

Out & About 2013

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



Family Fun, Walking, Cycling and much more.


FREE

Welcome

Our 2013 programme of activities, events and walks offers opportunities to enjoy the stunning landscape of the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and surrounding countryside.

We have used your valuable feedback to carefully select a programme which we hope you enjoy as much as last year. Please continue to provide feedback using the enclosed form and the evaluation sheets on the day.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Countryside Council for Wales, Cadwyn Clwyd and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for supporting the programme of events for two years. The funding has come to an end and we cannot guarantee being able to produce a paper copy of the Out & About for 2014, however we will publish all the events on our websites and eventsnorthwales as usual. If you would like to receive links please send your email address to us and we will add you to the Denbighshire Countryside Service database (this is not shared with any third parties).

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.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk

www.visitclwydianrange.co.uk

www.ridenorthwales.co.uk



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Denbighshire Countryside Service
and Clwydian Range AONB



Scan this QR code with your smartphone QRcode reader App.

This booklet and these events have been grant aided by the Countryside Council for Wales and the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007 – 2013 which is funded by the Welsh Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.



Things to help you pick the right activity or event for you;



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.



Accessible facilities near the event.



There is a charge for this event
Please remember that all children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

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.



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.

Guided Walks

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



Short walk on a hard surfaced route or accessible family activity



Easy (short & flat, some loose surfaces)



Average (Some steep sections and loose surfaces)

To book or for more information call 01352 810586 or 01352 810614



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.

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!

To book or for more information call 01352 810586 or 01352 810614 or email:
loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Denbighshire Countryside Service produces 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.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk

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

Full training will be provided.

Please make sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date!

Short Family Walks

In the AONB

Look out for this coloured box.

Short Walks Challenge

Explore the AONB in the Dee Valley every month, from Chirk to Cynwyd. The walks will be around 2 miles long and will be as flat as possible. We'll end as many walks as possible with refreshments in a local café or pub.....unfortunately you will have to pay for your own drinks!

Exploring the Extension Challenge

Come and explore the stunning Dee Valley and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



or email: loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

The National Trust at Chirk Castle will be leading guided walks on the last Wednesday of each month, ranging from 4 to 12 miles. All walks start in the car park at Chirk Castle at 9.30 am. For more information and to book, phone 01691 777701



9 – 17 February
Half Term

Monday 4 February
Music Mondays at Caffi Florence
2pm – 4pm
Finish your own walk in style and comfort or just enjoy Liam Byrne & Andy Hulme: jazz saxophone & guitar in a stunning location. Loggerheads Country Park.



Monday 11 February
Early Spring Walk
10 – 12pm
Come and search out signs of spring around the Horseshoe Falls and Llantysilio Church. Meet at Llantysilio Green car park for a short walk for all the family (some kissing gates on route) SJ198433.



Wednesday 20 February
Llantysilio Green
10am – 12pm
Join us for a stroll around Velvet Hill, along quiet lanes and footpaths. We'll finish in the Chain Bridge Hotel. Meet at Llantysilio Green car park, SJ198433



Monday 4 March
Pamela Wyn Shannon at Caffi Florence
2pm – 4pm
Finish your own walk in style and comfort or just enjoy good music in a stunning location on a Music Monday. Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 7th March & Friday 8th March
Butterfly Boutique
10am – 3pm

Come along and help us upgrade the picnic table area at the Community Woodland Prestatyn. Ground Level Planters will be built to house shrubs that are important for a diverse butterfly population. Meet Coed Morfa Community Woodland Car Park, SJ058823



Sunday 10 March

Mothering Sunday Treat

Traditional Afternoon Tea to make mums feel special at Loggerheads Country Park. £7.75 adults, £4.25 children. Visit www.caffiflorence.co.uk (tel) 01352 810397



Wednesday 13 March

Beginners guide to map reading

2pm – 4.30pm

Basic map reading for those who wish to brush up on their knowledge. A short walk will let you try out your skills. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 20 March

A spring in your step

10am – 12pm

We'll be enjoying the start of spring with a gentle walk along the old railway cutting and around the base of Caer Drewyn. Meet at the Leisure Centre car park, Corwen



23rd March – 7th April

Easter Holidays

Saturday 23 March

A Big Heart Day at Brickfields Pond
12pm – 4pm

Celebrate being healthy in the outdoors, take part in easy walks, make some amazing things out of recycled materials and witness the unveiling of the new panel. Brickfields Pond, Rhyl.



Saturday 23 March – Sunday 7 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



Monday 25 March,

Bird Box Making

10 – 12pm

Learn about different homes for birds and make a bird box to take home.

We'll also be making minibeast models. Sports Pavilion, Corwen
SJ079437.



Saturday 30th March

Easter Trail

11am – 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



Thursday 4 April

Great Easter Eggcase Hunt

10.30am – 12.30pm

Explore the beach at Gronant Dunes looking for mermaid's purses (eggcases of sharks, skates and rays) and help contribute to the annual monitoring of these fascinating 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. Meet at Lower Gronant carpark (opposite the Crofters Pantry Café), SJ090836



Saturday 6 April

Family Countryside Challenge - Loggerheads Country Park

9am – 11.00am start

Spend the morning in the great outdoors solving clues, following trails and having fun against the clock to complete the countryside challenge! There will be a small prize for the family that completes the challenge correctly in the fastest time. There will be the choice of either a shorter challenge or a longer, more difficult challenge suited to families with older children.

Challenge 1 –



Challenge 2 –



Sunday 7 April

(1st Sunday of every month to Sept)

Halkyn History Walk

11am

Come and learn about the history of Halkyn on this fascinating walk led by Troedio Clwyd Volunteer Walk Leaders. Meet at the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn.
www.walkaboutflintshire.co.uk



Saturday 13 April

Real Ale Trail

Tickets £10 in advance £15 on the day.
www.realaletrailflintshire.co.uk



Wednesday 17 April

Plas Newydd

10am – 12pm

Come and enjoy one of the walks the Ladies of Llangollen used to take around Fron Bache. We'll finish in the café in Plas Newydd. Meet at Plas Newydd, Llangollen. SJ218416



Monday 22 April

All about bees

2 – 5pm

Come and learn about these fascinating and important creatures and ways that we can help them. There will be an introduction to bee keeping from 2 -3 pm, and then you can make your own bee homes (not hives!) from 3.30 – 5pm. Y Caban, Plas Newydd, Llangollen



Saturday 27 April

Brenig, Bikes and Birds - Countryside Open Day

11am – 4pm

A family fun day full of activity with craft, bird box making, have a go on a wooden bike skills track, make a smoothie, get a health check for your bike and join a workshop on basic bike maintenance and much more. Please book to join a guided bike ride around Llyn Brenig starting at 11am. Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre



Saturday 4 May

Wales Coast Path 1st Anniversary Walk

10.30am or 2pm start

Join us to celebrate one year of the All Wales Coast Path by completing a 5 or 10 mile section of the coastal path. The 5 mile walk will follow the promenade from Rhyl to Prestatyn and will start at Marine Lake in Rhyl at 2pm. The longer 10 mile walk will meet at the Fun Ship in Mostyn at 10.30am. Both walks will finish at Caffi Cymru in Prestatyn at about 4pm.

Parking is available in Rhyl, the Nova Centre Prestatyn and Mostyn. A regular bus service links these three points. Traveline-cymru.info has further details of bus timetables.



Monday 6 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.



Wednesday 8 May

Exploring the Extension I:

Llangollen – Chirk

10am – 4pm

Come and explore the stunning Dee Valley and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB.

This walk connects Llangollen with Chirk, taking in the fantastic views and the stunning grounds of Chirk Castle. We'll stop for refreshments in the Castle, then the Estate Warden will guide us through the grounds providing information on the veteran trees, before finishing at Chirk station to catch the bus home. Meet at TIC Llangollen 10.00am. Free bus return from Chirk.



Wednesday 15 May

Trefor Basin

10am – 12pm

This walk incorporates the Llangollen Canal and the dismantled railway line, so is mainly flat and on good surfaces. We'll take a peek at the aqueduct and the visitors centre, then finish with refreshments on the wharf or the Telford pub. Meet in the Trefor Basin car park. SJ272423



Friday 17 – Sunday 19 May

Prestatyn & Clwydian Range Walking Festival

www.prestatynwalkingfestival.co.uk

01745 857185

Friday 17 May

Dinas Bran in the Dark

8 – 10 pm

Ever wondered what comes out at night on Dinas Bran? Join us for an evening stroll, armed with bat detectors and a moth trap to see what we can find.

Meet at Ysgol Dinas Bran (by the Leisure Centre), Llangollen



Saturday 18 May

Bikes and Countryside Open Day

11am – 4pm

A family fun day full of activity with crafts, BMX displays, Nordic walking, make a smoothie, bring your bike for a free health check, join a workshop on basic bike maintenance and have a go on the BMX circuit and the bike track. Marsh Tracks, Glan Morfa Rhyl



Sunday 19 May

Bloomin' Marvellous Bluebells

11am – 2pm

Join us on the Tea Gardens at Loggerheads to learn all about bluebells and make your own giant bluebell to take home.



Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 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



25 May – 2 June
Half Term

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May

A Midsummer Night's Dream

'The course of true love never did run smooth'

Shakespeare's hilarious tale of love, magic and mischief brought to you by the innovative and exciting Taking Flight Theatre Company. A promenade performance with live music and puppetry supported with BSL/SSE. Loggerheads Country Park. See our website or facebook page for further details.



Thursday 30 May

Nightjar Walk

8 – 11pm

An evening trip to Coed Nantyr to experience the nightlife of the forest. If we're lucky, we will get to experience the magical song and flight of the enigmatic nightjar. As parking is limited here, a free minibus will take us to and from site (returning for approximately 11.00pm). Meet Market Street car park, Llangollen. Places limited, booking essential.



Friday 31 May

The Three Towns of Medieval Rhuddlan

10am – 12 noon

A family walk taking you back in time to discover and see some of Rhuddlan's complicated history. Meet at the car park in Parliament Street, SJ024781



31 May, 1 & 2 June

Woodfest, St Asaph.

www.woodfestwales.co.uk



Tuesday 4 June

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

Make your own way to the viewing platform on the dunes to meet one of the wardens. Viewing and update on the progress of this rare little tern nesting site every Tuesday through the nesting season. Park at Lower Gronant carpark (opposite the Crofters Pantry Café), SJ090836 then follow the road down to the Presthaven entrance where you turn left following the Coast Path.



Thursday 6 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



8 – 16 June Wales Biodiversity Week

A week of events to raise awareness about the wonderful wildlife of Wales.
www.biodiversitywales.org.uk

Tuesday 11 June

Exploring the Extension II

Ponderosa – Prospect Tea Room

10am – 4.30pm

Come and explore the stunning Dee Valley and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB.

This 10 mile linear walk takes in the delights of Ruabon and Llandegla Moors.

Meet at Prospect Garden Tea Room car park near Garth (GR SJ247435).

Free minibus provided to the start of the walk.



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Tuesday 11 June

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4 June for details

Wednesday 12 June

Bug Hunting for Beginners

1.30 – 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. Meet at the Clwydian Range Centre.





Sunday 16 June

Wildlife Fun Day

11am – 4pm

Come and celebrate Wales Biodiversity Week at Loggerheads Country Park. Drop in throughout the day to join in with wildlife-themed activities.



Tuesday 18 June

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4 June for details

Friday 14 June

Wildflower Walk

3.30 – 5.30pm

Following on from our introduction to bees, we'll be exploring the old railway line, canal and lane verges to see how many bees we can spot, and which flowers they like. This 2 mile walk is family friendly and accessible with pushchairs.

Meet in the car park for Ponycysyllte Aqueduct, Trefor (SJ272423)

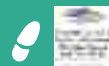


Wednesday 19 June

Chirk Aqueduct

10am – 12pm

This walk will take in the canal over the Chirk Aqueduct and Pontfaen Bridge. Refreshments will be in the new World Heritage Site Visitor Centre in Glynwylfa. Meet at Glynwylfa on Castle Road, Chirk. SJ288375



Sunday 16 June

Father's Day

One-day Camp for Dads

11am – 4pm

Wrap up and bring your Dad (or Grandad!) to Loggerheads for a camping treat. Spend the day den-building, making a fire and enjoy some outdoor crafts and cooking.



Saturday 22 June

Ty Mawr Fun Dog Show

Entries form 11am, judging from 1pm
Has your dog got the waggiest tail? Ty Mawr Country Park, Wrexham
SJ283415

£1.50 per class - £5 for all four.





Saturday 22 to Sunday 23 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.



Tuesday 25 June

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4 June for details

Friday 28 & Saturday 29 June

Big Dee Day - The Invasion

Following on from the success of the annual Big Dee Day clean-up there will be an extra event to tackle invasive non-native species. Details will be posted on our facebook page and on our website nearer the time.



Tuesday 2 July

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4 June for details

Friday 5 July

Tremeirchion Walk

10.30am – 12.30pm

A 3 mile circular walk from Tremeirchion, that links in to the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, whilst taking in wide panoramas of the Vale of Clwyd. This walk is part of the Community Miles series. If you are unable to make the date, leaflets are available from the Salisbury Arms in Tremeirchion, or from our website.



Tuesday 9 July

Exploring the Extension III
Minera Lead Mines and

Mountains

10am – 4.30pm

Come and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

Join one of the Heritage Officers from Wrexham to learn about the fascinating history of the lead mines. From there we'll head onto Minera Mountain for a 7 mile walk, returning along the dismantled railway line.

Meet at Minera Lead Mines,
SJ272511



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Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4 June for details

Sunday 14 July

A Midsummer Night's Dream

'The course of true love never did run smooth'

Shakespeare's hilarious tale of love, magic and mischief brought to you by the innovative and exciting Taking Flight Theatre Company. A promenade performance with live music and puppetry supported with BSL/SSE. See our website or facebook page for further details. Loggerheads Country Park



Tuesday 16 July

Little Tern Lowdown

11am – 12noon

See the 4th June for details

13 – 28 July

Festival of British Archaeology

Thursday 18 July

Limestone, Lead and Railways

7 – 8.30pm

Visit the newly repaired and restored Clive Engine House and walk part of the old railway, the Prestatyn Dyserth Way. Meet at Dyserth Falls Resort SJ056800



Friday 19 July

Family Fun at Plas Newydd

3.30 – 5.30pm

Come and celebrate the end of term at Plas Newydd! There will be den building and traditional games. Y Caban, Plas Newydd, Llangollen



20 July – 1 September
Summer Holidays





Wednesday 24 July

Cynwyd

10am – 12pm

Come and enjoy the River Dee and railway line in this gentle walk from the centre of Cynwyd. We'll visit the charcoal making on the railway line and have our refreshments there. Meet outside the Post Office, Cynwyd.



Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 July

Victorian Festival at

Loggerheads

11am – 4pm

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology witness how Victorian people lived, worked and played at Loggerheads Country Park.

Meet the miller.



Wednesday 24 July

Forest Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park with the Forest Education Team. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Wednesday 24 July

Industrial to Beautiful Valley

7pm – 9pm

Walk around the beautiful park to discover its hidden industrial past.

Meet in the car park at Loggerheads Country Park SJ197626



Tue 23, Wed 24 & Friday 26 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.

Corwen - Cynwyd Railway Line. Meet at Stamp lay-by, SJ060424



Thursday 25 July

Exploring the Extension IV Slate,
Tramlines and Railway Lines
10am – 4pm

Come and discover just why this
landscape has been included into the
recently extended Clwydian Range &
Dee Valley AONB

Walk up into the Berwyns to discover
Moel Fferna slate quarries and the
wild moorland it is surrounded by,
before returning to the lush and
beautiful Dee Valley. Meet in the car
park behind the Institute in
Glyndyfrdwy SJ148426



Friday 26 July

Elf & Fairy Friday – Magic Wands
11am – 2pm

Join us on the Tea gardens at
Loggerheads to collect magical things
from the Park and create a beautiful
wand.



Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 July
Victorian Festival at
Loggerheads

11am – 4pm

As part of the Festival of British
Archaeology witness how Victorian
people lived, worked and played at
Loggerheads Country Park. Take a look
around the mill and taste some of the
food that people would have eaten.
There will be cookery demonstrations
through the day.



Sunday 28 July

Open Day to view excavations at Moel
y Gaer Bodfari. Details will be posted
on our facebook page 'Denbighshire
Countryside Service' or on our website
nearer the time. This is the third year
of the Oxford University dig at this
important Iron Age hillfort, and a great
opportunity to have a nose!

Wednesday 31 July

Forest Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads
Country Park with the Forest Education
Team. Meet outside the Clwydian
Range Centre.



Thursday 1 August

Take the Challenge!

10am – 3pm

Can you complete the orienteering
course at the delightful historic
gardens of Plas Newydd in
Llangollen? Improve your fitness and
your map reading skills. Challenge
your friends – who will complete the
courses in the fastest time? Can't
make the date – orienteering course
maps are available in the shop at Plas
Newydd, pop in for further details.





Thursday 1 August

Marine Fun

2 – 4pm

Join us for games and activities on Rhyl beach and learn about the amazing wildlife that lives in our seas and on our coasts. Groups welcome. Meet on the beach opposite the RNLI Station, SJ009819.



Thursday 1 August

Discover the Denbigh Bats

8.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Join us on a 3 mile walk around a Historic Town, Castle and Ancient Woodlands to discover which bats use the sites, detectors provided but please bring your own if you have one and a torch. Meet Brookhouse Mill, Denbigh, SJ071657



Friday 2 August

River Dipping at Gro Isa

10 – 12pm

Come and see what's living in the River Dee. If you're lucky, there might even be some Himalayan Balsam to pull! Meet at Corwen Sports Pavilion, SJ079437



Friday 2 August

Elf & Fairy Friday – Wings

11am – 2pm

Join us on the Tea gardens at Loggerheads to collect magical things from the Park and create your very own wings.



Saturday 3 August

Coed Moel Famau Open Day

10.30am – 4pm

Activities, pond dipping and demonstrations. A chance to meet some of the staff from the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB team and Forestry Commission Wales staff. Meet Coed Moel Famau car park. SJ172612



Wednesday 7 August
Forest Fun @ Loggerheads
 10.30am – 12noon
 Family activities at Loggerheads
 Country Park with the Forest Education
 Team. Meet outside the Clwydian
 Range Centre.



Friday 9 August
Elf & Fairy Friday – Leaf Crowns
 11am – 2pm
 Join us on the Tea gardens at
 Loggerheads to collect magical things
 from the Park and create a regal
 crown.



Saturday 10 August
**Explore Moel Arthur and Penycloddiau
 Hillforts**
 10am – 4pm
 Explore two of the fantastic hillforts of
 the Clwydian Range and find out how
 our ancestors lived in these fascinating
 places around 2500 years ago. Meet at
 Llangwyfan car park SJ139669



Monday 12 August
Meteorites at Night!
 9 – 11pm
 A 2 mile guided walk up to Caer
 Drewyn hillfort to hopefully watch
 the annual Perseids meteor shower.
 We'll also be taking a moth trap and
 bat detectors with us to discover
 what creatures reside around our Iron
 Age hillfort. Free hot drinks provided.
 Meet at Corwen Leisure Centre Car
 Park.



Wednesday 14 August
Forest Fun @ Loggerheads
 10.30am – 12noon
 Family activities at Loggerheads
 Country Park with the Forest Education
 Team. Meet outside the Clwydian
 Range Centre.



Wednesday 14 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



Thursday 15 August

Denbighshire & Flintshire Agricultural Show ☎ 01352 712131



Friday 16 August

Dens & Daring

11am – 4pm

Den and shelter building in the woods at Loggerheads.

7+



Tuesday 20 August

BBQ and Bats

7.30pm - 10.30pm

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



Wednesday 21 August

Moorland Meander

10am – 12pm

Come and explore the beautiful moorland on the eastern edge of the AONB, with a gentle ramble on paths through the bilberry and heather. We'll finish at Prospects tea room. Meet at Prospect Garden Tea Rooms, near Garth, SJ247435



Wednesday 21 August

Forest Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park with the Forest Education Team. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Friday 23 August

The Forbidden Forest

10am – 12noon or 2pm – 4pm

Take part in a wizard woodland adventure at Loggerheads. Meet mythical characters, solve puzzles and perform spells to earn wizard gold.



Wednesday 27 August

Marine Fun

10am – 12noon

Join us for games and activities on Rhyl beach and learn about the amazing wildlife that lives in our seas and on our coasts. Groups welcome. Meet on the beach opposite the RNLI Station, SJ009819.



Wednesday 28 August

Forest Fun @ Loggerheads

10.30am – 12noon

Family activities at Loggerheads Country Park with the Forest Education Team. Meet outside the Clwydian Range Centre.



Thursday 29 August

Ty Mawr – Old Macdonald Day

1.30 – 3.30pm

Meet the animals, make a badge and go on a tractor ride! Ty Mawr Country Park, Wrexham SJ283415



Thursday 29 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 30 August

Crafty trash

10am – 12noon or 2pm – 4pm

Put rubbish to good use and create your own recycled creature to take home. Loggerheads Country Park.



Saturday 31 August – Sunday 1 September

Corwen Walking Festival

This free festival is centred at the Sports Pavilion with a great selection of walks, talks, and an outdoor clothing fashion show from Cotswold Outdoor.

www.corwenwalkingfestival.co.uk



Look out for Open Doors Denbighshire in September,

www.opendoorsdenbighshire.org.uk

www.drysauagoredsirddinbych.org.uk

Sunday 1 September

Exploring the Extension V

Ponderosa - Corwen

9.30am – 4pm

Come and explore the stunning Dee Valley and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB.

A 10 mile walk following the undulating slopes of the Llantysilio Range – some of which are quite steep, but the magnificent far reaching views are richly rewarding. Meet at the Sports Pavilion car park, Green Lane, Corwen (SJ079436) 9.30am. From there, a free minibus will take us to the Ponderosa café.



Saturday 7 September

Real Ale Trail

Tickets £10 in advance £15 on the day.
www.realaletrailflintshire.co.uk



Wednesday 18 September

Glyndyfrdwy

10am – 12noon

This 2.5 mile walk follows the quiet track around Coed Pen y Garth, (which can be muddy at times). We'll go to the station café or Berwyn Arms for refreshments afterwards.

Meet in the eastbound lay-by by the Butterfly Man, SJ157425



21 & 22 September

Mold Food Festival

Sunday 29 September

Autumn Amble to the Aqueduct

1pm

Enjoy this 3 mile return walk to admire the World Heritage Site in the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Meet at Ty Mawr Visitor Centre, Wrexham (SJ283415)



01978 822780



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.

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 October
Llanferres Art Group Exhibition
Fri 2.30 – 4.30pm
Sat & Sun 10.30am – 4.30pm
Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 16 October

Llangollen Wharf

10am – 12pm

After a nice flat start along the canal, this walk will gently climb to the back of Geufron Hall before returning along Wern Road for a well earned drink in the Wharf Café. Meet at Llangollen Wharf, by the café.

SJ215422



26th October – 3rd November
Half Term

Saturday 26 October

Edward I and Medieval Denbigh

10am – 12noon

Walk up the hill to the castle to start a journey around the medieval town and woods. Meet outside the Library
SJ052661



Tuesday 29 October

Pumpkin Carving

2pm & 3pm

Bring your own pumpkin and get creative. Loggerheads Country Park



Tuesday 29 October

Spooky Walk at Pen y Pigyn.

5 – 7pm

Meet at the Gorsedd Stones (follow the signs from the Post Office) and see what surprises there are in the woods today. Pen y Pigyn, Corwen
SJ076432



Wednesday 30 October

Crazy Cobwebs

11am – 4pm

Pop in and make a mask, twig skeleton or a crazy cobweb at Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 31 October

Hallowoods

4.30 – 6.30pm

Classic scary-tale told by the wicked witch of the woods, including magical woodland trail. Warm fancy dress, wellies and a torch essential.
Loggerheads Country Park



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

Wednesday 6 November

Exploring the Extension VI

Llangollen Circular

10am – 4pm

Come and explore the stunning Dee Valley and discover just why this landscape has been included into the recently extended Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB.

Come and enjoy the autumn colours in this mid-level, 10 mile walk around the Dee Valley from Llangollen to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and back via Sun Bank. Meet at Plas Newydd, Llangollen, SJ218416



Friday 15 November

Hedgehogs

3.30 – 5pm

Find out about hedgehogs and other creatures that wisely sleep through the winter. We'll find some autumn leaves and create some giant collages, or make our own creatures in the dell if the weather's kind. Y Caban, Plas Newydd, Llangollen



Wednesday 20 November

Trefor Woods

10am – 12noon

The final walk of the year will take in the last of the autumn colours in Trefor Woods and the Llangollen canal, before finishing at the Sun Inn. Meet at the Sun Inn, Trefor. SJ242424



Friday 6 December

Make a Snowman!

3.30 – 5pm

In the unlikely event of no snow being available on this date, we will be making snowflake lanterns in the comfort of y Caban instead. Y Caban, Plas Newydd, Llangollen



Friday 6 December

A Wonderful Welsh Winter

2pm – 6pm

Celebrate winter in Loggerheads Country Park with some festive tree dressing. Make a natural and colourful bird feeder in our craft room, enjoy your own winter stroll, then warm up in the Café and be inspired by our Christmas gifts in the Shop (open late till 7pm).



Sunday 8 December

Ty Mawr – Christmas Crackers

1.30 – 3.30pm

Festive crafts from recycled and natural materials. Ty Mawr Country Park, Wrexham SJ283415



21st December – 6th January
Christmas Holidays

Christmas at Loggerheads

Fun for all the family at Loggerheads Country Park this Christmas

Tel 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 two years by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development through Green Tourism administered by Cadwyn Clwyd Rural Development Agency.

“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.

Llangollen Lift is a free minibus service running on weekends from Spring to Autumn. This is a great walking bus, taking in the Panorama, Pentredwr, the Ponderosa and the Horseshoe Falls.

Stay a little longer and enjoy a visit to one of hundreds of fabulous places nearby.

More great events and information...

Denbighshire Countryside Service

☎ 01352 810614/586

loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk

Clwydian Range Centre at Loggerheads Country Park

An amazing place to pick up a fabulous gift for any occasion. Also the place to help plan your visit not only to Loggerheads, but Moel Famau, and further afield. Maps, books, gifts, tourist information and great hands-on activities for all. Open every day except Christmas Eve and Day. ☎ 01352 810586.

Caffi Florence at Loggerheads Country Park

Fresh, local, seasonal and homemade food and drinks.

Great cookery courses and workshops. Open every day except Christmas Day.

☎ 01352 810538. info@caffiflorence.co.uk

www.caffiflorence.co.uk

Accommodation and things to do.

www.visitclwydianrange.co.uk

www.ridenorthwales.com

www.borderlands.co.uk

www.specialplacesindenbighshire.co.uk

www.eventsnorthwales.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

Woodland Skills Centre runs courses in traditional crafts and bushcraft and also family days and holiday club. It is based in 50 acres of woodland in the heart of the AONB near Bodfari.

www.woodlandskillscentre.co.uk

☎ 01745 710626.

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

countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk

www.wrexham.gov.uk/countryside

Conwy Countryside Service

☎ 01492 575200

www.conwy.gov.uk/countryside

Mold Tourist Information Centre

Rhyl Tourist Information Centre

Llangollen Tourist Information Centre

North Wales Wildlife Trust

☎ 01352 810469/07764 897412.

acljones@wildlifetrustswales.org

www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Ramblers Association

01352 715723

www.ramblersnorthwales.org.uk

North East Wales Wildlife

☎ 01352 742115/238

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RSPB

☎ 0151 336 7681

www.rspb.org.uk

Chirk Castle National Trust

☎ 01691 777701

North Wales Butterfly Conservation

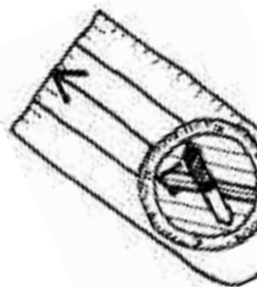
www.northwalesbutterflies.org.uk

Green Badge Tour Guide

Walking tours for individuals and groups in north east Wales. Heather Williams

☎ 01824 704998. htnw@btinternet.com

www.heritagetoursnorthwales.com



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- put the grid reference into the search box, and you will be provided with a map.

