



Special Edition Celebrating Jubilee Tower's
200th and Clwydian Range's 25th Birthday

2010 | out & about

in Denbighshire's countryside



free

family fun activities
guided walks
practical activities




Welcome

The 2010 essential guide to guided walks, activities and conservation tasks in Denbighshire's Countryside offers even more experiences to suit even more people.

This year is a celebration year as the Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty celebrates its 25th birthday and 200 years has passed since the foundation stone for the Jubilee Tower was laid at the summit of Moel Famau. Keep an eye out for these symbols   and watch the website www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.uk for details.

Please continue to provide feedback, using the enclosed form and the evaluation sheets on the day.

Please book to participate in any of our activities or walks with this symbol  during the 7 days running up to 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 Denbighshire's Countryside.

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

Tourism, Culture and Countryside Department
Environment Directorate
Denbighshire County Council

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Photographs

Please note that 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.

'In accordance with Denbighshire County Council's no smoking policy, all participants are requested not to smoke whilst attending the activities, walks and events in this programme.'

Logo's and symbols to look out for.

- ⑤+ - Be aware that this event may not
- ⑧+ engage children under 5/8 years
- £3 - There is a charge for this event

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 AONB with Chester, north Wales’s towns and the railway network.

This year there are new links from Rhyl, Prestatyn and Llangollen to Moel Famau Country Park – infamously crowned by the Jubilee Tower and Llandegla Forest – where you can hire a bike and enjoy amazing off-road cycling routes (www.coedllandegla.com).

Guides to the Clwydian Ranger are available from your local bus stations, Tourist Information Centres, libraries and Loggerheads Countryside Centre.

The Passenger Transport Group

01824 706968

www.denbighshire.gov.uk/highways

01352 704035

www.flintshire.gov.uk

Why use public transport instead of taking the car?

- ▶ It is better for the environment! This really has to be the best reason for travelling by bus, especially so in a protected area.
- ▶ It is better for you! Even if it is a short distance, walking to and from the bus stop contributes to your daily physical activity.
- ▶ It is kinder to your pockets! Depending on how far you are travelling, it can work out much better value for money when you don’t have to pay for parking meters or petrol. If you purchase a ▶ Clwydian Ranger day ticket you have unlimited travel on many services!
- ▶ You can enjoy the scenery! If you are driving, you simply can’t look around at the spectacular views of the Clwydian Range. On the bus you are free to do so and have a much better view from the height of a bus.
- ▶ There is no stress over parking! Isn’t trying to find somewhere to park the most frustrating feeling? Well you don’t have to worry if you travel by bus!



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Family Fun

in Denbighshire's countryside




Please 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.

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

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.

Please remember that all children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Age 5+/8+ - Be aware that this event may not engage children under 5 or 8 years of age

 - This event has limited spaces, please book a week in advance.

13th - 21st February **Half Term**

12th - 21st March
National Science Week 'Earth'.

27th March - 11th April
Easter Holidays

Saturday 27th March - Sunday 11th April

Loggerheads Egg-heads

10am - 4pm

Pick up an Egg-heads sheet from the Countryside Centre and return the completed quiz to Caffi Florence for an Easter treat.



Good Friday 2nd April

Easter Trail

10 - 3pm

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



Friday 2nd - Monday 5th April

Easter Egg Hunt

10am - 4pm

Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre 01490 420463



Monday 5th April Bank Holiday

Talacre Easter Egg Hunt

10am - 3pm

Join the Flintshire coastal rangers on their traditional Easter event. Meet at the Information Point on Beach car park.

Cost: 50p per person. Proceeds to Talacre Community Centre. Tel 01244 814931



Thursday 8th April

National Eggcase Hunt

'Great Easter Eggcase Hunt'

10.30am - 12.30pm

Explore the beach at Gronant Dunes looking for mermaids purses (skate and ray eggcases) and help contribute to the monitoring of these declining creatures. There is a short walk from the car park to the beach. Please bring wellies and a container. Groups welcome. Meet at Lower Gronant car park, opposite the Crofter Pantry Café, SJ090836.



Saturday 17th April

'Moonwatch'

6.30pm - 11.30pm

Organised in partnership with local astronomy societies. Meet at Llyn Brenig. Equipment provided for participants. 01490 420463



Sunday 2nd May

Aquacreatures

11am & 2pm

Pond dipping and mini beast safari. Llyn Brenig 01490 420463



29th May - 6th June

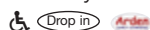
Half Term

Tuesday 1st June

Genius Geology

10.30am - 12pm

Get creative with fossils at Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 2nd June

Meet the Miner

11am - 1pm

Local storyteller Andy Harrop-Smith takes you back in time to the 19th Century where as a miner he brings the industrial history of Loggerheads to life. A short walk with exciting story stops along the way. Loggerheads Country Park.



Friday 4th June

Brenig Family Rides

10am & 2pm

Take half a day from your busy schedule and spend some quality time with your family during the holidays for a ride around the picturesque area of Hiraethog. Guided Rides with Oneplanet Adventure. Starting from Llyn Brenig. Booking is essential. 01978 751656



5th - 13th June

Biodiversity Week



www.biodiversitywales.org.uk

see also walks section

Sunday 6th June

Brenig Biodiversity Day

11am

Part of Wales Biodiversity Week, a day of fun activities for all the family. 01490 420463



Monday 7th 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. There is a small cost for tickets and advance booking is essential. Meet at Llangollen Railway Station.

Saturday 12th June

Wildlife Gardening Extravaganza

11am - 3pm

Talks, practical workshops and information to inspire you to provide a small corner of your garden for wildlife. Plants will be available to purchase on the day. Loggerheads Country Park.

Sunday 13th June

Bike@Brenig

2pm

As part of National Bike Week, Oneplanet Adventure will be providing a free safety check for your bike. There will also be the opportunity to ride the Oneplanet Trail in Llyn Brenig, accompanied by an experienced guide. It is essential to book your place on the guided ride. A bike can be hired if required. 01978 751656



Saturday 19th June

Family Badger Watch

8pm - 10pm

Come prepared for a walk 'off the path' to see badgers in their natural habitat. Children must be able to sit quiet and still. Wear warm, dark-coloured outdoor clothes and sensible shoes. Avoid wearing any strongly scented cosmetics. Booking essential: Flintshire Countryside Service, Wepre Park - 01244 814931.

Friday 2nd July

Moonlight Safari

8pm

Join the hunt for nocturnal wildlife at the Alwen. This event is organised in partnership with North Wales Wildlife Trust as part of Conwy Walking Week. Starting at the Alwen Education Centre (please bring a torch!). 01492 575 290



Sunday 4th July

Moorland Market

11am - 3pm

Activities, demonstrations and talks celebrating our magical heather moorland. Loggerheads Country Park.



17th July - 1st September
Summer Holidays

17th July - 1st August
Festival of British Archaeology

Sunday 18th July

Talacre Beach Festival

10.30am - 4.30pm

Kicking off the Big Dee Festival of events this summer is Talacre's first beach festival. Take a trip to Talacre and enjoy food, kites, competitions and lots more. For more information: Flintshire Countryside Service, Wepre Visitor Centre - 01244 814931. 

Monday 19th July

Forest Fun

1.30 - 3.30pm

Enjoy woodland activities with the Forest Education Team at Loggerheads Country Park.

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 Forestry Commission Wales

Tuesday 20th July

Genius Geology

10.30am - 12pm

Design and create a Geology theme t-shirt at Loggerheads Country Park.



  

Wednesday 21st July

Countryside Crafts

10.30am - 12pm

Join us to unlock your family's creative flair at Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 22nd July

Bright, Witty and Whimsical

2pm - 4pm

The park is brought to life by a fantastic team of actors introducing you to the crazy characters in the park. Loggerheads Country Park.

24th July

Clwydian Range AONB 25th Birthday

Monday 26th July

Countryside Crafts

10.30am - 12pm

Join us to unlock your family's creative flair at Loggerheads Country Park



 

Tuesday 27th July

Genius Geology

1.30pm - 3pm

Design and create a Geology theme t-shirt at Corwen Leisure Centre.

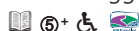


Thursday 29th July

Countryside Crafts

10.30am - 12pm

Join us to unlock your family's creative flair at Loggerheads Country Park



Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August

Roman Invasion

10am - 4pm

Ermine Street Guard Roman re-enactors joins us at Loggerheads Country Park.



Monday 2nd August

Forest Fun

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Enjoy forest activities with the Forest Education Team at Loggerheads Country Park.

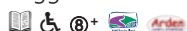


Tuesday 3rd August

Genius Geology

10.30am - 12pm

Fun with fascinating fossils at Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 4th August

Marine Fun

10am - 12pm

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



Saturday 7th August

Coed Moel Famau Open Day

10am - 4pm

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

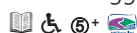


Monday 9th August

Countryside Crafts

10.30am - 12pm

Join us to unlock your family's creative flair at Loggerheads Country Park

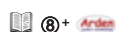


Tuesday 10th August

Genius Geology

10.30am - 12pm

Fun with fascinating fossils at Corwen Leisure Centre.



Tuesday 10th August

Meet the Miner

11am - 1pm

Local storyteller Andy Harrop-Smith takes you back in time to the 19th Century where as a miner he brings the industrial history of Loggerheads to life. A short

walk with exciting story stops along the way. Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 11th August

Bilberry Bonanza

10.30am - 5pm

Make bilberry pickers in the morning, try them out on a 3 mile stroll on Moel Famau and then cook bilberry treats in Caffi Florence in the afternoon. Bring a container. Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 12th August

Bright, Witty and Whimsical

2pm - 4pm

The park is brought to life by a fantastic team of actors introducing you to the crazy characters in the park. Loggerheads Country Park.



Monday 16th August

Forest Fun

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Enjoy forest activities with the Forest Education Team at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 17th August

Genius Geology

10.30am - 12pm

Build and erupt your own volcano at Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 19th August

Denbighshire & Flintshire Agricultural Show ☎ 01352 712131.

Friday 20th August

Marine Fun

2pm - 4pm

Games and activities exploring the beach at Rhyl learning about the marine life found there. Groups welcome. Meet on the beach opposite the Lifeguard Station, SJ009819.



Monday 23rd August

Countryside Crafts

10.30am - 12pm

Join us to unlock your family's creative flair at Loggerheads Country Park



Tuesday 24th August

Meet the Miner

11am - 1pm

Local storyteller Andy Harrop-Smith takes you back in time to the late 19th Century where as a miner he brings the industrial history of Loggerheads to life. A short walk with exciting story stops along the way. Loggerheads Country Park.



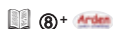


Tuesday 24th August

Genius Geology

1.30pm - 3pm

Build and erupt your own volcano at Corwen Leisure Centre.



Wednesday 25th August

Bright, Witty and Whimsical

2pm - 4pm

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Sunday 29th August

Pond Dipping and Mini Beast Safari

11.00am & 14.00pm

Brenig Visitor Centre 01490 420463



Saturday 25th September

Moonlight Safari

6pm

Join the hunt for nocturnal wildlife at Brenig. This event is organised in partnership with North Wales Wildlife Trust (please bring a torch!)

01492 575 290  

25th & 26th September

Mold Food Festival

www.moldfoodfestival.co.uk

8th - 10th October

Art in the Park

Mixed media art exhibition celebrating the local environment. Loggerheads Country Park. For details ring Llanferres & Colomendy Art Group 01352 810259.



23rd - 31st October

Half Term

25th October

Jubilee Tower's 200th Birthday



Tuesday 26th October

If you go down to the woods today...

10am - 12pm

Explore the woods of Rhyd y Gaseg, hunting for chewed nuts to see what animals live there and in particular hunt for evidence of the elusive dormouse. Rhyd y Gaseg car park SJ112566



Thursday 28th October

Camouflage Challenge

12pm - 2pm

Rustle about in the forest and try to disappear! Build your own waterproof shelter using materials from the forest. Finished shelters will be tested so bring waterproofs just in case!

Coed Moel Famau forest car park,
SJ172612.



Friday 29th October

Scary Masks

1pm - 3pm

Drop in to Brickfields Pond to make a Halloween mask. Brickfields Pond,
Ffordd Derwyn, LL18 2YR. Rhyl.

Saturday 30th October

HallowBrenig

6pm

Join this spooky woodland walk at Llyn Brenig, accompanied by a ghostly storyteller. Surprises along the way and scary soup afterwards. 01490 420463



18th December - 3rd January

Christmas Holidays

Christmas at Loggerheads

Fun for all the family at Loggerheads
Country Park this Christmas

Tel 01352 810614

www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.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







Guided Walks

in Denbighshire's countryside



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)

Access for All Events


Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202.

As we wish these events to include as many disabled people as is practicable, please mention any specific access requirements when booking.

The Loggerheads Centre has accessible toilets and designated spaces for Blue badge holders, although everyone has to pay and display. Where travel by coach is required, facility for wheelchair users will be available. Numbers are limited as the minibus size is also limited by the condition of the roads and lanes. Live Commentary walks provide the opportunity for, in particular, visually impaired walkers to use earphones to hear Colins descriptions distinctly. A BSL interpreter will be present on certain specified events.

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 registered participants.

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

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

Please book in advance for all walks

 01352 810614 or Weekends

 01352 810586.



To explore the Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Wednesday 13th January

Caer Drewyn Nordic Walk

10am - 11.30am

A scenic Nordic walk to the hillfort at Caer Drewyn. Nordic poles provided. Corwen Leisure Centre car park, SJ082441.



Saturday 30th January

Winter Tree ID workshop

10am - 12pm

Learn how to identify trees in the park without their leaves! There will be an indoor workshop and then a short walk to practise! Loggerheads Country Park.



Wednesday 17th February

Moel Famau Nordic Walk

10am - 12pm

A brisk Nordic walk to the Jubilee Tower. Poles provided. Top car park Moel Famau, SJ161605.



Wednesday 24th February

Prestatyn Nordic Walk

10am - 12pm

Walk the Prestatyn - Dyserth Way Nordic style. Poles provided. Meet at Anglia car park in Dyserth, SJ062729.



Wednesday 17th March

Llangollen Canal Nordic Walk

10am - 11am

A short stroll along the canal. Poles provided. Meet at the Tourist Information Centre on the High Street Llangollen, SJ215420.



Wednesday 24th March

Lady Bagot's Drive Nordic Walk

10am - 12pm

A strenuous Nordic walk in the Rhewl countryside. Meet at Rhewl pavilion, SJ064625. Poles provided.



27th March - 11th April

Easter Holidays

Wednesday 7th April

Walk the Llwybr Tyrnog

11am - 3pm

Walk the new 6 ½ mile Community Miles route around the village of Llandyrnog and stop for a drink in one of the local pubs. Bring a picnic and meet at Llangwyfan car park, SJ138668.



Saturday 10th April

Bike@Brenig

11am

An introduction to cycling at Brenig in partnership with Oneplanet Adventure. It is essential to book your place on this guided ride around the Alwen Trail. A bike can be hired if required. 01978 751656



Wednesday 14th April

Springs, caves, lead and ice

10am - 3pm

A 6 mile circular walk through Big Covert onto Bryn Alyn past tropical seas, lead mines and origins of glaciers. Meet Plymog layby, off A494 Mold - Ruthin road, 1.2 mile west of Llanferres, SJ187599.



Friday 23rd April

Digital photography - tips and tricks!

10am - 4pm

Learn how to capture the beauty of the local landscape on a digital camera. A professional photographer will teach you how to get more from your camera. There will be time to practise and get feedback. Loggerheads Country Park.



April 25th

National Earth Day

Sunday 2nd May

International Dawn Chorus Day

Dawn Chorus Walk

4.30am start

Join the North Wales Wildlife Trust in celebration of the world's oldest wake-up call at Aberduna Nature Reserve in Maeshafn. Meet by the telephone box in Maeshafn SJ201610

For further details: Contact Graham Berry
01352 810469 / 07764897416



Thursday 6th May

Steaming through the Past

10.30am - 4pm

Join the steam train for a trip though the stunning Dee Valley to Glyndyfrdwy. Walk 8 miles through old slate workings onto the North Berwyn Way back to Llangollen. Meet at Llangollen Railway Station.



Friday 7th May

Ghosts of the Forest

- What do black grouse get up to this time in the morning?

5.15am - 8am

A guided walk to the RSPB hide on the edge of the Llandegla Forest to watch the unique displaying ritual of the black grouse - one of Wales' rarest birds. Meet at Llandegla Mountain Bike Centre - Coed Llandegla.



Friday 7th May

Spring Woodland Walk with a peek into the past!

10am - 4.30pm

An 8 mile biodiversity rich walk through the Alyn Valley woods to the North East Wales Wildlife Reserve in Rhydymwyn for a guided tour around this decommissioned World War II Valley Factory Site. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park





Wednesday 12th May

Live Commentary Little Tern Walk

12.30pm - 4.30pm

A Live Commentary Walk for, in particular, visually impaired walkers to experience the sights and sounds of the rare bird nesting colony of Little Terns, via a boardwalk on the Gronant foreshore. Earphones available for visually impaired walkers.

Minibus pick up at Loggerheads Country Park shop at 12.30pm and Prestatyn Station at 1.15pm, return approx 4.30pm. Access for All Events - Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202 www.fieldsmantrails.com



Thursday 13th May

Walk and Draw in the Clwydian Range

11am - 3pm

Join artist Bill Kneale in a 3 mile walk and sketching excursion to the hillfort of Moel Fenlli. Would you love to capture the magic of the area on paper? This is your chance to do just that. All materials provided alongside expert tuition and a lovely walk. Meet at the top car park SJ161605.



Prestatyn Walking Festival

14th - 16th May

"Medieval North Wales"

www.prestatynwalkingfestival.co.uk

Booking telephone number
01745 857185

Saturday 15th May

Moth trapping at Loggerheads

9am - 11am

Investigate the 'moth catch' from the night before over tea or coffee with a moth expert. Learn about the fascinating world of moths and see them close up for yourself! Loggerheads Country Park.



Sunday 16th May

Cynwyd Woods and Waterfalls

10am - 4pm

An 8 mile walk from Corwen to Cynwyd and back, taking in the historic Llangar Church, the disused railway and Cynwyd waterfall. We'll stop for refreshments in the pub half way! Meet in the main car park in Corwen.





Thursday 20th May

A 'Magic Carpet Ride'

2pm - 3.30pm

The hills and valleys in our countryside exclude many disabled people from exploring the Greater Countryside. But today, without leaving your seat, this sensory journey takes you across Moel Famau Country Parks landscape, its sights, sounds, smells and tastes.

BSL interpretation. Meeting in the Loggerheads ground floor meeting room - 2pm - 3.30pm. Access for All Events - Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202 www.fieldsmantrails.com



Wednesday 26th May

Ridgeline Ramble

10am - 4.30pm

Walk 7 ½ miles along the Clwydian Range admiring the spectacular views while learning about the Heather & Hillforts Project. This is a linear walk, sometimes challenging with a minibus transfer to the start. Meet at Moel Famau top car park



Thursday 27th May

Sunset at the Jubilee Tower

7.30pm - 10pm

On the 200th Anniversary year of the building of the Jubilee Tower an evening walk to enjoy the sun set from the top of Moel Famau the highest point in the Clwydian Range AONB.

Meet at Moel Famau top car park,



Thursday 3rd June

Nightlife @ Nercwys

8.45pm - 11pm

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



Friday 4th June

Animal Tracking Walk

10am - 3pm

Join an expert field craftsman on a short trek to learn how to spot the clues of the natural world and some useful bushcraft tips! Meet at Trial Hill Bridge, near Cilcain SJ31873651.



Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June

Woodfest

The North Wales Biodiversity partnerships will have a stand at this hugely popular show in St Asaph. www.woodfestwales.co.uk

5th - 13th June

Biodiversity Week

www.biodiversitywales.org.uk

Tuesday 8th June

Crwydro Corwen yn y Gymraeg

10am - 3pm

A 4 ½ mile circular walk around Corwen's woodland, riverside and ancient monuments. Suitable for Welsh speakers and learners. Meet main car park in Corwen, SJ161606.



Wednesday 9th June

Nature and Industry

10am - 1pm

A short walk exploring the limestone grassland at Loggerheads and then visiting our neighbouring quarry to see their wonderful grasslands, and how they are working hard to increase biodiversity in their working landscape through their unique quarry restoration scheme.

Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 10th June

Nightlife @ Nercwys

8.45pm - 11pm

Another chance to enjoy this 2 ½ mile evening stroll to discover (hopefully) nightjars, bats, owls and moths. Insect repellent recommended! Coed Nercwys (Nr Mold) northern car park, SJ218593.



Friday 11th June

Flora & Fauna

10.30am - 2.30pm

A 5 mile walk to Castell Dinas Bran to learn about the plants, bugs and birds that live here. Meet at the Tourist Information Centre on the main street in Llangollen.



Friday 11th June

Butterflies, Badgers and Bats

7.30pm

As part of Wales Biodiversity Week, join Forestry Commission Wales and North Wales Wildlife Trust for a guided walk around Rhyd-y-Gaseg Wood. Starting from the forest car park SJ111566

01490 420463



11th June

World Ocean Day

Tuesday 15th June

A 'Magic Carpet Ride'

2pm - 3.30pm

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Meeting in the Loggerheads groundfloor meeting room. Access for All Events -

Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails.

01352 756202 www.fieldsmantrails.com





Friday 18th June

Back to the Bronze Age

11am - 4pm

From the shore enjoy a 6 mile walk through Coed Bell to the burial mound then walk back visiting the little tern colony on the way. Barkby Beach car park, Prestatyn, SJ068840.



Monday 21st June

Summer Solstice Sunrise Walk

3.30am - 6am

A 3 mile walk to watch the sunrise on the longest day of the year from the top of Moel Famau - a great time to see the magic of the Clwydian Range. Moel Famau top car park, SJ162606.



Tuesday 22nd June

It's not just the Stone Age

10.30am - 3pm

Discover the rich geodiversity and archaeology of Llantysilio Mountain on

this 4 mile walk. Minibus transfer included. Meet at the car park beside the A542, Ponderosa, Horseshoe Pass, SJ191481.



Wednesday 23rd June

Live Commentary Voice Trail Loggerheads

2pm - 4pm

Experience Natures repertoire its sights, sounds and smells on a Live Commentary Voice Trail along the river, including the new bridge. In certain places there are some gradients and there could be protruding rocks and tree roots where wheelchair users may require assistance. Earphones available for visually impaired walkers.

Access for All Events - Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202
www.fieldsmantrails.com



Friday 2nd July

Brenig Link Walk

10am

Join Forestry Commission Wales for a wildlife interest walk from Clocaenog Forest to Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre, where a minibus will return you back to start of the walk. Starting from Foel Frech car park SJ025548. Part of Conwy Walking Week. 01492 575 290



Sunday 4th July

Around the Alwen Trail

10am

A guided wildlife interest walk accompanied by Flintshire local Rangers and Forestry Commission Wales staff. Starting from Alwen Dam Car Park. Part of Conwy Walking Week 01492 575 290



Tuesday 6th July

Limestone, Ice Age and Caves

10.30am - 1.30pm

Discover the rich archaeology and geodiversity of the Elwy Valley. Meet at The Old School, Pont Newydd SJ018711.



Thursday 8th July

Under Penycloddiau Iron Age Hillfort

1pm - 4pm

A Guided walk through Coed Llangwyfan at the foot of this Iron Age Hillfort. The path slopes in one direction and so on the return journey wheelchair users may require assistance. Meet at Loggerheads Centre at 1pm for minibus transfer to Coed Llangwyfan. Return at 4pm. Visit www.fieldsmantrails.com for details and ring 01352 756202 to book.



Wednesday 14th July

Denbigh Circular

10am - 3pm

Find out about the characters and places that made Denbigh an inspirational place. Meet at Denbigh Town Hall, SJ052661.



17th July - 1st August

Festival of British Archaeology

Saturday 17th July

Pilgrim's Walk

11am - 5pm

A 7 mile walk following the pilgrims' route from Clawdd-newydd to Bettws Gwerfil Goch, taking in medieval churches and a holy well. Transport back to start will be provided. Meet at Clawdd-newydd Community Shop car park, SJ083524



Wednesday 21st July

From Slateworks to Nature

6pm - 8pm

A 2 mile evening saunter in the idyllic Nant y Pandy Valley exploring the remains of the once busy slateworks. Car park behind the hall in Glyndyfrdwy, opposite Hodge Podge on the A5, SJ148426.



Thursday 22nd July

A Live Commentary Voice Trail Caer Drewyn

10am - 4pm

A Live Commentary Voice Trail for, in particular, experienced Visually impaired walkers. From Corwen Leisure Centre we shall climb up to and explore the site of the Caer Drewyn Iron Age Hillfort. Mini bus from Loggerheads Country Park Shop at 10am. Return at 4pm Bring a packed lunch or you can buy refreshments in the Leisure Centre. Access for All Events
Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails.
01352 756202 www.fieldsmantrails.com



24th July

Clwydian Range AONB 25th Birthday

Saturday 24th July

Bike@Brenig

11am

A guided ride into Clocaenog forest with Oneplanet Adventure. It is essential to book your place on this guided ride around the Hendre Trail. A bike can be hired if required. Ring for details 01978 751656



Tuesday 27th July

Secrets of the Hills

10am - 1pm

Enjoy this 4 mile walk to the Jubilee Tower and Coed Moel Famau to find out what the Heather and Hillforts Project has discovered over the last three years. Top car park Moel Famau.



Friday 30th July

World Famous Engineering

10am - 4pm

Explore 7 miles of the Dee Valley. Visit Castell Dinas Bran, Llangollen Canal and marvel at the engineering skills of Thomas Telford and Prince Gruffydd ap Madoc and his wife Lady Emma. All reasons why this area is now a World Heritage Site. Llantysilio Green car park, SJ198432.



Sunday 1st August

Hidden History of Brenig

2pm

A guided walk as part of the Festival of British Archaeology. Starting from North End car park Llyn Brenig SH983574, 01490 420463



Friday 6th August

The Pebbles Story

11am - 1pm

Walk through the dunes to discover the diverse wildlife that lives in and around this constantly moving dune system and learn the story of the pebbles on the beach. Barkby Beach lower car park, Prestatyn, SJ068839



Friday 6th Aug

Brenig Family Rides

10am & 2pm

Take half a day from your busy schedule and spend some quality time with your family during the holidays for a ride around the picturesque area of Hiraethog. Guided Rides with Oneplanet Adventure. Starting from Llyn Brenig. Booking is essential. 01978 751656



Tuesday 10th August

Live Commentary Voice Trail Moel Famau

2pm - 3.30pm

Experience Nature's repertoire its sights, sounds and smells on a Live Commentary Voice guided walk. In certain places due to the gradient and path surfaces, wheelchair users may require assistance.

BSL interpreter.

Meet at Loggerheads Countryside Centre.

Access for All Events - Organiser Colin

Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202

www.fieldsmantrails.com



Thursday 12th August

Bat Walk

9pm - 10.30pm

A 2 mile walk using bat detectors to gain an insight into these elusive creatures.

Please bring a torch. Saints Gym car park, Meliden, SJ062809.



Thursday 12th August

Meteorites at Night!

9pm - 11pm

A 2 mile guided walk up to Caer Drewyn hillfort to hopefully watch the annual Perseids meteorite shower. Experts from the local Llandyrnog Astronomical Society will be on hand to point out visible constellations and other celestial bodies. Meet in Corwen Leisure Centre car park, SJ082442. Please bring a torch.



Friday 13th August

Moorland Meander

10am - 4.30pm

Enjoy a 9 mile walk to see the heather moorland of the Llantysillio Mountains at its best. Meet at the Ponderosa Café on

the Horseshoe Pass. SJ192481.



Friday 20th August

BBQ and Bats

7pm - 10pm

Enjoy a small BBQ at Coed Nercwys followed by a 1 ½ mile evening stroll to look for bats. Coed Nercwys (Nr Mold) northern car park, SJ218593.



Wednesday 25th August

Crwydro yn y Gymraeg

10.30am - 2.30pm

A 3 ½ mile guided walk delivered in Welsh looking at how people have used and left their mark on the landscape of the Clwydian Range. Suitable for Welsh speakers and learners. Top car park Moel Famau, SJ161606.



Thursday 26th August

Bat Bonanza

8pm - 10pm

A gentle 1 mile walk using bat detectors. Loggerheads Country Park.





Monday 30th August

Falling Bats

8.30pm - 10.30pm

A gentle 1 ½ mile stroll along the canal and the Horseshoe Falls to see what creatures come out when the sun goes down. Llantysilio Green car park, SJ198433.



Saturday 4th September

Cycle the Sites

10am - 1.30pm

A 16 mile coastal cycle ride taking in 5 countryside sites from dunes to woodlands. Bring a packed lunch and your bike! Brickfields Pond car park, SJ013804.



Monday 6th September

10am - 12pm

Discovering the Past

Learn about the industrial past and enter a little way into a disused mine passage with a caving expert to experience what it might have been like for a miner 200 years ago. Requires a good level of fitness, very good grips and a confidence with tight spaces! Loggerheads Country Park.



Tuesday 7th September

To the End of the World

10am - 3pm

A linear 5 mile walk over the Eglwyseg Escarpment to Worlds End exploring the geodiversity of this landscape. Minibus transfer provided. Car park beside Trevor Rocks off the A542 east of Llangollen, SJ235432.



Thursday 9th September

Bringing Views to Life

10am - 4pm

A tour of the Iron Age Hillforts and heather moorland viewing points to appreciate their setting in today's landscape. With stops to describe the view and give information in appropriate formats eg large, clear print; tactile/braille illustrations. BSL interpreter. Take a packed lunch or take the opportunity to sample whats on offer at Rhugg Farm Shop. Minibus from Loggerheads Country Park. Access for All Events - Organiser Colin Antwis, Fieldsman Trails. 01352 756202 www.fieldsmantrails.com



Thursday 9th September

Walk and Draw in the Clwydian Range

11am - 3pm

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Sunday 12th September

Big Hillfort Challenge

8am - 7pm

Visit six of the area's finest hillforts in the

same day. Total walking distance is 14 miles. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park and bring a packed lunch. Not for the faint hearted - this tough walk involves steep climbs! There will be a minibus transfer between the Dee Valley and the Clwydian Range. Can you conquer the Iron Age Six?



Wednesday 15th September

Brenig Archaeology and Cyffylliog Woods

10am - 4pm

A 7 mile walk taking in the Llyn Brenig Archaeology Trail and then dropping down through the Clocaenog Forest and steep, wooded valleys to Cyffylliog where a minibus will return walkers to the start. Meet at Llyn Brenig Archaeology Trail Car Park, SH983524



Friday 17th September

Alwen Circular

10am - 3.30pm

Enjoy the wild open moorland of Hiraethog on this 10 mile walk along the shores of two reservoirs. Llyn Brenig visitor centre, SH967547.



Saturday 18th September

'Moonwatch'

6.30pm - 11.30pm

Join us to celebrate the international year of astronomy with an open telescope evening. Organised in partnership with local astronomy societies. Equipment provided for participants. Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre 01490 420463



Sunday 19th September

Hiraethog Country Fair.

10am - 4pm

A full programme of events and activities, including guided walks and cycle ride, in conjunction with Cymdeithas Hiraethog. 01490 420463



Sunday 19th September

Bike@Brenig

11am

An introduction to cycling at Brenig in partnership with Oneplanet Adventure. It is essential to book your place on this guided ride around the Brenig Trail. A bike can be hired if required. 01978 751656



25th & 26th September

Mold Food Festival

www.moldfoodfestival.co.uk

25th & 26th September

Llangollen Walking Festival

Sunday 26th September

Following in the footsteps of Thomas Telford

10am - 4pm

A 7 mile walk from Horseshoe Falls to Pontysyllte Aqueduct Britain's new World Heritage Site. Minibus transfer provided. Llantysilio Green car park, SJ198432.



Open Heritage Weekends in Denbighshire

Walks, talks and tours in the Vale of Clwyd
www.valeofclwydheritage.org.uk



Friday 15th October

Fungal Foray

1pm - 3 pm

A 1 ½ mile walk investigating fungi life in the woodland. Loggerheads Country Park.



Sunday 24th October

Explore Llyn Brenig

10am

A guided walk around Llyn Brenig.

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25th October

Jubilee Tower 200th Birthday

Earthcache events

visit www.earthcache.org

Sunday 21st November

Understanding our Uplands

10am - 4pm

A series of talks on the moorland and hillforts found on the Clwydian Range and Llantysilio Mountains. Learn about the new developments within the Heather and Hillfort project. Venue to be confirmed, visit

www.heatherandhillforts.co.uk for details.



Friday 26th November

Winter Wildlife Wonder

9am - 4pm

A 7 mile winter walk looking at different habitats, pretty villages and some less well known wildlife gems. Loggerheads Country Park.



Let's Walk Denbighshire Programme of walks

For details call 01745 356197



Day	Start	Start time	Duration
Monday	Bowling Green, St Asaph	10.30am	1+ hrs
Monday	Rhyl Women's Centre	1.00pm	1hr
Monday	Denbigh Town Hall Nordic Walk	11.00am	1+ hrs
Tuesday	Denbigh leisure Centre	10.00am	1+ hrs
Tuesday	Dyserth Community Centre	11.00am	2hrs
Wednesday	Bowling Green, St Asaph	10.30am	1+ hrs
Thursday	Denbigh Lenten Pool	10.00am	1+ hrs
Thursday	Rhuddlan Community Centre	11.00am	2hrs
Friday	Brickfield Pond Nordic Walk	9.00am	1hr
	Technique session		
Friday	Brickfield Pond	12.30pm	2hrs

Practical Activities

in Denbighshire's countryside



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.

Listed below are a few 'taster' volunteering events for you to try.

To receive a copy of the Volunteer Programme call 01352 810614 or visit www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.uk.

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

Full training will be provided.

Please make sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date!

Specialist Woodland Skills courses at The Warren, Bodfari. ☎ 01745 710626 or visit www.woodlandskillscentre.co.uk

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th January

Hedge laying

10am - 3pm

Try your hand at this traditional countryside skill and help restore an overgrown section of hedgeline along the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail. Full tuition provided. Meet at the lay-by where the Offa's Dyke path crosses the Llanarmon yn Ial to Llandegla road. Ring for further directions.



Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th February

Hedge Laying

10am - 3pm

Help the Wardens lay the boundary hedge for the recently created community woodland at Glan Morfa. Tuition and tools will be provided. Glan Morfa car park, Marsh Road, Rhyl, SJ002805.

Wednesday 28th April

Sand Lizard Home Improvements

10am - 1pm

Help us to improve habitat for the re-introduced sand lizards by creating bare patches of sand. Meet at Barkby Beach lower car park.



Friday 7th May

Little Tern Seasonal Set-up

10am - 3pm

Help to set – up the area that these rare little sea birds visit each year. This is now the only colony in Wales so it's all hands on deck to ensure we are ready for their arrival. Meet at the entrance to Gronant Local Nature Reserve (Nr Presthaven), SJ089841.

Wednesday 9th June

Balsam Bash and Buffet

6pm - 10pm

Help us kick start the Himalayan balsam control on the river Alyn. Hard work will be rewarded with a buffet afterwards! Will be in the Mold area, location confirmed on booking.



Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th July

Charcoal Making

10am - 3pm

Have a go at this traditional craft. Tuesday - loading the kiln, Wednesday - lighting and Friday - bagging the charcoal. Meet outside the Cyffylliog School and follow us to the nearby site. SJ060578.

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September

The Big Dee Day

Back by popular demand, get involved with this 48-hour marathon of clearing and cleaning the Dee coastline from Prestatyn to Chester and the Wirral. Got a group? Then get involved! For more information: Flintshire Countryside Service, Wepre Visitor Centre 01244 814931. 