

Out & About 2019

In the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB
and Denbighshire's Countryside



Llangollen Canal



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Clwydian Range and Dee Valley
AONB
Rheolwr a Rheolwrwr Rhwyngol
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

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Dark skies. Bright days. Short walks. Long walks. Mountains. Valleys. Rivers. Quarries. Abbeys. Towers. Birds. History. Gardens. Bugs & bats. Pond dipping. Bike riding. Explore. Discover. Enjoy.

We've events for every season, for everyone.

With activities for all ages and abilities make this your #yearofdiscovery



For bookable events: visit Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.co.uk search: Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

Contact us:

loggerheads.countryside@denbighshire.gov.uk clwydianrange@denbighshire.gov.uk

Call 01824 712757

Visitor Centre Denbighshire Countryside Services

Loggerheads Country Park Denbighshire CH7 5LH

Open seven days a week

10:00 – 16:00 October - March 10:00 – 17:00 April - October

Check us out on social media



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- Our Picturesque Landscape
- Loggerheads Country Park
- North Wales Little Terns
- Ride North Wales



www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk



#takethelead

The countryside can be a great day out with your dog. Please be responsible and **KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD** or under close control. Pick up your dog's poo and dispose of it responsibly.

Guided Walk Symbols



Easy short walk on a hard surfaced route or accessible family activity.

Average some steep sections and loose surfaces.

Difficult long and strenuous, uneven, steep terrain.

Grid Reference www.gridref.org.uk - put the grid reference into the search box, and you will be provided with a map.

Our Picturesque Landscape

Since the 1700s people have been on inspirational journeys through the Dee Valley, across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, along Telford's A5, the Llangollen Railway and the River Dee. They came to enjoy and engage with the unique landscape and many felt compelled to recall this stunning landscape in art. People today follow in their footsteps, yet this is a landscape under growing pressure, with high numbers of visitors attracted to environmentally fragile sites.

The **Our Picturesque Landscape Project** aims to protect this unique area by:

- **Conserving views, heritage and habitats**
- **Improving access**
- **Engaging communities with our special landscape**
- **Working in partnership with other organisations**

If you would like to know more about the **OPL Project** then please contact our.picturesque.landscape@denbighshire.gov.uk 01824 706163



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The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB are on a mission to protect our Dark Sky.



Why?

Wildlife –
the animals and plants in our ecosystem depend on the night time for their natural rhythm.

Health – we all know for good health we need sunshine but, we also need darkness. Artificial light can contribute to insomnia, cancer and diabetes, to name but a few.

Energy – by preserving the night sky we will also reduce energy wastage.



This year we have teamed up with Technique Quest to bring you a programme of fascinating events. Why not come along, look out for this symbol and don't forget to book!

Picture courtesy of Dafydd Eleri

Thursday March 28

10:00

Llanarmon Quarry Walk

From the book 24 Walks in our AONB

Meet: Disused Quarry on B5430 SJ188579

Bookable: 01352 715723

ron.rambler2@gmail.com



April - May

Spring Trail at Plas Newydd

£2.50 each

Explore the gardens by answering the questions and completing the activities.

Prize for completion.



April 6-26 Easter Trail

Loggerheads Country Park

Complete the Easter trail around the park to claim your prize.

£2.50 per child. Drop in.



Tuesday April 2 16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell

Wonderful Wool

Plas Newydd, Llangollen, LL20 8AW

Re-wild your child with our nature-based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing and welly boots.

Parents stay and play.



Wednesday April 10

10:00-12:00

Llantysilio Mountain short walk

Meet opposite Ponderosa café

LL20 8DR

Join us for a gentle walk to see how the mountain is faring after 2018's devastating fire and look out for the curlews arriving to breed.



Thursday April 11

10:00-13:00

Blue Bells at Coed Bell

Meet: Coed Bell Cemetery
Entrance, Gronant. Parking limited
Grid reference: SJ 088 833

A 5-mile circular walk to hopefully see the beautiful displays of native bluebells throughout the ancient woodland. Take in the stunning coastal views.



Saturday April 13

12:00-15:00

Spring Fair at Plas Newydd

Llangollen, LL20 8AW
Explore the new trails. Enjoy seasonal crafts including wool felting. Meet the lambs.



Thursday April 18

10:00

Explore the Alwen Lake with the local ranger

Meet: Alwen car park.
Grid ref 956530. Highlighting points of interest and information on the local wildlife. Bookable.



Saturday April 20

11:00-15:00

Easter Trail at Coed Nercwys

Complete the Easter trail around Coed Nercwys to claim your prize! £2 per child to take part.
No need to book.

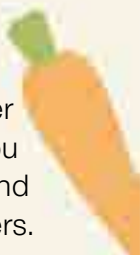


Thursday April 25

10.30-12.30 & 13:00-15:00

Captured on Camera

Ruthin Gaol, Ruthin
Create your own wanted poster taken. Capture the moment you are taken prisoner in photos and explore the lives of the prisoners. General Admission. Optional additional £1 per poster.



Thursday April 25

10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00

Amphibian & Reptile

Discovery day

Loggerheads Country Park
A family-friendly day, morning & afternoon sessions.
Learn about amphibians & reptiles. Have a go at pond dipping with North Wales Wildlife Trust & Amphibian Reptile Conservation Trust. Amy.Green@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
07961698437 Bookable.



Thursday May 2 10:00-13:00

Community Miles Route

Sun Bank

Meet: Outside the Tourist Information Centre Castle Street Llangollen Grid ref 215421

Guided walk of 4.5 miles around the countryside of Llangollen visiting Dinas Bran Castle (steep climb to castle).



May 4-6

Llangollen Walking Festival

All within the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Llangollen Walking Festival

Find us on Facebook



Tuesday May 7

16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell

Curious Creatures

Plas Newydd, Llangollen, LL20

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Parents stay and play.



Wednesday May 8

10:00-12:00

Bwlch y Groes short walk

Meet: westbound layby,

Glyndyfrdwy. LL21 9HN

Discover how we're helping to conserve the declining curlew population.



Saturday May 11

Go Race MTB Series Round 2

Marsh Tracks, Marsh Road, Rhyl, LL18 2AD

The series provides a brilliant opportunity for youngsters to try their hand at mountain bike racing where they are given points for their finishing position as well as



upon completion of different skills challenges.

Bookable. £. Can enter on the day.
www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/198339/North-Wales-Go-Ride-Race-MTB-10th-Anniversary-Rd-2

Sunday May 12

Guided Walk Valle Crucis Abbey & the Pillar of Eliseg

Meet Llantysilio Green car park
Grid ref SJ 199435

Join the Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley to explore Valle Crucis Abbey and the 9th century Eliseg's Pillar taking in part of the World Heritage Site and industry that linked to the canal.



Tuesday May 14

10:00-13:00

Discover Prestatyn Hillside

Meet: Gwaenysgor view point car park SJ 075 819. Join the AONB Ranger for a walk to explore the special wildlife and habitats of Prestatyn Hillside.

Bookable.



Friday May 17 – Sunday 19 Prestatyn & Clwydian Range Walking Festival

prestatynwalkingfestival.co.uk

Pre-booking essential.

01745 857185

Thursday May 16 19.30-22.00

Evening walk to Biddulph Tower

Meet: Market Street Car Park,
Llangollen LL20 8RB

Come and join us for a leisurely 4-mile evening stroll to enjoy the setting sun, the calls of the curlew, and far-reaching views of the Dee Valley from the ruins of Biddulph Tower.

Booking required.



Friday May 24 10:00

Discover Bryn Alyn's Limestone Pavement

Meet: Outside Llanferres Church
SJ188605

Bookable: 01352 756183

nhogilvie@hotmail.com



Volunteering Week

June 1-7

Takes place 1-7 June every year and is an opportunity to celebrate volunteering in all its diversity.



Saturday May 25

11:00-12:00

Beastly bug hunt!

Nantclwyd Y Dre, Ruthin

A guided nature hunt around The Lord's Garden to identify and learn about the fascinating bugs that live here. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Included in admission costs.



Thursday May 30

10:30 – 12:30 & 13:00 – 15:30

Transported

Ruthin Gaol, Ruthin

01824 706868. denbighshire.gov.uk/ruthingaol Find out what it was like to be 'transported' to Australia. Hear about the stories of the convicts sent from Ruthin Gaol. Suitable for all ages. Included in admission cost.



Wednesday May 29

11:00-15:00

Crafty Dark Sky

Loggerheads Country Park

Half term Dark Sky crafts with Techniquet at the Oriel. All the family welcome. No need to book but may get busy.



TECHNIQUEST Glyndŵr

Friday May 31

Nocturnal Nantglyn 19:30-21:30

Meet: Maes Lliwen, Nantglyn,

Denbigh, LL16 5PH

Join us for a short walk to discover nocturnal wildlife using a moth trap and bat detectors.



Volunteering Week June 09:00-16:00

Saturday June 1 - 7

Clwydian Range Archaeology Group 'Geophysics'

Meet: At Moel Arthur car park. Grid reference SJ 146

657 www.cragnorthwales.wordpress.com/

Bookable: pat.daley@tiscali.co.uk



Nature Week June 1-9

Wales Nature Week is an annual nationwide week-long event which focuses on Welsh wildlife. People from across Wales are invited to take part in wildlife-themed events. Join in with our celebrations and discover just how wonderful our Welsh wildlife is!



June - August **Summer Trail at Plas Newydd**

Learn about a typical year for The Ladies of Llangollen by finding clues and answering questions.

Prize on completion.

Cost £2.50 each



Wednesday June 5 20:00- 22:30

Nightlife & Dark Skies

Meet: Coed Moel Famau car park
SJ 174 613

A night time walk to explore the nocturnal wildlife in the country park. Try and spot the elusive Nightjars. Bring midge repellent. Booking essential.



Saturday June 1 – Sunday June 9 **Wrexham Walking Festival**

Enjoy a week of free walks exploring the beauty and history of North East Wales and the Dee Valley.

www.walksinwrexham.com

Nature Week

Tuesday June 4 16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell

Tremendous Trees

Plas Newydd, Llangollen, LL20 8AW. Re-wild your child with our nature based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing and some welly boots. Parents stay and play.



June 4

09:30-16:00

Drystone Walling competition Gop Hill

Test your skills – can you be the best volunteer waller. Contact Ros for more details about this and other training events. ros.stockdale@denbighshire.gov.uk



Friday June 7

10:30 -12:00

Hortons Nose & Promenade Nordic Walk

Meet: Outside The Hub, Rhyl Harbour LL18 5AX. Join us for a Nordic walk along the spectacular coastal path. Back to Rhyl Hub afterwards. Poles supplied and tuition given.



Nature Week

Thursday June 6 20:45-23:00

Nightjars on Nantyr

Meet: Llangollen Market Street car park for a lift up. Join us for a leisurely walk around Nantyr Forest as we go in search of the enigmatic Nightjar. Booking essential.



AFTER SCHOOL MINI ADVENTURES



June 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays 15:45-17:00

Loggerheads Country Park

Explore and learn about the natural world with the ranger at Loggerheads Country Park with these four short sessions.

Parents stay and play.



Nature Week Friday June 7

21:00-23:30

Nantclwyd y Dre Bat Night

Meet: Nantclwyd y Dre Castle Street, Ruthin, LL15 1DP. Come join us for an evening of bat monitoring at the historic timber town house, Nantclwyd y Dre! We will be monitoring a maternity roost of one of Britain's rarest bat species, the lesser horseshoe bat. This is a great opportunity to see and hear the bats which have been returning to Nantclwyd y Dre each year to give birth and raise their young. Wrap up warm.



Saturday June 8 14:00-16:00

Llangollen Summer Fete

Plas Newydd

There's something for everyone at this community-run summer fete.

Nature Week

Saturday June 8 10:00-17:00

Nature Day at Nantclwyd Y Dre

Looking for a great day out? From birds, bugs and bats to woodlands and wildflower meadows, meet the people who care for our local wildlife and come along for a day packed full of activities and fun for all the family! Free event.

Nature Week Sunday June 9

10:00-13:00

Discover Red Squirrels in Clocaenog Forest

Meeting point to be confirmed closer to the date. Join us for a morning walk in Clocaenog Forest with the Red Squirrel Trust Wales volunteers. Come and see all the amazing work the charity has been doing to help bring the Red Squirrels back from the brink of extinction. Boots and weather appropriate clothing essential. Donations are welcome on the day. Bookable 01824 712 775/ 07787 741763



Wednesday June 12 10:00-12:00

Eglwyseg Short Walk

Meet Llangollen Pavilion car park. LL20 8SW.

A gentle climb onto the moor to spot curlews and other summer visitors.





10 Things to do in the Dee Valley

A summer challenge to explore the Dee Valley and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Canal World Heritage Site. Download the list of challenges at www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk or pick up a leaflet.



Thursday June 13 10:00-13:00 Community Miles Route Tremeirchion

Meet: Outside the church in Tremeirchion GR 082731
Guided Walk of 5.5 miles around Tremeirchion visiting the Offa's Dyke National Trail and on to the North Wales Wildlife Trust Reserve at Y Graig.



Tuesday July 2 16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell

Brilliant Bees

Plas Newydd, Llangollen
Re-wild your child with our nature-based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing and some welly boots.

Parents stay and play.





Thursday June 13
Garden History Talk, Tour and
Taste 17:00-20:00

Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Join us for a summer evening tour with our gardener followed by a talk on garden history and dinner in the café based on the Ladies' recipes. £15 per head. Non-refundable to be paid in advance. Booking essential.

Plas Newydd 01978 862834



Sunday June 30

11:00 - 16:00

National Garden Scheme at
The Lord's Garden

Nantclwyd Y Dre, Castle Street,
 Ruthin.

01824 709822 or 01824 706868

The beautiful medieval town of Ruthin offers 4 contrasting gardens to see including our very own Nantclwyd y Dre and the restored Lord's garden beyond which is a must see.

Refreshments can be purchased with proceeds going to the Friends of the Nantclwyd Y Dre.

For more details of the day and how to purchase tickets please see www.ngs.co.uk



Saturday July 13 –

Friday August 9

Clwydian Range Archaeology
Group 2019 Excavation

09:00-16:00

Meet: Car park at Moel Arthur

Grid reference SJ 146 657.

www.cragnorthwales.wordpress.com/

contact pat.daley@tiscali.co.uk



To book - 01824 712757 / Loggerheads.
countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Tuesday July 2 - 7

**Llangollen International Music
Eisteddfod** Come and see us
there.

Summer Holiday Fun

Daily usual opening times
(See page 31)

Nantclwyd Y Dre, Ruthin
Lots of special activities and
crafts to keep all the family
entertained during the school
summer holidays. Suitable for
all ages. Everything Included
in admission price.

Monday July 15

14:00-15:00 Meet the Gardeners
Nantclwyd Y Dre

What would a garden be without its
gardeners? Meet the hard-working
people who keep the gardens
at Nantclwyd Y Dre healthy and
flourishing.

Included in admission price.

Wednesday July 17

10:00-13:00

Llyn Brenig Archaeological Trail

Meet: Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre.
LL21 9TT Come and explore this
bronze age burial ground and
enjoy the stunning views.



Saturday July 20

10:30-16:00 Coed Moel

Famau Family Fun Day

Coed Moel Famau car park SJ 174
613 A day of fun activities! There
will be stream dipping, children's
craft, den building, guided walks,
demos, information and local food
produce. £2 car parking fee.



July 22 – September 2

Summer Trail

Loggerheads Country Park

Complete the summer trail around the park to claim your prize.

£2.50 per child. Drop in.



July & August

Ruthin Gaol Summer Holiday Fun

Daily during usual opening times.

Lots of activities and crafts to keep all the family entertained during the school summer holidays. Suitable for all ages, no pre-booking required.

Included in admission price.

Sunday July 21

13:00-16:00

The Big Draw at Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Drop in and take part in a mass drawing event enjoying the beautiful surrounding of Plas Newydd.

£2.50 per person.

Thursday July 25 10:00-12:00

Guided Mountain Bike Ride

Meet: Coed Nercwys – North car park SJ 218592

Join the AONB Ranger for a 5-mile circular guided mountain bike ride around the trail of Coed Nercwys. Safety helmet and gloves essential.



Thursday July 25

10:00:-12:30 & 13:00 to 15:30

You are a Prisoner

Ruthin Gaol, Ruthin

Meet the Victorian prison wardens and learn about life as a prisoner at Ruthin Gaol. Suitable for all ages, no pre-booking required.

Included in admission cost.



To book - 01824 712757 / Loggerheads.
countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk



Friday July 26 – Sunday 28

MTB Meetup

One Planet Adventure

Coed Llandegla Forest

The biggest free social mountain biking gathering returns to

Llandegla for the 5th year. There really is something for everyone!

Follow @MTBMeetupUK for all the news.

More at <http://mtbmeetup.uk/>

Friday August 2

15:00-17:00

Guided Mountain Bike Ride

Meet: Cilcain Viewpoint Carpark
SJ 17059 65218.

Join the AONB Ranger for a 6-mile intermediate guided mountain bike ride around the village of Cilcain and up to Moel Famau Country Park to see the outstanding views.

Safety helmet and gloves essential.

Tuesday August 6

11:00-15:00

Go Wild in the Dell

Orienteering and Nordic walking

Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Re-wild your child with our

nature-based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing.

Parents stay and play.



Friday August 2

19:30 – 22:00

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Plas Newydd Llangollen

Join us for an atmospheric open-air performance from Off The Ground Theatre. Prices & tickets:

Offtheground.co.uk

Friday August 9

21:00-22:30 Bat Walk

Meet: Prestatyn Dyserth Way

Car Park, Dyserth LL18 6BS

Join us on a walk around Dyserth's countryside sites to discover a number of different bat species.

Please bring a torch.



Monday August 12 21:00-23:00

Meteorites at Night

Meet: Corwen Leisure Centre car park. LL21 9RW

Enjoy our dark skies and shooting stars in the Iron Age hillfort on Caer Drewyn. Bring torch, blanket, hot drink.



To book - 01824 712757 / Loggerheads.
countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Wednesday August 14

10:00-12:00

Picturesque Pen y Pigyn short

walk Meet: Corwen main car park LL21 0DN This year is the centenary of the Peace Eisteddfod - the first held after WWI. Visit the Gorsedd circle built for the event and enjoy this picturesque woodland.



Thursday August 15

Denbigh & Flint Show

Come and see us at the show for activities, games and more.

Saturday August 17

11:00-12:00 Beastly Bug Hunt

Nantclwyd Y Dre

A guided nature hunt around The Lord's Garden to identify and learn about the fascinating bugs that live here. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Included in admission price.

Tuesday August 20

20:30-22:00

Nightlife at Loggerheads

Meet: Loggerheads Country Park. Learn about the nocturnal wildlife with a short presentation followed by a gentle 1-mile stroll using bat detectors putting what we have learnt into practice! Bring a torch.



Tuesday August 20

11:00-13:00

River Dipping at Gro Isa

Meet: Corwen Sports Pavilion car park. SJ079437

Pull on your wellies and pack your picnic. We're off to look for fantastic creatures in the River Dee!



Saturday August 24

11:00-15:00

Family Fun in Pen y Pigyn

Meet on site; follow the signs from town. Please note: the paths are uphill forest tracks.

Join us for a day of crafts and woodland activities up at the Gorsedd stones. Please use appropriate footwear/buggies.





Thursday August 22
10:30-15:30 Crafty Dark Sky
Loggerheads Country Park
 Summer Dark Sky crafts with Techniquet at the Oriel. Join us for activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing and the UK's role in this.



Wednesday September 4
19:00-21:00
Sunset from the Hillfort
 Meet: Llangwyfan carpark SJ 1389 6684 A walk up through Coed Llangwyfan and onto Penycloddiau Hillfort with the AONB Ranger to watch the sunset and discover nocturnal wildlife. Booking essential.



Friday September 6 19:30-21:30
Nocturnal Llantysilio Green
 Meet: Horseshoe Falls car park Llangollen GR 198433
 Join us for a short walk to discover the stars and the nocturnal wildlife in this stunning location.

Wednesday September 11
10:00-12:00 Pentredŵr Short
Walk Meet: Pentredŵr Community Centre. LL20 8DG. Come and discover the hidden slate workings of the Oernant valley.



Thursday September 12
19:00-21:00
Stargazing at Coed Nercwys
 Meet: Coed Nercwys
 Grid reference SJ 218 593
 Come along to a magical evening of stargazing with Techniquet. Telescopes provided.



Tuesday September 10
16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell
 Den Building Plas Newydd, Llangollen. Re-wild your child with our nature-based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing and some welly boots. Parents stay and play.





Outstanding Week

The AONB family have worked together to organise a week long programme of events to help people enjoy & be inspired by Britain's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

The Clwydian Range was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1985 under the 1949 Access to Countryside Act. The Act provides powers for protecting the natural beauty of some of our finest and most loved landscapes.

This year celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Act, so this anniversary year is the perfect opportunity to celebrate your AONB.

Saturday September 21

10:00-13:00

Looking After Topiary

Plas Newydd Llangollen LL20 8AW

Learn about the equipment and techniques used to look after topiary. Minimum age 16.

Tuesday September 24

10:00-16:00

Walk with the AONB Officer Howard Sutcliffe

Meet: Outside the Tourist Information Centre Castle Street Llangollen grid ref 215421 A 9.5-mile walk exploring the Vale of Llangollen visiting the Woodland Trust's Pen y Coed Reserve.



Sunday September 22

10:00 Loggerheads to Cilcain

Meet: Visitors Centre Loggerheads Country Park. A morning guided walk from Loggerheads to Cilcain with the Chief Executive of Wales Ramblers Association. Bookable.



Thursday September 26

10:00-16:00

Walk with the AONB Officer Howard Sutcliffe Moorland Hike

Meet: The layby on the minor moorland road above World's End GR223483 A 10-mile walk visiting World's End and Frozen Clock on Ruabon Moor.



Outstanding Week 21st-29th September 2019

www.landscapesforlifeevents.org.uk

#outstandingweek



Celebrating our World Heritage Site



This year celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and canal receiving World Heritage Status as a masterpiece of waterways engineering and a pioneering example of iron construction. On 27th June 2009, the 200-year-old aqueduct, built by canal engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop, joined the elite club of 1,000 UNESCO World Heritage Sites which includes such iconic structures as Stonehenge and the Pyramids. Over the coming year, there will be a range of events being held along the 11 mile length of the World Heritage Site and details as the events are confirmed and further information about the site can be found at www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk



Saturday August 31

– Sunday September 1

Corwen Walking Festival

Come to Corwen for a great variety of walks for all interests.

Facebook: Gŵyl Gerdded Corwen Walking Festival

Twitter: @corwenwalks

www.corwenwalkingfestival.co.uk

Friday September 20

10.30-12:00 Nature Reserve and Riverside Nordic walk

Meet: Nature Reserve Rhuddlan LL18 5UA. Come along and join us for a walk around the Rhuddlan Nature Reserve and along the River Clwyd. Take in some of the spectacular views and wildlife Rhyl has to offer.



September - October Autumn Trail at Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Explore the gardens by scavenging for materials to complete your autumnal picture.

Cost £2.50 per person.



Tuesday October 8

16:00-17:30

Go Wild in the Dell

Love the Leaves

Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Re-wild your child with our nature-based activities. All you need is outdoor clothing and some welly boots. Parents stay and play.



Wednesday October 9

10:00-14:00

Walk to discover Trefor Rocks

Meet: bottom of the tramway, along the Panorama, near the Trefor rocks. Grid reference SJ23314317 Join a geologist to find out what lies beneath our feet and determines the distinctive landscape of the AONB. Bring a packed lunch. May include a walk to Castell Dinas Bran.

Booking required.



Wednesday October 16

10:00 - 12:00

Dôl Fawr Short Walk

Meet: Eastbound layby on the A5
Berwyn Bends. SJ185433

Enjoy the views and learn about the
geology around this special part of
the River Dee.



Thursday October 24

10:00-14:00 Autumn Stroll

Meet: Loggerheads Country Park
A 6-mile circular autumnal walk to
enjoy nature's spectacular display
of fantastic colours and beautiful
views.



October 26 – November 3

Halloween Trail

Loggerheads Country Park

Complete the Halloween trail
around the park to claim your prize.
£2.50 per child. Drop in.

October Taste North East Wales

Explore Experience Eat

A month of activities led by food
producers, hospitality businesses
and food retailers showcasing the
best of local food across North
East Wales. Includes production
tours, demonstrations, tasting
events, workshops, masterclasses,
food trails.

Contact taste.blas@gmail.com

Wednesday October 30

18:00-20:00

Jubilee Tower Stargazing

Meet: Bwlch Penbarras Car Park.

An evening of stargazing with
experts Techniquest at the summit
of Moel Famau. Telescopes will be
available. Please bring a torch for
the walk and a mat to lie on.



Saturday October 26 –

Friday November 1

10:00-16:00

Halloween Week at the Gaol

Ruthin Gaol, Halloween fun all week at Ruthin Gaol. Wear your best scary outfit and join us for some fun arts, crafts and activities for all the family.

Suitable for all ages.

Included in admission price.

October 26 – November 3

Halloween Trail at Plas Newydd

Enjoy our autumn trail & spooky activities in the café. Drop in.

Friday November 1 13:00-15:00

Walking in the Footsteps of The Ladies of Llangollen

Meet at Plas Newydd Llangollen
This 3-mile route through Pen y Coed Woods and Pengwern Vale was described by the Ladies as a “most delicious walk”. Some slopes and can be boggy in places.



Wednesday November 13

10:00-12:00

Minera Quarry Short Walk

Meet: Quarry car park SJ25 9520

Explore the stunning Minera Quarry, recently opened to the public by the North Wales Wildlife Trust..



Saturday November 16

11:00-16:00

**Dark Sky Planetarium Show
Loggerheads**

A fascinating astronomy talk by experts from Techniquet in a planetarium. Find out about the constellations and discover the myths behind them. Three sittings available. Be quick to book - sessions are popular..



Monday November 18

10:00-13:00 Community Miles

Route Llandegla Meet: Outside Community Shop Llandegla GR196524 Guided Walk of 5 miles exploring the limestone outcrops and River Alun between Llandegla and Llanarmon.



Wednesday December 4
09:00-15:00
Annual Volunteer Hedge
Laying Competition

Please call for information

Hedge laying is an important traditional craft to regenerate hedgerows, one of our most important habitats.

Join us as part of a team to lay a section of hedge. Booking required. Minimum age 17.

Tel: 01824 712757




Friday 13 – Sunday December 15
Christmas at Plas Newydd,
Llangollen

Join us for traditional festive fun at an illuminated Plas Newydd. See www.plasnewyddllangollen.co.uk for details.



Volunteering



Pick up your volunteer programme today at
Loggerheads visitors centre

There are opportunities all year round to volunteer in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and Denbighshire's Countryside for all ages.

Tasks vary from dry stone walling to creating wildlife habitats. Why not come along to one of our events to learn a new skill?

For more events and activities in your area visit:



Get Walking Feel the Difference

Healthier, Fitter, Happier Why not join one of our regular weekly walks? A wider programme of weekly health walks, from 30 minutes to 3 hours is also available. **Contact 01824 708396** for more details or download the timetable from www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk/lets_walk/





Become a Friend

If you love the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley, would like to discover more about the area and keep it special, then join Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley - we help people enjoy, discover and learn about this outstanding landscape.



Young Rangers is perfect for youngsters aged between 11 and 18 years old who want to learn more about the amazing landscape on their doorstep and don't mind getting messy, working in and exploring the great outdoors.

To find out more visit
www.friends.cymru
Or email hello@friends.cymru

Nature for Health



Are you looking to get active and learn new skills in 2019?

The Nature for Health project is all about getting out into nature to benefit your physical and mental health. Come along to one of our weekly activities whether, it is a walk, practical conservation or an arts and crafts workshop there is so much you can get involved with! Our free weekly walking or countryside sessions run in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Llangollen and Corwen, so there's lots to choose from.

Find your local weekly activity session below and come join us.

Location		Time
Rhyl	Tuesday	10am
Llangollen	Tuesday	10am
	Wednesday	10am
Corwen	Wednesday	1pm
	Thursday	10am
Prestatyn	Thursday	10am

For more information on our social media pages by following or liking Denbighshire Countryside Service and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB, or contact Claudia 07887655166 or Ellie 07918224784



Denbighshire Countryside Service is working in partnership with Denbighshire Housing to deliver the project with support from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Bangor University. This 18-month pilot project will run in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Llangollen and Corwen.

Loggerheads Country Park

The Gateway to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Midweek
days are a nice
quiet time to make
the most of our
facilities.

Set within the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), one of only eight protected landscapes in Wales our country park is the perfect place to escape and discover countryside at its finest.

Curious? Learn about the history of Loggerheads and where its name comes from. Take in the beauty of the stunning limestone cliffs or simply explore the woodlands which lies within the Alyn Valley Woods which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

New to Loggerheads? Call into the Visitor Centre where our friendly team can provide you with advice on how to make the most of your visit.

The Visitor Centre have a variety of maps, booklets and Information leaflets. As well as giftware, the Visitor Centre also stock local Welsh food produce that can be made up into hampers for any special occasion. They also have a range of cosy hats & gloves for those unpredictable weather days.

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**Loggerheads is a place
for all seasons.**



Loggerheads Visitors Centre
Open 7 days a week
10:00-16:00 October - March
10:00- 17:00 April - October
Call: 01824 712757

Denbighshire Heritage Attractions



Ruthin Gaol

Ruthin

Victorian Prison Museum

Explore the cells of the Victorian Pentonville style prison and learn about the prisoners who stayed here! Activities available for all ages.

Open 1st April – 30th September

6 days a week 10am – 5pm, Closed Tuesdays

www.ruthingaol.co.uk



Plas Newydd

Llangollen

Historic house, gardens
and café

Visit the fascinating home of the "Ladies of Llangollen" set in historic gardens against the beautiful backdrop of Castell Dinas Bran.

Open daily 1st April – 31st October

www.plasnewyddllangollen.co.uk



Nantclwyd y Dre

Ruthin

15th century timber
framed house & walled garden

Explore one of Wales' oldest timber town houses and its restored gardens in the heart of historic Ruthin town.

Open 6th April – 29th September

Opening days and times vary, please visit our website

www.nantclwydydre.co.uk





Prestatyn

Y Rhyl
Rhyl

