

RANGER SERVICE EVENTS 2016/17



East Lothian
Countryside Ranger Service

Ranger Events 2016

The Countryside Ranger Services programme of activities offered below, has been designed to be suitable for children and young people aged 5-16 years.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a supervisory adult.

For the majority of events advanced booking is not required. Where applicable, those events where you need to book in advance, are highlighted.

Meeting place details are made available once you have booked your place.

All bookings must be made via the following web address:

www.eastlothian.bookinglive.com/summer-activities



For events taking place outside the July/August period use the link from the above site or use –
www.eastlothian.bookinglive.com/ranger-service-annual-programme

For those events where a cost is indicated this will be collected on the day by the Ranger leading the event.

Please note that you may be required to purchase pay and display tickets for events based at some coastal locations. A number of the coastal car parks also have vehicle height restrictor barriers at their entrances.

All this information is also available on the Council website at: **www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rangerevents**

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Ranger Events 2016

TUESDAY 5TH JULY

TYNE TREASURES 10:30 – 11:30

HADDINGTON

Explore the banks of the Tyne and find out about the variety of life both above and below the water.

Wear wellies or old shoes. Families.

BOOKING REQUIRED.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

RIVER DIPPING 13:30 – 15:00

STENTON

Want to know what beasties live in the burn? Come along and find out. Wear wellies or old shoes.

Follow the Stenton signs from the A199 at East Linton. Meet at the village hall next to the playground.

Grid ref: NT 621742. Families. Children must be 5+.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

SQUIGGLY WIGGLIES 10:30 – 12:00

DUNBAR, JOHN MUIR COUNTRY PARK

Join the Ranger and explore the microscopic world of minibeasts! Find out more about the important jobs these creatures undertake in our woodlands.

Meet at Linkfield car park, John Muir Country Park, next door to East Links Family Farm Park, Dunbar. Height restrictor access (2.1m).

Grid Ref: NT 651788. Car park charging applies. Families. Children must be 5+



THURSDAY 7TH JULY

SEASHORE SHENNANIGANS. 10:30 – 12:00

PORT SETON

Join us for a guddle amongst the rockpools and see what amazing creatures we can find.

Bring wellies and a plastic container.

Meet at car park at Pond Hall at eastern end of Port Seton – the start of the promenade. Turn off the main road at the public toilets, dentist on corner.

Grid ref: NT 414 759. Families. Children must be 5+

TUESDAY 12TH JULY

MAGICAL, MYSTERY MOTHS 09:00 – 11:00

ABERLADY

Come and discover a wonderful variety of moths of all shapes and colours and help us set them free from the moth traps.

Meet at Waterston House the SOC HQ

Grid ref: NT 459 798. Families. Children must be 5+



Garden tiger moth

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WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY

TRAPRAIN TREASURES 14:30 – 16:00

TRAPRAIN LAW

Join the Ranger to find out how the Law was formed, the people who used to live there and the treasure they left behind!

Meet at the car park on the north side of the hill. Take the A199 to East Linton and follow the signs to Traprain Law.

Grid ref: NT 582 750. Families. Children must be 7+.

THURSDAY 14TH JULY

SENSE-ATIONS 14:00 – 15:30

MUSSELBURGH

Follow your nose, keep your eyes peeled and pin back your ears as you discover the hidden world around you.

Meet at the gate to Inveresk Church along the Inveresk village road at the war memorial.

Grid ref: NT 344 720. Families. Children must be 5+

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

TIDAL TREASURES 10:00 – 11:30

DUNBAR EAST BEACH

Join the Rangers for a rummage in the rockpools to see what treasures live beneath the surface! Bring wellies and a plastic container.

Meet at the car park next to the play area on the seafront on Lammer Street.

Grid ref: NT 681 789. Families. Children must be 5+

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY**SURVIVAL SKILLS 11:00 – 14:00****GLADSMUIR**

Den building, responsible fire lighting, the monsoon challenge, the best running woodland game ever – and the essential food for survival - roasted marshmallows.

Meet at Butterdean Wood. Signposted from the main A199 Macmerry to Haddington road. 1/3rd mile along single track road.

Car park on the right just as the wood starts.

Grid ref: NT 460 729. Only Children aged 10 to 14.
No Adults. BOOKING REQUIRED.

THURSDAY 21ST JULY**MINIBEAST MANIA 14:00 – 15:30****PRESTONGRANGE**

Search for the weird and wonderful beasties in the museum grounds, then make your own to take away.

Meet at the Prestongrange Mining Museum. Just off the B1348 – main coast road between Musselburgh and Prestonpans. Signposted.

Grid ref: NT 371 736. Families. Children must be 5+

TUESDAY 26TH JULY**SEASHORE SHENNIGANS 13:30 – 15:00****LONGNIDDRY**

Join us for a guddle amongst the rockpools and see what amazing creatures we can find. Bring wellies and a plastic container.

Meet at Longniddry Bents Number 2 car park. Main coast road between Port Seton and Longniddry (B1348)

Signposted. Height restrictor (2.1m)

Grid ref: NT 436 767. Car park charging applies. Families.
Children must be 5+

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WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY

MAGICAL, MYSTERY MOTHS 10:00 – 12:00

AMISFIELD WALLED GARDEN

Come and discover a wonderful variety of moths of all shapes and colours and help us set them free from the moth traps.

A 30-minute walk from Haddington (out beyond Haddington Golf Club Clubhouse) or from minor road which is the first right turn off A199 after leaving Haddington.

Grid ref: NT 534 744. Families. Children must be 5+.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY

WILD FLOWER WONDER 14:00 – 15:30

DUNBAR, JOHN MUIR COUNTRY PARK

Join the Ranger to learn about some of the flowers and plants that make JMCP their home and learn about the folklore behind them.

Meet at Linkfield car park, John Muir Country Park, next door to East Links Family Farm Park, Dunbar. Height restrictor access (2.1m).

Grid ref: NT 651788. Car park charging applies. Families. Children must be 5+.



Mute swans on the river Tyne

TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST**SENSE-ACTIONS 14:00 – 15:30****PRESTONPANS**

Follow your nose, keep your eyes peeled and pin back your ears as you discover the hidden world around you.

Meet at Cuthill Park. Entrance at the bottom of Prestongrange Road.

Grid ref: NT 379 341. Families. Children must be 5+.

WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST**RIVER DIPPING 13:30 – 15:00****DUNBAR, JOHN MUIR COUNTRY PARK**

Join the Rangers to find out what beasties live in the burn. Wear wellies or old shoes.

Meet at Linkfield car park, John Muir Country Park, next door to East Links Farm Park. Height restrictor access (2.1m).

Grid Ref: NT 651788. Car park charging applies. Families. Children must be 5+.

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST**SEASHORE SHENNIGANS 10:30 – 12:00****LONGNIDDRY**

Join us for a guddle amongst the rockpools and see what amazing creatures we can find. Bring wellies and a plastic container.

Longniddry Bents Number 2 car park. Main coast road between Port Seton and Longniddry (B1348). Signposted. Height restrictor (2.1m)

Grid ref: NT 436 767. Car park charging applies. Families. Children must be 5+.

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WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST

ROCK SCHOOL 14:00 – 15:30

WHITESANDS

Join the rangers to learn about what used to live along our coasts and find evidence of fossilised forests, corals and lots more!

Meet at the notice board at the far end of the tarmac road. Take the A1 to the Cement Works turnoff. Follow the signs to Whitesands.

Grid ref: NT 713 772. Car park charging applies. Families. Children must be 5+.

THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

TYNE TREASURES 14:00 – 15:00

HADDINGTON

Explore the banks of the Tyne and find out about the variety of life both above and below the water. Bring wellies or old shoes.

Families. BOOKING REQUIRED.



Kingfisher

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST**STORIES IN STONE 14:30 – 16:00****NORTH BERWICK LAW**

Take a gentle walk up North Berwick Law and learn about the nature and history of this iconic site.

Meet at the car park just off the B1347, Kingston-North Berwick road.

Grid ref: NT 553 842. Families. Children must be 7+.

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST**TRACKS AND TRAILS 10:30 – 12:00****ARCHERFIELD**

Join us as we hone our nature detective skills in the grasslands and woodlands near Archerfield Walled Garden. Take up the challenge and you could perhaps win a prize!

Meet at Archerfield Walled Garden. Just off the A198 between Gullane and Dirleton villages.

Grid ref: NT 501 838. Families. Children must be 7+.

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST**NIGHT MANOEUVRES 20:00 – 21:30****PRESSMENNAN WOOD**

Come along and see what creatures are about as darkness descends on the woods. Bats, moths, mice and owls let's see if we can meet them on our journey. Bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Meet at the woodland car park. Take the A199 to East Linton then follow the signs for Stenton. Just into the village at the school turn right and follow the signs for Pressmennan wood.

Grid ref: NT 620 725. Families. Children must be 7+.

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FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

BUMP IN THE NIGHT 20:30 – 22:00

ABERLADY

Come and join us for an evening stroll through the woods to search for bats and other creatures of the night. Bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Families. **BOOKING REQUIRED.**

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

BUMP IN THE NIGHT 20:00 – 21:30

INVERESK

Come and join us for an evening stroll through the woods to search for bats and other creatures of the night. Bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Families. **BOOKING REQUIRED.**

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

NIGHT MANOEUVRES 19:30 – 21:00

GIFFORD

Come along and see what creatures are about as darkness descends on the woods. Bats, moths, mice and owls let's see if we can meet them on our journey. Bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Meet at Gifford playpark. From Haddington, take the B6369 towards Lennoxlove/Gifford. When in Gifford at the junction by the church, turn right and then second left. The playpark is on your right before the gates of Yester House.

Grid Ref: NT 534 678. Families



MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER**FUNGI FORAY 13:30 – 15:30****DUNBAR, JOHN MUIR COUNTRY PARK**

Join the ranger on a fungi walk and discover what fungi are, what they do and why they are so important.

Meet at Linkfield car park, John Muir Country Park, next door to East Links Farm Park. Height restrictor access (2.1m).

Grid Ref: NT 651788. Car park charging applies.

Adults and families.

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP 10:00 – 12:00****TYNINGHAME**

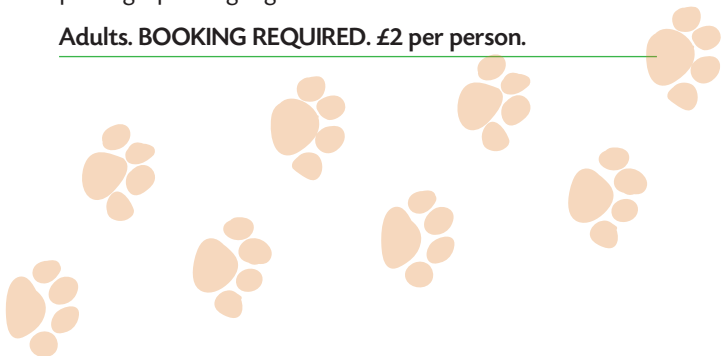
Join the local countryside rangers to make a festive wreath for your home using natural materials.

Adults. **BOOKING REQUIRED.** £5 per person (includes wreath and refreshments).

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY 2017**NEW YEAR WANDER 09:30 – 11:30****GIFFORD**

Take a gentle winters walk before courying in with tea and mince pies for a slide show of the Ranger Service's photographic highlights of 2016.

Adults. **BOOKING REQUIRED.** £2 per person.





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PROGRAMME OF GUIDED HIKES 2016/17



October 30th

Gifford and Morham in the Autumn

Enjoy the autumnal colours and explore the beautiful countryside around Gifford and Morham on this 13 mile (21km) walk. Our route will take us through woodland, over low hills and across farmland. Using mostly well defined footpaths and tracks, some short sections will be along country roads and on rough, muddy and uneven ground.

November 27th

Waughton Earth

A circular route of 9 miles (15km) through some of East Lothian's most productive agricultural land. Enjoy rich wooded landscapes with diverse wildlife on this varied walk which follows paths, tracks and roads over rolling terrain.

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January 29th

Winton Wonderland

An easy 6 mile (9.5 km) walk around the villages of Ormiston and Pencaitland, taking in the historic Winton Estate and sections of the Pencaitland Railway Walk.

February 26th

The Link

A coastal route of 7.5 miles (13km). From woodland gorge to high eroding cliffs, along sandy beaches to boulder shores. Industry and history on display all the way along this route.

Return transport will be provided.

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May 29th

Up and Doon

Walking in the foothills of the Lammermuirs we will take in sights such as Doon Hill, Thorters Reservoir and Nunraw Abbey. A walk of roughly 9 miles (15km), walking on quiet country roads, metalled paths and field margins, requiring moderate fitness. Those who wish can finish with refreshments at the Garvald Inn.

Return transport will be provided.

June 26th

Tyne and Country

This 12 mile (19km) route will take us up onto the Garelton Hills to discover the remains of forts and castles with panoramic views across the county. We return along the river Tyne hopefully spotting a dipper or kingfisher. This walk is of a moderate level using grassy tracks, footpaths and short sections of quiet road.

July 31st

Carfraemill via Lammer Law

A 10.5 mile (17km) walk over the Lammermuir hills to Carfraemill, finishing with a pint in the Carfraemill Inn! A moderate hill walk, mostly along well-defined tracks, but with some open hill walking.

Return transport will be provided.

August 28th

Saltoun Circuit

A pleasant, circular, 9 mile (14.5km) walk taking in the Pencaitland Railway Walk, Saltoun Forest and the Birns and Tyne waters.

September 25th

Tyne Valley Circuit

A moderate 10 mile (16km) walk around part of the historic Tyne valley, taking in Butterdean, Saltoun and the Pencaitland railway Walk.



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The hikes can be booked using the following web address:

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then by using the link to the hikes programme.

Alternatively book via -

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The cost is £4 per person per hike. As places are limited, bookings must be made prior to each and every hike.

Payment will be collected on the day by the Ranger leading the hike.

These hikes are not suitable for children or for people with restricted mobility.

Walking boots are recommended for all hikes, as well as waterproofs, hats and gloves. Routes may be varied depending on the weather conditions. Remember we can only proceed at the pace of the slowest person. Please bring along a packed lunch.

Sorry, but no dogs are permitted on any of these hikes.

Emergency contact details and any relevant medical information will be required from all participants before undertaking these hikes. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be destroyed after the walk.

A home or personal contact number will also be required in the event of a hike cancellation.

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