Family bug safari</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Tameside Central Library, Old Street, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 7SG <b>Time:</b> 1-2.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Tuesday 1st June	<b>Flora walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Roaches Lock car park, Manchester Rd, Mossley OL5 9BB <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30 pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 2nd June	<b>Family bug safari</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> West End Library, Windsor Rd, Denton M34 2HB <b>Time:</b> 1-2.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4th June	<b>Watery World</b> – pond dipping	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Tandle Hill Country Park, Royton; Daisy Nook Country Park, Failsworth; Brownhill Centre, Dobcross. <b>Contact:</b> Bookable ring 0161 620 8202.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>What Lies Beneath</b> Make your own shoe bock aquarium. Part of the BBC's Wild Days Out. Family event	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Peel Park <b>Time:</b> 1:30 – 3:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<p><b>Aquatic Adventures</b> Take a look at the creatures living in the reservoir and then have a go at pond dipping. Part of the BBC's Wild Days Out. Family event</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Blackleach Country Park <b>Time:</b> 2 – 3:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<p><b>Mini Beast Mayhem!</b> Explore Clifton's mini beasts and pond residents. Part of the BBC's Wild Days Out. Family event</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Clifton Country Park <b>Time:</b> 2 – 3:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Wild Day Out</b></p>	<p><b>BBC Springwatch Festival</b> <b>Location:</b> Wythenshawe Park <b>Time:</b> 11-4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Task day – World Environment Day</b> Practical conservation tasks - out and about in the Vale, helping to create and maintain wildlife habitat and visitor access.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve. <i>Meeting point:</i> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane <b>Time:</b> 10 am to 3 pm Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Bring a packed lunch - the refreshments are on us!</p>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Paradise in the Park</b> Visit Winton Park and see its transformation into a tropical rainforest. With music, arts and dance. Part of the BBC's Wild Days Out. Family event.</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Winton Park <b>Time:</b> 1 – 4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Ugly Bug Ball</b> Come as an Ugly Bug or a Beautiful Butterfly for fun and games on Beesley Green. Part of the BBC's Wild Days Out. Family event</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Worsley Woods <b>Time:</b> 12 – 3pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>

Tuesday 8th June	<b>Flora Walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LR <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Conservation Volunteers</b> Have a go at some practical conservation work during the International Year of Biodiversity. Meet at Beesley Green.	<b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Worsley Woods <b>Time:</b> 10 – 12:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ideas Café: Island life</b> Investigate current and past research on island birds at this talk by Henry Mcghie, The Manchester Museum and Martin Jones, MMU.	<b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Time:</b> 12.30-1.15pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Book on 0161 275 2648
Sunday 13th June	<b>Canal Critters</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> John Howarth Countryside Centre, Stannybrook Road, M35 9WJ <b>Time:</b> 2-4pm
Sunday 13th June	<b>Meet the Bees</b> Beekeeping information, honey, hives and candle rolling with the Oldham Beekeepers for a buzzing afternoon at the Visitor Centre.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve. <i>Meeting point:</i> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane. <b>Time:</b> 1-4pm
Sunday 13th June	<b>Mini-beast hunt</b> Hunt for creepy-crawlies that hide in the woodland and learn all about them.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Gatley Carrs Local Nature Reserve <b>Time:</b> 1 pm – 3pm Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. <b>Contact:</b> For more information and to book a place please phone us on 0161 491 3118
Saturday 19th June	<b>Wild about Tameside's Countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b>

		<p><b>Location:</b> Mossley Library, Wyre Street, Mossley, OL5 0EU  <b>Time:</b> 11am-12  <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Action Day</b>  Help the ranger carry out some conservation work on your Local Nature Reserve. Meet outside Garden Needs. Radford Street off Bury New Road.</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b>  <b>Location:</b> Kersal Dale  <b>Time:</b> 10 – 3pm  <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>BIG SATURDAY Bugs</b>  Get as close as you dare to some live insects, insects from our collection and some carnivorous plants. Meet our conservators and find out how we stop insects eating our stuffed animals; make a bug home; do some pond dipping and much more.</p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b>  <b>Time:</b> 11-4pm  <b>Cost:</b> Most activities are free and drop-in. Some activities may need to be booked on the day and may cost up to £1.50.  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a></p>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Butterfly ID</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b>  <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton  <b>Time:</b> 1pm – 3pm  <b>Cost:</b> Free  <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754</p>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Midsummer in the Medlock</b></p>	<p><b>Tameside Countryside Service</b>  <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ  <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm  <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Meet the Bees</b></p>	<p><b>Oldham Council</b>  <b>Location:</b> Daisy Nook Country Park, Failsworth  <b>Time:</b> 10am-4pm.</p>

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Magic Carpet: Bugs</b> Get comfy on our magic carpet and enjoy stories and activities.</p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Time:</b> 11am-12pm <b>Cost:</b> £1 per child, Under 5s and their families/carers <b>Contact:</b> Book on 0161 275 2648 (from 18 Jun)</p>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Park Bingo</b> Join the Rangers for some environmental fun and games, including bug hunting, pond dipping, making smelly cocktails and a scavenger hunt</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bruntwood Park <b>Time:</b> 11.00-12.30 Please meet on the lawn at the rear of the Vinery. <b>Contact;</b> Contact Number 0161 428 5391</p>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Evening Moth Walk</b> Take a walk through the country park and take a look at some of the evening residents. Part of National Insect Week.</p>	<p><b>Salford Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Clifton Country Park <b>Time:</b> 8:30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free</p>
<b>July</b>		<u><a href="#">Top</a></u>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<p><b>Grasses and Vascular Plants of Neutral Grassland ID Course</b></p>	<p><b>Bury Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Barn Countryside Centre, Philips Park, Whitefield <b>Time:</b> 10-4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> David Dutton by email D.P.Dutton@bury.gov.uk or phone 0161-253 7667</p>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<p><b>Butterflies and Bees</b> Come along and join us to discover what species of butterflies and bees can be found at Low Hall – some are quite rare!</p>	<p><b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Low hall Local Nature Reserve <b>Time:</b> 1pm <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976</p>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<p><b>Big Saturday</b> Food Security – can Manchester feed itself</p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a></p>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Wild Flower Walk</b> Learn to identify the</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Mersey Vale Nature Park</p>

	wildflowers that grow in your local park.	<b>Time:</b> 1 pm – 3pm Meet at Burnage rugby club car park. please wear suitable cloths and footwear. <b>Contact:</b> For more information and to book a place please phone us on 0161 491 3118
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Leesbrook Family Fun Day</b>	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bank Top, off Lees Road, Lees OL4 3LF (near the fox and Owl Sculpture) Oldham <b>Time:</b> 11am till 4pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Jo Maymon 0161 770 4186
Sunday 11th July	<b>Birds up Close</b> – BTO bird ringing	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Tandle Hill Country Park, Royton. <b>Contact:</b> Bookable ring 0161 620 8202.
Tuesday 13th July	<b>Flora walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> bottom of Cemetery Road, off Stockport Rd, Denton M34 6ER <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 17th July	<b>Wild about Tameside's Countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Hyde Library, Union Street, Hyde, SK14 1NF <b>Time:</b> 11am-12 <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Dragonfly ID</b>	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton <b>Time:</b> 10.30am – 3.30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754
Sunday 18th July	<b>Bugs and Blooms</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Bottom car park, bottom of Apethorn Lane, Hyde, SK14 5DN <b>Time:</b> 10am-12.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 21st July	<b>Bird Walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre,

		Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Plant ID</b>	<b>Friends of Seven Acres</b> <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton <b>Time:</b> 7pm – 9pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754
Saturday 24th July	<b>Wildlife Triathlon</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> 11am-2pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 24th July - Sunday 1st August	<b>Rochdale Canal Festival</b>	<b>The Waterways Trust</b> <b>Contact:</b> Lucy Rogers - Rochdale Canal Development Manager Lucy.rogers@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk">www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk</a>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Himalayan Balsam</b> Come along, join the Rangers, and help to remove the invasive from Bruntwood Park	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bruntwood Park <b>Time:</b> 10-3pm Please meet on the lawn at the rear of the Vinery. <b>Contact:</b> Contact Number 0161 428 5391
Wednesday 28th July	<b>Moston Brook bat survey</b> Come and join South Lancs Bat Group on a survey of Moston Brook	<b>Moston Brook Project</b> <b>Location:</b> Moston Brook <b>Time:</b> 20.30 until 22.30 Booking essential. Limited places. <b>Contact:</b> Please contact Ann Bates, Moston Brook Project Officer to reserve your place – <a href="mailto:ann.bates@oldham.gov.uk">ann.bates@oldham.gov.uk</a> or tel. 07801 204 804
Wednesday 28th July	<b>Go Wild</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> bus turning circle end of Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7SU <b>Time:</b> 11am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613

Wednesday 28th July	<b>Flora walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Thursday 29th July	<b>What Lies beneath</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lyme field Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG <b>Time:</b> 11am-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Pond dip/ survey</b> The plants and animals living in lakes can provide clues to how healthy the water is. Join us for a pond dip and survey to find out how healthy our pond is.	<b>Medlock Valley Project</b> <b>Location:</b> Clayton Vale Centre <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm <b>Contact:</b> Jen McAndrew, park warden for more information on 0161 231 3090
<b>August</b>		<a href="#">Top</a>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Early Doors</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> bus turning circle end of Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7SU <b>Time:</b> 8-11am <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
1 August – 30 August	<b>Darwin</b>	<b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a>
Tuesday 3rd August	<b>Flora walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Quarry Car park, Werneth Low Road, top of Joel Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LN <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm
Thursday 5th August	<b>Ugly bug ball</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lyme field Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Butterflies and Bees</b> Come along and join us to discover what species of butterflies and bees can be found at Greenslate.	<b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Greenslate Water Meadows Local Nature Reserve Orrell <b>Time:</b> 1pm <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Bat Walk and Talk</b>	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Crompton Moor, off Buckstones Road, Shaw. <b>Contact:</b> Bookable ring 0161 620 8202.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>River Walk</b> Join the rangers for a stroll along the river Mersey and learn about the natural history and heritage of the area.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Mersey Vale Nature Park <b>Time:</b> 10 am – 12 noon Meet at Burnage rugby club car park for 10am. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>What Lies beneath</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> Anytime between 11am-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Go wild</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LR <b>Time:</b> 11am-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>City Life</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Portland Basin car park, Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 0QA <b>Time:</b> 2-4pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Pond Dipping</b> Learn about the creatures that live in the pond with the Stockport rangers.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Mersey Vale Nature Park <b>Time:</b> 10 am – 12 noon Meet at Burnage rugby club car park for 1pm. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. <b>Contact:</b> For more information and to book a place please phone us on 0161 491 3118

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Ugly bug ball</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> Anytime between 1-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 18th August	<b>Go Wild</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Hurst Clough car park, opp the Waggon Pub, Broadbottom Rd, Mottram, SK14 6HY <b>Time:</b> 11am-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Thursday 19th August	<b>Animal Tales</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lyme field Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, SK14 6AG <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 21st August	<b>Wild about Tamesides countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Hurst Library, Hurst Cross, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8EW <b>Time:</b> 11am-12 <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 22nd August	<b>Miles of Moors</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Besom Lane car park, Besom Lane, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3EZ <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-3.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 22nd August	<b>Fact or Fiction</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LR <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Wednesday 25th August	<b>Go Wild</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Oakgates car park, off Huddersfield Rd, Millbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3EP <b>Time:</b> 11am-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613

Thursday 26th August	<b>Going Batty</b>	<p><b>Tameside Countryside Service</b>  <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ  <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm  <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<p><b>Down by the River</b>  Join the Rangers in this long walk along the River Tame and discover all about its wildlife and history.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b>  <b>Location:</b> Reddish Vale Local Nature Reserve  <b>Time:</b> 12:30 - 3 pm  <i>Distance: Approximately 5 kilometres, easy/medium walk. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.</i>  <b>Meeting point:</b> Visitor Centre, Mill Lane</p>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<p><b>Bats in Borsdane</b>  A chance for all the family to learn more about the world's only flying mammal.</p> <p>Bring a torch and discover which species can be found in the wood. Then using 'bat detectors' watch and listen to how they find food in a woodland at dusk</p>	<p><b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b>  <b>Location:</b> Borsdane Wood Local Nature Reserve  <b>Time:</b> 8pm  <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976</p>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Bat and Moth night</b>	<p><b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust / Friends of Seven Acres</b>  <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton  <b>Time:</b> 8pm – late  <b>Cost:</b> Free  <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 663754</p>
Sunday 29th August	<b>Blooming heather</b>	<p><b>Tameside Countryside Service</b>  <b>Location:</b> Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3PJ  <b>Time:</b> 10am-4pm  <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613</p>

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Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Kingfishers, Curlews and Countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Roaches Lock car park, Manchester Rd, Mossley OL5 9BB <b>Time:</b> 1-4pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Bat Walk</b> Bat walk around Clayton Vale to spot the local bat species.	<b>Medlock Valley Project</b> <b>Location:</b> Clayton Vale Centre <b>Time:</b> 7-9pm <b>Contact:</b> Jen McAndrew, park warden for more information on 0161 231 3090
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Bat Walk</b> Join staff armed with bat detectors & torches tracking the bats on a walk to the Weir & back.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park <b>Time:</b> 7.30pm Warm clothes & sturdy footwear recommended. Bring your own torch. <b>Contact:</b> For more information please call 01614276937
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Bat Walk</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Wagon Road off Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8AQ <b>Time:</b> 7.30-9.30pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Fungi Walk</b> A chance to join us for a fungal foray in the Park with fungal enthusiast Fungal Punk Dave.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park <b>Time:</b> 10am Sturdy footwear & packed lunch recommended. <b>Contact:</b> For more information please call 01614276937
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Amber delights</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Dunkirk Lane car park, off Dukinfield Rd, Hyde, SK14 4PL <b>Time:</b> 1-4pm <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613

Sunday 12th September	<b>Fungi Fun</b>	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Tandle Hill Country Park, Royton. <b>Time:</b> 1.30-3.30pm.
Saturday 18th September	<b>Wild about Tameside's countryside</b>	<b>Tameside Countryside Service</b> <b>Location:</b> Droylsden Library, Manchester Road, Droylsden, M43 6EP <b>Contact:</b> 0161 330 9613
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Bat Walk</b>	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust / Friends of Seven Acres</b> <b>Location:</b> Seven Acres Local Nature Reserve, Bolton <b>Time:</b> 7.30pm – 9.30pm <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Contact:</b> Stephen Cartwright, 01204 63754
Sunday 19th September	<b>Build your own Bird Table</b> Join the Rangers for this fun activity. Collect natural materials to build your own bird table, take it home for your garden to feed the birds over the winter	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bruntwood Park <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm Please meet on the lawn at the rear of the Vinery. <b>Contact:</b> Contact Number 0161 428 5391
Sunday 19th September	<b>Fungi Walk</b>	<b>Oldham Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Daisy Nook Country Park, Failsworth. <b>Time:</b> 1-3pm.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Bat Walk</b> Join staff armed with bat detectors & torches tracking the bats on a walk to the Weir & back.	<b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park <b>Time:</b> 7.30pm Warm clothes & sturdy footwear recommended. Bring your own torch. <b>Contact:</b> For more information please call 01614276937
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Beautiful Berries</b> Join us to discover the bounty of berries that Mother Nature provides for our wildlife to keep them fed through the winter.	<b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Low Hall Local Nature Reserve <b>Time:</b> 10am <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976

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Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Seed Gathering Day</b> The Tree Council have designated today as a special seed gathering day, to collect seeds for growing into the new trees of the future Join the Rangers to collect seeds from around the park.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bruntwood Park <b>Time:</b> 12.30-2pm Pots and compost will be provided. Please meet on the lawn at the rear of the Vinery. <b>Contact:</b> Contact Number 0161 428 5391</p>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Bird Walk</b> A chance to join our twitching two-some, Allen &amp; Marilyn, bird watching in the Park.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park <b>Time:</b> 10am Warm clothes &amp; sturdy footwear recommended. Bring your own torch. <b>Contact:</b> For more information please call 01614276937 Suitable outdoor clothing &amp; sturdy footwear recommended.</p>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Fungi Walk</b> Join Fungal Punk Dave for a fungal foray around the Park.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park <b>Time:</b>10am Sturdy footwear &amp; packed lunch recommended.</p>
23 October -31 October	<p><b>Manchester Science Festival</b></p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a></p>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Brackets and Boletus Fungi</b> Come and have some fun with fungi at Borsdane Wood.</p>	<p><b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Borsdane Wood Local Nature Reserve <b>Time:</b> 10am <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976</p>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Bashing Bramley's</b> A special family friendly half term event. Join the us on an orchard trail, then quench your thirst by pressing apples to make apple juice</p>	<p><b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Greenslate Water Meadows &amp; Orrell Orchard <b>Time:</b> 11am <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976</p>

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Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Bird &amp; Bat Box Building</b> Join the Friends of Chadkirk &amp; the Estate Rangers to make either a bird or bat box to take home or donate to the Estate.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Chadkirk Country Estate <b>Time:</b> 1.30-4.30pm Meet at Chadkirk Chapel. <b>Cost:</b> £3.50/box <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential. To book call 01614801460.</p>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<p><b>Tree Walk</b> Enjoy a winter stroll with the Friends of Etherow, identifying trees &amp; spotting specimens along the way.</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Etherow Country Park, <b>Time:</b> 10am Warm clothes &amp; sturdy footwear recommended. <b>Contact:</b> For more information please call 01614276937</p>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Buntings &amp; Bramblings</b> Join us to explore Borsdane looking for Winter thrushes and resident birds.</p>	<p><b>Wigan Leisure &amp; Culture Trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Borsdane Wood Local Nature Reserve <b>Time:</b> 10am <b>Contact:</b> Booking Essential - 01942 233976</p>
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Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Big Saturday</b> Dinosaur CSI</p>	<p><b>The Manchester Museum</b> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson">www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson</a></p>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Feed the Birds</b> Join the Rangers and make bird feeders to take home for your own garden</p>	<p><b>Stockport Council</b> <b>Location:</b> Bruntwood Park <b>Time:</b> 1.00-2.30 All materials will be provided. Please meet on the lawn at the rear of the Vinery. <b>Contact:</b> Contact Number 0161 428 5391</p>