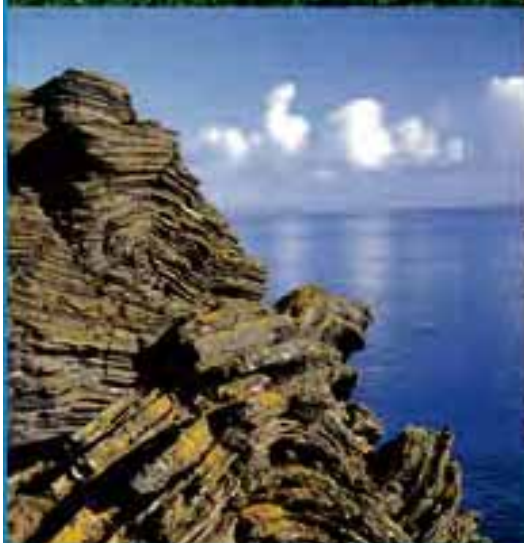
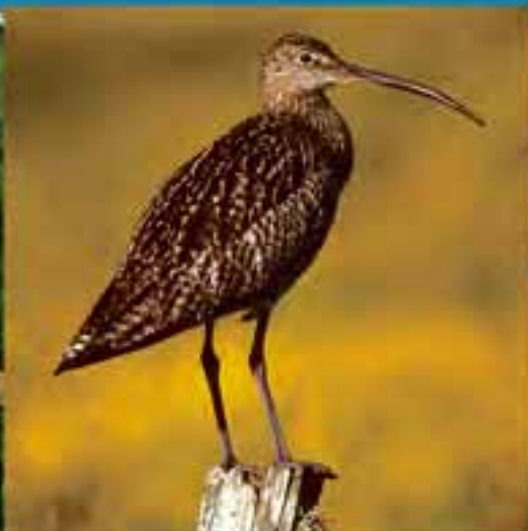


# Ranger Guided Walks & Events

Cuairtean is Cùisean an Luchd-raoin

Caithness & Sutherland  
Gallaidh & Cataibh



2008

# Introduction Ro-ràdh

This programme provides basic information to highlight many events such as guided walks, archaeology trails, storytelling, wildlife talks and family events for all interests and levels of fitness.

It aims to help raise awareness and encourage appreciation of the scenery, wildlife and heritage of the Highlands.

For all walks and events it is important that you come prepared for our Scottish climate. Please pay special attention to the key as this is good advice of the suitability of all events and walks.

It is advisable to contact the Countryside Rangers or person organising the event PRIOR to attending as this programme may change due to adverse weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

If you require further information please contact the relevant person organising the event(s) you are interested in.

See contact page for details.

TO REQUEST THIS BOOKLET IN LARGE PRINT Tel: 01467 702277

## The Scottish Outdoor Access Code Còd Slighean Dòthchail na h-Alba

Please remember **Know the Code before you go.**

'Enjoy, Respect and Protect'.

For more details:

SNH Tel:01738 458545) or [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)



The Highland Council Countryside Rangers are a partnership between The Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage with the aim of promoting public enjoyment and appreciation of the countryside and conserving wildlife.



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## Other Events Cùisean eile a tha a' dol

4th October to 19th October 2008. date to be confirmed

Highland Archaeology Fortnight









This is a diverse programme of events celebrating, from Caithness to Argyll, the rich cultural heritage of the Highlands. Look out for posters and a programme which will be available from September 2006.

For further details:






Tel: 01463 702250 E: archaeology@highland.gov.uk

# Key









## Iuchair

-  Special event for children (must be accompanied by an adult)
-  Family Event (children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, please check before booking)
-  Adult (but may be suitable for older children, please check before booking)
-  Grade A (walking on established paths)
-  Grade B (walking over paths and rough ground at low level – reasonable level of fitness required)
-  Grade C (walking over rough/boggy ground and some hills – reasonable level of fitness required)
-  Grade D (walking through and over mountainous terrain – good level of fitness required)
-  Suitable for wheelchair access
-  Bring wet weather clothing/shoes
-  Bring stout walking shoes
-  Bring a packed lunch
-  Admission and/or transport charge
- AS Assynt
- CA Caithness
- SU Sutherland
- NS North Sutherland
- NWS North West Sutherland
- ES East Sutherland
- FCS Forestry Commision Scotland

# March Am Màrt

- TBC**  
 **SU**  
  
09.30-12.00. [Borgie Bird Boxes](#). [Borgie Buildings](#).  
NC 661 577 As part of national nest box week, help us build bird boxes and feeders. Take the boxes home or put them up around the log buildings. See our nest box camera.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)  
[Information about the event contact Steve Jack Tel: 01641 521807.](#)
- TBC**  
**SU**  
Dark Skies. [Borgie Buildings](#). [to be confirmed on booking](#)  
NM 726 927 This event will depend on the schools and Cosmic Zone.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)  
[Information about the event contact Steve Jack Tel: 01641 521807.](#)
- Fri 21st**  
 **SU**  
  
  
  
10.30 -12.30. [World Forest Day](#). [Active Woods Events](#). [Borgie and Rumster](#).  
[Borgie Buildings and Rumster Forest public roadside carpark](#).  
NC 653 577 (Borgie) or ND 206 394 (Rumster). To celebrate World Forest day and World Earth Day come and do your bit to create a greener environment, come to Borgie and plant some trees to make a lasting impact on the next stage of the forest ecosystem.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)
- Fri 28th**  
  
**SU**  
10.30 -12.30. [World Forest Day](#). [Borgie Glen](#). [Active Woods Events](#).  
[Borgie and Rumster](#).  
NC 680 568 To celebrate World Forest days and World Earth Days come and do your bit to create a greener environment, come to Borgie and plant some trees to make a lasting impact on the next stage of the forest ecosystem.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)
- Sat 29th**  
  
**CA**  
  
  
  
[Rumsters Out Door Spring Adventure! Active Woods Event](#).  
NC 208 377 See local press for times. Follow the road side directions.  
The Forestry Commission will be promoting 4 Interactive Adventures offering 25 heroes an opportunity to go on a 45 minute quest in the magical, and alarming, country of Caledon. Costumes and equipment will be provided.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)

# April An Giblean

- Tues 1st**  
  
**NWS**  
  
  
  
10.00-15.00. [Ceannabienne hill walk \[383m\], Durness](#).  
Meet at Smoo Cave car park. Durness  
NC 418 672 Moorland walk by track and rough ground. Great views north, east, south and west over Durness.  
[NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756](#)
- Mon 7th**  
  
**CA**  
  
  
  
10.30 - 13.00. [World Health Day](#). [North Nordic Walk through Camster Forest](#).  
[Active Woods Event](#). Forestry Commission led. Meet at Camster Forest Car Park.  
NC 263 431 As part of the Forestry Commission's Active Woods Campaign & World Health Day come and join the local forester for a walk and talk in the forest and find out whats going on in the Forests of the far north.  
Length of walk approx 8 miles.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)

# April An Giblean

Sun 20th



CA

11.00-13.00. **Ditch the Sat Nav - Navigation Skills for Beginners.**

ND 162 294 Meet Dunbeath Heritage Centre.

Learn basic map reading skills & use them in the field by

exploring the Dunbeath Strath. Booking essential.

E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758



Thurs 24th



NWS

10.00 -15.00. **Wheelhouse walk. 2000yr old dwelling by Laid**

NC 423 604 Meet at the old roadside quarry 7 miles east of Durness.

A fine walk to an archaeological site above Loch Eriboll. Hill and moorland wildlife.

NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756



Sat 26th



SU

**Borgie Out Door Spring Adventure! Active Woods Event.**

NM 692 644 follow roadside Directions. See local press for details

The Forestry Commission will be promoting 4 Interactive

Adventures offering 25 heroes an opportunity to go on a 45 minute quest

in the magical, and alarming, country of Caledon. Costumes and equipment will be provided. Booking essential.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.



# May An Cèitean

Thurs 1st



AS

10.00 - 13.00. **Coastal Birds of Culkein, Stoer.**

NC 041 297 Meeting at Stoer Hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver.

Explore the bay of Culkein where we hope to see ringed

plovers, redshanks, whimbrel and maybe other passing migrants.

Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654



Thurs 1st



NS

11.00 - 14.30. **Scullomie to Sletell guided walk.**

NC 612 601 Road side car park above Coldbackie Beach near Tongue.

Lovely coastal hill walk to the abandoned clearance settlement

of Sletell. Lots of plants and superb views of the Kyle of Tongue. No dogs.

North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884



Sun 4th



FCS

10.30 - 16.00. **Scottish Outdoor Access Celebration.**

ND 121 4944 Mountain Biking the Undiscovered Country. Meet - Forestry

Commission road entrance to Braehour Forest, about 1.5 miles south,

south west of Westerdale. A 34 Km circular guided mountain bike ride

through Britain's last wilderness. Led by Forestry Commission mountain bike trail leader.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.



Mon 5th



AS

11.00 - 14.00. **Caithness & Sutherland Walking Festival. Beautiful Borgie**











**Backwoods. Borgie Forest.** NC 679 579 Meet at the road entrance to










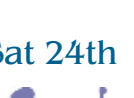
Borgie Glen. 6-7 Mile walk around Borgie Forest, guided by the Forestry

Commission. Suitable for dogs. Booking essential.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.



- Tues 6th**  
 AS  
 10.00 - 14.00. Reptiles of Little Assynt. Assynt Visitor Centre, NC 094 225 Main Street, Lochinver. Talk on how to look for lizards, slow worms and adders followed by a site visit to Little Assynt to look for them. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 6th**  
 NWS  
 10.00 - 13.00. Faraid Head SSSI guided walk. Sutherland Walking Festival. NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then through the dunes perhaps viewing puffins on the cliffs. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 8th**  
 AS  
 11.00-15.00. Achmelvich Coastal walk. Achmelvich beach car park. NC 058 248 Beautiful coastal walk to the mill at Altanabradhan through croft land and machair bursting with wildflowers, including the rare pyramidal bugle. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 9th**  
 FCS  
 18.00 - 20.00. Carbisdale Castle - Come and try a mountain bike ride. NG 409 206 Meet Carbisdale Castle lower forest car park.. Join the Forestry Commissions mountain bike trail cycle leader around Carbisdale's blue route for a guided cycle around this world class facility. Bring your own bike, helmet, gloves, spares, waterproofs. Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch:- Tel: 01862 810359.
- Sat 10th**  
 SU  
 Shin Falls Out Door Adventure! Shin Falls forest, Achany by Lairg. See local press for details. Follow the road side directions. The Forestry Commission will be promoting 4 Interactive Adventures offering 25 heroes an opportunity to go on a 45 minute quest in the magical, and alarming, country of Caledon. Costumes and equipment will be provided. Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Sun 11th**  
 CA  
 Ship A Hoy. Ferry office John o' Groats. To be confirmed on booking NC 218 345 John o'Groats ferry to Hoy; bus to Rackwick to explore or walk to the Old Man. Cetaceans, hares and skuas. Event dependent on weather. £30 charge per person. Booking essential. N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 13th**  
 NWS  
 10.00-15.00 Kylestrome and Glen Dubh. NC 218 345 Meet at Reay forest estate car park [Kylestrome] Walk by rough track across magnificent scenery. Good chance of seeing deer, seals, herons, ravens. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Tues 13th**  
 AS  
 10.00-13.00. On the look out for Otters at Culkein Stoer. NC 041 297 Meet at Stoer Hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver. What to look for and how to see these common residents around our shores. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 14th**  
 NS  
 10.00 - 14.00. Armadale Burn - glacial melt water gorge walk. NC 795 639 Road side parking at A836 road bridge. Great walk along beautiful steep sided river gorge towards hill loch looking at geology, plants and archaeology. No dogs. Small river ford to navigate. North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Mid May**  
 CA  
 Moth Training Events. To be confirmed on booking NM 660 863 If interested please phone for details. N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

- Thurs 15th**  **NWS** **10.00-14.00. Kyle of Durness walk.**  
 NC 389 687 Meet at Durness golf course car park. Fine coastal walk around the Kyle of Durness. Seabirds, wild flowers, chance of seeing otters and interesting geology.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 15th**  **AS** **11.00-15.00. The secrets of Glen Leireag. Nedd bridge, 3km east of Drumbeg.**  
 NC 148 315 Once a thriving community now left to nature. Discover the secrets of this glen including freshwater pearl mussels and golden eagles.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Mon 19th**  **CA** **20.30-21.30. Clowns of the Ocean.**  
 A short walk to view a fascinating puffin colony in the Dunbeath area.  
 Booking essential  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Tues 20th**  **NS** **14.00-16.00. Strathy Pools and Priest Stone. Strathy Village Hall.**  
 NC 835 653 Walk out to view a lovely bog pool system then head on across the hill to the Strathy Priest Stone overlooking the village. No dogs  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Tues 20th**  **NS** **09.00-16.00. In search of Golden Eagles. Assynt Visitor Centre,**  
 NC 094 225 Main Street, Lochinver. Elusive and yet majestic, Golden Eagles are one of Assynt's special birds.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 21st**  **NWS** **14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Beautiful walk across Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 22nd**  **NS** **10.00-14.00. Invernaver - broch and beach.**  
 NC 710 603 Roadside car park by the River Naver bridge near Bettyhill. Enjoy a guided walk on this former national nature reserve and see wonderful wildflowers and archaeology, including remains of a broch with stunning views. No dogs. Involves a steep climb.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Thurs 22nd**  **AS** **10.00-12.00. Electro-fishing demonstration.**  
 NC 083 248 Achmelvich Bridge, on the coast road to Stoer. A harmless technique to look for eels, trout and more with the West Sutherland Fisheries Trust biologist. Please bring wellies if possible.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 22nd**  **CA** **19.30-21.30. Puffins and more.**  
 NC 921 645 Layby at the North coast Caithness and Sutherland border. Walk through some spectacular scenery to this busy puffinry and see what else appears.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Sat 24th**  **NWS** **10.00-12.00. Osprey watch.**  
 NH 776 983 Meet at the Mound car park on the A9 between Golspie and Dornoch. Come and watch the comings and goings of one of Sutherland's nesting osprey pairs.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Sat 24th**  **NS** **14.00-16.00. In search of seals.**  
 NC 910 036 Meet at the Shore car park, Brora. A 6km walk to get close to the common seals hauled out on an east coast beach.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

- Sat 24th**  
 NS  
**11.00-14.00. Borgie Viking Boats.** .  
 NC 663 565 Meet at Borgie Forest log cabins Come along to the Borgie Forest log cabins and help the local ranger and Forestry Commission build replica Viking longboats complete with sails.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Sun 25th**  
 ES  
**11.00-14.00. Ben Bhraggie.**  
 Meet at the Main Street car park (near Co-op), Golspie. A 10Km walk through woodland and by loch, finishing at the spectacular monument to the 1st Duke of Sutherland. One of the best viewpoints in the area.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel 01549 402 638
- Fri 25th**  
 NS  
**14.00 - 17.00. Loch Meadie guided walk.**  
 NC 748 619 Meet at A836 viewpoint car park just east of Bettyhill. Lovely hill walk around this beautiful loch, look out over the expanse of wild country to the south. No dogs  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Tues 27th**  
 AS  
**11.00-16.00. Wildflowers of the limestone plateau.**  
 NC 251 216 Inchnadamph car park. Stunning walk in search of globe flowers, mountain avens and other speciality flowers of the limestone with guest local botanists.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 28th**  
 NWS  
**14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.** .  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness Beautiful walk across Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Part of European geopark week.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Wed 28th**  
 AS  
**20.00- 22.00. Moths of North-west Highlands Geopark.**  
 NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. A talk on the weird and wonderful variety of moths followed by a visit to a moth trapping station to see them for real.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 29th**  
 NWS  
**10.00-12.30. Scourie, dykes and garnets.**  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Part of European Geopark week. Not suitable for dogs.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 29th**  
 AS  
**11.00-14.00. The amazing rock features at Clachtoll.**  
 NC 040 273 Clachtoll Beach carpark. The secrets of the oldest sedimentary rocks in Europe revealed as part of European Geopark Week.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 29th**  
 NS  
**14.00-17.00. Puffin along to Melvich.**  
 NC 933 646 Meet at roadside parking at Drum Hollistan, by Caithness boundary sign. Visit the best puffinry in the local area then enjoy a coastal cliff top walk along to Melvich Bay. Chance of seeing whales or dolphins. No dogs. Need transport back from Melvich.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Fri 30th**  
 CA  
**19.00-20.00. Cruise the Caithness Coast.**  
 ND 369 505 Meet Wick Harbour. Join the Freedom Charter to admire the beauty of the Caithness coast by sea; natural stone brigs, stacks and caves. Learn about the wonderful array of wildlife including hundreds of nesting seabirds, seals and perhaps even a whale or dolphin. Weather dependant. £12 charge per person. Booking essential.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758

# June An t-Ògmhios

Tues 3rd



CA

11.00-13.30. [The Needle & Nests.](#)

ND 338 453 Meet at Smiddy Inn car park, Thrumster. Cliff top walk to view a spectacular natural arch and vast colonies of nesting seabirds including guillemot, razorbill, kittiwakes & more.

[E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758](#)

Tues 3rd



AS

11.00- 15.00. [Achmelvich Coastal walk.](#)

NC 058 248 Meet at Achmelvich beach car park. Stunning scenery along this delightful walk to the old meal mill. We shall be looking for spring squill and early purple orchids.

[Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654](#)

Tues 3rd



NWS

10.00-16.00. [Rhiconich, by river and loch.](#)

NC 256 524 Meet at Rhiconich Hotel car park. Fascinating walk by river and moorland in a wild and rugged landscape. Glacial erratics, moorland plants and birds.

[NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756](#)

Wed 4th



NWS

14.00-16.00. [Do the Puffin walk.](#) Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness.

NC 392 687 Beautiful walk across Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins.

[NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756](#)

Thurs 5th



CA

14.00-16.00. [Holborn Head highlights.](#) Meet at track to lighthouse at

Scrabster harbour. ND 102 703 A cliff top walk passing blow holes, gloops and stacks. Spot the tiny small blue butterfly.

[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)

Thurs 5th



AS

10.00-13.00. [The Bone Caves, Inchnadamph.](#)

NC 254 179 Meet at Bone Caves car park, 4 km south of Inchnadamph. Fascinating walk to the caves where bones of reindeer, humans and even polar bears were discovered.

[Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654](#)

Thurs 5th



FCS

[World Environment Day. CO2, Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon](#)

[Economy.](#) ND 320 488 Meet Blingery Forest car park, Follow direction signs off the public road. As part of "Biodiversity Week", drift through the multiple environments in an investigative wander through this remarkable corner of the Moidart peninsula. Booking essential.

[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)

Sat 7th



NS

10.00-13.00. [Borgie moths.](#)

ND 221 698 Meet at Borgie Forest Log Cabins. Enjoy a presentation by Tony Mainwood all about our local moths as part of the National Moth Night events. See what species we captured in the moth trap overnight, then join us on a day flying moth hunt in the forest. All equipment provided.

[North Sutherland Ranger Tel 01641 521884](#)

Sat 7th

















CA


10.30 onwards. [Woodland Creations. Dunnet Forest.](#)






ND 221 698 Make art and sculptures in Dunnet Forest. Geared for any age and families. Under 8 must have adult with them. Event runs all day but join and leave when you wish.

[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)

- Sat 7th**  
 FCS  
 20.00hrs approx. [National Moth Night](#).  
 ND 320 488 Follow direction signs off the public road. Help your environment by helping to attract and identify moths in Blingery Forest. Booking essential.  
[Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.](#)
- Sun 8th**  
 CA  
[Boat trip to Muckle Skerries and Swona](#).  
 ND 380 734 Meet John o' Groats harbour. Sail in the North Coast explorer to the Pentland skerries and Swona and look at their history and wildlife. If conditions are right we may land on Swona. £25 charge per person. Booking essential.  
[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)
- Tues 10th**  
 AS  
[10.00-13.00. Clachtoll coastal walk](#).  
 NC 040 273 Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park. Beautiful walk to the Iron-age fort. Hear the story of skeletons, ancient saunas and the "murder hole".  
[Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654](#)
- Tues 10th**  
 CA  
[10.00 -12.30. Moths count](#).  
 ND 219 706 Meet at Seadrift Centre. Join us in emptying the moth traps after a short talk on these great creatures. This is part of National Moth Count.  
[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)
- Tues 10th**  
 NS  
[11.00-14.30. Talmine treasures](#).  
 NC 588 633 Meet at Talmine pier. Please do not block access to the pier when parking. Lovely walk to see the beautiful plants found along this coast, with interesting geology and possibly a porpoise or two. Not suitable for dogs.  
[North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884](#)
- Wed 11th**  
 NWS  
[14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk](#).  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across Beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars.  
[NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756](#)
- Wed 11th**  
 CA  
[14.00-15.30. Butterfly walk. Car park north Dunnet Bay](#).  
 ND 219 706 Join the ranger in a walk to monitor the local butterflies and spot the rare small blue butterfly.  
[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)
- Wed 11th**  
 AS  
[21.00-23.00. Bat evening, Lochinver](#).  
 NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. Slide show at the Visitor Centre followed by a visit to the local pipistrelle roost to watch up to 100 bats leave their roost.  
[Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654](#)
- Thurs 12th**  
 ES  
[09.00-13.00. Brora - Golspie coast walk](#).  
 Meet at Golspie railway station. Catch the train from Golspie to Brora and walk 10kms back along this lovely coastline.  
[East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402638.](#)
- Thurs 12th**  
 NWS  
[10.00-12.30. Scourie, dykes and garnets](#).  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs.  
[NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756](#)
- Thurs 12th**  
 CA  
[10.30-16.30. Duncansby Head to Skirza](#).  
 ND 405 735 Meet car park Duncansby Head lighthouse. From these cliffs we have a good chance of spotting minke whale as well as seeing seabird colonies.  
[N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531](#)











- Thurs 12th**  **FCS** **11.00 -14.00. Wild at Heart. Active Woods Event. Forsie Forest, Halkirk.**  
 ND 051 586 Meet between the Forests on the roadside parking area, 2 miles west of Brawbin Farm. Combine your love of wildlife and the great outdoors by celebrating National Wildlife Week and British Heart Week in the secluded Forsie Forest. Come and join the local forester and countryside Ranger for a guided walk through this little known forest with a variety of habitats.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Thurs 12th**  **AS** **11.00- 17.00. Quinag, Assynt.**  
 NC 232 274 Car park 3km north of Skiag Bridge. Explore this fantastic Assynt mountain. Look for Mountain Azalea, Mountain Hares and Ptarmigan. Learn how the John Muir Trust is looking after it.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 12th**  **ES** **14.00-16.00. Osprey watch.**  
 NH 776 983 Meet at the Mound car park on the A9 between Golspie and Dornoch. Come and watch the comings and goings of one of Sutherland's nesting osprey pairs.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Fri 13th**  **CA** **13.30-16.30. Heritage, Herring Gulls & Heady Heights.**  
 ND 243 349 Meet at Waterlines, Lybster Harbour. A cliff top walk to the old herring station at Achastle on the lookout for cetaceans, nesting seabirds & plantlife. Rough walking in parts.  
 East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Fri 13th**  **NS** **11.00 - 15.00. Cnoc an Fhreicheadain (Watch Hill) and Ben Tongue.**  
 NC 612 601 Meet at A836 roadside car park overlooking Coldbackie Beach. Vehicle needed for return. Stunning 360 degree views from top of this relatively low (307m) hill. Look out over the Kyle of Tongue and on to Ben Loyal, Ben Hope and back into Caithness. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Sat 14th**  **SU** **Camore Out Door Adventure! Camore Forest. See Press for Details.**  
 The Forestry Commission will be promoting 4 Interactive Adventures in Camore Forest. Each of these 4 special adventures will offer 25 heroes an opportunity to go on a 45 minute quest in the magical, country of Caledon. Costumes and equipment will be provided. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Sat 16th**  **SU** **20.00hrs (TBC at booking). Badger Watching.**  
 NC 697439 Meet at the Forestry Commission Rosal Forest Sign Entrance opposite Dalvina Lodge. National Badger Day. Please do not bring: Dogs, cameras, noisy waterproofs, strong scents or bright clothing. Please do bring warm clothing, a stool or lightweight camping chair, non salted nuts and raisins and a torch. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Tues 17th**  **AS** **11.00-15.00. Achmelvich coastal walk.**  
 NC 058 248 Achmelvich beach car park. Stunning scenery along this delightful walk to the old meal mill - great for butterflies and fragrant orchids. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 18th**  **NWS** **14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756











- Wed 18th**  AS  
  **11.00-15.00. Dragonflies at Inchnadamph.**  
 NC 251 216 Inchnadamph car park. To look for the under-recorded Azure Hawker as well as getting a better idea of the distribution of the common species found there. Bring lunch and plastic tubs for beasties.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 19th**  AS  
  **10.00-13.00. Close up on Seals at Oldany, near Drumbeg.**  
 NC 120 330 Drumbeg view point car park. Experience the delights of a common seal colony with maybe a chance of seeing otters. Wear suitable clothing. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 20th**   (F) FCS  
  **20.00hrs (TBC at booking). Sundowner Safari Summer Solstice Mountain Bike Ride. Active Woods Event. Borgie Forest.** NC 679 579 Meet at the road entrance to Borgie Glen. Part of National Bike Week. Come to Borgie Forest and enjoy one of the longest and brightest nights of the year. Stop on the way round at the Forestry Sunset BBQ for a burger and warming drink. Approx 7 miles. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359
- Mon 23rd**  CA  
  **14.00-16.00. Blow holes at the blowhole!**  
 ND 191 321 Meet Latheronwheel harbour car park. National Whale & Dolphin Watch. Learn about the whales & dolphins of the Caithness coast. Visit a blow hole & help with the national survey by sea watching with the ranger on a beautiful cliff top. Binoculars useful.  
 East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Tues 24th**  (F) NWS  
**10.00-12.00. Whale and Dolphin watching at Durness [Lerinbeg].**  
 NC 407 677 Meet at Durness tourist information centre. Be part of national whale and dolphin watching day. Watch point overlooking Sango Bay and the north coast by Durness. Bring binoculars.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Tues 24th**  NS  
  **10.00-12.00. Strathy Pools and Priest Stone.**  
 NC 835 653 Strathy Village Hall Walk out to view a lovely bog pool system then head on to the Strathy Priest Stone overlooking the village. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Tues 24th**  CA  
  **19.00-21.00. Holborn Head evening walk.**  
 ND 121 689 Meet track to lighthouse at Scrabster harbour. A cliff top walk passing blow holes, ghoups and stacks.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 24th**  AS  
   **10.00-18.00. Canisp, Assynt.**  
 NC 250 161 Loch Awe lay-by 3km north of Ledmore junction. A magic walk to the high top.(846m). A place to find Golden Plovers, Golden Eagles and Wild Azaleas.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 25th**  (F) NWS  
  **14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 26th**  (F) NWS  
  **10.00-12.30. Scourie, Dykes and Garnets.**  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 26th**  (F) AS  
  **10.00-15.00. Whale and Dolphin watching at Stoer lighthouse.**  
 NC 041 297 Stoer hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver A slide show at Stoer hall followed by a visit to the cliffs to watch for passing cetaceans. Part of National Whale and Dolphin Watching Day.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654












- Thurs 26th**  **ES** **10.00-12.00. Blooming marvellous.**  
NH 802 884 Meet at the Airfield car park, Dornoch. A walk through the wildflower meadows and salt marsh of the Common Good Lands.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Sat 28th**  **ES** **14.00-16.00. Osprey watch.**  
NH 776 983 Meet at the Mound car park on the A9 between Golspie and Dornoch. Come and watch the comings and goings of one of Sutherland's nesting osprey pairs.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Sat 28th**  **CA** **11.00-14.00. Rumster Ramble Rumble and Ride.**  
ND 205 388 Rumster Forest. Schools out for summer! A family fun orienteering event, on foot, on mountain bike or horse at Rumster Forest with a free BBQ. Joint event with Forestry Commission and HC Countryside Rangers. Horses and mountain bikes welcome.  
Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Sun 29th**  **NS** **11.00-13.00. Spinningdale Woods.**  
NH 665 908 Meet at the car park one mile from Spinningdale on the minor road from Spinningdale - Migdale. Explore new paths through the Woodlands Trust reserve to a viewpoint overlooking the Dornoch Firth.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Mon 30th**  **CA** **11.00-12.30. Wick River Children's Nature Detectives - Meet the Gruffalo.**  
ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park. Children's holiday group meeting the mysterious creatures of the Wick River. Suitable for supervised children under 6.  
E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758












# July An t-luchar







- Tues 1st**  **CA** **11.00-13.00. Children's Nature Group - The Gruffalo.**  
ND 219 706 Meet at Seadrift Centre. Find out what other creatures use this forest with us - including some very unexpected ones! Suitable for supervised children under 6.  
N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 1st**  **AS** **11.00-16.00. Clachtoll to Achmelvich coastal walk and back.**  
NC 040 273 Clachtoll Beach car park. Stunning cliff top walk past the point of leaping dolphins. Not for the faint-hearted, this 7km path is rough in places.  
Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 2nd**  **CA** **14.00-16.30. Dunbeath Strath Wednesday Wander.**  
ND 162 294 Meet Dunbeath Heritage Centre. Enjoy the beautiful birch & hazel woodland, meandering river & abundant wildlife which thrive in this sheltered strath.  
East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Wed 2nd**  **AS** **10.00-13.00. Black-throated Divers revealed.**  
NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street Lochinver. Watch this stunningly beautiful bird on a traditional breeding loch.  
Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654

- Wed 2nd** 14.00-16.00. [Do the Puffin walk.](#)  
 NWS NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars if possible.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 3rd** 10.00-12.00. [Nature Club-Worm Charming Championship.](#)  
 ES NC 580 062 Meet at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg. Take part in the second Lairg worm charming competition and find out about the most important animal on the planet! Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Thurs 3rd** 19.00- 21.00. [Dunnet; beach, dunes and forest evening.](#)  
 CA ND 219 706 Dunnet Bay car park north. Explore these different habitats and find out about the changes taking place in the community woodland. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Thurs 3rd** 11.00-16.00. [Archaeology and wildlife at Inchnadamph.](#)  
 AS NC 251 216 Inchnadamph car park. A joint event with Historic Assynt. Learn about Ardvreck Castle and more and meet the wildlife of the area.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Sat 5th** [Bushcraft for Beginners.](#)  
 FCS Meet Rumster Forest Car Park. Come and try the age old art of Survival Skills in Rumster Forest or simply watch how it is done led by a local bushcraft expert.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Mon 7th** 11.00-12.30. [Wick River Children's Nature Detectives.](#)  
 CA ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park. Children's holiday group looking at the wildlife of the Wick River. Different theme each week with games & practical activities. Suitable for 8-11 years.  
 East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Tues 8th** 10.00-12.00. [Nature club- Rockpools.](#)  
 ES ND 030 152 Meet at Helmsdale harbour car park. Explore the rockpools for crabs, sea slugs and starfish! Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Tues 8th** 10.00-13.00. [Dragonflies up close at Loch Poll.](#)  
 AS NC 120 330 Drumbeg view point car park. Meet these colourful killing machines up close and find out about their underwater and airborne existence. Assynt Rangers Tel:01571 844654
- Tues 8th** 11.00-13.00. [Children's nature group - who Dunnit at Dunnet?](#)  
 CA ND 219 706 Seadrift car park North Dunnet bay. Be a nature detective and solve the wildlife crimes. Suitable for children 8-12 years.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 8th** 14.00-16.00. [In search of seals.](#)  
 ES NC 910 036 Meet at the Shore car park, Brora. A 6km walk to get close to the common seals hauled out on an east coast beach.  
 East Sutherland Ranger. Tel: 01549 402 638
- Wed 9th** 10.00-13.00. [Clachtoll coastal walk.](#)  
 AS NC040 273 Clachtoll Beach car park. Beautiful walk to the Iron-age fort. Hear the story of skeletons, ancient saunas and the "murder hole".  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654

- Wed 9th**  
 CA  
**14.00-16.30. Duncansby Head circular walk.**  
 ND 405 735 Meet car park Duncansby Head lighthouse. From these cliffs we have a good chance of spotting minke whale as well as seeing seabird colonies and specialised plants.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Thurs 10th**  
 ES  
**10.00-12.00. Nature club - Nature detectives.**  
 NH 815 977 Meet at Balblair Wood entrance, Golspie - Littleferry road. Visit a variety of crime scenes and unravel who did what to whom! Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Thurs 10th**  
 AS  
**14.00-16.30. Medicinal Plants at Culag Wood.**  
 NC 093 215 Culag Wood car park, 500m south of the school. Find out about the various uses and strange stories about some of the Highland's most popular plants.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 11th**  
 AS  
**19.00-20.00. Cruise the Caithness Coast.**  
 ND 369 505 Meet Wick Harbour at portacabin by coastguard station. Join the 'Geo Explorer' to get exceptional close-up views of the Caithness coast by sea. Natural stone brigs, stacks and caves. Learn about the wonderful array of wildlife including hundreds of nesting seabirds, seals and perhaps even a whale or dolphin. Event is weather dependant. £20 booking essential.  
 East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Mon 14th**  
 CA  
**11.00-12.30. Wick River Children's Nature Detectives.**  
 ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park. Children's holiday group looking at the wildlife of the Wick River. Different theme each week with games & practical activities. Suitable for 8-11 years.  
 East Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Tues 15th**  
 AS  
**09.00-19.00. Elphin to Lochinver long-distance walk.**  
 NC 094 227 Lochinver Post Office. A long but fantastic journey through the remote heart of Assynt. Meet at the Lochinver Post Office where we will get the Post bus to Elphin. 22km.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 15th**  
 CA  
**11.00-13.00. Children's Nature Group - Fun in the Sun.**  
 ND 219 706 Dunnet Bay car park north. Various activities from pond dipping to mini beast hunts. Any child under 8yrs must be accompanied by an adult  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 15th**  
 NS  
**14.00-17.00. Talmine treasures.**  
 NC 588 633 Meet at Talmine pier. Come along and see the beautiful plants found along this coast, along with interesting geology and possibly a porpoise or two. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 16th**  
 NWS  
**14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness.  
 Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Wed 16th**  
 AS  
**14.00-15.30. The Gruffalo story, Culag Woods.**  
 NC 093 215 Culag Wood car park, 500m south of the school. A mouse took a walk in the deep dark woods. Follow the trail to find the Gruffalo. Suitable for families with children under the age of 8 if accompanied by an adult.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654

- Thurs 17th**  **10.00-12.30. Scourie, Dykes and Garnets. .**  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Bring binoculars if possible.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 17th**  **10.30-12.30. Pond dipping for grown ups.**  
 ND 219 706 Dunnet Bay car park north. Pond dipping is not just for children. Discover what creatures lurk beneath the waters.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Thurs 17th**  **11.00-15.00. Ardroe to Lochinver in search of butterflies.**  
 NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. Explore the Assynt countryside in search of Dark-green Fritillaries, Speckled Wood and Grayling Butterflies.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 18th**  **14.00-16.30. Castle Varrich.**  
 NC 592 567 Meet at car park by bank in Tongue. Enjoy a stroll up to Castle Varrich in Tongue, discuss the theories of its use and enjoy the great views over the Kyle. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Fri 18th**  **14.00-16.00. Castles & Crabs.**  
 ND 344 601 Meet Keiss beach car park. Enjoyable shore walk passing a traditional harbour & 16th castle ruins. Looking at shore life, plants & birds.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Sat 19th**  **11.00-14.00. Borgie Natural Art.**  
 NC 680 570 Borgie Forest-Glen side car park (near the totem pole). Bring along your imagination! Join the local ranger and Forestry Commission and use natural materials to create your own works of art within the Borgie Glen Forest.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Mon 21st**  **11.00-12.30. Wick River Children's Nature Detectives - Dragon Walk.**  
 ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park. Children's holiday group. Look for the wildlife of the Wick River and perhaps some mystical creatures. Children under 8 years with adult.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Mon 21st**  **14.00-17.00. Ard Mor at Bettyhill.**  
 NC 701 620 Meet at Bettyhill pier on the River Naver. Fantastic wildflowers and scenery along this walk on the Bettyhill headland. With Scottish Primrose and possible porpoise in the bay. No dogs. Some high cliffs on this walk. [North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884](tel:01641521884)
- Tues 22nd**  **10.00-12.00. Nature club - Woodland history challenge.**  
 NC 580 062 Meet at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg. Take part in Hunt the Deer, Gather Berries or Starve and other challenges and discover the woodland history of Scotland. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Tues 22nd**  **11.00-13.00. Children's Nature Group - dragon walk.**  
 ND 219 706 Dunnet Bay car park north. Learn about wildlife through games. Children under 8 years with adult.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel 01847821531
- Tues 22nd**  **16.00-17.30. Rockpools at Clachtoll.**  
 NC 040 273 Clachtoll Beach car park. In search of hermit crabs, sea scorpions and all those weird and wonderful beasts that live in our rockpools. [Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654](tel:01571844654)

- Wed 23rd**  **NS** **11.00 - 13.00. Nature Kids.**  
 NC 663 565 Meet at Borgie Forest Log Cabins. Kids fun nature group at Borgie Forest log cabins. Have fun and learn about nature with the local ranger. No dogs. Suit kids 8-12 years but must be accompanied. £1 charge.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 23rd**  **NWS** **14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Wed 23rd**  **CA** **19.00-21.00. Holborn Head evening walk.**  
 ND 102 703 Meet at track to lighthouse at Scrabster harbour. A cliff top walk passing blow holes, ghoups and stacks.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Wed 23rd**  **AS** **10.00-13.00. The Bone Caves, Inchnadamph.**  
 NC 254 179 Bone Caves car park, 4 km south of Inchnadamph. Fascinating walk to the caves where bones of reindeer, humans and even polar bears were discovered.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 24th**  **ES** **10.00-12.00. Nature club- Mud Lark.**  
 NH 815 977 Meet at the Balblair Woods entrance on the Golspie-Littleferry road. Dig, sieve and dredge the mud for all sorts of amazing creatures. Wellies essential. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.  
 East Sutherland ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Thurs 24th**  **ES** **14.00-16.00. Osprey watch.**  
 NH 776 983 Meet at the Mound car park on the A9 between Golspie and Dornoch. Come and watch the comings and goings of one of Sutherland's nesting osprey pairs.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Thurs 24th**  **AS** **11.00-15.00. Drumbeg peat road.**  
 NC 120 330 Drumbeg View Point car park. Journey to the interior of Assynt rich in wildlife and history and murderous stories.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 25th**  **CA** **11.00 -14.00 International Bog Day. Active Woods Event.**  
 NC 903 486 Forsinain Forest. Celebrate International bog day with the official opening and guided walk through the Wetland trail at Forsinain Forest. Joint event with Forestry Commission & HC Countryside Ranger. Expect some rough walking. Approx 4 miles. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Fri 25th**  **NS** **14.00 - 17.00. Loch Meadie guided walk.**  
 NC 748 619 Meet at A836 viewpoint car park just East of Bettyhill. Lovely hill walk around this beautiful loch, look out over the expanse of wild country to the south. No dogs  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Sun 27th**  **CA** **10.30-14.00. Dunnet Head.**  
 ND 202 767 Meet Dunnet Head lighthouse. A cliff top walk from the most northerly point of mainland Scotland west to Dwarick pier.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Mon 28th**  **CA** **11.00-12.30. Wick River Children's Nature Detectives.**  
 ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park. Children's holiday group looking at the wildlife of the Wick River. Different theme each week with games & practical activities. Suitable for 8-11 years. Wellies useful. Younger children MUST be accompanied by an adult.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758

- Tues 29th** **10.00-13.00. The Dragon walk.**  
 AS  
 NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. Short family walk in search of the elusive Northern Green Dragon. A sense of adventure needed.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 29th** **10.00-14.00. Dornoch-Embo-Dornoch.**  
 ES  
 Meet at the Beach car park, Dornoch. A 10 Km walk along the old railway line and back along the beach.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Tues 29th** **11.00- 13.00. Children's nature group - Achvarasdal woodland sculptures.**  
 CA  
 ND 982 649 Achvarasdal Wood, near Reay. Make art and sculptures in Achvarasdal woodland. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 29th** **14.00-16.00. Farr Bay, Dunes and Bumblebees.**  
 NS  
 NC 712 622 Meet at A836 at Farr view (beach path). Amble around Farr Bay with the ranger, looking at the varied plants, visit our bumblebee site and hopefully see the rarest bumblebee in Britain. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 30th** **14.00-16.00. Do the Puffin walk.**  
 NWS  
 NC 392 687 Meet at Balnakeil beach car park by Durness. Walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach then across dunes to view a small colony of puffins. Probably the last chance this year!  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Wed 30th** **10.00-13.00. On the look out for Otters at Culkein Stoer.**  
 AS  
 NC 041 297 Slide show followed by a short drive and walk around Culkein in search of tracks and signs.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 30th** **11.00-13.00. Nature Kids - Beached whale.**  
 NS  
 NC 712 622 Meet at A836 at Farr View (beach path). Join the ranger at Farr Beach and have fun helping to build a sand whale. Can we beat last years total length of 9 metres? No dogs. £1 charge per child.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Thurs 31st** **10.00-12.30. Scourie, Dykes and Garnets.**  
 NWS  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 31st** **10.00-17.00. Glas Bhein, near Inchnadamph.**  
 AS  
 NC 251 216 Inchnadamph car park. A walk to the top of one of Assynt's less-visited hills, with some wonderful views.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 31st** **19.00-22.00. Coastal Treasures of the Wick Coast.**  
 CA  
 ND 369 505 Meet outside old herring mart (yellow & red wooden hut), Wick Harbour. Experience the sights and smells of an amazing seabird colony set amidst the beauty of the East Caithness Coast. Discover sea stacks, natural arch & caves along the way.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Thurs 31st** **11.00-14.00. Nature club - Gold rush 2008.**  
 ES  
 ND 030 152 Meet at Helmsdale harbour car park. No one got rich in the Sutherland gold rush of 1868 but you never know your luck. Come and try your hand at gold panning. £3 for equipment hire. Wellies essential.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

Thurs 31st



CA

19.00-21.00. Dunnet Bay Dunes & Forest evening walk.

ND 219 706 Dunnet Bay car park north. Explore different habitats and find out about the changes taking place in the community woodland.  
N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

# August An Lùnastal

Sat 2nd



ES

10.00-16.00 Loch Fleet National Nature Reserve Open Day.

NH 807 957 Meet at the Littleferry car park, Loch Fleet, Golspie. All day wildlife activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the nature reserve.  
Michelle Melville, SNH Tel: 01408 633 602

Sat 2nd



ES

21.00-24.00. Moth night.

NC 580 062 Meet at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg. A short talk on these fascinating creatures and then a chance to catch some using a moth trap.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

Sun 3rd



ES

10.00-16.00. Loch Fleet National Nature Reserve Open Day.

NH 807 957 Meet at the Littleferry car park, Loch Fleet, Golspie. All day wildlife activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the nature reserve.  
Michelle Melville, SNH Tel: 01408 633 602

Mon 4th



AS

11.00-13.30. Clachtoll Sand Sculpture Contest.

NC040 273 Clachtoll Beach car park. Fun for all the family. Bring bucket and spade and lots of ideas. Superb prizes. Judging at 1.00pm.  
Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654

Mon 4th



CA

10.30-13.00. I'm A Viking - Get Me Out Of Here!

ND 555 345 Meet at Reiss beach car park. Children's holiday group. Help your clan survive with challenges and beach trails. Suitable for 8-12 years. Bring Snack. E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758

Tues 5th



CA

10.30-13.00. I'm A Viking - Get Me Out Of Here!

ND 219 706 Meet Seadrift (North car park Dunnet Beach). Children's holiday group. (7-12yrs). Help your clan survive with challenges and beach trails. Bring Lunch or a snack.  
N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

Tues 5th



ES

10.00-12.00. Nature club-Pond dipping.

NH 603 929 Meet at Balblair Woods, Bonar Bridge. Part of the Kyle of Sutherland Gala Week, we will search the pond for weird and wonderful life. Wellies essential. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

Tues 5th



ES

14.00-16.00. Osprey watch.

NH 776 983 Meet at the Mound car park on the A9 between Golspie and Dornoch. Come and watch the comings and goings of one of Sutherland's nesting osprey pairs.  
East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

Tues 5th



AS

16.00-17.30. Rockpools at Achmelvich.

NC 058 248 Achmelvich beach car park. In search of hermit crabs, sea scorpions and all those weird and wonderful beasts that live in our rockpools.  
Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654

Wed 6th






AS







10.00-17.00. Cul Mor near Elphin.



NC189 094 Small lay-by just north of Knockan Visitor centre. Climb to the top of this magnificent mountain with super views and some rare and interesting plants. (849m).  
Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654



















- Wed 6th**  
 NS  
**15.00-17.00. Strathy Point Sea Watch.**  
 NC 827 687 Meet at Strathy Point (Totegan) car park. Come along and join the Ranger to look for whales and dolphins at this hot spot, using binoculars and telescope. No dogs. Event weather dependent. Please bring binoculars if you have them.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 6th**  
 CA  
**19.00-21.00. Wick River Meander.**  
 ND 361 511 Meet at Somerfield car park (boating shed end). A leisurely walk up the Wick river taking in relaxing views, birds and wildflowers.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Thurs 7th**  
 NWS  
**10.00-12.30. Scourie, caves, cliffs and otter signs.**  
 NC 152 434 Meet at Scourie Free Church car park. South end of village. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Thurs 7th**  
 CA  
**11.00-14.00. Dwarick Head coastal walk.**  
 ND 219 706 Meet Seadrift (North car park Dunnet Beach). Walk to the place where the mermaids treasure lies and lunch by the loch.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Fri 8th**  
 NS  
**14.00-17.00. Skerray's stunning coast.**  
 NC 672 626 Meet at Skerray village hall. Superb views across Torrisdale Bay and out to Island Nieve along this beautiful stretch of coastline. Maybe whales or dolphins to be seen. Not suitable for dogs. Steep cliffs on this walk.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Mon 11th**  
 CA  
**Reiss Beach Sculpture Event. Reiss Beach.**  
 ND 344 555 Start time advertised later - dependent on tides. A day of family fun on the beach before we go back to school. Make sculptures out of beach material.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955607758
- Tues 12th**  
 AS  
**11.00-15.00. Achmelvich Coastal walk.**  
 NC 058 248 Achmelvich beach car park. Stunning scenery along this delightful walk to the old meal mill - look out for porpoises and dolphins.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 12th**  
 CA  
**Dunnet Beach Sand Sculpture Day.**  
 ND 219 706 Start time advertised later - dependent on tides. Dunnet Beach. A day of family fun on the beach before we go back to school. Make sculptures out of beach material. Prizes!  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 12th**  
 CA  
**14.00-16.30. St Johns Point and the Haven.**  
 ND 291 729 Meet Mey hall car park (opposite the entrance drive to the Castle of Mey). Walk over the headland to this promontory fort and follow the coast to the hidden haven.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Tues 12th**  
 NS  
**14.00 - 17.00. Talmine treasures.**  
 NC 588 633 Meet at Talmine pier. Come along and see the beautiful plants, along with interesting geology and possibly a porpoise or two. No dogs. Please do not block access when parking.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 13th**  
 AS  
**10.00-13.00. The Bone Caves, Inchnadamph.**  
 NC 254 179 Bone Caves car park, 4 km south of Inchnadamph. Fascinating walk to the caves where bones of reindeer, humans and even polar bears were discovered.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756

- Thurs 14th** 10.00-12.30. [Scourie, Dykes and Garnets.](#)  
 NWS NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 14th** 19.00 -21.00. [Dunnet Bay, dunes and forest evening.](#)  
 CA ND 291 729 Dunnet Bay car park north. Explore these different habitats and find out about the changes taking place in the woodland. N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Thurs 14th** 10.00-12.00. [Clashnessie waterfall walk.](#)  
 AS NC 058 310 Clashnessie Beach car park. Short walk to the stunning Clashnessie waterfall through croft land rich in flowers, birds and history. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 15th** 13.30-16.30. [Heritage, Herring Gulls & Heady Heights.](#)  
 CA ND 243 349 Meet at Waterlines, Lybster Harbour. A cliff top walk to the old herring station at Achastle on the lookout for cetaceans, nesting seabirds & plant life. Rough walking in places. E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Fri 15th** 14.00 - 17.00. [Scullomie to Sletell guided walk.](#)  
 NS NC 612 601 Road side car park above Coldbackie Beach near Tongue. Limited parking. Lovely coastal cliff walk to the abandoned clearance settlement of Sletell. Lots of plants, possibly raven or porpoise and superb views of the Kyle of Tongue. No dogs. North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Tues 19th** 10.00- 14.00. [Reptiles of Little Assynt.](#)  
 AS NC 094 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. Talk on how to look for lizards, slow worms and adders followed by a site visit to Little Assynt to look for them. Bring a packed lunch. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 19th** 13.00-15.00. [In search of seals.](#)  
 ES NC 910 036 Meet at the Shore car park, Brora. A 6km walk to get close to the common seals hauled out on an east coast beach. East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Tues 19th** 14.00 - 17.00. [See the Point.](#)  
 NS NC 827 687 Meet at Strathy Point (Totegan) car park. Please do not drive down to lighthouse. Enjoy a bracing cliff top walk around Strathy Point's exposed rocky headland, with caves, geos and hopefully whales or dolphins. Not suitable for dogs. North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 20th** 10.00 - 13.00. [Coastal Birds of Culkein Stoer.](#)  
 AS NC 041 297 Meeting at Stoer Hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver. Explore the bay of Culkein where we hope to see ringed plovers, redshanks, whimbrel and maybe other passing migrants. Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 21st** 10.00-12.30. [Scourie, caves, cliffs and otter signs.](#)  
 NWS NC 152 434 Meet at Scourie Free Church car park. South end of village. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 21st** 10.00-12.00. [Dinosaurs and tidal waves.](#)  
 ES ND 030 152 Meet at Helmsdale Harbour car park. The Helmsdale Boulder Beds are famous for their fossils. Come and find some and unravel the story the rocks hold. East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
















- Thurs 21st**  

 NS 14.00-16.00. **Gold panning.**  
 ND 030 152 Meet at Helmsdale Harbour car park. To complete our geology day why not try your hand at gold panning at the site of the Sutherland gold rush of 1868? Wellies essential. Small charge (approx £3) for equipment hire.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638
- Thurs 21st**  

 ES 11.00-18.00. **Drumbeg to Loch Crocach.**  
 NC 120 330 Drumbeg View Point car park. Join us on an adventure to find the old route through the interior landscape of Assynt. Bring a packed lunch. Return by bus (small charge).  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 22nd**  

 CA 20.30 start. **Bat walk Achvarasdal Woods.**  
 NC 982 649 Meet Forest entrance. A dusk time daunder to locate the bats hunting this lovely woodland. Bring torch.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Sat 23rd**  

 FCS Rumsters out door summer adventure! **Signing available (Caithness Deaf Care) Active Woods Event. Rumster Forest Caithness.**  
 ND 207389 The Forestry Commission will be promoting 4 Interactive Adventures in Rumster Forest. Each of these 4 special Adventures will offer 25 heroes an opportunity to go on a 45 minute quest in the magical, and alarming, country of Caledon. Costumes and equipment will be provided. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Sun 24th**  

 ES 11.00-13.00. **Mud lark.**  
 NH 815 977 Meet at the Balblair Woods entrance on the Golspie-Littleferry road. Dig, sieve and dredge the mud for all sorts of amazing creatures.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Tues 26th**  

 ES 10.00-14.00. **River walk and hill fort.**  
 Meet at the Brora Heritage Centre, Brora. A 12Km walk along the Brora river followed by a climb to the Duchary Hill fort.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638.
- Tues 26th**  

 AS 11.00-15.00. **Traligill, Inchnadamph.**  
 NC 251 216 Inchnadamph car park. A walk through the ancient limestone scenery, past secret caves, dramatic waterfalls and dry river beds.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Tues 26th**  



 NS 19.00 - 20.00. **Simply Batty.**  
 NC 663 565 Meet at Borgie Forest Log Cabins. Enjoy a slide show all about the bats we have in the far north and learn how to help to conserve these fascinating flying mammals. No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Wed 27th**  

 AS 10.00-13.00. **The old school path at Clashmore.**  
 NC 041 297 Stoer hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver. Explore the clearance village and crannog, while watching reed buntings and sedge warblers. Wildlife and history in a special place.  
 Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 28th**  

 ES 20.00-22.00. **Bat walk.**  
 NC 580 062 Meet at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg. Slide show on bats followed by a search for them around Lairg.  
 East Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01549 402 638

- Thurs 28th** **14.00-17.00. Walk round Watenan.**  
 CA ND 318 407 Meet Loch Watenan car park. Enjoy a landscape rich in archaeology & wildlife. Muddy in parts.  
  E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Thurs 28th** **Bat evening, Lochinver.**  
 AS NC 099 225 Assynt Visitor Centre, Main Street, Lochinver. Slide show at the visitor centre followed by a visit to a local pipistrelle roost to watch about 100 bats leave their roost.  
  Assynt Ranger Tel: 01571 844654
- Thurs 28th** **20.30 - 22.00. Betty's Bats.**  
  NS NC 706 618 Meet at Bettyhill war memorial car park. Join the ranger and use the bat detectors to locate the local midge munchers in Bettyhill.  
   No dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Thurs 28th** **10.00-12.30. Scourie, dykes and garnets.**  
  NWS NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters.  
  NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Fri 29th** **20.45-22.00. Batty about Bats!**  
 CA ND 157 285 Meet at car park by Dunbeath Castle gate house. Enjoy a night walk around Dunbeath Castle woodland searching for tiny flying mammals of the night. Booking essential, bring torch.  
  E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Sat 30th** **11.00-14.00. Borgie Trail Blazers.**  
  NS NC 680 570 Meet at Borgie Forest Glen-side car park (near the totem pole). Join the ranger and Forestry Commission and use the wildlife clues to help you navigate around the Borgie Glen Forest.  
  North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884








# September An t-Sultain

- Mon 1st** **11.00-14.30. Secret Village of Badryrie.**  
   CA ND 186 422 Meet at Loch Stemster Road end. A fascinating circular walk by Loch Stemster taking in the abandoned crofting community of Badryrie, Achavanich standing stones & burial cairn. Looking out for wildlife along the way.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Thurs 4th** **10.00-12.30. Scourie, caves, cliffs and otter signs.**  
 NWS NC 152 434 Meet at Scourie free church car park. South end of village. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters.  
  NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 4th** **10.00 - 13.00. Coastal Birds of Culkein Stoer.**  
 AS NC 041 297 Meeting at Stoer Hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver. Explore the bay of Culkein where we hope to see ringed plovers, redshanks, whimbrel and maybe other passing migrants.  
  Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 5th** **20.00 start. Bat walk Halkirk.**  
  CA ND 136 600 Meet at Brawl Castle and see what little creatures like this place for their home. Bring torch.  
   N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

- Sat 6th**  
 CA **Cetaceans by sea / porpoise watch.**  
 ND 380 734 Meet John o' Groats harbour. This is the best month for seeing porpoise in this area of the Pentland Firth. Watch them from the deck of the JOG ferry. Booking essential.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531
- Wed 10th**  
  SU **10.00 -13.00 Scottish Archaeology Fortnight.**  
 NC 680 568 Borgie before the Trees. Meet at the Borgie Glen Car Park. A led event by Forestry commission and Caithness Archaeology Trust looking at the archaeology now emerging from the clearings in the forest. Expect some rough ground underfoot. Total length 4.5 miles.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Thurs 11th**  
    SU **10.00 - 12.30. Scourie, Dykes and Garnets.**  
 NC 152 446 Meet at Scourie beach bird hide. Coastal walk with geological interest, fine views, plants, birds, bogs and signs of otters. Not suitable for dogs.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Thurs 11th**  
  AS **10.00-13.00. Fungi at Culag Woods.**  
 NC 093 215 Culag Wood car park, 500m south of the school. Explore the marvellous world of fungi. Meet the different characters and learn their secrets in one of the best woods in Sutherland.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Fri 12th**  
    CA **19.30 start. Castle of Mey Midge Munchers!**  
 ND 289 739 Meet Castle of Mey car park. A dusk time daunder to locate the bats hunting the castle grounds. Bring Torch. Booking essential.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847821531
- Sat 13th**  
  NS **10.30 - 17.00. Ben Hutig guided walk.**  
 NC 588 615 Meet at the Craggan Hotel car park in Melness to pool transport. An all day walk to see the second highest sea cliffs on the UK mainland. Back along the summit of Ben Hutig passing the Colby camp. Possibility of golden eagle and mountain hare. Not suitable for dogs. Please bring a packed lunch.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Tues 16th**  
  AS **11.00-16.00. Achnahaird to Garvie Bay.**  
 NC 020 124 Achnahaird - Achiltibuie junction. Explore the ancient rivers and lakes and get a glimpse of fossil records of the first life forces to appear on Earth.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Wed 17th**  
   CA **14.00-15.00. Caithness Castle Cruise.**  
 ND 367 508 Meet Wick Harbour at portacabin by coastguard station. Join the 'Geo Explorer' to get a different perspective of the dramatic Caithness castles by viewing from the sea. Booking essential. Cost £20.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Thurs 18th**  
  AS **10.00-13.00. The Bone Caves, Inchnadamph.**  
 NC 254 179 Bone Caves car park, 4 km south of Inchnadamph. Fascinating walk to the caves where bones of reindeer, humans and even polar bears were discovered.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Sun 21st**  
    CA **10.30 start. Fungi foray and natures larder.**  
 ND 221 698 Meet Dunnet forest car park. Discover how fungi operate as nature's recyclers within this coniferous woodland. Then have lunch at Seadrift and see what else there is in nature's larder.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

- Thur 25th**  
 FCS 11.00-14.00. **Nordic Wild at Heart. Active woods Event.** Forsie Forest, Halkirk. ND 051 586 Meet between the forests on the roadside parking area, 2 miles west of Brawbin Farm. Combine your love of wildlife and the great outdoors by celebrating World Heart day in the secluded but habitat-rich Forsie Forest. Come and join the local forester for a guided Nordic walk through this little known forest with a variety of habitats.  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Sun 28th**  
 CA 10.30-13.00. **Fossil Foray.** ND 155 535 Meet Achanarras car park. Search Achanarras & Weydale quarry for the famous fossil fish. Booking essential.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

## October An Dàmhair

- Thurs 2nd**  
 AS 10.00-13.00. **Clachtoll Broch.** NC 040 273 Clachtoll Beach Car park. The remains of an Iron-age fort sits on the edge of the sea. Who made it and why? How can we preserve it for the future? Find out more!  
 Assynt Rangers Tel: 01571 844654
- Sun 5th**  
 NS 10.30 - 14.00. **Borg to Dyke - Strath Halladale.** ND 291 729 Meet at Trantlemore cemetery to pool. Lovely walk looking for the rutting red deer, then on through forest and back along the hill following the course of the Dyke River. Not suitable for dogs.  
 North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884
- Sun 5th**  
 CA 10.30 start. **History from the waves.** ND 221 698 Meet John o' Groats harbour. Discover the history and archaeology of this fascinating part of the north coast and see it from the eye of an invader by travelling by boat. Booking essential.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847821531
- Mon 6th**  
 FCS 11.00 -14.00. **Highland Archaeology Fortnight, Event - Before the Trees.** ND 205 388 Meet Rumster Paddock. A led event by Forestry Commission and Caithness Archaeology Trust looking at the archaeology now emerging from the clearings in the forest. Booking essential.  
 Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.
- Tues 7th**  
 NWS 10.00-13.00. **Smoo cave & inlet.** NC 418 672 Smoo cave car park, Durness. Enter the large limestone cave entrance, hear tales of past habitation and middens and explore the sea inlet. A Highland Archaeology Fortnight Event.  
 NW Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01971 511756
- Fri 10th**  
 CA 11.00-13.30. **Burials, Broch & Bogs!** ND 306 433 Meet South Yarrows car park. A beginners introduction of the Yarrows area. Explore a landscape filled with round house, chambered cairn & broch structures. Learn about the wildlife along the way.  
 E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758
- Sun 12th**  
 CA **Spooky Stories & Thurso Tales.** Details to be revealed on booking. Explore the spooky side of Thurso with the countryside Rangers. Bring a torch and your imagination.  
 N Caithness Ranger Tel: 018478 21531

Sun 19th



CA

11.00-14.30. **Battle Site at Altimarlich.**

ND 361 511 Meet at boating shed by Somerfield car park Follow the Wick River to the ancient battle site. Enjoy the wildlife & sights along the way. Bring a packed lunch. Rough walking in places. Booking essential.

E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758

Frid 31st



NS

19.00-21.00. **Brave Dark Borgie.**

NC 680 570 Meet at Borgie Glen side car park (near the totem pole). Dare you brave a Halloween night walk in Borgie Forest with the ranger and Forestry Commission. Young children must be accompanied.

North Sutherland Ranger Tel: 01641 521884

## November An t-samhain

Sun 9th



CA

10.30 start. **Seal walk.**

ND 405 735 Meet at the Duncansby Head lighthouse car park. Look down on the grey seal pupping beaches from the Duncansby cliffs.

N Caithness Ranger Tel: 01847 821531

Sun 30th



CA

14.00-16.00. **Corbigoe Coast.**

ND 338 453 Meet Smiddy Inn car park, Thrumster. Cliff top walk to view a spectacular natural arch and possibly grey seal pups.

E Caithness Ranger Tel: 01955 607758

## December An Dùbhlachd

Fri 12th



FCS

19.00 start. **Howl at the Moon!**

ND 205 388 Meet at the Rumster Paddock car park. Join the local forester for a Full Moon Mountain Bike night ride in Rumster Forest. Terrain ranges from off road hill routes, forest track and gravel trails. Length of ride approx 7 miles along forest roads and surfaced trails. Suitable for adults only. Bring your own bike and spares. Booking essential.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.

Sat 13th



FCS

11.00-14.00. **Get ready for Christmas!**

ND 109 523 Nordic Walk through Achlibster Forest. Achlibster Forest. As part of the Forestry Commissions Active Woods Campaign & World Health Day come and join the local forester for a walk and talk in the forest. Length of walk approx 8 miles. Poles provided. Booking essential.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.

Sun 21st



FCS

19.00 start. **Winter Solstice Deliverance - Log Cabin Mountain Bike Run.**

NC 663 577 Meet at the Borgie Log Cabin. Join the forester for a night ride in Borgie Forest. Terrain ranges from short public road section, forest track and narrow gravel surfaces. Bring your own bike and spares. Mulled wine or other warm drink back at the cabin after event. Booking essential.

Bookings to Forestry Commission, Dornoch Tel: 01862 810359.