

2012 | Out & About

in the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
and Denbighshire's Countryside



Family Fun, Walking,
Cycling and much more **FREE**

Welcome

This 2012 programme of activities, events and walks will give you the opportunity to enjoy the stunning landscape of the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and surrounding countryside.

We hope that you enjoyed last year's programme. We've been busy analysing your valuable feedback to ensure that what we offer in 2012 is even better.

There are some changes to the programme this year due to the diverse activities on offer. All of our events are included together as a complete list but you can still quickly identify the event type by using the symbols. Please continue to provide feedback using the enclosed form and the evaluation sheets on the day.

Please book to participate in any of our family events with this symbol  during the 7 days running up to the event. Please book for all walks as this helps us to ensure we have enough staff available for the event. If you can't attend please let us know as we usually have a reserve list of people waiting to join us.

We hope you enjoy getting Out & About in our outstanding countryside.



Denbighshire Countryside Service

Loggerheads Country Park, Near Mold, Denbighshire. CH7 5LH

☎ 01352 810614 Email: loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Denbighshire Countryside Service, Environment Directorate,
Denbighshire County Council

www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.uk

www.visitclwydianrange.co.uk

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our Facebook Page
Denbighshire Countryside Service for up to date information and events. Scan this Code with a Smartphone QR Code Reader App.



Bryniau Clwyd
Clwydian Range

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Cranfa Amueddyddol Ewras ar gyfer Datblygu
Gwledig Ewrop yn Buddsoddi
mewn Ardaloedd Gwledig
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Things to help you pick the right activity or event for you;

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|  | Age suitability guidance |
|  | Accessible event |
|  | Charge for event |
|  | Please book |
|  | Drop in |
|  | Free Shuttle |
|  | Easy walk |
|  | Average walk |
|  | Difficult walk |
|  | Dogs allowed on leads |
|  | Volunteering |
|  | Cycling |

We take photographs at most of our events that may be used in future leaflets and publicity. If you have any objections please let one of the leaders know before the start of the event.

 This event may not be suitable for young people under the indicated age. Please remember that all children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

 Accessible facilities near the event.

 There is a charge for this event

 For bookable family activities please look for this symbol but remember to book your place during the 7 days before the event. If you are unable to attend please let us know so we can make the place available to someone else. Holiday clubs and carers with 4 or more children are welcome on our drop-in events but please be aware that they are busy and you may need to wait for space. Unfortunately we can not accept groups on our Bookable events.

 For drop in family activities please look for this symbol.

 Get the Moel Famau to Loggerheads Free Shuttle during the summer to reduce congestion, see page 26

Guided Walks

We have broadly categorised our walks to help you choose the ones to suit you.

 Short and hard surfaced route

 Easy (short & flat, some loose surfaces)

 Average (Some steep sections and loose surfaces)

 Difficult (Long & strenuous, uneven, steep terrain)

WEAR loose comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes, boots or trainers. They must grip well!

BRING waterproofs if the weather forecast is uncertain, a drink and snack.

 DOGS are NOT generally allowed on guided walks. Some walks are suitable for dogs on leads, look out for this symbol.

To help you to locate the start of the walk please use www.gridref.org.uk - put the grid reference into the search box, and you will be provided with a map.

We endeavour not to cancel any walks but if it is necessary we will ring the people who have booked.

The PACE of the walk will be of the slowest walker. Please do not join our walks if you want to rush!

Denbighshire Countryside Services produce a full volunteering programme twice a year which details all of the opportunities to help conserve our countryside and wildlife and learn traditional skills whilst getting fit.

 Look out for activities with this symbol for some volunteering events for you to try. The full Volunteers Programme is available from www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

Dress for a mess!
Wear comfortable, sturdy boots that grip well, waterproofs and bring a packed lunch.

Full training will be provided.

Please make sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date!



100 mile Round the County Challenge

Join us on one or more of our County Challenges 2012

Round the County Walks, can you go all the way?

See individual listing for details.

| Where | Miles | Date | Page no |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|
| Bodfari - Cyffylliog | 10 | Wed 22nd Feb | 7 |
| Cyffylliog – Glan y gors | 6 1/2 | Tues 20th Mar | 8 |
| Glan y Gors - Maerdy | 8 | Wed 18th Apr | 10 |
| Maerdy - Corwen | 9 | Thurs 3rd May | 11 |
| Corwen - Glyndyfrdwy | 10 | Thurs 31st May | 12 |
| Glyndyfrdwy - Llangollen | 9 | Wed 20th June | 14 |
| Llangollen - Llandegla | 9 1/2 | Wed 11th July | 15 |
| Llandegla – Clwyd Gate | 6 | Tues 14th Aug | 19 |
| Clwyd Gate - Llangwyfan | 7 | Thurs 30th Aug | 21 |
| Llangwyfan - Rhualt | 8 1/2 | Mon 17th Sept | 23 |
| Rhualt - Prestatyn | 8 1/2 | Thurs 4th Oct | 24 |
| Prestatyn - Rhyl | 8 | Wed 14th Nov | 25 |

Celebrate the miles you've achieved on
 Wednesday 14th November, 3pm at Brickfields Pond,
 Rhyl. Refreshments and certificate presentation.

11th – 19th February Half Term

Tuesday 14th February

Willow weaving

10am – 3pm

Family volunteering opportunity to help weave fencing along the riverside at Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 22nd February

**Round the County 1
 Bodfari – Cyffylliog**

9.30am – 4.30pm

Join us on a 10-mile hike across the Vale of Clwyd in the shadow of the Clwydian Range. Some of the walk will take in the new extension to the Hiraethog Trail. Transport will be provided to take us to the start of the walk. Meet at Red Lion, Cyffylliog, SJ060578.



Thurs 23rd – Fri 24th February

Composting Creations

10am – 3pm

Two days building heavy duty composting bays at the recently transformed community allotments in Prestatyn community woodland. Meet Coed Morfa Car Park Prestatyn.

Monday 5th March

Music Mondays at Caffi Florence

2pm – 4pm

Finish your own walk in style and comfort or just enjoy good music in a stunning location. Loggerheads Country Park.



Sunday 18th March

Mothering Sunday Treat

Lunch and afternoon teas to make mums feel special at Loggerheads Country Park. Visit www.caffiflorence.co.uk

☎ 01352 810397



Tuesday 20th March

Round the County 2 Cyffylliog to Glan y Gors

10am – 4pm

Come and walk 7 miles of the Brenig Way through the Clocaenog Forest, taking in stunning views of the Clwydian Range at Pincyn Llys. Meet at Glan y Gors car park where transport will be provided to the start of the walk, SJ048518.



Saturday 31st March Excalibur Marathon

Take on the UK's toughest off road marathon! This charity run/walk challenge traverses the spectacular Clwydian Range with 4,600 ft of ascent. Maximum time allowed 12 hours. Refreshments are available en route with a hot meal at the finish. For further information www.excaliburmarathon.com

Thursday 22nd – Friday 23rd March Coppicing and Weaving

10am – 3pm

Two days firstly coppicing Hazel along the old railway in Meliden, grading and sorting the Hazel rods and weaving a surround for a local picnic area. Meet Meliden Goods Shed Car Park, SJ062809.

31st March – 15th April
Easter Holidays

Sat 31st March – Sun 15th April Loggerheads Egg-heads

10am – 4pm

Pick up an Egg-heads sheet from the Clwydian Range Centre and return the completed quiz to Caffi Florence for an Easter treat. Loggerheads Country Park.



Tuesday 3rd April

Bird & Bat Boxes

11am – 3pm

Come along and make a home for wildlife for your garden. Loggerheads Country Park.



Saturday 7th April

X marks the spot

10am – 3pm

Will you be able to complete the challenge of the new orienteering course at the delightful historic gardens of Plas Newydd Llangollen? Can't make the date - orienteering course maps can be purchased from the shop at Plas Newydd throughout the summer, pop in for further details. Plas Newydd, Llangollen.



Saturday 7th April

Easter Trail

10.30am – 3pm

Follow the Easter Trail around the forest, answering questions along the way to earn your Easter treat. Meet in Coed Moel Famau car park, SJ172612.



Wednesday 11th April

Vicious Volcanoes

10.30am – 12 noon

Make your very own volcano to erupt with our Geodiversity Officer. Join us in the Forest Classroom at Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 12th April

Great Easter Eggcase Hunt

10.30am – 12.30pm

Explore the beach at Gronant Dunes looking for mermaid's purses (the eggcases of sharks, skates and rays) and help contribute to the annual monitoring of these declining creatures. There is a short walk from the car park to the beach. Please bring wellies and something to collect the eggcases in. Groups welcome. Lower Gronant car park (opposite Crofters Pantry Café), SJ090836.



Wednesday 18th April

Sand Lizard Home Improvements

10am – 1pm

Come and help us improve habitat for the re-introduced sand lizards at Barkby Beach by creating bare patches of sand amongst the dunes. Barkby Beach lower car park, Prestatyn, SJ068839.





Wednesday 18th April

Round the County 3 Glan y Gors to Maerdy

11am – 5pm

Enjoy the spring flowers along this 7 mile stretch of the Brenig Way from Glan y Gors to Maerdy (downhill nearly all the way!). Meet at The Goat Inn, Maerdy SJ016446. Transport provided to the start of the walk.



Friday 4th May

Spring Morning Walk

7am – 10am

Start the day with a 3 mile circular walk to enjoy the wonderful sounds of Spring in the Clwydian Range. Coed Llangwyfan car park, SJ139668.



Monday 7th May

Annual May Day Duck Race

10am – 3pm

Trinity Fammau Scout Group, in partnership with the Denbighshire Countryside Service, will be releasing 2000 ducks into the River Alyn at Loggerheads Country Park. This is a great fundraiser for local scouts and a fantastic family day out.



Monday 7th May

Walk and Draw in the Clwydian Range

11am – 3pm

Join Artist Bill Kneale on a 3 mile May Day walk up to the hillfort of Penycloddiau and learn how to capture its magic on paper as we go! All materials provided alongside expert tuition and a lovely walk. Meet in the Llangwyfan Car Park at SJ139669.



Thursday 10th May

Round the County 4 Maerdy to Corwen

10am – 4pm

Join us for this 9 mile stretch of the Brenig Way across rolling countryside to Cynwyd and along the dismantled railway line to Corwen. Meet in the main car park in Corwen. Transport provided to the start of the walk.



Sunday 20th May

Penycloddiau Heather and Hillforts

10.30am – 2.30pm

A 5 mile circular walk exploring the heather moorland and prehistoric hillfort of Penycloddiau with the Heather and Hillforts Project team. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan car park, off the Nannerch to Llangwyfan road, SJ139668.



Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th May

Dry Stone Walling

10am – 4pm

Why not try your hand – or improve your skills – at Dry Stone Walling? We will be rebuilding sections of the boundary wall adjacent to Caer Drewyn Hillfort, so you can also learn a little bit about how our ancestors used to live here too! Corwen Leisure Centre Car Park, SJ079437.

Friday 25th May

A tale of two rivers

9.30am – 1pm

Taking in two rivers within the scenic Vale of Clwyd, we will walk some of the new community miles trail, Llwybr Clywedog Clwyd on this 7½ mile circular route from Ruthin to Rhewl. Meet at Park Road car-park, Ruthin, SJ120582.



Prestatyn Walking Festival

18th – 20th May

www.prestatynwalkingfestival.co.uk

Booking telephone number 01745 857185

Wednesday 2nd May

Gronant fencing

10am – 4pm

Join in with the annual fence-building at Gronant to help the young little terns, a small migratory seabird, from getting eaten by foxes and pet dogs. Presthaven Sands Caravan Holiday Park, Gronant, SJ089841.



Thursday May 31st

Round the County 5 Corwen to Glyndyfrdwy

9.20am – 4pm

Climb through Pen y Pigyn to pick up the North Berwyn Way to Glyndyfrdwy. Enjoy this 10 mile walk with insights into the geodiversity of the area. Meet in westbound layby opposite Butterfly Man in Glyndyfrdwy, SJ157425.



2nd June – 10th June Half Term

1st – 4th June

Woodfest, St Asaph

www.woodfestwales.co.uk



Monday 4th June

Full - Moon Safari at Corwen

8.00pm – 10.30pm*

Come and join us for an evening walk around the countryside of Corwen as we search for bats, moths and nightjars. We will hopefully be guided by the full-moon, but torches and insect repellent are recommended. (*time may vary). As this event is weather dependant,

please ring on the day to confirm that it is still going ahead.



Wednesday 6th June

Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Wednesday 6th June

Bug hunting for beginners

1.30pm – 3.30pm

A 2 mile walk around loggerheads Country Park for those interested in the lives of invertebrates. Learn how to find creepy crawlies using a series of different techniques. Clwydian Range Centre.



Thursday 7th June

Nightlife @ Nercwys

8.30pm – 11pm

A 2 ½ mile evening stroll to discover (hopefully) nightjars, bats, owls and moths. Bring a torch. Insect repellent recommended! Coed Nercwys (Nr Mold) northern car park, SJ218593.



9 – 17th June

Wales Biodiversity Week

www.biodiversitywales.org.uk

Saturday 9th June

Go Wild at Plas Newydd

11.30am – 3.30pm

As part of Biodiversity Week, enjoy family activities from River dipping to bird box building. Plas Newydd, Llangollen.



Tuesday 12th June

Limestone Landscapes

10am – 3pm

A 6 mile amble in the countryside, enjoying fantastic views and flower rich limestone grasslands. Plymog Layby – off A494 Mold-Ruthin road, 1.2 miles west of Llanferres, SJ187599.



Tuesday 12th June

Biodiversity Train Ride

6.30pm – 10pm

Take a ride on the Llangollen steam railway and learn about the amazing wildlife of the Dee Valley as you travel past some of its more picturesque landscapes. Booking is essential and there is a small cost for tickets. Meet at Llangollen Railway Station.



Thursday 14th June

Nightlife @ Nercwys

8.30pm – 11pm

A 2 ½ mile evening stroll to discover (hopefully) nightjars, bats, owls and moths. Bring a torch. Insect repellent recommended! Coed Nercwys (Nr Mold) northern car park, SJ218593.

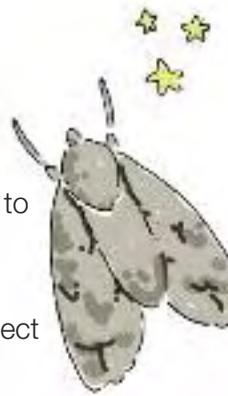


Sunday 17th June

Moel Arthur Heather and Hillforts

10.30am – 2.30pm

A 4 mile circular walk exploring the heather moorland and prehistoric hillfort of Moel Arthur with the Heather and Hillforts Project team. Meet at Moel Arthur car park, off the A451 to Llandyrnog road, SJ147657.



Sunday 17 June
**Bug Homes, Bird Boxes
 & Toad Abodes**

11am – 3pm
 Make a home
 for wildlife for
 your garden.
 Loggerheads Country
 Park.



Wednesday 20th June
**Round the County 6
 Carrog to Berwyn**

11am – 5pm
 Enjoy the fantastic Llangollen
 steam trains, the Llantysilio
 mountains and the World
 Heritage Site at the Horseshoe
 Falls. We'll meet at Llantysilio
 Green car park, get the 11.10
 train from Berwyn to Carrog and
 walk the 9 miles back across the
 beautiful Llantysilio range.
 Places are limited, so please
 book early. Meet at Llantysilio
 Green car park, SJ198433.



Night Walk Challenge



Sat 23rd to Sun 24th June
Night Walk Challenge
 8.15pm - 6.30am

A 13 mile, over night, three trig
 point challenge beginning at
 Coed Nercwys, visiting Moel
 Gyw and ending at Moel Famau.
 Marvel at sunset over the
 Clwydian Range and hopefully
 sunrise on Moel Famau. See the
 Clwydian Range in differing light.
 Bring a torch. There will be hot
 drink / soup stops provided, but
 please bring warm clothes and
 hot drinks. Park at Loggerheads,
 mini bus will take us to the start,
 and return at the end.



Wednesday 27th June
The Nature of Slate

7pm – 9pm

Spend an evening exploring the
 beautiful Nant y Pandy valley where
 nature has reclaimed the once
 thriving slate factory. This 2 mile walk
 begins in the car park behind the hall
 in Glyndyfrdwy, opposite Hodge
 Podge, SJ14884259.



Sunday 8th July
Caer Drewyn Hillfort

10am – 12pm

A 2 mile circular walk exploring the
 wildlife and prehistoric hillfort of Caer
 Drewyn. Meet at Corwen Leisure
 Centre, LL21 9RW, SJ082442.



Wednesday 11th July

**Round the County 7
 Llantysilio Green to
 World's End**

10am – 4pm

Take in the historic sites of Valle
 Crucis Abbey and Castle Dinas
 Bran before following the
 stunning Egwyseg escarpment
 along to World's End during this
 8 mile walk. Meet by the car
 park at World's End SJ232484.
 Transport provided to the start
 of the walk.



Saturday 14th to Sunday 29th July

**Festival of
 British Archaeology**

Tuesday 17th July

World Famous Engineering

10am – 4pm

Explore 7 miles of the Dee Valley
 visiting Castell Dinas Bran, Llangollen
 Canal and Valle Crucis Abbey, All
 reasons why the area is now a World
 heritage Site. Meet at Llantysilio
 Green car park, SJ198432.



Wednesday 18th July

Ladies of Llangollen

11am – 1pm

A 3 mile walk in the footsteps of the Ladies of Llangollen. Plas Newydd will be open at the end of the walk and walkers are eligible for discounted entry. Plas Newydd, Llangollen LL20 8AW.



21st July – 2nd September
Summer Holidays

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd July

Medieval Magic

11am – 4pm

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology join re-enactors from the Age of the Princes group, who will set up their medieval camp at Loggerheads. Learn about their way of life and all about their combat! Loggerheads Country Park.



Saturday 21st July

Coed Moel Famau Open Day

10am – 4pm

Activities, pond dipping and demonstrations. A chance to meet some of the staff from Forestry Commission Wales and Denbighshire Countryside Service. Coed Moel Famau car park, SJ172612.



Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th July

Charcoal Making

10am – 4pm

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making, free charcoal for all participants! Tuesday – fill the kiln, Wednesday lighting and burning, Friday – bagging the product. Tuesday – fill the kiln, Wednesday lighting and burning, Friday – bagging the product. Corwen - Cynwyd Railway Line. Meet, Stamp lay-by, SJ060424.

Wednesday 25th July

Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Wed 1st – Sun 12th August

Family Fun Theatre Tour

The Shed Theatr Co. presents a new outdoor production inspired by our vibrant countryside and bursting with lively (and sometimes naughty) characters and infectious songs. The tour will begin on Wednesday the 1st August and will visit countryside sites across North East Wales from Moel Famau and Loggerheads to Rhuddlan in the north and Llangollen in the south. Tour details will be announced in the spring, check out www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk, or www.shedtheatr.com or 'Like' our facebook page 'Denbighshire Countryside Service' for updates.

Thursday 26th July

Four Medieval Towns?

10am – 4pm

Walk 7 miles St Asaph and Rhuddlan (and back) to discover the fascinating archaeology and history of the area and find out about the three medieval towns of Rhuddlan! Meet at the Car Park next to St Asaph Cathedral, SJ039743.



Thursday 2nd August

Bats around Denbigh

8pm – 10.30pm

Join us on a 3 mile walk to, hopefully, see several species of bat. We have some bat detectors to share around, but please feel free to bring your own detector if you have one. Meet at Brookhouse Mill, Denbigh, SJ071657.



Tuesday 7th August

Stone Circles and High Places

10am – 5pm

A 10 mile challenging walk to the Berwyn ridge which takes in the evocative stone circle, Moel ty Uchaf, the highest Bronze Age burial mound in Denbighshire. Meet in the car park in Llandrillo, SJ035371.



Tuesday 7th August

On your bike at Brenig

11am – 4pm

Bring your bikes and build up your family's confidence on our cycle training track with experts, then head off on your own to enjoy off road cycling around the lake. Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre.



Wednesday 8th August

Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Wednesday 8th August

On your bike at Coed Moel Famau

11am – 4pm

Bring your bikes and build up your family's confidence on our cycle training track with experts, then head off on your own to enjoy off road cycling around the forest. Coed Moel Famau car park.



Thursday 9 August

Marine Fun

10am – 12pm

Games and activities exploring the beach at Rhyl to learn about the marine life found there. Groups welcome. Meet on the beach opposite the lifeguard station, SJ009819.



Thursday 9th August

On your bike at Llangollen Pavilion

11am – 4pm

Bring your bikes and build up your family's confidence on our cycle training track with experts, then head off on your own to enjoy a cycle along the canal. Llangollen International Pavillion.



Friday 10 August

Batty Encounters

8pm – 10.30pm

Get up close and personal with the bats that live in Nant Clwyd y Dre. Short talk followed by a chance to watch the bats emerge from the house for their evening's adventures. Nant Clwyd y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1DP.



Monday 13th August

Meteorites at Night!

9pm – 11pm

A 2 mile guided walk up to Caer Drewyn hillfort to hopefully watch the annual Perseids meteor shower. Soup and roll available too! Meet in Corwen Leisure Centre car park, SJ082442. Please bring a torch.



Tuesday 14th August

Round the County & World's End to Clwyd Gate

10am – 4pm

Come and enjoy the stunning heather on this 10 mile stretch of the Offa's Dyke Path across Cymr y Brain, through Llandegla Forest and along the southern end of the Clwydian Range. Meet at Clwyd Gate SJ164582. Transport provided to the start of the walk.



Tuesday 14th August

Bilberry Hunt

10.30am – 1.30pm

Enjoy a stroll around Moel Famau finding the best bilberry spots whilst enjoying the superb views of the Clwydian Range. Bring a container to collect your berries in. Meet at Moel Famau, Bwlch Penbarras car park, SJ162606.



Wednesday 15th August

Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Thursday 16th August

Denbighshire & Flintshire Agricultural Show

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Tuesday 21st August

BBQ and Bats

7.30pm – 10.30pm

Join us for a BBQ in the forest followed by a bat talk and 1 1/2 mile walk. Bring a torch. Coed Nercwys (nr Mold), northern car park, SJ218593.



Wednesday 22nd August
Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Thursday 23rd August

Bat Bonanza

8pm – 10pm

Learn all about bats with a short presentation followed by a gentle 1 mile stroll using bat detectors putting what we have learnt into practice!

Bring a torch. Loggerheads Country Park.



Sunday 26th August

Moel y Gaer Llanbedr Heather and Hillforts

10.30am – 2.30pm

A 4 ½ mile circular weekend walk exploring the heather moorland and prehistoric hillfort of Moel y Gaer Llanbedr with the Heather and Hillforts Project team. Meet at Bwlch Pen Barras car park, Moel Famau, SJ162605.



Tuesday 28th August

Eglwyseg at its Best

10.30am – 4.30pm

Join us for a 10 mile circular hike across the dramatic Eglwyseg and enjoy the surrounding heather clad mountains at their most vibrant colourful hue. We will be returning along the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail as it traverses rough scree, so stout footwear is essential. Meet at layby below Trevor Rocks, SJ234 431.



Tuesday 28 August

Marine Fun

2pm – 4pm

Games and activities exploring the beach at Rhyl to learn about the marine life found there. Groups welcome. Meet on the beach opposite the lifeguard station, SJ009819.



Wednesday 29th August

Family Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Thursday August 30th

**Round the County 9
Clwyd Gate to
Llangwyfan**

10am – 4pm

This 7 mile walk will follow the Offa's Dyke Path along the heather moorland ridge of the Clwydian Range, including visits to 2 Iron Age Hillforts and the Jubilee Tower. Meet at Llangwyfan Car Park, at the highest point of the minor road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch. SJ139669. Transport provided to the start of the walk.



Thursday 30th August

Bat Bonanza

8pm – 10pm

Learn all about bats with a short presentation followed by a gentle 1 mile stroll using bat detectors putting what we have learnt into practice! Bring a torch. Loggerheads Country Park.



Friday 31st August

Going Batty!!

7pm – 9pm

Come along and discover all about the world of bats and have a go at making your very own bat model. We'll then go for a walk around the beautiful grounds of Plas Newydd to see how many real bats we can find! Plas Newydd, Llangollen LL20 8AW.





Monday 3rd September
**Walk and Draw
 in the Clwydian Range**
 11am – 3pm

Join Artist Bill Kneale on a 4 mile walk towards the Jubilee Tower and the hillfort of Moel y Gaer Llanbedr and learn how to capture the magic of the landscape on paper as we go! All materials provided alongside expert tuition and a lovely walk. Meet at Bwlch pen Barras/Irongate car park, **SJ161605**.



Sunday 9th September
Moel Fenlli Heather and Hillforts
 10.30am – 2.30pm

A 4 mile circular walk exploring the heather moorland and prehistoric hillfort of Moel Fenlli with the Heather and Hillforts Project team. Meet at Bwlch Pen Barras car park, Moel Famau, **SJ162605**.



Saturday 15th September

Open 2 Offas

Up for a longer walking challenge? Starting in Cilcain (SJ176652), 'Open 2 Offas' is a 14, 21 or 30 mile challenge walk over the Clwydian Range. Organised by the Merseystriders, the local group of the Long Distance Walkers Association, this is one not to be missed. Refreshments on route with meal at finish. For more details and information go to www.ldwa.org.uk/merseystride and follow the links.

Sat 15th & Sun 16th September

THE CHAIN REACTION MARATHON RETURNS

For the 13th year Ruthin will welcome the MTB Chain Reaction Marathon. The scenic route through the Clwydian Range provides ways across land normally out of bounds to mountain bikers through special landowner permission. Take your pick from the full, middle, half and mini marathon distances available. www.mtb-marathon.co.uk

Sunday 16th September

Explore Brenig Archaeological Trail
 2pm – 4pm

Explore the fascinating Bronze Age and later archaeology of this beautiful area on this 2 mile walk while listening to the excavator describing the archaeological work in the 1970s. Meet at the car park at the north east of Llyn Brenig, **SH983574**.



Monday 17th September

Round the County 10
Llangwyfan to Rhualt
 10am – 4pm

This 8 mile section of the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail takes in the Iron Age Hillforts at Penycloddiau and Moel Y Gaer and heads across the Northern section of the Clwydian Range towards the coast. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan off the Nannerch to Llangwyfan road, **SJ139668**. Transport provided to start of the walk.



Saturday 22nd September

The Hiraethog climb
 9.30am – 4pm

Come on a challenging 12 ½ mile circular walk through the Clocaenog Forest. With Cyffylliog as our start point we will steadily ascend Craig Bron Bannog and then from there onto Pincyn Llys, with its attractive views of the Clwydian Range. Meet at Cyffylliog, with on-street parking at Ysgol Cyffylliog, **SJ060577**.



Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd September
Medieval Melee

11am – 4pm
 Cwmwd Iâl re-enact medieval goings-on at Dinas Bran. There will also be tours of the Castle at 12 noon, 2pm and 4pm. Park in Llangollen and follow the signs uphill to the Castle.





Sat 22nd &
Sun 23rd September
**Halo British
Downhill Series**

Hundreds of riders will be hurtling down the mountain just outside of Llangollen as quick as they dare – a great day out for spectators.

www.halobritishdownhillseries.com.
Uplift days are also held regularly by Onegiantleap – check the website www.onegiantleap.llangollen.co.uk



22nd & 23rd September

**Mold
Food Festival**

Sunday 23rd September

**Moel y Gaer Llantysilio
Heather and Hillforts**

10.30am – 4pm

A 6 mile circular walk exploring the heather moorland and prehistoric hillfort of Moel y Gaer on Llantysilio Mountains with the Heather and Hillforts Project team. Meet at Conquering Hero Community Centre, Rhewl, Llangollen, LL20 7YT.



Thursday 27th September

**Coed Nercwys to
Moel Findeg circular**

10am – 3pm

Enjoy a stroll around these two key sites within the Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, looking at the interesting projects being worked on by staff, volunteers and four legged helpers. Meet at Coed Nercwys (nr Mold), northern car park, SJ218593.



Thursday 18th October

Llangollen History Trail

10am – 2.30pm

A 6 mile circular route that incorporates the historical richness that is part of the fabric of Llangollen's dramatic landscape. Meet Llangollen Tourist Information Centre.



27th October – 4th November
Half Term

Thursday 25th October

Autumn Stroll

10am - 2pm

A 6 mile circular autumnal walk to enjoy the fantastic colours of nature and beautiful views. Loggerheads Country Park.



Tuesday 30th October

Coppicing at Loggerheads

10am – 3pm

Continue the essential annual woodland management and learn the traditional technique of coppicing. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Thursday 4th October
**Round the County 11
Rhuallt to Prestatyn**

9.30am - 4pm

Walk over Prestatyn Hillside from Rhuallt, to the sea on this 8 mile walk along the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail.

Meet at the Nova Centre in Prestatyn for a mini bus transfer to the start of the walk.



Wednesday 14th November

**Round the County 12
Prestatyn to Rhyl**

9.30am – 3pm

This 8 mile walk will take in open countryside between the two towns of Prestatyn and Rhyl and will begin at the end (or beginning!) of the Offa's Dyke Path. We will follow the North Wales Path, before joining onto the Rhyl Lynx to get back to Brickfields Pond. Transport provided to the start of the walk. Meet at Brickfields Pond, Rhyl, SJ013804.



17th December – 2nd January
Christmas Holidays

Christmas at Loggerheads

Fun for all the family at Loggerheads Country Park this Christmas

☎ Caffi Florence 01352 810397
www.caffiflorence.co.uk





Green Tourism

The aim of this programme of events is to get people out and about in the countryside enjoying and appreciating our amazing landscapes and nature. We hope that people learn a little more about our geology, wildlife, history and culture and spread the word to friends and family. As a Countryside Service we work really closely with communities and businesses and hope to encourage people to visit and stay in the area while also behaving in a sustainable manner, ie using public transport, eating local produce and following the countryside code.

As a result of our commitment to Sustainable/ Green Tourism we have been funded for the next two years by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the

Welsh Government through the Rural Development Plan for Wales.

“The Clwydian Range received the Europarc Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Landscapes in 2009 and this inspired the project to use the Europarc principles to encourage sustainable tourism across the whole of Denbighshire.

Focusing on culture, heritage and the natural environment, it's all about making positive changes to tourism, with a view to encouraging more people to visit; providing reasons to stay longer; and helping to make Denbighshire a year-round destination.”

For more information on this project visit www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk

Come to our events by bus and reduce your carbon footprint!

The “Vale Rider” covers the beautiful Vale of Clwyd while the “Coast Rider” takes in the breath-taking seascape of Denbighshire.

The Clwydian Ranger is a summer bus service that runs from early July to the end of September on Sundays and August Bank Holiday Monday. It links great walk starting points and villages in the Clwydian Range with Chester, north Wales’s towns, the railway network, Moel Famau Country Park – famously crowned by the Jubilee Tower and Loggerheads Country Park.

The Moel Famau to Loggerheads Country Park Shuttle bus will be running every day during the Summer Holidays (21st July to 2nd September) to reduce the illegal parking on the A494 at this peak period. Please make use of this **FREE** service especially if you plan to visit Loggerheads.

| Departs Moel Famau | | Departs Loggerheads |
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| 09.00 | ↑ | 09.30 |
| 10.00 | | 10.30 |
| 11.00 | | 11.30 |
| 12.00 | Calling at Coed Moel Famau | 12.30 |
| 13.30 | ↓ | 14.00 |
| 14.30 | | 15.00 |
| 15.30 | | 16.00 |
| 16.30 | | 17.00 |

Bus stop locations: Pen Barras (viewpoint) car park, Coed Moel Famau car park and Loggerheads Car Park entrance



Stay a little longer and enjoy a visit to one of our heritage sites

| | Plas Newydd LL20 8AW | Nantclwyd y Dre LL15 1DP | Ruthin Gaol LL15 1HP | Rhyl Museum LL18 3AA | Denbigh Library LL16 3NU |
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| JAN | | | | 6 Jan - 30 March LMS Patriot Project | |
| FEB | | | | | |
| MAR | 1 - 31 March Ysgol Dinas Bran Garden Project | | | | |
| APR | 1 April - 6 May Groundwork - Exploring the Outdoors Exhibition | 1 April - 1 July St Peter's Gates Illumination Project | | 2 April - 30 June Community Exhibition presented by the children of Rhyl Adventure Playground | |
| MAY | 8 - 31 May Exhibition Freedom of the Mark - Gill Crozier & Janie McLeod - art exhibition | | | | |
| JUN | 2 - 30 Mick Stokes Wood on Fire - wood carving | | | | |
| JUL | 3 - 30 Jan Willis Textile Art | 6 July - 30 Sept Medieval Denbighshire and The Newport Ship | 1 July - 31 Oct Prisoner Art | 2 July - 29 Sept Local Heroes Denbighshire at War and Peace | 28 July - 9 Sept Sport in Denbighshire |
| AUG | 2 - 31 August Denbighshire Community Archaeology | | | | |
| SEPT | 4 - 30 September Exhibition Lorraine Mainelli art exhibition | | | | |
| OCT | 3 - 31 October Maggie Holliday Theatre of Dress clothing exhibition | | | 1 Oct - 5 Jan 2013 Medieval Denbighshire | |
| NOV |  Scan me for other 'Special Places in Denbighshire' | | | | |
| DEC | | | | | |

More great events and information.....

www.eventsnorthwales.co.uk

Denbighshire Countryside Service

☎ 01352 810614/586

loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.uk

www.heatherandhillforts.co.uk

Clwydian Range Centre at Loggerheads Country Park

The ideal starting point for exploring not only Loggerheads, but Moel Famau, the Clwydian Range AONB and the wider countryside.

Maps, books, gifts, tourist information and great hands-on activities for children are available. Open weekends and school holidays. ☎ 01352 810586.

Caffi Florence at Loggerheads Country Park

Fresh, local, seasonal and homemade food and drinks. Great cookery courses and workshops. ☎ 01352 810538
info@caffiflorence.co.uk / www.caffiflorence.co.uk

Accommodation and things to do

www.visitclwydianrange.co.uk

www.ridetheclwyds.com

www.ridehiraethog.com

www.borderlands.co.uk

www.specialplacesindenbighshire.co.uk

Young Archaeologist Club

If you are interested in archaeology and aged between 8 and 16 join the Young Archaeologist Club organised by the Council for British Archaeology.
loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Rockwatch

The junior club of the Geologists' Association for all those young geologists interested in rocks, fossils, minerals and landscape.

☎ 0207 734 5398

www.rockwatch.org.uk

rockwatchatga@btinternet.com

RSPB

☎ 0151 336 7681 www.rspb.org.uk

Woodland skills and bush craft courses

The Warren, Bodfari. ☎ 01745 710626 or visit www.woodlandskillscentre.co.uk

Flintshire Countryside Service

☎ 01244 814931

countryside@flintshire.gov.uk

www.flintshire.gov.uk/countryside

Forestry Commission Wales

☎ 0300 068 0300

Education Officer 01352 810796

www.forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre

☎ 01490 420463

www.hiraethog.org.uk

Wrexham Countryside Service

☎ 01978 763140

counyparks@wrexham.gov.uk

www.wrexham.gov.uk/countryside

Conwy Countryside Service

☎ 01492 575200

www.conwy.gov.uk/countryside

North Wales Wildlife Trust

☎ 01352 810469/07764 897412

acjones@wildlifetrustswales.org

www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Ramblers Association

☎ 01352 715723

www.ramblersnorthwales.org.uk

North East Wales Wildlife

☎ 01352 742115/238

cweo@newwildlife.org.uk

www.newwildlife.org.uk

North Wales Butterfly Conservation

www.northwalesbutterflies.org.uk

Green Badge Tour Guide

Walking tours for individuals and groups.

Heather Williams ☎ 01824 704998

heathermbwilliams@btinternet.com

www.heritagetoursnorthwales.com

Denbighshire

Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB



FREE PHOTOMAP OF THE CLWYDIAN RANGE
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Please return the completed questionnaire by 31st Dec 2012

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Visitor Services
Denbighshire Countryside Service
Loggerheads Country Park
NR Mold
Denbighshire
CH7 5LH

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To find out more about Denbighshire Countryside Service



our facebook page or ring 01352 810614

www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk



We hope you enjoy our 'Out & About' Programme.

Please complete this questionnaire for a chance to win a FREE Photomap of the Clwydian Range.

Please fold, attach stamp and return.

1. Where did you pick up the 'Out & About'?

2. Which events interest you and are there others we could include?

3. Did you visit any of these Denbighshire Countryside sites in 2011?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerheads | <input type="checkbox"/> Moel Famau | <input type="checkbox"/> Coed Nercwys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Castell Dinas Bran | <input type="checkbox"/> Offa's Dyke Path | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhuddlan NR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caer Drewyn | <input type="checkbox"/> Brickfields Pond | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

4. Did you find the 'Out & About' easy to follow and read?

- Yes No

5. Did you enjoy reading the 'Out & About'?

- Yes No

6. Do you feel more connected to your hillfort and moorland heritage?

- Yes No

Please tick if you would like to receive regular information from Denbighshire's Countryside Service

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel _____

E-mail _____

Details will only be used by Denbighshire's Countryside Service and will not be used by third parties

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Troedio Clwyd Walks

Yn cynnwys Troedio Sir y Fflint a Sir Ddinbych
Incorporating Walkabout Flintshire & Denbighshire



Dewch i ymuno â ni a gwneud ffrindiau newydd
Come and join us and make new friends

www.walkaboutflintshire.com / www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk/lets_walk/



Teithiau Wythnosol / Weekly Walks

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| Pob Llun Every Mon | 10.30 | Llanelwy St Asaph | Llain Bowlio Bowling Green | LL17 0RQ | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Llun Every Mon | 10.30 | Yr Wyddgrug Mold | Maes Parcio Tesco Tesco Car Park | CH7 1UB | lawr 1 hr |
| Pob Llun Every Mon | 2.00 | Fflint Flint | Canolfan Hamdden y Pafiliwn Pavillion Leisure Centre | CH6 5ER | 50 mun 50 mins |
| Pob Llun 1af Every 1st Monday | 10.30 | Yr Wyddgrug Mold | Maes Parcio Tesco Tesco Car Park | CH7 1UB | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Mawrth 1af a 3ydd Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday | 10.00 | Bwcle Buckley | Taith tu allan y dre Cysylltwch 01352 781318 Out of town walk Contact 01352 781318 | CH7 2EG | 3-4 awr 3-4 hrs |
| Pob 2il 4ydd a 5ed Mawrth Every 2nd 4th 5th Tue | 10.00 | Bwcle Buckley | Maes Parcio y Presinct Precinct Car Park | CH7 2EG | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Mawrth Every Tue | 10.00 | Dinbych Denbigh | Canolfan Hamdden Leisure Centre | LL16 3HB | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Mawrth Every Tue | 10.30 | Talacre | Goleudy ^ Lighthouse ^ | CH8 9RD | 40 mun 40 mins |
| Pob Mawrth Every Tue | 11.00 | Dyserth | Canolfan Cymuned * Community Centre * | LL18 6LP | 2awr 2hr |
| Pob Mawrth Every Tue | 2.00 | Yr Wyddgrug Mold | Drovers Arms Denbigh Rd | CH7 1BP | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Mercher Every Wed | 10.30 | Fflint Flint | Canolfan Hamdden y Pafiliwn Pavilion Leisure Centre | CH6 5ER | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Mercher Every Wed | 10.30 | Llanelwy St Asaph | Llain Bowlio Bowling Green | LL17 0RG | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Mercher Every Wed | 2.00 | Caerwys | Clwb Golf Golf Club | CH7 5AQ | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Mercher Every Wed | 7.00 | Helygain Halkyn | (Ebrill-Medi) Blue Bell Inn (Apr-Sep) | CH8 8DL | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 10.00 | Bwcle Buckley | Maes Parcio y Presinct * Precinct Car Park * | CH7 2EG | 60 or 90 60 or 90 |
| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 10.00 | Dinbych Denbigh | Pwll y Grawys Lenten pool | LL16 3LG | lawr + 1 hr + |

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| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 10.30 | Yr Wyddgrug Mold | Canolfan Cymuned Parkfields ^ Parkfields Comm. Centre ^ | CH7 1XG | 45 mun 45 mins |
| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 10.30 | Mostyn | Canolfan Cymuned Community Centre | CH8 9DE | lawr 1hr |
| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 11.00 | Rhuddlan | Canolfan Cymuned * Community Centre * | LL18 5PU | 2 awr 2 hrs |
| Pob Iau Every Thursday | 2.00 | Helygain Halkyn | Blue Bell Inn | CH8 8DL | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Gwener Every Friday | 10.30 | Aston | Melrose Inn | CH5 1LR | lawr 1hr |
| Pob Gwener Every Friday | 12.30 | Rhyl | Pwll Brickfield Brickfield Pond | LL18 2YR | 2 awr 2 hrs |
| Pob Gwener (Ebrill-Medi) Every Friday (Apr-Sep) | 6.45 | Rhesycae | Miners Arms | CH7 5LR | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Pob Sadwrn Every Saturday | 10.30 | Helygian Halkyn | Blue Bell Inn * | CH8 8DL | 1-2 awr 1-2 hrs |
| Pob Sadwrn Every Saturday | 10.30 | Talacre | Smugglers Inn | CH8 9RD | 90 mun 90 mins |
| Sul (dim olaf) Sunday (not last) | 10.00 | Treffynnon Holywell | Canolfan Cymuned Holway Holway Community Centre | CH8 7NH | 3 awr 3 hrs |

Teithiau Nordic / Nordic Walks

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| Pob Llun Every Mon | 9.45 | Ardal Prestatyn Prestatyn Area | Cysylltwch 07951655215 Contact 07951655215 | - | lawr 1hr |
| Pob Mawrth Every Tue | 1.00 | Dinbych Denbigh | Morrison's | LL16 3RQ | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Iau Every Thu | 10.30 | Loggerheads | Parc Gwledig Country Park | CH7 5LH | lawr + 1 hr + |
| Pob Iau Every Thu | 10.30 | Dinbych Denbigh | Morrison's | CH7 5LH | 2 awr + 2 hrs + |
| Pob Gwener Every Fri | 10.30 | Ardal Rhyl Rhyl Area | Cysylltwch 01745356197 Contact 01745356197 | - | 1 awr 1 hr |

* Sesiwn dechreuwy'r & profiadol / **Beginners & advanced sessions** ^ Taith Hawdd / **Easy Walk**

Teithiau cerdded yn agored i bawb / Teithiau yn addas i bawb / Arweinir gan Wirfoddolwyr wedi ei hyfforddi

Mae cerdded cyson wedi cael ei ddangos i wella hunan hyder, stamina, rheolaeth pwysau ac i leihau straen a phryder. Ceisiwch gyrraedd 15 munud cyn amser dechrau y Daith Gerdded os gwelwch yn dda. Argymhellir esgidiau da a chot law.

Walks open to everyone / Walks will suit all abilities / Led by Trained Volunteer Walk Leaders

Regular walks have been shown to improve self confidence, stamina, weight control and to reduce anxiety and stress. Please try to arrive 15 minutes before the walk start time. Stout footwear and waterproof jackets are recommended.

Llwybr y Clawdd Offa

Dewch i ymestyn eich coesau a chadw'n heini! Taith 20 milltir ym Mryniau Clwyd gyda golygfeydd godidog. Os ydych chi'n teimlo'n ddigon heini a'r tywydd wrth eich bodd – cerddwch! Anfonwch amlen â chyfeiriad â stamp i Caenant, Llangynhafal, Ruthun, LL15 1RU neu anfonwch e-bost at michael.skuse@btinternet.com am fwy o fanylion am y daith.

Offa's Hyke

Stretch yourself! A 20 mile walk in the Clwydian Range with great views and lots of exercise. Do it anytime the weather suits you and you feel fit! Ideal for group walking. Route description and useful information by stamped addressed envelope to Caenant, Llangynhafal, Ruthin, LL15 1RU or by email to michael.skuse@btinternet.com.

Am wybodaeth bellach cysylltwch a / For further information

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