

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks



Venue: South Hill Park. Talks start at 7:30pm and end at about 9:30pm (Doors open from 7:15pm) Entrance fee for members £1; visitors £3; under 16 free (annual membership £12). No booking required.

2019

May 20 The Return of Large Carnivores by Dr Adriana Consorte-McCrea

June 17 The Life of a Glow-Worm by John Tyler

Sept 16 Bracknell Biodiversity Action Plan plus 'Help a Hog'. With Biodiversity Officer Marlies Boydell, Ranger Marie-Ann Phillips and Gill Cheetham

Oct 21 Bees and Other Pollinators with Reading University researcher Rory O'Connor

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May - October 2019

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Making Strides - Volunteer Led Walks



Walks start at 10:30am unless otherwise stated. No booking or payment required.

For more information visit <https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events>



Moderate (M) – up to 4 miles (1¾ hours)
Rambler (R) – up to 5 ½ miles (2¼ hours)

14 May – Ascot Racecourse and Beyond (R)
Meet: Ascot Heath Library car park, Fernbank Road, Winkfield Row, Ascot, SL5 8LA (map ref: 909 697)

18 June - Chapel Green and Back (R)
Meet: Heathlake Nature Reserve car park, Crowthorne, RG45 6TU (map ref: 827 726)

16 July – Nuptown Circuit (M)
Meet: Junction of Hawthorn Lane and Nuptown Lane (map ref: 890 736)

20 August - Little used paths in Warfield (M)
Meet: Jocks Lane car park (map ref: 859 704)

17 September - Braywoodside and back (R)
Meet: Frost Folly car park (map ref: 874 726)

15 October – Caesar's Camp and the Redoubts (R) (map ref: 878 661)
Meet: The Look Out Discovery Centre car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, RG12 7QW

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29 July – 4 August
Bracknell Forest Society Week of Walks (WOW)

Please visit the Bracknell Forest Society's event page for details of their week of walks.
<http://www.thebracknellforestsociety.org.uk>

Every Friday, 11:30am
Nordic Walking, Swinley Forest
New 11:30am class is on Fridays at The Look Out. It is bookable per half term and costs equal £5 per session (£6 including pole hire). Booking via ruthaaron24@googlemail.com or 07961 356207. Each session is led by a qualified and insured instructor and includes a warm up, technique review/focus, a 2-2.5 mile walk and cool down and stretch. It is very social, allowing you to walk and talk and lots of fun. Our FB page is <https://en-gb.facebook.com/berkshirenordicwalking/>

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

Event Booking and advice

Online booking and pre-payment is required for all our events unless otherwise stated.

Please bring your booking reference with you to the event.

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

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

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

Please note that ticket sales close at 9am the previous working day.



Tree climbs



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MAY



Friday, 3 May, doors open at 7pm, film starts at 8:45pm
Mamma Mia 2 – Outdoor Cinema at Lily Hill Park

Hill Park

Outdoor cinema screening set in the beautiful surroundings of Lily Hill Park. **Booking essential.** Details about tickets and prices can be found at <https://www.fireflyevents.co.uk/events/>



Saturday, 25 May, 12pm-3pm (events also available in June and August).

Himalayan balsam pulling – practical conservation volunteering

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



Tuesday, 28 May, 2pm-3pm
Rhododendron Walk at Lily Hill Park

A guided walk celebrating the stunning collection of Rhododendron and Azaleas that date back to 1922. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**



Friday, 31 May, 10am-11:30am
Nature Quest at South Hill Park

A nature related scavenger hunt for young explorers. **Meet:** Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**

JUNE



Tuesday, 11 June, 2pm-3pm
Community litter pick at South Hill Park
Meet: Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.



Sunday, 16 June, 9:30am – 1:30pm
The Long Green Walk

A 9 mile ranger-led walk from Horseshoe Lake to Englemere Pond, visiting Ambarrow Court, Wildmoor Heath and Caesar's Camp. A lunch stop could suit those looking for a shorter walk. 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. *Please bring your own lunch. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant.

Booking essential.



Friday, 21 June, 8:15pm-10:30pm
Caesar's Camp Nightjar Walk

A night-time guided wildlife walk where you can observe the spectacular courtship display of the Nightjar, use our detectors to hear the secret sounds of bats and watch out for toads along the way! Not suitable for young children or dogs. Some, steep slopes and long periods of walking required. **Meet:** The Look Out car park*, next to The Bike Hub. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.** Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.



Image by Rob Solomon



Saturday, 22 June, 12pm-3pm
Himalayan balsam pulling – practical conservation volunteering

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



Thursday, 27 June, 2pm-3pm
Community litter pick at Lily Hill Park
Meet: North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.



Sunday, 30 June, 11am-12pm
Guided walk and litter pick
Join our ranger for a short scenic walk and litter pick across three urban parks. For families, there is a play area at the end to reward the little ones' hard work. **Meet:** Savernake Park car park, Bracknell, RG12 0UX.



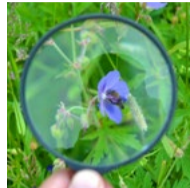
JULY



Friday, 26 July, 10am-11:30am
Minibeast Safari at South Hill Park

Bug hunting for young explorers to discover the magical world of minibeasts.

Meet: Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**



Saturday, 27 July, 10:30am – 11:30am
NEW! The Great Big Dog Walk at Jennett's Park

Enjoy a ranger-led walk with your four legged friends. Meet other dog walkers and discover more about the wild projects happening around Jennett's Park. Light refreshments provided. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**



Tuesday, 30 July, 1pm – 3pm
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:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**

AUGUST



Friday, 2 August, 2pm – 3:30pm
Dinosaur Discovery Trail at Peacock Meadows

Calling all dino-detectives! Explore the wild world of dinosaurs, solve a pre-historic crime and dig for treasure in woods and meadows. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**



Saturday, 10 August, 11am-12:30pm
Ambarrow Court orienteering trail

Work as an individual or team to navigate your way around woodland, using your map reading skills to find the answers and win a prize on completion! Dogs on lead are welcome and the route is suitable for all ages and abilities. **Meet:** Ambarrow Court car park, Wokingham Road, Sandhurst, GU47 8JB. **Cost:** £3.99 for individuals or £5.99 per family of 4. **Booking essential.**



Saturday, 17 August, 2pm – 3pm
Himalayan balsam pulling – practical conservation volunteering

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

Saturday, 17 August, 11am – 4pm
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. Limited on-site parking,** so please consider walking/cycling/using public transport where available - thank you. **Meet:** North field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.



Thursday, 29 August, 8:15pm – 9:45pm
Bat Walk at Lily Hill Park

Join us on this evening guided walk led by local expert John Wenman, to discover the wonderful world of bats at Lily Hill Park. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** £3.99 per participant. **Booking essential.**

SEPTEMBER



Tuesday, 17 September, 2:30pm – 5pm
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 free 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.



Friday, 20 September, 10:30am – 11:30am

Heritage Open Day Walk at Lily Hill Park
Guided walk to learn about the exotic trees and plants in this historic park. **Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Free event!**



Friday, 27 September, film and times tbc
Outdoor Cinema at Lily Hill Park

Outdoor cinema screening set in the beautiful surroundings of Lily Hill Park. **Booking essential.** <https://www.fireflyevents.co.uk/events/>

OCTOBER



NEW! Autumn treasure hunts

Solve a series of clues to win a nature related prize. Morning or afternoon events available. **Cost:** £3.99 per child participant. **Booking essential.** Places limited – early booking recommended. **Ticket sales close at 9am the previous working day.** *A non-dairy prize option is available.

Monday, 28 October at South Hill Park
10am – 11:30am or 1pm – 2.30pm

Meet: Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Tuesday, 29 October at Lily Hill Park
10am – 11:30am or 1pm – 2.30pm

Meet: Giant picnic table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.



FREE School Education Programme at Caesar's Camp

School workshops (Key Stage 1 and 2), are available for a half or full day session, throughout the year. Includes a guided walk through Swinley Forest and around Caesar's Camp with engaging activities on history and nature. Free for the first 4 school bookings, charges apply for further bookings. Contact us via our online enquiry form if interested (bottom of events page).

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NEW for 2019! Tree Climbing Birthday Parties

Celebrate a birthday with friends in the tree tops of Bracknell Forest! Tailor made parties run by The Big Tree Climbing Company that will ensure your child and their friends have a safe, amazing time and a party to remember. Available to children aged 6 or over, including those with special needs and disabilities. Hall hire may also be available at specific locations.

The minimum number for a party is 8.

Please email info@bigtreeclimbing.co.uk to see our availability.

*Car parking charges apply at The Look Our Discovery Centre car park.