

## **COUNTRY PARKS EVENTS & WALKS PROGRAMME 2017**

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

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## **JANUARY**

### **TUESDAY 3 JANUARY**

#### **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:** £4.00 per Child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 8 JANUARY**

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

Come along to Kingsbury Water Park and watch as timber is transformed into unique sculptures in our timber yard, close to the main entrance. There will also be the opportunity to purchase pieces during the event, with a variety of carvings on display. The event is free but normal car parking charges apply. A great attraction for all age groups!

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

**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** FREE (car parking charges apply)

### **WEDNESDAY 11 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 14 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 18 JANUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

#### **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 £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

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

Be an animal detective and search for clues in and around the woodland. An event for children aged 5 and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## **FEBRUARY**

### **WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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### **SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

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

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### **SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** FREE

### **WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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### **SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 26 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 - fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet

### **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

#### **Natural Bird Feeders at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join the Rangers to create bird feeders using a range of natural materials.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per person

### **MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

#### **Make a Rain Catcher at Kingsbury Water Park.**

Drop in to make a simple rain catcher from recycled materials. Take it home and measure how much rain falls where you live! An event for children aged 5 years and over.

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **MONDAY 20 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:** 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **TUESDAY 21 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 Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

## **TUESDAY 21 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:** 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

### **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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

## **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

### **Fantastic Felted Mini-Beast Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and make your favourite insect or mini-beast with felt artist, Ursula Westwood. Learn this specialist craft and have lots of fun making felt with wool, soap and water! All resources and materials supplied. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making. **Please wear old clothes as you may get messy! Suitable for children aged 5 plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 23 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:** £8.50 per box

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

#### **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. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**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**

### **SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

#### **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 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** Adults £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.**

## **MARCH**

### **WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH**

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

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

### **WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH**

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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### **SATURDAY 11 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

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard.

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

### **SUNDAY 26 MARCH**

#### **4 Mile Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Join us for a 4 mile circular walk with a Countryside Ranger, taking in the surrounding countryside and fantastic views across 4 counties. **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 £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

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## **APRIL**

### ***MONDAY 3 APRIL***

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

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds, see them fly 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 5 APRIL***

#### **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 APRIL TO SUNDAY 23 APRIL***

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

Join in with our Easter quiz – collect your sheet from the Information Centre, follow the trail and spot the clues. When completed, return to the Information Centre to collect a small prize.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### ***SATURDAY 8 APRIL TO SUNDAY 23 APRIL***

#### **Easter Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Follow the clues around the park to crack the code, and collect your prize - fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

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### ***SATURDAY 8 APRIL***

#### **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

### **SATURDAY 8 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, Children £5.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **MONDAY 10 APRIL**

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

Drop in to make your own colourful chick or a bug on a stick.

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **MONDAY 10 APRIL**

#### **Easter Teddy Bears Sensory Trail 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **TUESDAY 11 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!

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **TUESDAY 11 APRIL**

#### **Easter Chicks and Baby Birds on Sticks at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and join the Rangers on this art and craft session! Make cute chicks and baby birds on sticks to wave around or decorate your bedroom. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 12 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:** £3.50 per child

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### **WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL**

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

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

### **WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL**

#### **Wonderful Felted Spring Picture Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Make a gorgeous felted picture of a spring scene using wool fibres and the wet felting technique. Learn this exciting craft with felt artist, Ursula Westwood. Bring imagery of flowers, bunnies, chicks, lambs or birds for your picture. All resources and materials supplied. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making. **Suitable for children aged 5 year plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 12 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 Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL**

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

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds, see them fly 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 13 APRIL**

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

Drop in to make some cute spring creatures out of clay; real or imaginary!

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **THURSDAY 13 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.

**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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 13 APRIL**

#### **Make an Easter Bunny Egg Bag at Pooley Country Park**

Come along and create a bag to collect your mini Easter eggs in.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** Tearoom

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **SUNDAY 16 APRIL**

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

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

**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** FREE (car parking charges apply)

### **TUESDAY 18 APRIL**

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

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

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 18 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 in her den. **Suitable for children aged 3 years plus who must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.50 per child

### **WEDNESDAY 19 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:** £2.00 per child

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

### **WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**

#### **3D Felted Flowers and Foliage Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and learn the wonderful craft of felt making with artist Ursula Westwood. Make a three dimensional felt flower or a picture using wool to create images of flowers and foliage. All resources and materials supplied. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**

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

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds, see them fly 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 19 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 Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

#### **Spring Mini-beasts at Kingsbury Water Park**

Search amongst the flowers and grasses for an amazing variety of mini-beast life. A family event. Wear old clothes, long sleeves and long trousers.

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

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

Come and join us to weave your 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**

### **THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

#### **Pine Cone Fairies and Friends at Pooley Country Park**

Bring your imagination to find and make some fairies and friends that might live at the bottom of your garden.

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tearoom

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **FRIDAY 21 APRIL**

#### **Spring streamers and flags at Kingsbury Water Park**

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

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

#### **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. 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:** £4.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 23 APRIL**

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

A woodland walk to look at the sites history, from the Stone and Iron Ages through to the Bronze Age.

**Suitable footwear and wet weather clothing may be needed.**

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

**Meet:** The Tea kiosk

**Cost:** Adults £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 30 APRIL**

#### **Wildflower Walk with Cream Tea at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Join a Ranger for this afternoon stroll to see and learn about the beautiful spring wildflowers of Ryton Pools and Ryton Wood, and then enjoy an afternoon cream tea in The Courtyard Café.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £6.50, Concessions £5.00, Family £21.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**



## **MAY**

### **WEDNESDAY 3 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 6 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 10 MAY**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 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 £4.00, concessions £2.50, Family £10.50 (max 2 adults and 2 children).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 17 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)

### **WEDNESDAY 24 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 27 MAY TO SUNDAY 4 JUNE**

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

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

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **SUNDAY 28 MAY**

#### **Den Building at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Build a den using twigs and branches collected from around the woodland. Bring a snack to enjoy inside your den once all the hard work is done. **A family event, suitable for children aged 5 years plus.**

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

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk.

**Cost:** £3.50 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 30 MAY**

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

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

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre.

**Cost:** £3.50 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 30 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:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £10.00 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 31 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:** £3.50 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 31 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)

### **WEDNESDAY 31 MAY**

#### **Beautiful Felted Butterflies and Moths Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and learn the wonderful craft of felt making with artist Ursula Westwood. Create a beautiful picture in felt of either a butterfly or a moth by looking at their design, colour and pattern. Choose your design from the images provided. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making. **Please bring a pair of rubber gloves.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 31 MAY**

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

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

**Meet:** Ryton Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## JUNE

### **THURSDAY 1 JUNE**

#### **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 Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **THURSDAY 1 JUNE**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 2 JUNE**

#### **Bish Bash Bosh Art at Kingsbury Water Park**

Try out the traditional Japanese art form of leaf bashing. Its great fun (if a little noisy) and you can make a striking piece of textile art. Come along and have a go. **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! We will be outdoors, unless the weather is poor.**

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **FRIDAY 2 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SATURDAY 3 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

## **SATURDAY 3 JUNE**

### **Kenilworth Greenway Moth Night**

A new FREE event, run in conjunction with the Sustrans 'Greener Greenways' project. We will be setting and checking a number of light traps along the Greenway to discover which colourful species we can attract as dusk falls! An exciting introduction to the amazing world of moths and the importance of recording them. There will be experts on hand to answer any questions and help identify the species we find.

**Time:** 9.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

**Meet:** Kenilworth Greenway

**Cost:** FREE

## **SUNDAY 4 JUNE**

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

A day with visiting clubs, we will be exhibiting the skills of boat modellers with static and sailing displays. Yachting, scale, fast electric, i/c racing, tethered hydroplane (120mph+). We will be pleased to chat and answer any questions you may have. Light refreshments available.

**Time:** Throughout the day.

**Meet:** The Model Boat Pool.

## **WEDNESDAY 7 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)

## **WEDNESDAY 14 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 17 JUNE**

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

Come and join us as we have our very first wild camp out. With bat walks, ghost stories, toasting marshmallows, orienteering, wild mammal traps, bushcraft and much much more! **Price includes 3 main activities, jacket potato, hot chocolate and marshmallows.**

**Times:** Please call for details.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £50.00 per pitch. (max 2 adults and 3 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 18 JUNE**

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

Learn about the needs for survival (fire, food and shelter). Make a water filter and fishing rod from materials found in the wood. **Suitable footwear required and wet weather clothing if needed.**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £5.00 per person

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 18 JUNE**

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

Bring your Dad along on Father's Day to design and build a den in our woods. The Rangers will have all the kit you need. What challenges will you pick for your Dad? Will it be fire lighting, waterproofing your den or one of the many other challenges? Finish up toasting marshmallows on the fire and sipping hot chocolate.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £5.00 per Dad and child. Additional children £1 each

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE**

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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 24/SUNDAY 25 JUNE**

#### **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 24 June through to the evening of Sunday 25 June. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 1.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking. Three further sessions will be held on the weekends of 29/30 July, 26/27 August, and 23/24 September.

**Time:** 5.30 a.m. on Saturday through to 8.30 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 28 JUNE**

#### **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)

**FRIDAY 30 JUNE**

**Moth Night 2017 at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Moths are marvellous! Learn about these fascinating and beautiful night fliers as part of a network of events nationwide for the Hawk-moth themed Moth Night 2016. 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 (Saturday 1 July) could be for you!

**Please bring a torch.**

**Time:** 9.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £4.50 per person (including a hot drink and biscuits).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**



## **JULY**

### **SATURDAY 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 - this year we will be paying special attention to the large, brightly coloured Hawk-moth. 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 species.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £9.00 per person (includes breakfast), or £5.50 for those who attended the previous evening.

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SATURDAY 1 JULY**

#### **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 5 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)

### **FRIDAY 7 to SATURDAY 8 JULY**

#### **24 Hour Bio Blitz at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join the Tame Valley Wetlands Trust for a 24 hour 'Bio Blitz' on the Community Wetland area at Kingsbury Water Park. Includes an evening bat walk on the Friday evening and the setting of live small mammal and moth traps. Also a dawn chorus walk on the Saturday morning and further guided walks and surveys throughout the day. **Please call nearer the time for full details on 01827 872660.**

## **SUNDAY 9 JULY**

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

Come along to Kingsbury Water Park and watch as timber is transformed into unique sculptures in our timber yard, close to the main entrance. There will also be the opportunity to purchase pieces during the event, with a variety of carvings on display. The event is free but normal car parking charges apply. A great attraction for all age groups!

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

**Meet:** The Timber Yard

**Cost:** FREE (car parking charges apply)

## **WEDNESDAY 12 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)

## **WEDNESDAY 19 JULY**

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

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre Courtyard

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

## **WEDNESDAY 19 JULY**

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

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds, see them fly 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

## **SATURDAY 22 JULY TO THURSDAY 24 AUGUST**

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

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

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

## **MONDAY 24 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 Information Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **MONDAY 24 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **TUESDAY 25 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **TUESDAY 25 JULY**

#### **Young at Art at Ryton Pools Country Park.**

'Sounds of Summer'. Art with local artist Rosemary Hobson from Young at Art Kenilworth. All equipment provided. **Suitable for children aged 5 years plus, who must be accompanied by an adult. Some work will take place outside as well as in the Education Centre so please remember hats and sun cream.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 26 JULY**

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

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

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**Meet:** The Information Centre

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#### **Felted Pondlife Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

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

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**Meet:** Ryton Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

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### **THURSDAY 27 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **FRIDAY 28 JULY**

#### **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.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SATURDAY 29 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 29 July through to the evening of Sunday 30 July. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 1.00 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 August, and 23/24 September.

**Time:** 5.30 a.m. on Saturday through to 8.30 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 29 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 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 Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **MONDAY 31 JULY**

#### **Secret Garden Painting at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and join the Rangers to collect some berries, leaves and seeds and begin pounding, grinding. Mixing and straining. Then have a go at painting a magical secret garden 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. Under 5's will need extra supervision during the activity.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

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## **AUGUST**

### **TUESDAY 1 AUGUST**

#### **Mini-beast Adventure at KWP**

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.**

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**Meet:** The Education Centre.

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

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### **WEDNESDAY 2 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.

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### **THURSDAY 3 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:** £2.00 per child



### **THURSDAY 3 AUGUST**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £3.50 per child.

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **FRIDAY 4 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **MONDAY 7 AUGUST**

#### **Make a Crane at Kingsbury Water Park**

Exotic cranes are living in the UK again - come along to make you own crane using the ancient Japanese art of origami.

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

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**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

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### **TUESDAY 8 AUGUST**

#### **Camouflage Dens and Fire Lighting at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join us to build a den from natural materials. **An event for children aged 8 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:** £3.50 per child.

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'Tall and Small'. Art with local artist Rosemary Hobson from Young at Art Kenilworth. All equipment provided. **Suitable for children aged 5 years plus, who must be accompanied by an adult. Some work will take place outside as well as in the Education Centre so please remember hats and sun cream.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

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## **WEDNESDAY 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 Information Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

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### **THURSDAY 10 AUGUST**

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

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

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **FRIDAY 11 AUGUST**

#### **Rockets and Teddy Parachutes 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. Bring along your teddy and also have a go at making it a parachute. 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.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

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### **SATURDAY 12 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 14 AUGUST**

#### **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?

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### **TUESDAY 15 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:** £2.00 per child

### **TUESDAY 15 AUGUST**

#### **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:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £10.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 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 Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

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### **THURSDAY 17 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 Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **THURSDAY 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.**

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### **MONDAY 21 AUGUST**

#### **Animal Masks at Kingsbury Water Park**

Drop in to make an animal mask. Use our ideas or create a unique one of your own.

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### **MONDAY 21 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.**

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### **TUESDAY 22 AUGUST**

#### **Elf and Fairy wands at KWP**

Find a special stick and transform it into a magical spell wand

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### **THURSDAY 24 AUGUST**

#### **Bird Puppets at KINGSBURY Water Park**

Using card and natural materials make a unique and colourful bird puppet.

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **FRIDAY 25 AUGUST**

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

Calling all tatty pirates! Come on board our ship 'The Ranger' and join Blackbeard to make a tatty pirate flag, a hat and have your face painted like a pirate in preparation for your great lost treasure hunt. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Time:** Drop in between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £3.00 per child

### **FRIDAY 25 AUGUST TO MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

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

Follow the clues around the park and crack the code to find the great lost treasure of Ryton - fun for all the family. Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.



## **SATURDAY 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 26 August through to the evening of Sunday 27 August. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 1.00 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 23/24 September.

**Time:** 5.30 a.m. on Saturday through to 8.30 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 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

## **SUNDAY 27 AUGUST**

### **Den Building at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Build a den using twigs and branches collected from around the woodland. Bring a snack to enjoy inside your den once all the hard work is done. **A family event, suitable for children aged 5 years plus.**

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

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## **TUESDAY 29 AUGUST**

### **Woodland monsters at Kingsbury Water Park**

Make our woodland a scary place by using clay and natural materials to make faces on the trees!

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

## **TUESDAY 29 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 30 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 30 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! Juniors aged 12 to 16 years of age will need a valid rod licence for the day (free of charge from the Environment Agencies 'I Want to Fish' service). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**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 Information Centre

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

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 30 AUGUST**

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

A regular event for our programme, with local birds of prey experts. Meet the birds, see them fly 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 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 Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 31 AUGUST**

#### **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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **THURSDAY 31 AUGUST**

#### **Mud Pies and Sculptures at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and use our mud to make some fantastic mud pies. Have fun mixing, moulding and making pies, cakes and other wonderful concoctions. **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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**

#### **End of Summer Holiday 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. Children under 5 will need adult supervision during the activity.**

**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**

### **SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Bat Night at Kingsbury Water Park**

An evening finding out all about bats. A short talk with tea, coffee and biscuits included, then a night time stroll to spot the bats of Kingsbury! **Please bring a torch.**

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

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £4.00 per person

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 3 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 £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children).

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 9 SEPTEMBER**

#### **Hartshill Hayes Woodland Open Day**

Come along to an exciting woodland day at Hartshill Hayes. Learn some new woodland skills from willow weaving to fire lighting and watch our Foresters as they work to help manage Hartshill's glorious woodland. There are plenty of demonstrations throughout the day, including chainsaw carving and much more

### **SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

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

A chance to see live bats up close! An evening slide presentation by the Ranger, then professional bat Ecologist John Russ will be showing us some live, captive bats. Followed by a night time stroll to spot these amazing animals in their natural habitat. **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 – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

#### **An Introduction to Foraging at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Come and see what food you can find in the wild. Let's reap nature's harvest and finish with some freshly picked blackberries and ice cream in the courtyard. An event for children aged 5 years plus, who must be accompanied by an adult. **Suitable sturdy footwear required and wet weather clothing if needed.**

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

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 13 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)

### **WEDNESDAY 20 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 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 23 September through to the evening of Sunday 24 September. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Bookings close at 1.00 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Please note there will be an administration fee of £5.00 to change your initial booking.

**Time:** 5.30 a.m. on Saturday through to 8.30 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 23 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 24 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**

## **WEDNESDAY 27 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)

## **OCTOBER**

### **Spoon Whittling Course at Kingsbury Water Park – date T.B.C**

Spend a day in our timber pole barn learning to craft functional spoons from green (freshly felled) timber. We'll 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 up to 6 people.

**Suitable for ages 16 years and over.**

**Please call 01827 872660 nearer the time for details**

### **WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 7 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 – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 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)

### **SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER**

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

Come along to Kingsbury Water Park and watch as timber is transformed into unique sculptures in our timber yard, close to the main entrance. There will also be the opportunity to purchase pieces during the event, with a variety of carvings on display. The event is free but normal car parking charges apply. A great attraction for all age groups!

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

**Meet:** The Timber Yard, **Cost:** FREE (car parking charges apply)



### **WEDNESDAY 18 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 21 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER**

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

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

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER**

#### **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 21 OCTOBER**

#### **October 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. Please bring your own filling for your baked potato. 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 22 OCTOBER**

#### **Make a Bird Feeder at Harsthill Hayes Country Park**

Drop in between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. and make a bird feeder from hazel, ready for winter.

**Time:** Drop in between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Cost:** £3.00 per person

### **MONDAY 23 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 Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **MONDAY 23 OCTOBER**

#### **Spooky 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 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 and toast some marshmallows. 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 – telephone 024 7630 5592.**

### **TUESDAY 24 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.

**Meet:** The Information Centre

**Cost:** £2.00 per child

### **TUESDAY 24 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 25 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:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 25 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 25 OCTOBER**

#### **Felted Spooky Scene Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and learn the wonderful craft of felt making with felt artist, Ursula Westwood. Create a spooky scene of a creepy crawly, bat or eerie woodland scene, and have great fun with water and bubbles whilst learning the felt making process. Choose your design from the images provided. All resources and materials supplied. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **WEDNESDAY 25 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 Pools car park

**Cost:** £6.00 per child, per session

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER**

#### **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. A family event. Wear old clothes, you will get messy!

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre

**Cost:** £3.50 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**

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

Trains rides run from 2pm @ £2 per person. Come along after dark from 5.30 to 7.00 pm for a real fright! Refreshments available from the Old Barn Coffee Shop. Hot jacket potatoes at the Railway after 5.00 pm. Fancy dress competition judging at 5.30 pm. **No need to book**, just turn up.

**Parking:** £4.50 up until 4.00 pm, £3.00 after 4.00 pm

## **SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**

### **Halloween Fright 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. Pick up your trick-or-treat fun bag as you enter the haunted courtyard.

Attractions include rides on the Ghost Train, Spooky Photo Corner, the Horror Hospital, Old Warty the Witch's Haunted Garden, Tunnel – Web Spider Lair, Bat Cave, Clumsy Ranger Trail and much more! Don't forget to bring your own carved pumpkin to put out on the Ryton Pumpkin Trail, to be judged by the visitors. A prize will be awarded for the one voted best! The Courtyard Cafe will be open all evening selling hot food and Halloween treats at an additional cost. **Please bring a torch. 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.**

**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 – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **SUNDAY 29 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 the skeleton's missing bones and skulls? or discover what is hiding in the witch's garden? What has happened to the clumsy Rangers and how DID that giant spider find its way to Ryton Pools? Will you be brave enough to claim all your prizes? This event is designed for younger children or those who may find the fright night a little scary 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 – telephone 024 7630 5592**

## **NOVEMBER**

### **WEDNESDAY 1 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)

### **WEDNESDAY 8 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)

### **WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 18 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

### **WEDNESDAY 22 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 25 NOVEMBER 2017 to SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 2018**

#### **Naughty Elves and T Rex 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 and the cheeky T Rex! Collect your trail sheet from the Visitor Centre.

**Cost:** £2.00 per trail sheet.

### **SUNDAY 26 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:** 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Meet:** The Tea Kiosk

**Booking Essential – Telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 2 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, whittling, fire lighting, and relaxing on a hammock before you tuck into a fire baked potato, fire toasted marshmallows, mince pies and mulled juice. 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. Children must be accompanied by an adult and 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 3 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.

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

**Meet:** The Education Centre

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

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER**

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

A weekly event for the tiniest of tiddlers! 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 10 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 – telephone 01827 872660**



### **WEDNESDAY 13 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.Snow and join in with crafts before you tuck into some party food.

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** £6.00 per child

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

### **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**

#### **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 17 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 – telephone 01827 872660**

### **SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**

#### **4 Mile Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park**

Join us for a 4 mile circular walk with a Countryside Ranger, taking in the surrounding countryside and fantastic views across 4 counties. **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 £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

**Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660**

### **WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER**

#### **Christmas Felting Workshop at Ryton Pools Country Park**

Come and learn the wonderful craft of felt making with felt artist, Ursula Westood. Create a festive felt picture from soft Merino wool and create a magical wintry scene inspired by the beautiful surroundings and wildlife of Ryton Pools. Ursula will teach you the felt making process and take away your creation, maybe to be framed and turned into a special Christmas present. All resources and materials supplied. Visit [www.ursulawestwood.com](http://www.ursulawestwood.com) for more information about felt making.

**Mince pies and mulled squash included. Please wear old clothes.**

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

**Meet:** The Visitor Centre

**Cost:** Adults £20.00, Children £10.00, Adult & Child £25.00

**Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592**

**TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER**

**Boxing Day Stroll at Kingsbury Water Park**

Join a Ranger to walk off all that festive food, get some fresh air and see what wildlife is around at this time of year.

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

**Meet:** Information Centre

**Cost:** Adults £3.50, Concessions £2.00, Family £8.00

## ECHILLS WOOD RAILWAY KINGSBURY WATER PARK

### Opening Dates and Special Events for 2017

#### *Winter Timetable continues from 2<sup>nd</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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<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 – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>*

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

#### *Early May Bank Holiday Weekend - April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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

#### *Miniature Traction Engine Gathering – May 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<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 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<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 16 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 2016, trains were fully booked by early-October!

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

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

### **Narrow Gauge Weekend – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<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 28 October**

The railway will be operating from 2.00 pm to 8.00 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 29 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<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 2017**, 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.

**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.**

