

# Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks

<http://bfnatistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html>

**One Monday every month,  
7:30pm - 9 :30pm.  
Recital Room at South Hill Park,  
Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.**

Visitors are welcome. No booking required. Membership is £12 per year with an entrance fee of £1 for evening meetings – or come along as a visitor and pay just £3 for the evening.

**May 21st A talk on 'Sarracenias and Pitcher Plants' by James Rosindell +AGM  
June 18th A talk on 'Unravelling the story of an Alien Invader' by Prof. Helen Roy  
September 17th A talk on 'Bisham Woods'  
October 15th A talk on 'The Depths around Britain's Coast'**



All events are free unless otherwise stated.

## Event Booking and advice



**For all events, particularly those taking place outdoors, please wear suitable clothing and footwear.**



**Events may be filmed and/or photographed - please specify to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in this.**

**Please pre-book all events where stated by contacting the number provided.**

**Events are free unless otherwise stated. Payment can be made prior to the event or on the day, this is non-refundable.**

**All children under 16 attending our events must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

### Contacts

Parks & Countryside Service,  
Bracknell Forest Council,  
The Look Out Discovery Centre,  
Nine Mile Ride,  
Bracknell,  
Berkshire  
RG12 7QW  
T: 01344 354441  
E: [rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)  
[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parksandcountryside](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parksandcountryside)

Should you require a copy of this leaflet in large print, please ask at the Look Out reception or call 01344 352000.

Bracknell Forest Council 2018  
EC&C.ST.0418



## Discover ...

# Parks and countryside events programme



**May 2018 – October 2018**

[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events)

## Countryside Walks

Walks start at 10:30am

### Making Strides - Volunteer Led Walks



**8 May - Around Cabbage Hill (R)**  
**Meet:** Frost Folly Country Car Park. Map ref: 873 725

**19 June - Rapley Lake and back (R)**  
**Meet:** The Look Out Discovery Centre (car parking charges apply), Nine Mile Ride, RG12 7QW. Map grid ref: 878 661.

**17 July - Touchen End and back (R)**  
**Meet:** Hawthorn lane, junction with Nuptown Lane. Map ref: 890 736

**14 August - Lakes and Ridges (R)**  
**Meet:** Ambarrow Court, Off A321 Wokingham Rd, Sandhurst, GU47 8JB. Map ref: 824 626

**18 September - The Northern Fringe (R)**  
**Meet:** Felix Farm Trout Fishery, Howe Lane, Binfield, RG42 5QL. Map ref: 851 743

**16 October – Pope's, Peacocks & Amen (R)**  
**Meet:** Pope's Meadow, Off St Marks Rd, Binfield, RG42 4AY. Map ref: 844 699

## Walk With a Ranger

**Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**9 May - Spring stroll at South Hill Park (L)**  
**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Cost:** £2.

**6 June - Summer stroll at Lily Hill Park (L)**  
**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** £2.

**11 July– Wildmoor Heath Circuit (M)**  
**Meet:** Wildmoor Heath, Crowthorne Road, GU47 8PD **Cost:** £2.

**8 August - Woods, Hills & Ponds (L)**  
**Meet:** Domesday Copse car park, Wildridings Road – opposite Crossfell, Bracknell, RG12 7RX. **Cost:** £2

**12 September – Cruciferous and beyond (L)**  
**Meet:** Cabbage Hill car park, Forest Road Warfield, Bracknell, RG42 5RR **Cost:** £2

**10 October – Shepherd Meadows Meander (M)**  
**Meet:** Car park, off Marshall Way, GU47 0FH **Cost:** £2

**(L)** Leisurely – up to 2 miles (1 hour)  
**(M)** Moderate – up to 4 miles (1¼ hours)  
**(R)** Rambler – up to 7 miles (2½ hours)  
Timings and distances are approximations only.

## You might also like...

**Every Friday, 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Over 50s Nordic Walking, Swinley Forest**  
A qualified, instructor led, over 50s super fun & friendly Nordic Walking group.  
Contact: 07961 356207 or email: [ruthaaron24@googlemail.com](mailto:ruthaaron24@googlemail.com).  
**Meet:** 9:20am at The Look Out car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell RG12 7QW.  
**Booking Essential. Cost:** £4 per session. Car parking charges apply.  
Four week beginner courses also available at £32 every few months. The beginners courses are 11am to 12 noon. **Booking essential.**

The Thames Basin Heaths Partnership hold events including walks and outdoor activities throughout the year. Visit their website for further information <http://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/>

Information about walking, cycling, orienteering, fishing and horse riding opportunities in the borough is also available on our website [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/outdoor-activities](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/outdoor-activities)



## MAY

**Sunday, 13 May**

### **The Big Tree Climb at Westmorland Park** **1 hour slots between 1:45pm – 3pm**

Fun for 6 year olds and over. Climb up into the tree canopy taking in amazing views, be at one with nature and the environment. A truly amazing and thrilling activity. **Meet:** Westmorland Park, Off Westmorland Drive, Warfield, RG42 3QP. **Cost:** £20 per ticket. **Booking required:** <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>

**Tuesday, 22 May, 10am-11am**

### **Rhododendron Walk at Lily Hill Park**

Guided walk celebrating the stunning collection of historic Rhododendron and Azaleas, which date back to 1922.

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX

**Cost:** £2. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**



Rhododendron Walk at Lily Hill Park

**Saturday, 26 May, 9:30am – 1:30pm**

### **The Long Green Walk**

Join the rangers on a 9 mile walk from Horseshoe Lake to Englemere Pond over varying terrain visiting Ambarrow Court, Wildmoor Heath, and Caesars' Camp. A lunch stop could suit those looking for a shorter walk. Please bring your own lunch. This is not a circular route and you will need to arrange your own transport home. **Start:** Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.

**Lunch (around noon):** The Look Out Discovery Centre, Nine Mile Ride, RG12 7QW

**Finish:** Englemere Pond car park, off Swinley Road (B3017), Ascot, SL5 8BA. Map ref: 901 684. **Cost:** £2. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Wednesday, 30 May**

### **The Big Tree Climb at Ambarrow Court** **1 hour slots between 10am – 3.45pm**

Fun for 6 year olds and over. Climb up into the tree canopy taking in amazing views, be at one with nature and the environment. A truly amazing and thrilling activity. **Meet:** Ambarrow Court, Off A321 Wokingham Rd, Sandhurst, GU47 8JB. **Cost:** £20.

**Booking required:** <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>

**Wednesday, 30 May, 2pm-3:30pm**

### **Minibeast Safari at South Hill Park**

Have a go at bug hunting to discover the magical world of minibeasts. **Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA **Cost:** £2 per child. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

## JUNE

**Tuesday, 12 June, 10am-11am**

### **Community Litter Pick at South Hill Park**

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA

**Saturday, 23 June, 1pm-3pm**

### **Himalayan Balsam pulling at Garth Pond**

Learn about how and why we control invasive plants and get involved in the practical battle to stop the spread! Tools and refreshments provided.

**Meet:** Larks Hill car park, Warfield. RG42 2QD.

**Thursday, 28 June, 2pm-3pm**

### **Community Litter Pick at Lily Hill Park**

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX

**Friday, 29 June, 8:15pm-10pm**

### **Nightjar Walk at The Look Out**

Encounter nocturnal wildlife on this 3 mile walk through heathland and forest. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear (uneven ground conditions) and bring insect repellent, a torch and binoculars. No dogs please. **Meet:** The Look Out Discovery Centre car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, RG12 7QW. Please note car parking charges apply at The Look Out.

**Cost:** £3. **Booking required T: 01344 354441.**

## JULY

**Saturday, 1 July, 1pm-3pm**

### **Himalayan Balsam pulling at Horseshoe Lake**

Tools and refreshments provided.

**Meet:** Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.

**Sunday, 22 July, 2pm-3pm**

### **Community Litter Pick at Berrybank Copse**

**Meet:** Berrybank Copse, off York Town Road, Sandhurst, GU47 0PY

**Friday, 27 July, 10am-12noon**

### **Young Explorers Day at South Hill Park**

Come and join us to learn about our wonderful plants and wildlife in the park using our Explorer Packs. Suitable for under 11s. **Meet:** Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA **Cost:** £3 per child. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Friday, 27 July**

### **The Big Tree Climb at Pope's Meadow**

**1 hour slots between 10am – 3:45pm**

See the Westmorland Park Big Tree Climb event on the 13th May for description of activities.

**Meet:** Pope's Meadow, Off St Marks Rd, Binfield, RG42 4AY. **Cost:** £20. **Booking required:** <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>

**Saturday, 28 July, 1pm-3pm**

### **Himalayan Balsam pulling at Garth Pond**

Come and help finish the job by pulling the regrowth since June. This should Hit the Himalayan balsam hard and hopefully destroy its seed bank for the year. Tools and refreshments provided. **Meet:** Larks Hill car park, Warfield. RG42 2QD.

**Tuesday, 31 July, 10am-12noon**

### **Nature Quest at Lily Hill Park**

Young explorers are invited to join us in a nature related scavenger hunt. **Meet:** At the giant picnic table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX **Cost:** £2 per child. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

## AUGUST

**Thursday, 9 August, 10am – 12noon**

### **Bird and Bug Safari at Jennett's Park**

Learn about woodland birds on an interactive walk and then hunt for bugs in the meadows. Best suited 5yrs+. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY. **Cost:** £3 per child.

**Booking required: T: 01344 354441**

**Monday, 13 August, 10am -11am**

### **Community Litter Pick at South Hill Park**

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA

**Thursday, 16 August, 2pm – 3:30pm**

### **Dinosaur Discovery Trail at Jennett's Park**

Explore the wild world of dinosaurs on an exciting quiz trail around the woods and meadows of Jennett's Park. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, Off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY. **Cost:** £3 per child. **Booking required: 01344 354441**

**Saturday, 18 August, 11am-4.30pm**

### **Paws in the Park at South Hill Park**

Enjoy a day out for all the family, especially the dogs! Promoting responsible dog ownership, this free event features canine activities including demonstrations, product displays, fun competitions, veterinary advice and more. Provided with support from local businesses and charities. Dogs on lead welcome. Please consider walking/cycling/using public transport to get to this event as parking is very limited, thank you.

**Meet:** North field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

**Tuesday, 21 August, 2pm-3pm**

### **Community Litter Pick at Lily Hill Park**

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX

**Monday, 27 August, 12noon-1pm**

### **Larks Hill Harvest Day**

Come and harvest the apples fresh from the trees; enjoy activities including a talk about the history of orchards, play bobbing for apples and receive some recipes to use your apples with. **Meet:** Larks Hill car park, Warfield. **Cost:** £3. **Booking required T: 01344 354441.**



**Friday, 31 August, 10am-12noon**

### **The Great Outdoors at Lily Hill Park**

From folklore to fire - learn about the wonder of trees and plants, and have a go at campfire cookery. Best suited for 6yrs+. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** £3. **Booking required T: 01344 354441.**

## SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, 2 September**

### **The Big Tree Climb at Pope's Meadow**

**1 hour slots between 10am – 3:45pm**

See the Westmorland Park Big Tree Climb event on the 13th May for description of activities.

**Meet:** Pope's Meadow, off St Marks Rd, Binfield, RG42 4AY. **Cost:** £20 per ticket. **Booking required:** <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>



The Big Tree Climb at Pope's Meadow

**Thursday, 6 September**

### **Heritage Open Day Walk at South Hill Park**

Tour of the grounds 2:30pm-3:30pm

Tour of the mansion 4pm-5pm

Come to either or both events with the opportunity for further questions and refreshments in the café between walks. **Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Thursday, 6 September, 1pm-3pm**

### **Heritage Open Day Walk at Pope's Manor**

Join us on this guided tour of the grounds.

**Meet:** Pope's Meadow, off St Marks Road, Binfield, Bracknell, RG42 4AY. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Friday, 14 September, 10am-11am**

### **Heritage Open Day Walk at Lily Hill Park**

Guided walk to learn about the heritage features and historical importance of this beautiful park.

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Saturday, 29 September, 1pm – 3pm**

### **Hazel Harvesting and Bonfire at Jennett's Park**

Join us to harvest hazel (good for beanpoles) and enjoy the warmth of a bonfire while you work. Suitable for all ages. Tools and refreshments provided. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.

## OCTOBER

**Monday, 22 October, 2pm-3:30pm**

### **Fungal Foray at Lily Hill Park**

Experience the amazing world of fungi in this popular guided walk, led by local enthusiast Gordon Crutchfield. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX **Cost:** £2. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**

**Tuesday, 23 October, 10am-11:30am**

### **Orienteering Open Event at South Hill Park**

Learn how to read maps, find points and solve the puzzle! **Meet:** Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA

**Cost:** £2. **Booking required T: 01344 354441**