

## **COUNTRY PARKS EVENTS & WALKS PROGRAMME 2018**

### **Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park**

*Please see back 2 pages of this guide, for full programme of events for 2018*

*For bookable events, please follow instructions on how to book as per event listing. Most bookable events can be booked online via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>*

## **JANUARY**

### ***MONDAY 1 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 7 JANUARY***

#### **Christmas Star Trail at Kingsbury Water Park**

Have some festive fun following our star trail. Answer the questions as you go and return to the Information Centre to collect your Christmas favour. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre during opening hours.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet

### ***FRIDAY 5 JANUARY***

#### **Campfire and Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and have some fun discovering how to design and build your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged, big enough for your team and waterproof ... ish! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire and toast some marshmallows. **An event for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult and will need supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per Child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### ***WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY***

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### ***SATURDAY 13 JANUARY***

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday per month, we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. This is a great way to meet like-minded people, keep active and help manage your local country park! No experience necessary as full training is given. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 20 JANUARY**

#### **Volunteer Ranger Taster Day at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come along for a fun and enjoyable day undertaking various conservation tasks to improve the Country Parks habitats. This taster session will give you an idea of what our weekly volunteer group achieve in a social environment. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, socialise or even look for a career change. We understand that everyone works to their own ability, so training will be given on the day so no previous experience is required.

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Rangers Depot

**Cost:** FREE

### **SUNDAY 21 JANUARY**

#### **Winter 'Quarry View' Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Come along and take a guided walk with a Ranger, starting with splendid views over four counties, before exploring the quarry tracks and the local golf course. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** Adults: £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (2 adults, 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 27 JANUARY**

#### **Park Bird Watch at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join a Ranger as we head around the park in search of our feathered friends. Learn to identify our resident birds by sight and sound and learn a little about how we manage the park for our birds too.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 28 JANUARY**

#### **Winter Den Building at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come and have some fun discovering how to design and build your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged, big enough for your team and waterproof ... ish! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire and toast some marshmallows. **An event for children aged from 5 years, who must be accompanied by an adult and will need supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 28 JANUARY**

#### **Woodland Management at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A walk through the woods with a Ranger to see how past woodland management compares to that of present day. **Please wear strong suitable footwear and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

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### **WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

## **FEBRUARY**

### **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

#### **Build a Bird Box at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Make a nesting box for your own garden and learn about what else you can do to give birdlife a home. Find out more about these birds and where to best site your box. We will provide all the materials, tools and guidance you will need to make a nesting box to take home with you. **Suitable for children aged 5 years plus.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £9.00 per bird box

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** FREE

### **SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY**

#### **Winter Warmer Walk at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join a Ranger for a morning stroll around the park looking for wildlife and learning a bit about the work of the Ranger service. Finish off with a delicious homemade soup supplied by the Old Barn Coffee Shop. **Please wear sturdy footwear and outdoor clothing suitable to the conditions.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £7.00, Children £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

#### **Weird Winter Woodland Trail at Kingsbury Water Park**

Can you spot the strange things peeping out of our winter woodland? Follow the trail to find where they are and then return to the Visitor Centre to collect a small reward.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet - available during Information Centre opening times.

### **SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY**

#### **Chainsaw Carving Demonstration at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come along and watch as timber is transformed into unique sculptures in our timber yard close to the main entrance. The event is free but car parking charges apply.

**Time:** 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** FREE

### **SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

#### **February Half Term Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join in this half term and follow the half term fun trail around the park – collecting the clues as you go. Will you be able to complete the trail to claim your badge?

Fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet

### **SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

#### **Build a Woodland Den at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Come and build your own woodland den and use your imagination to create the most original design! You will create a den big enough for your whole team. A Ranger will be on hand to provide tips and will help you to find building materials in our beautiful woodland. **An event for children aged from 5 years, who must be accompanied by an adult and will need supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

#### **Birdy Bistro at Kingsbury Water Park**

Make some 'delicious' food for the birds in your garden. Be prepared to get messy! A family event.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

#### **Frosty Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

#### **Teddy and Toddler Dens at Kingsbury Water Park**

Make a little woodland den for your teddy or possibly a toddler sized den. Wrap up warm and bring a teddy who loves a bit of mud! **Suitable for aged 3 to 5 year olds who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30am – 11.30am

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

#### **Pine Cone Feeders at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and get messy and have a go at making your own pine cone feeder to feed the birds in your garden during the colder weather! Learn a little about the birds visiting your garden and have a peak out of our windows to see who's on our feeders. **Wrap up warm as we will make them outside and you may get messy!**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

#### **Dens and Campfire Baked Potatoes at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials and then munch your way through a delicious, fire baked jacket spud followed by toasted marshmallows. Please bring your own fillings, we will provide hot chocolate drinks. **An event for children aged 5 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes - you will get muddy and dirty! (There is an extra cost of £2.50 per baked spud for accompanying adults).**

**Time:** 11:00am – 1.00pm

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £6.00 per child

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

#### **Bird Boxes at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Make a nest box for this year's nesting birds. Find out fascinating facts about these birds and where the best place to put up your nest box is. Take a look around the courtyard using our homes trail sheet, along with our bird watching specialist Ranger, to see who lives where. Up to two children can make 1 box between them. **Suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years who must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a hammer!**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £9.00 per box

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

#### **Campfire and Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £4.50 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

#### **Stargazing at Kingsbury Water Park**

An evening talk before viewing the night sky (weather permitting) with local experts. Tea coffee and biscuits will be provided. In conjunction with Heart of England Astronomical Society.

**Time:** 8:00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per adult (accompanied children free of charge)

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

#### **Snow and Soup Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A 4 mile circular walk, taking in the Warwickshire Countryside. We can supply the soup but can't promise the snow! **Please wear strong suitable footwear and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

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## **WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)



## **MARCH**

### ***SUNDAY 4 MARCH***

#### **Natural Birdfeeders at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in and join the Rangers to create birdfeeders using a range of natural materials.

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per person

### ***SUNDAY 4 MARCH***

#### **Spring Woodland Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A guided walk with a Ranger along the easy Oldbury track. We will then walk through the beautiful Hartshill woods on the Hayes walk and discover the castle remains. If there is time we may also discover a hidden ice house! **Please wear strong suitable footwear and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### ***WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH***

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### ***SATURDAY 10 MARCH***

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### ***WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH***

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 17 MARCH**

#### **Spoon Whittling Course at Kingsbury Water Park**

Spend the day in our timber pole barn learning to craft functional spoons from green (freshly felled) timber. We will cover timber selection, cleaving, using a carving axe, spoon design, using a knife safely and efficiently as well as using a curved spoon knife. **We can cater for people from 16 years of age and upwards.**

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Meet:** Pole Barn in the Timber Yard

**Cost:** £45.00 per person

### **WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SUNDAY 25 MARCH**

#### **Animal Tracks and Trails at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Join a Ranger to look for clues. Discover animal tracks and trails in the woodland. Become a detective and see what you can find! **Please wear strong suitable footwear and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

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### **WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **FRIDAY 30 MARCH TO SUNDAY 16 APRIL**

#### **Easter Fun Trail at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join in with our Easter quiz – follow the trail to spot the clues. When completed, return to the Visitor Centre to collect a small reward. A family event.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet - available during Information Centre opening times.

### **FRIDAY 30 MARCH TO SATURDAY 15 APRIL**

#### **Poached Egg Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Follow the clues around the park to crack the Easter poached egg code! collect your badge prize afterwards - fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

## **APRIL**

### ***SUNDAY 1 APRIL***

#### **Ryton Pools miniature Railway**

The railway will begin its summer timetable today! **Trains run from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.** Rides are £1.00 and accompanied children under age 3 ride for free!

### ***TUESDAY 3 APRIL***

#### **Chicks and Bugs on Sticks at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make your own colourful chick or a bug on a stick. **Suitable for children age 3 and above who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### ***TUESDAY 3 APRIL***

#### **The Great Ryton Egg Hunt at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and join us for Easter fun! Collect your mystery egg sheet from the centre and follow the trail collecting the clues as you go. Complete the password to enter the egg hunt and claim your prize from the Easter bunny. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £3.00 per child

### ***WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL***

#### **Careful with That Egg! at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to make a bright and cheerful little Easter egg holder. We'll even give you some little eggs to put in it! A family event.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### ***WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL***

#### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays in the Warwickshire school holidays, in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience; no equipment required.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL**

#### **Birds Of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds and learn about these amazing creatures.

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (approximate timings)

**Meet:** Jo's Garden

**Cost:** FREE – but donations welcome towards animal welfare charities

### **THURSDAY 5 APRIL**

#### **Dens and Marshmallows at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials and then toast some marshmallows over a small fire.

**An event for children aged 5 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes – you will get muddy and dirty!** Marshmallows are not vegetarian.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660

### **THURSDAY 5 APRIL**

#### **Easter Boats, Rafts and Watery Sticks at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Try making boats and rafts out of natural materials such as sticks, rushes and bark. Add a few recycled materials, a weight or keel to keep it upright and then test how well they float on our pond. The Rangers will have some eggs to balance on your rafts.....will your captain Eggbert stay on for the ride? **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 6 APRIL**

#### **Spring Friends at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make some cute spring creatures out of clay; real or imaginary! **Suitable for children aged 3 and above.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **SATURDAY 7 APRIL**

#### **Easter Family Bushcraft Fun at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and try to survive in the woodland. Have a go at shelter building, whittling, fire lighting and relaxing on a hammock before you tuck into a fire baked jacket potato and fire toasted marshmallows. Learn new skills, laugh a lot and spend a day in the great outdoors!

**Suitable for children aged 3 years plus. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision. Ratio = 1 adult to 2 children. Please bring your own potato fillings and a drink. You may bring a camping chair if you wish.**

**Time:** 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £10.00, Children £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **MONDAY 9 APRIL**

#### **Pond Dipping at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come pond dipping to discover the wonders of life in water. Please wear old clothes. A family event.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **MONDAY 9 APRIL**

#### **Easter Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand this Easter and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **TUESDAY 10 APRIL**

#### **Happy Hedgehogs at Kingsbury Water Park**

Hedgehogs should be out of hibernation by now. Come along and make a couple of cute hedgehogs to remind you they are snuffling around when you are asleep.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **TUESDAY 10 APRIL**

#### **Easter Teddy Bears Sensory Adventure at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Bring your favourite teddy out for an Easter adventure, to do some fantastic fun sensory activities. Then build a special den in the children's wood. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to bring your teddy!**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL**

#### **Giant Duck Hunt at Kingsbury Water Park**

They're big, they're yellow and they're here! Find all the giant rubber ducks hiding around the park to win a prize. A family event.

**Cost: £2.00 per trail sheet - available during Information Centre opening times.**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL**

#### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays in the Warwickshire school holidays, in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience; no equipment required.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **THURSDAY 12 APRIL**

#### **Spring Streamers and Flags at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make your very own wind wands and catchers. A family event.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **THURSDAY 12 APRIL**

#### **Willow Weaving Obelisk at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and join us to weave you very own willow obelisk, just in time to plant your sweet peas. The Ranger will help you to create a beautiful decorative obelisk for indoor or outdoor use.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 per obelisk (up to 3 people can make an obelisk together).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 13 APRIL**

#### **Disaster Dens and Campfire at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and have some fun discovering how to design and build your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged, big enough for your team and waterproof ... ish! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire and toast some marshmallows. **An event for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 15 APRIL**

#### **Pond Dipping at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A chance to use the equipment provided to find out what lives in our woodland pond. You'll get full guidance from a Countryside Ranger who'll help you identify the bugs and beasties! A family event. **Suitable for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.**

### **WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 21/SUNDAY 22 APRIL**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 21 April through to the evening of Sunday 22 April. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Further sessions will be held on the weekends of 26/27 May, 30 June/1 July, 14/15 July, 25/26 August, 22/23 September and 20/21 October 2018 .

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

### **SUNDAY 22 APRIL**

#### **Willow Obelisk Weaving at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come and learn the art of willow weaving and create your very own willow obelisk, just in time to plant your sweet peas. The Ranger will show you step by step how to create an artful, decorative obelisk for outdoor or indoor use.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 per obelisk (up to 3 people can make an obelisk)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 22 APRIL**

#### **Basic Survival Skills at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Learn how to survive in the woodland, using natural materials. Learn how to build a den, light a fire, filter water and make an automatic fishing rod.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £4.00 each

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.**

### **WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SUNDAY 29 APRIL**

#### **Spring Rangers Ramble at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join a Ranger for this wildlife themed walk around the park just as Spring gets underway and the bluebells are blooming. Have you ever wanted to know more about Ryton Pools and the wildlife that calls it home? Do you wonder what bird calls you are hearing? Is that fungi poisonous? Or where do all the bats and birds go during Winter? The Ranger will be on hand to tell you and answer all your wildlife related questions.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults: £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**



## **MAY**

### **WEDNESDAY 2 MAY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 5 MAY**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday per month, we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. This is a great way to meet like-minded people, keep active and help manage your local country park! No experience necessary as full training is given. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **WEDNESDAY 9 MAY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 12 MAY**

#### **Evening Chorus at Ryton Pools country Park (joint event with Heritage and Culture Warwickshire)**

Have you ever wanted to enjoy the sound of birdsong but are put off by the early start? If so this event is for you! Our Warwickshire Museums Colleagues will be here for the evening with part of their bird collection for a close-up look at some of the identifying features of the birds we might hear. Subsequently, we will head out into the park to enjoy the incredible natural spectacle of the evening chorus first hand. **Drinks and biscuits included.**

**Time:** 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** Adults £4.50, concessions £3.00, Family £11.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 16 MAY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 19 MAY – SUNDAY 20 MAY**

#### **Spring Wild Camp Out at Ryton Pools Country Park**

The wild Camp Out returns by popular demand! Book your pitch soon to avoid disappointment! This event runs from Saturday afternoon through to Sunday morning and includes a variety of structured family and child friendly activities (mostly optional). Activities will include: orienteering, a baked potato tea, nocturnal walks and wildlife watching, ghost stories, toasting marshmallows, wild small mammal trapping and bush craft demonstrations. The Courtyard Café can provide pre-ordered cooked breakfasts for Sunday morning if required. **Price includes car parking, allotted pitch, all activities, food and drink for Saturday tea (jacket potato, hot chocolate and marshmallows). One pitch is for up to 2 adults and 3 children. Up to two more children can be added to a pitch for an additional £5 per child. You will need to bring your own fillings for jacket potatoes and all of your own camping equipment. No open fires or barbeques are allowed, although camping stoves are permitted. An information guide will be sent out to all attendees well in advance of the day.**

**Times:** Saturday 1.00 pm to Sunday 11.00 am

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £80.00 per pitch. (max 2 adults and 3 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 23 MAY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 26/SUNDAY 27 MAY**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 26 May through to the evening of Sunday 27 May. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Further sessions will be held on the weekends of 30 June/1 July, 14/15 July, 25/26 August, 22/23 September and 20/21 October 2018 .

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

### **SATURDAY 26 MAY TO SUNDAY 3 JUNE**

#### **Whitsun Holiday Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Follow the trail around the park. Complete your trail sheet and collect your badge prize. Fun for all the family!

**Time:** Drop in during centre opening times.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **TUESDAY 29 MAY**

#### **Dens at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials. **An event for children aged 5 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes – you will get muddy and dirty!**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 29 MAY**

#### **Young Bushcrafter at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Fun Bushcraft session led by two of the Rangers. Activities include fire lighting, whittling, cordage making, location games and shelter building. The session will include a campfire baked potato, handmade dough sticks, popcorn and marshmallows. **Parents wanting to join in on the baked potato feast can, at a cost of £2.50 per adult. Suitable for children aged 7 years plus, please bring your own potato fillings and a drink.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £10.00 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 30 MAY**

#### **Pond Dipping at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come pond dipping to discover the wonders of life in water. Please wear old clothes. A family event.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 30 MAY**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **WEDNESDAY 30 MAY**

#### **Birds Of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds and learn about these amazing creatures.

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (approximate timings)

**Meet:** Jo's Garden

**Cost:** FREE – but donations welcome towards animal welfare charities

### **WEDNESDAY 30 MAY**

#### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays in the Warwickshire school holidays, in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience; no equipment required.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 31 MAY**

#### **Junk Boats at Kingsbury Water Park What is in our junk box?**

Can we make a boat out of it and get it to float? Join us to find out.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **THURSDAY 31 MAY**

#### **Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand this Easter and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 31 MAY**

#### **Minibeast Hunting at Pooley Country Park**

Join a Ranger to discover the natural world at Pooley. Discover what lurks under logs and in the long grass. We may even see some beautiful butterflies, suitable for families. Please wear suitable footwear.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Room

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **JUNE**

### **FRIDAY 1 JUNE**

#### **Spring Ponds at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Ever wondered what lurks beneath the water in our pond dipping pool? How many different beasties can we find? Learn about newts and frogs, and look for beetles, nymphs and other pond life that amphibians feed on. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need extra supervision doing the activity.**

**Equipment provided.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 1 JUNE**

#### **Raring Rockets at Pooley Country Park**

Have a go at designing a pop bottle rocket. Make fins and a nose cone and decorate it before you launch it on a mission! For children aged 7 and over who must be accompanied by an adult.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Room

**Cost:** £4.00 per child **Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SATURDAY 2 JUNE**

#### **Nocturnal Walk at the Stratford Greenway**

Join our Rangers for a nocturnal stroll along the Stratford Greenway under the cover of darkness. We hope to see an array of nocturnal wildlife including badgers, foxes, moths, bats and even some glow-worms if we are lucky. **Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing. Please bring a torch.**

**Time:** 10.00 p.m. to 12.00 a.m.

**Meet:** Seven Meadows car park

**Cost:** £5.00 per person

### **SATURDAY 2 JUNE**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 16 JUNE TO SUNDAY 8 JULY**

#### **Made in Burton Green 2018**

This is a village event incorporating an arts and crafts exhibition at the village hall and scarecrow competition (open to all), set against the backdrop of the linear park known as The Kenilworth Greenway that runs through the village. Take a stroll along the Greenway to see the results of a community arts project and drop in to the village hall to view a showcase of local arts and crafts talent and enjoy refreshments. The theme for this year's project is 'Mischief in the Woods' will be in situ between 16 June and 8 July.

***The Exhibition and Café weekend is on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June at:  
Burton Green Village Hall, CV8 1PH***

**Exhibition times:** 12.00 to 5.00 p.m. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10.00 to 5.00 p.m. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

**For further details, email:** [madeinburtongreen@me.com](mailto:madeinburtongreen@me.com)

### **SUNDAY 17 JUNE**

#### **Daddy's Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Will your Dad survive?! Bring your Dad along on Father's Day to design and build a survival den in our woods. The Rangers will have all the kit you need. Finish up toasting marshmallows on the camp fire and enjoying them with a cup of hot chocolate.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £5.00 per Dad and child. Additional people £2 each

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 17 JUNE**

#### **Kingsbury Water Park Model Boat Club Open Day**

### **WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SUNDAY 24 JUNE**

#### **Family Bushcraft fun at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Discover how to build your own den and camp fire and then have a go at roasting your own tasty treats. Learn new skills, use your imagination and have fun in our great Hartshill woodland. **A family event suitable for children aged 3 years plus, please bring your own potato fillings and a drink. You may also bring your own camping chair.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** Adults £6.00, Children and Concessions £4.00, Family £16.00

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 30 JUNE/SUNDAY 1 JULY**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 30 June through to the evening of Sunday 1 July. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Further sessions will be held on the weekends of 14/15 July, 25/26 August, 22/23 September and 20/21 October 2018 .

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

### **SATURDAY 30 JUNE**

#### **Moth Night 2018 at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Moths are marvellous! Learn about these fascinating and beautiful night fliers with the help of our expert Rangers and the Warwickshire Moths Facebook Group. A presentation on these beautiful insects will be followed by light trapping live in the park. If you would like to see the moths by the light of day, our moth breakfast the next morning (Sunday 1 July) could be for you! **Please bring a torch.**

**Time:** 9.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per person (including a hot drink and biscuits).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SATURDAY 30 JUNE**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE



## JULY

### **SUNDAY 1 JULY**

#### **Moth Breakfast at Ryton Pools Country Park**

As day breaks, we will be checking the light traps that were set the previous night. A chance to have a close-up look at the moths that have been flying around while you've been asleep, whilst tucking into a full English breakfast from The Courtyard Café. This year we will be trapping in new areas in the hope of catching plenty of bright Summer species.

**Time:** 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £9.50 per person (includes breakfast), or £5.50 for those who attended the previous evening.

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 4 JULY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 7 JULY**

#### **Kingsbury Water Park Model Boat Club Warship Day**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 JULY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 14 /SUNDAY 15 JULY**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 14 July through to the evening of Sunday 15 July. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Further sessions will be held on the weekends of 25/26 August, 22/23 September and 20/21 October 2018 .

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

### **WEDNESDAY 18 JULY**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 21 JULY TO SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Summer Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park.**

Follow the Summer fun trail around the park. Complete your trail sheet and collect your badge prize. Fun for all the family. Collect your sheet from the visitor centre during opening hours.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **SUNDAY 22 JULY**

#### **Minibeast Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Join us for a walk through the meadows and undergrowth at Harthsill Hayes looking for the various creepy crawlies that live here. You will be led by a Countryside Ranger who will provide you with all the equipment you need. **A family event suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **MONDAY 23 JULY**

#### **Seaside Fishy Windsocks at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come along to make a fabulous flying fish!

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **MONDAY 23 JULY**

#### **July Summer Ponds at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Ever wondered what lurks beneath the water in our pond dipping pool? How many different beasties can we find? Learn about newts and frogs, and look for beetles, nymphs and other pond life that amphibians feed on. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need extra supervision doing the activity.**

**Equipment provided.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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## **TUESDAY 24 JULY**

### **It's a Watery World at Kingsbury Water Park**

Discover the amazing creatures making the water their home - what do they eat and how do they breathe?

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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## **TUESDAY 24 JULY**

### **Chainsaw Carving Demonstration at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come along and watch how timber is transformed in to unique sculptures in our timber yard, close to the main entrance. The event is free but normal car parking charges apply. A great attraction for all ages.

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** Free

## **TUESDAY 24 JULY**

### **Rockets at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Have a go at designing a pop bottle rocket with a Ranger. Make fins and nose cones then decorate it before you fill it with water ready for launch. Join in the countdown and see how far your rocket flies. A family event. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

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## **WEDNESDAY 25 JULY**

### **Young Anglers at Kingsbury Water Park**

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Session 2: 10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per child, per session.

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## **WEDNESDAY 25 JULY**

### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **THURSDAY 26 JULY**

#### **Dig Dig, Mud Mud! At Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us for some fun digging in our sandy woodland soil – can we dig a tunnel and move the earth or perhaps we'll make a road? Let's get muddy! A family event.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child. **Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:**

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#### **Mini-beast Adventure at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along on a mini-beast hunting adventure with the Rangers using sweep nets, magnifiers and shaker sheets. We will help you identify all manner of beautiful jumping, flying and crawling minibeasts found in the long grass, trees and bushes. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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### **FRIDAY 27 JULY**

#### **Peg Bugs at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to create some mini bugs that you can use at home.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per participant

### **SATURDAY 28 JULY**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday per month, we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. This is a great way to meet like-minded people, keep active and help manage your local country park! No experience necessary as full training is given. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **MONDAY 30 JULY**

#### **Camouflage Dens at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials. **An event for children aged 5 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes – you will get muddy and dirty!**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **MONDAY 30 JULY**

#### **Natural Wild Art Paints at Ryton Pools Country Park.**

Come and join the Rangers and collect some berries, leaves and seeds and begin pounding, grinding, mixing and straining. Then have a go at painting a picture with your natural paints. You'll be amazed how many colours we can make! **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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### **TUESDAY 31 JULY**

#### **Stained Glass Butterflies at Kingsbury Water Park.**

Make a beautiful butterfly out of tissue and card that will sparkle in your windows

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **TUESDAY 31 JULY**

#### **Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand this Summer and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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## **AUGUST**

### **WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST**

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**Meet:** Jo's Garden

**Cost:** FREE – but donations welcome towards animal welfare charities

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**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

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### **THURSDAY 2 AUGUST**

#### **Mini-beast Adventure at Kingsbury Water Park**

Come along on a mini-beast hunting adventure with the Rangers. Armed with pots and nets, we will be heading up to the meadow to discover the creatures lurking amongst, or flying above the grass! **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

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### **THURSDAY 2 AUGUST**

#### **Campfire and Survival Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and have some fun discovering how to design and build your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged, big enough for your team and waterproof ... ish! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire and toast some marshmallows. **An event for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

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### **FRIDAY 3 AUGUST**

#### **The Railway Children (Heartbreak Productions Outdoor Theatre) at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and watch the acclaimed Heartbreak Productions theatre performance of the classic 'The Railway children'. A great evening of live outdoor theatre for the whole family, overlooking Ryton Pool.

**Time:** 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m (approx)

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £13.00, Children £9.00 Family £40.00

**Booking essential – Please visit** [www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk](http://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk) **or call 02476 305592**

### **MONDAY 6 AUGUST**

#### **Dazzling Dragonflies at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make an iridescent dragonfly on a stick – recreate the colours of these beautiful, ancient insects. Suitable for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **MONDAY 6 AUGUST**

#### **All Aboard Pirates Workshop and Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Calling all tatty pirates! Come aboard our craft ship 'The Ranger' and join Blackbeard to kit yourself out as a flea bitten pirate in preparation for the great lost treasure hunt. **An event for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** Drop in between 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child (includes gold coin trail sheet)

**No need to book! Drop in any time between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm**

### **MONDAY 6 AUGUST TO SUNDAY 12 AUGUST**

#### **Gold Coin Pirate Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join the hunt for the great lost treasure of Ryton! Can you help locate all the missing gold coins of Blackbeard's long lost treasure hoard, to crack the code and uncover untold riches?

**Time:** Drop in during centre opening times.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

## **TUESDAY 7 AUGUST**

### **Make a Bug Village at Kingsbury Water Park**

Collect some natural materials and add them to ours to create your own acorn world. A family event, **suitable for children aged 3 years and over who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

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## **WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST**

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**Cost:** £5.00 per child, per session.

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### **THURSDAY 9 AUGUST**

#### **Twig Rafts at Kingsbury Water Park**

The challenge is on! Make a toy boat out of natural materials and see if it can carry a small animal to safety. A family event.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

#### **Chainsaw Carving Demonstration at Kingsbury Water Park**

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**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** Free

### **THURSDAY 9 AUGUST**

#### **Wild Cars and Roadworks at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Brrrrrm brrrrrm beep beep! Come and have some fun in the wild muddy woods with our wild cars and princess carriages. Wear your 'Ryton Pools Roadworks' hat and help the Ranger construct roadways, bridges, put up signs and have fun pushing and moving leaves and piles of sticks with dumpers and diggers, making way for the princess carriages and sports cars. **Suitable for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

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### **SATURDAY 11 AUGUST**

#### **Outdoor Cinema at Kingsbury Water Park – Jumanji**

Join us for a big screen, outdoor showing of Jumanji, Welcome to the Jungle (2017). Starring Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart and Karen Gillan.

Huge screen, food trucks, music! **Own seating required, showing will go ahead regardless of weather, apart from where there is a risk to public safety.**

**Time:** Entry from 6.00 p.m. Showing at 8.30 p.m

**Cost:** Adults £11.00 (16+) Children £6.00, Family £28.00

**Tickets:** [www.northsouthevents.co.uk](http://www.northsouthevents.co.uk)

## **SATURDAY 11 AUGUST**

### **August Wild Evening Out at Ryton Pools Country Park**

As dusk falls, join the hunt for nocturnal wildlife. Start off by pond dipping to see what's lurking in the murky depths, followed by shelter building in the wood. A break around the campfire with jacket potatoes and hot chocolate will be followed by bat detecting, before finishing off the evening checking our moth traps. **Bring your own potato filling and dress for the outdoors. Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult and under 5's will need extra supervision with these activities.**

**Time:** 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 Adults, £5.00 Concessions

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **MONDAY 13 AUGUST**

### **Pine Cone Critters at Kingsbury Water Park**

From turkeys to owls to rabbits - what will you make? Drop in and get creative!

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per child, per session.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST**

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### **THURSDAY 16 AUGUST**

#### **Mud Pie Creations at Kingsbury Water Park**

Have some fun in the woods with mud and water. Pies, castles or cakes – what will it be? A family event.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **THURSDAY 16 AUGUST**

#### **Heartbreak Theatre Productions present David Walliams 'Midnight Gang' at Kingsbury Water Park. An outdoor theatre event!**

Live outdoor theatre performance of 'Midnight Gang'. Recommended age 7+. Entrance is by ticket/receipt only. Please arrive at least half an hour prior to show time to be seated. Tickets available online from [www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk](http://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk) or call 01827 872660. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on and picnics are welcome. Café refreshments available.

**Time:** 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start

**Cost:** Adult £12.00, child/concession £8.00, family £36.00 (2 adults and 2 children)

### **FRIDAY 17 AUGUST**

#### **Flying Machines at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and transform a pile of sticks, paper, sticky tape and card into flying machines. Then come outside on the hill and see whose flying machine goes the highest and furthest. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus, who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **FRIDAY 17 AUGUST**

#### **Bat Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Learn about British Bats and discover which species are living in and around our beautiful woodland and pool at Hartshill Hayes. Hopefully, you'll see the bats in flight as they search for food. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. **Please wear suitable clothing and strong, sturdy footwear.**

**Time:** 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £4.00 per person

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **MONDAY 20 AUGUST**

#### **Raring Rockets at Kingsbury Water Park**

Have a go at designing a pop bottle rocket. Make fins and a nose cone and decorate it before you launch it on a mission!

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **MONDAY 20 AUGUST**

#### **Dinosaur and Fossil Fun at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Hunt for fossils and bones and follow trails to discover who's hiding in the woods. Then get mucky and have a go at dino-tastic art. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus, who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **TUESDAY 21 AUGUST**

### **Camouflage Dens at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials. **An event for children aged 5 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes – you will get muddy and dirty!**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **TUESDAY 21 AUGUST**

### **Mini-beast Adventure at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along on a mini-beast hunting adventure with the Rangers using sweep nets, magnifiers and shaker sheets. We will help you identify all manner of beautiful jumping, flying and crawling minibeasts found in the long grass, trees and bushes. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST**

### **Young Anglers at Kingsbury Water Park**

Every Wednesday during Warwickshire's school summer holiday. Come and give the sport of fishing a try! All bait and equipment provided – bring waterproofs, just in case! The event will be covered by an Environment Agency event licence waiver. Participation forms must be filled in on the bankside for anglers aged 12 to 16 years of age to be legally covered.

**Time:** Session 1: 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Session 2: 10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per child, per session.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## **WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST**

### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays in the Warwickshire school holidays, in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience; no equipment required.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST**

### **Birds Of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds and learn about these amazing creatures.

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (approximate timings)

**Meet:** Jo's Garden

**Cost:** FREE – but donations welcome towards animal welfare charities

### **WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **THURSDAY 23 AUGUST**

#### **Wooden badges at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to create a lovely wooden badge - decorate it or leave it natural.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.50 per child.

### **FRIDAY 24 AUGUST**

#### **Summer Teddy Bears Sensory Adventure at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Bring your favourite teddy out for a summer adventure, and do some fantastic fun sensory activities. Then build teddy a special den in the children's wood! **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **SATURDAY 25 AUGUST**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday per month, we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. This is a great way to meet like-minded people, keep active and help manage your local country park! No experience necessary as full training is given. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **SATURDAY 25 /SUNDAY 26 AUGUST**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 25 August through to the evening of Sunday 26 August. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Further sessions will be held on the weekends of 22/23 September and 20/21 October 2018.

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

### **SATURDAY 25/SUNDAY 26 AUGUST**

**Kingsbury Water Park Model Boat Club. Hydroplane Models (tethered model boats) International Competition.**

### **SUNDAY 26 AUGUST**

**Den Building at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Come and build a den from natural materials found in the woodland. Bring a picnic to eat in your den afterwards.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **TUESDAY 28 AUGUST**

**Magic Wands at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to transform plain hazel and willow sticks into magic wands. **Suitable for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **TUESDAY 28 AUGUST**

**Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand this Summer and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST**

**Young Anglers at Kingsbury Water Park**

Every Wednesday during Warwickshire's school summer holiday. Come and give the sport of fishing a try! All bait and equipment provided – bring waterproofs, just in case! The event will be covered by an Environment Agency event licence waiver. Participation forms must be filled in on the bankside for anglers aged 12 to 16 years of age to be legally covered.

**Time:** Session 1: 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Session 2: 10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per child, per session.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST**

#### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **THURSDAY 30 AUGUST**

#### **Fluttery Butterfly Sticks at Kingsbury Water Park**

Create some beautiful butterflies on a stick and waft them around on a summer's day. A family event.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **THURSDAY 30 AUGUST**

#### **Summer Ponds at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Ever wondered what lurks beneath the water in our pond dipping pool? How many different beasties can we find? Learn about newts and frogs, and look for beetles, nymphs and other pond life that amphibians feed on. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need extra supervision doing the activity. Equipment provided.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **FRIDAY 31 AUGUST**

#### **Campfire and Survival Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and have some fun discovering how to design and build your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged, big enough for your team and waterproof ... ish! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire and toast some marshmallows. **An event for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>



## **SEPTEMBER**

### ***SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER***

#### **Rangers Ramble at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join a Ranger for this wildlife themed walk around the park. Learn a little about how we manage the park for our wildlife and the plants and animals that call Ryton Pools home.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### ***SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER***

#### **Pond Dipping at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A chance to use the equipment provided to find out what lives in our woodland pond. You'll get full guidance from a Countryside Ranger, who'll help you identify the bugs and beasties! **A family event suitable for children aged from 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Children under 5 will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### ***WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER***

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### ***SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER***

#### **Bats Alive! At Ryton Pools Country Park**

An evening slide presentation by the Ranger, followed by a night time stroll to spot these amazing animals in their natural habitat! Learn how to use our bat detectors to listen to their high frequency echolocation calls. **Hot drinks and biscuits included. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing for the walk. Please bring a torch.**

**Time:** 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. (approximate timings depending on the weather)

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £5.00 per person.

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Autumn Wild Camp Out at Ryton Pools Country Park**

The wild Camp Out returns by popular demand for our first Autumn session! Book your pitch soon to avoid disappointment! This event runs from Saturday afternoon through to Sunday morning and includes a variety of structured family and child friendly activities (mostly optional). Activities will include: orienteering, a baked potato tea, nocturnal walks and wildlife watching, ghost stories, toasting marshmallows, wild small mammal trapping and bush craft demonstrations. The Courtyard Café can provide pre-ordered cooked breakfasts for Sunday morning if required. **Price includes car parking, allotted pitch, all activities, food and drink for Saturday tea (jacket potato, hot chocolate and marshmallows). One pitch is for up to 2 adults and 3 children. Up to two more children can be added to a pitch for an additional £5 per child. You will need to bring your own fillings for jacket potatoes and all of your own camping equipment. No open fires or barbeques are allowed, although camping stoves are permitted. An information guide will be sent out to all attendees well in advance of the day.**

**Times:** Saturday 1.00 pm to Sunday 11.00 am

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £80.00 per pitch. (max 2 adults and 3 children)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 22 /SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

We are again offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool (open to all) or Canal Pool (carp permit holders only) from the morning of Saturday 22 September through to the evening of Sunday 23 September. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 12.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. A further session will be held on the weekend of 20/21 October 2018.

**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

## **SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

## **SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

### **Hedgerow Foraging Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Experience the Warwickshire hedgerows in a way that most people miss, the treasures hidden under every leaf and around the next corner. Discover the lost art of foraging, how to identify, harvest and cook a plethora of wild foods out in the park, before experiencing the culinary delights of the countryside kitchen in an extraordinary feast of traditional hedgerow fayre for all!

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** Adults £10.00 Children £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

### **Coppicing at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Learn how to coppice and undertake one of the oldest forms of woodland management, dating as far back as the Bronze Age. **Suitable sturdy footwear required and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Booking Essential – Telephone 01827 872660**

**Cost:** Free

## **WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

## **OCTOBER**

### **WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER**

#### **Spoon Carving Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

This simple, accessible hobby will have you hooked for life! Using materials found all around us, you can create useful and functional items for you and your family. During this session you will learn about the properties of the wood from our native species, before turning your hand to the Scandinavian art of carving spoons from the freshly cut wood of your choice. Express your own style and learn at your own pace to create your own masterpiece! **Workshop is held outdoors and includes tea and biscuits. You must be over 16 years of age to participate in this event due to sharp tools used.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 per person (over 16's only)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

## **SATURDAY 20/SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**

### **Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park**

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**Time:** 8.00 a.m. on Saturday through to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday

**Cost:** £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking

**Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis**

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**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Booking Essential – Telephone 01827 872660**

**Cost:** Free

## **WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER**

### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

## **SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

### **Halloween Spooky Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Follow the trail around the park, complete your trail sheet and collect your badge prize - fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

## **SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

### **Halloween: The Little Trot of Horrors at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and join in with the spooky story of Halloween at Ryton Pools! Join your friendly, ghostly guide in the courtyard and join in with the activities as you explore! Can you find all of Old Warty's cauldrons in her garden? What has happened to the clumsy Rangers and how DID that giant spider find its way to Ryton Pools? This event is designed for younger children or those who may find it a little too scary, later on in the dark. There will be four hourly guided "trots" around the activities. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £5.00 per Child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

### **Old Warty's Halloween Family Fun Night at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Bring the whole family to Ryton Pools for a spooky evening of Halloween fun and games with Old Warty and friends. This evening event includes rides on the Ghost Train, The Halloween Teddy Hospital and Old Warty the Witches' Haunted Garden. You can also visit the Tunnel Web Spider Lair, Bat Cave, Clumsy Ranger Trail and other areas during the evening. Don't forget to bring your own carved pumpkin to be put out in the Ryton Pumpkin Patch to be judged by the visitors. A prize will be awarded to the one voted the best! The Courtyard Café will be open all evening, selling hot food and Halloween treats at an additional cost and the Visitor Centre will be open selling Halloween gifts and goodies. **Please bring a torch and a teddy for patching up in the hospital. An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Please note – only one adult per child will be permitted on the ghost train to keep queue times down.**

**Time:** 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 per Child, £2.00 per Adult

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER**

### **Autumn 'Quarryman's' Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Guided walk with a Countryside Ranger on the Quarryman's track. Discover something of the history of quarrying in the Hartshill area and see modern quarrying at work at Jee's Quarry. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions. Please bring your own packed lunch.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 14.30 p.m. including a 30 min stop for lunch.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** Adults: £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50 (2 adults, 2 children)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

## **MONDAY 29 OCTOBER**

### **Dragons at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make a dragon puppet out of an egg carton. Take it away to scare everyone with!

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER**

#### **Spooky Spiders at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make some spooky spiders or maybe some cute ones. Take them out at Halloween and scare someone!

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER**

#### **Sticky Campfire Apples and Survival Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and have some fun designing and building your own woodland shelter that's camouflaged and big enough for your team, and waterproof...ish!! The Rangers will be on hand to provide tips, materials and help. When all the shelters are built we will light a small fire to make some sticky campfire toffee apples. An event for children aged 3 years and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

#### **Bonfire Dens and Toffee Apples at Kingsbury Water Park**

Build a den out of natural materials and then cook your own toffee apple over the camp fire.

**Suitable for children aged 5 and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes, you will get messy!**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £4.00 per child.

**Booking essential, follow link: Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

#### **Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays in the Warwickshire school holidays, in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience; no equipment required.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Ryton Pool car park

**Cost:** £10.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

#### **Willow Wizard and Witch Wands at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Just imagine having a wand like a wizard to get you out of all sorts of tricky situations! Find a magical stick – or better still, let it find you! The Rangers will help you turn it into something really special and magical. **An event for children aged 3 years and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor**

**Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)



## **NOVEMBER**

### **THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

#### **Halloween Lanterns at Kingsbury Water Park**

Transform willow and hazel sticks cut from the park into spooky lanterns by adding tissue paper and lots of glue. They cast an eerie light, perfect for Halloween. Wear old clothes, you will get messy! **Suitable for children age 5 and above.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

#### **Autumn Fairy and Elf Adventure to the Magic Kingdom at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make a magic willow wand this Autumn and discover what things the naughty goblins have been up to in the woods! See if you can find the key to the magic kingdom and use some wishing magic to see if the fairies are about in fairy forest. **An event for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

#### **Wild Autumn Evening at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join the Rangers for an evening of nocturnal campfire fun! Take a look at what animals the night cameras have taken pictures of over the past month and find out about our nocturnal wild animals in the park, some of which you may be lucky enough to see as dusk falls. Enjoy a campfire baked potato and some melted marshmallows before the Rangers lead you to the meadow to have a go at some tracking and stalking games in the dark to finish off the evening with a laugh. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own filling for your baked potato. Bring a camping chair if you have one. A family event, under 5's will need extra supervision.**

**Time:** 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** Adults £10.00, Concessions £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

#### **Feed the Birds at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Help the birds this winter by making your own bird feeder to take home with you. We will be using pine cones and a range of natural materials, a family event. **It is advisable to wear old clothes. Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Wrap up warm as this event will take place outside.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (or drop in between these times)

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £4.00 per person

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday per month, we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. This is a great way to meet like-minded people, keep active and help manage your local country park! No experience necessary as full training is given. **Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

#### **Coppicing at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Learn how to coppice and undertake one of the oldest forms of woodland management, dating as far back as the Bronze Age. **Suitable sturdy footwear required and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

**Cost:** Free

### **WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tots! Leaf fun, stories, mud pies and collecting treasures will be amongst some of our activities designed for the smallest naturalists. After the walk and activities, head back to The Courtyard Café for refreshments (extra cost for refreshments, exclusive reduced-price Toddler Trundle menu available). **A quarterly programme is available from the Visitor Centre giving activity details for each week.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

## **DECEMBER**

### **SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 2018 to SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019 (WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)**

#### **Naughty Elves Festive Fun Trail at Ryton Country Pools Country Park**

T'was the month before Christmas when all through the park, not a creature was stirring...except for the VERY naughty Elves! Come and see what mischief the naughty elves have been up to this year. Can you complete the trail and collect your Christmas badge prize? On collection, make sure you collect your 'Good Child' token and post it to Father Christmas at his sleigh in the courtyard. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER**

#### **Family Christmas Campfire and Bushcraft at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and try to survive in the woodland. Have a go at shelter building, fire lighting, and relaxing on a hammock before you tuck into a fire baked potato, mulled juice and fire toasted marshmallows. The Rangers will also be on hand to help you to make some natural Christmas tree decorations. Learn new skills, laugh a lot and spend a day in the great outdoors. **Please bring your own drink and potato fillings, and dress for the outdoors. Bring a camping chair if you have one. Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision doing the activities.**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £10.00, Concessions £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER**

#### **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us on this wreath making workshop to make you feel Christmassy! Using materials collected from around the park, create a wonderful wreath to adorn your front door. All materials and tools supplied.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £15.00 per person/wreath (no concessions)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £2.50 per toddler (excluding refreshments)

### **SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER**

#### **Christmas Willow Angel at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come along and create your very own 4ft willow angel! The Ranger will show you step by step, using simple willow weaving techniques, how to make this decorative garden or home masterpiece.

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £15.00 per angel (up to 3 people can make one angel)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER**

#### **Natural Christmas at Kingsbury Water Park**

Make a variety of festive decorations from natural materials in time to hang on your Christmas tree or decorate your house. Suitable for anyone who loves Christmas, just bring your imagination and a dash of creativity.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £5.00 per person (no concessions)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

#### **Toddler Trundle Christmas Party at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Have some Christmassy fun on the last Toddler Trundle of the year. Follow the trail with Mr. Snowman and join in with some festive crafts before you tuck into the party food!

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

**Cost:** £6.00 per toddler

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER**

#### **Volunteer Saturday at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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**Time:** 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** FREE

### **SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER**

#### **Natural Christmas at Kingsbury Water Park**

Make a variety of festive decorations from natural materials in time to hang on your Christmas tree or decorate your house. Suitable for anyone who loves Christmas, just bring your imagination and a dash of creativity.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £5.00 per person (no concessions)

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link:** <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>

### **SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER**

#### **A Fairy Merry Christmas at Ryton Pools Country Park**

The Fairies' Christmas tree decorations have been hidden! It looks like the naughty goblins have been up to no good again! Decorate your own willow Christmas star, then help the fairies by going on a hunt for their missing decorations. If we find them, the fairies may let us decorate their Christmas tree for them in Fairy Forest and cook some marshmallows over the fire! **Suitable for children aged 3 years and above, who must be accompanied by an adult. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

**Time:** 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £4.50 per child

**Booking essential via Eventbrite, follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3nvw5a>**

### **SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER**

#### **Winter Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

A 4 mile circular walk taking in the Warwickshire Countryside. See the four counties from the steep hilltop meadow and the fabulous views over the Anker Valley.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Booking Essential – Telephone 01827 872660**

**Cost:** Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50, Family £8.50

### **TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER**

#### **Boxing Day Ramble at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Guided walk with a Ranger, starting at a wonderful viewpoint overlooking 4 counties, followed by a gentle walk along local tracks and the Coventry Canal, before enjoying a warming glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! **Please wear strong, sturdy footwear and suitable clothing.**

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 13.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £6.00, Children and Concessions £4.00, Family £16.00 (2 Adults and 2 Children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## ECHILLS WOOD RAILWAY KINGSBURY WATER PARK

### Opening Dates and Special Events for 2018

#### *Members and public operating - New Year's Day 1<sup>st</sup> January*

The railway will be available for members to operate their locomotives, a public service will only commence if sufficient staff are available on the day.

#### *Winter Timetable continues from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 29<sup>th</sup> March*

Continuation of our regular Sunday passenger service, with trains operating between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. (Closing times will be at the discretion of the Duty Controller each day). All services are subject to staffing levels and weather conditions. However, **the railway will be closed during January, from Wednesday 3rd January to the end of February** for essential maintenance of locomotives, rolling stock and permanent way work. Passengers are advised to check the EWR website for train operating information. [www.ewr.org.uk](http://www.ewr.org.uk). We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

#### *Summer Timetable commences on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

Passenger trains will operate **every Sunday** during the summer period between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm (closing times will be at the discretion of the Duty Controller each day). Throughout the **Warwickshire schools holidays**, additional services will operate on **Wednesdays and a limited service on Fridays**. All services are subject to staffing levels and weather conditions.

#### *Easter Bank Holiday Weekend – March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Passenger trains will run on these dates between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

#### *Early May Bank Holiday Weekend – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>*

Passenger trains operating on each of these days between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

#### *Miniature Traction Engine Gathering – May 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>*

Miniature steam road vehicles will be gathering by the stations at Harvesters and Far Leys. Their operating area will be on the park road network, giving visitors the opportunity to have a ride and talk to the drivers/owners. It is hoped to have full size traction engines at Harvesters Station in steam on static display. The railway will be operating public passenger trains on both days. 11.00 am to 4.00 p.m.

#### *Spring Bank Holiday Weekend – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>*

Railway operating each of these days between 11.00am and 4.00pm. Why not have a picnic in the park by the railway station and just watch the trains go by!

#### *Standard Gauge Steam & Diesel Event – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>*

All locomotives and rolling stock operating over this weekend will be models based upon railways with a standard gauge of 4' 8½", featuring visiting engines and locomotives based at the EWR. These are models of locomotives that once steamed along the railway lines of the UK and other countries, including express trains, goods and parcel trains. For visiting engines, advance booking is advisable - see website. **Passenger trains will be operating on Sunday 15 July until 4.00 p.m.**

### ***Santa Specials – Ticket applications available from 1<sup>st</sup> August***

Application forms for our very popular Santa Specials trains will be available **online** from this date at [www.ewr-marketing.org](http://www.ewr-marketing.org) or [www.ewr.org.uk](http://www.ewr.org.uk) or from the booking office at the Station.

Passengers wishing to see Santa are advised to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment – during 2017, trains were fully booked by early-October!

### ***August Bank Holiday Weekend – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>***

Trains operating each day between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

### ***Narrow Gauge Weekend – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>***

Open weekend for members, visiting locomotive owners and drivers of narrow gauge engines and rolling stock. These models are based upon those lines throughout the world that are less than 4' 8½". Advanced booking for visiting locomotives is advisable, please see [www.ewr.org.uk](http://www.ewr.org.uk).

**Passenger trains will be operating on Sunday 17** from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

### ***Halloween Train Rides – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October***

The railway will be operating from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm with spooky rides and a children's Halloween fancy dress competition, prizes for the best costumes. Complimentary railway tickets will be issued to winners of the fancy dress competition when accompanied by a fare paying adult. Hot refreshments available at Harvesters Station from 2.00 p.m.

### ***Winter timetable commences 28<sup>th</sup> October***

All public passenger trains on regular operating days will run between 11.00am and 3.00pm, except for Santa Special train weekends. (Closing times will be at the discretion of the Duty Controller each day).

### ***Santa Specials – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>***

For the first two weekends in December the railway will be operating a Santa special service to Santa's Grotto. Our regular passenger trains will also be operating within the timetable. Your Santa tickets will entitle you to unlimited rides on the regular passenger trains on the day. All Santa tickets must be booked in advance, you cannot turn up on the day and visit Santa without a ticket, but you may still just come along and have a train ride only at £2.00 return and enjoy the atmosphere. Do not leave it too late to book your Santa tickets; most of our trains were booked up by early-October last year. **All Santa tickets MUST be booked before 1 November 2018**, application forms will be available from 1 August from the station booking office or may be downloaded from [www.ewr-marketing.org](http://www.ewr-marketing.org) or [www.ewr.org.uk](http://www.ewr.org.uk).

### ***Station Masters Garden Railway***

During our running days and events, our very popular 32mm and 45mm Station Masters Garden Railway will be operating. If you have an interest or wish to join the garden railway, please do not hesitate to contact one of the group. The garden railway adjoins Harvesters Station near the lakeside and may be accessed via the road level crossing or the walkway near the signal gantry. Further information on the garden railway can be found on our website.

### **Members Days**

For the benefit of all members, the first Wednesday of each month during the months of March to November, and also the second Saturday during the year, will be members and friends days, with no public passenger service.

**For more information about Echills Wood Railway, visit our website [www.ewr.org.uk](http://www.ewr.org.uk) or speak to any of the railway volunteers.**



