

Events BOOKLET

Countryside Ranger Events April 2010-March 2011

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Date, time, Ranger Area	Details: Please give using the following order [Name of event/walk, location, description, meeting place, any charge, is booking required, is event suitable for wheel chair users?]	Grid Ref	Grade	Cost
MARCH				
Monday 29th 2-4:30pm Wester Ross	Around the World in 80 minutes! Take a walk to visit trees from around the world. A fun trail for all the family! Ullapool Area Booking only. Call 01854 613904	Meeting place given out on booking.	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 31 st 1.30pm West Lochaber	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old at Sgoil na Coille, Salen with the Highland Council and Forestry Commission Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 692 649	B	Children £3
Wednesday 31st 2-4pm Wester Ross	Rockpool Rummage Today has one of the lowest tides of the year. Catch a glimpse of the fascinating creatures that live in this normally hidden world. Wellies essential. Aultbea area. Booking only. Please call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	A	Adults £3 Children £2
APRIL				
Monday 5th 11am -1pm Skye and Lochalsh	Easter Eggstravaganza! HELP! There's an egg thief on the loose! Poor Jenny Wren's nest is empty. Solve the clues to find her eggs and return them safely to her nest. Meet at 11am at 'The Lump', Portree. 1km.	NG 483 434	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th 27 th 7-9pm Great Glen Way	Navigation For Numpties, Drumnadrochit. 4 evening workshops aimed at giving people the confidence to start hill walking. Booking essential. 01320 366 633 Package £30/£20 for all sessions including Saturdays 8 th and 15 th May	NH 505 292	A	Adults £3 Children £2 Per Session
Tuesday 6th 11.30am Arisaig	Duke's Walk Borrodale. Walk the shore of the "Loch nan Uamh". Visit Prince Charlie's Cave and reach back to the Iron Age as you relish the view from the "Vitrified Fort". Meet at Borrodale Farm.	NM 695 850	B	Adult £3 Children £2.
Wednesday 7 th 1 – 3pm Glen Nevis	Easter Adventure – Family Fun in Glen Nevis. Join the Rangers for a fun activity in the woods, meet at Glen Nevis Visitor Centre. Tel 01397 705922 for more information and to book a place.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Child £2

Wednesday 7 th 1.30pm West Lochaber	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old at Sgoil na Coille, Salen with the Highland Council and Forestry Commission Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 692 649	B	Child £3
Wednesday 7 th 1.30 – 3.pm Inverness West	Kite Making at Kiltarlity play park. Make fabulous kites out of odds and ends and weather permitting, fly them. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Wheelchair and pushchair accessible. 15 minutes from Inverness. Please book a place on 01463 710786.	Location given out on booking	A	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 8th 10am-1pm & 2-5pm Inverness East	The Culloden History Tour, Culloden House & Woods. Have a wander on foot to discover Culloden's History and meet characters from the past. Price includes tea and biscuits at the sumptuous Culloden House. Booking essential Tel. 01463 702932	Location given out on booking	B	Adults £8 Children £4
Wednesday 14th 11am – 4pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 1. Cliff and Crag: Duntulm to Kilmaluag via Rubha Hunish. 7km. Meet at Shulista car park. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 422 742	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 15 th 11.30am – 1pm West Lochaber	Strontian Community Woodland. This Woodland is home to over 60 different tree species and a Community Composting Site. Find out why these trees are important and learn about the composting process along the way! Meet at Strontian Tourist Information Centre. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 815 616	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 17 th 12pm – 4pm. Wester Ross	National Amphibian Survey David O'Brien our local amphibian enthusiast will be showing us how to survey for amphibians. Gairloch Area. Booking only. Please call Lindsey Duncan on 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	A	free
Tuesday 20th 11.30 am Arisaig	“Caves & Clearances” Walk. Visit the “Soap Cave”, enjoy the hidden coves of dazzling sand, and drift into the minds of the people of the infamous “Clearances”. Meet at “Rhu Pier”	NM 627 851	C	Adults £3 Children £2.
Sunday 25 th 11am Caithness	Badbea, the story Come along to a nice visit to this old clearance village, and hear the story of the people who used to live here. Meet at Badbea car park Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 084 205	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 27 th 10am – 1pm North West Sutherland	Loch A'Mhuilinn national nature reserve. Near Scourie. Ancient oak woodland with birch and hazel, loch side and moorland - by the coast. A rich mix of habitat. Walking on rough ground and by track. Meet at reserve car park 3 miles south of Scourie.	NC 171 401	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 29th 10 am Arisaig	“Sniper's Valley” Walk Stretch your legs past the tumbling waters of “Allt a Bhuiridh” and shoulder of “An Stac” to dine on a special view of “Loch Ailort” and the “Small Isles” Booking essential. Tel 01687 462983 Meet at Lochailort	NM 767 823	D	Adults £5 Children £3

MAY				
Saturday 1 st May 10am -12pm Easter Ross	Salmon Hatchery Open Day – Contin Come and see the hatchery and how it benefits wild salmon of the river systems of the Conon with fisheries staff. At Forestry Commission carpark beside Contin	NH454567	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 1st 10am -3pm Badenoch and Strathspey	Inspired in Inshriach NNR. Explore a remote and beautiful corner of the Invereshie & Inshriach National Nature Reserve. Please book a place and find out more information on 01540 673907	Location given out on booking.	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 1 st 8pm Caithness	Moth Magic Help attract/identify moths using sugar and set up a moth trap in the forest. We'll empty the trap tomorrow morning. Meet at Seadrift at 8pm Saturday. Then Seadrift 10am on Sunday. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 219 706	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 1st 2-4pm Inverness	Bushcraft Day at Abriachan. Try your hand at making a shelter, building a fire or foraging with experts on hand to guide you. Please book a place and find out more information on 01463 710786	Exact location given out on booking	A	Adults £5 Children £3 (to be confirmed)
Monday 3rd 10am-12pm East Sutherland	Jurassic Lark! Explore the rocks of Helmsdale in search of Jurassic fossils. Meet at Helmsdale harbour car park Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	ND 030 152	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 3rd 1-3pm East Sutherland	Gold panning Visit the site of Sutherland's gold rush and try your hand at gold panning. Meet at Helmsdale harbour car park Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	ND 030 152	A	£3 Adult £2 child plus £3 equipment hire
Tuesday 4 th 10am – 2pm North West Sutherland	Ceannabienne Hill [383m] Durness. Hill walk over rough ground. Fine views in all directions, moorland flowers and birds. Meet at Ceannabienne beach car park 4miles east of Durness.	NC 444 654	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursdays 6 th May. 10 th June. 1 st 29 th July 19 th Aug 10am – 1pm North West Sutherland	Scourie bay coastal walk. North shore. Superb views, wild flowers, geology, seabirds. Meet at Pier car park.	NC 155 448	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 6 th May, 11am-3pm Also 18 May, 1 June 8 June 28 July 19 Aug 9 Sept Assynt	Achmelvich Coastal walk, Assynt Delightful cliff top walk to the old meal mill at Altanabradhan through croftland and machair. Meet Achmelvich beach car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 058 248	B/C	Adults £5 Children £3

Thursday 6 th 1.30 – 3.30pm West Lochaber	Volcanic Rings and Other Things. Tiptoe over the stepping stones and ponder on the deserted village of Glen Drian hidden in the geology of the famous Volcanic Ring Dyke. Meet at Kilchoan Community Centre. Please bring own transport. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 491 636	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 7 th 12-3pm North Sutherland	Scullomie to Sletell Coastal hill walk to the abandoned post clearance settlement of Sletell. Lots of plants, hopefully displaying newts in pool. Return via similar route. Roadside car park above Coldbackie Beach.	NC 612 601	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 8 th 1- 3.30pm Great Glen Way	Navigation for Numpties Orienteering, Fort Augustus. An afternoon practicing navigation skills learned in the previous four sessions. Booking essential. 01320 366 633	NH 350 072	C	Adults £5 Children £3 Per Session
Saturday 8 th 4:30 - 8:00pm Skye and Lochalsh	Birds before Breakfast: Celebrate international Dawn Chorus Day with a sunrise walk in Broadford. Learn to identify our common birds by sight and sound and afterwards join us for breakfast. 3km. Meet at the Broadford Library/Service Point.	NG 638 237	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Sunday 9 th 10.30am Caithness	Walk of silence Challenge yourself and see if you can remain completely silent on this lovely walk from Lybster to the old herring station. Bring lunch. Meet at Waterlines, Lybster Harbour Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 243 349	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 11 th 10am-1pm Easter Ross	Springtime at Tarradale, Muir of Ord Exploring Gilchrist and Tarradale farmland to the Firth. Looking for yellowhammers and skylarks and red kite or an osprey if we are lucky. Meet outside the Black Isle Showground	NH 535 493	A/B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 11 th 10am – 3pm North West Sutherland	Ben Arnaboll [230m]. Hill walk with fine views over loch Hope and loch Eriboll. Geology of the Moine, moorland wildlife and a bit of recent history. Meet at gate by roadside [A838] west of Hope bridge.	NC 467 597	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 11 th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Egnaig & the North Channel” Walk A short walk near Eilean Shona to the site of the long abandoned village of Egnaig. Please phone for details of meeting place. 01687 462 983/01967 402 232	Meeting place given out on booking.		Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 12 th 11am- 5pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 2. Fossils at Flodigarry: Kilmaluag to Quiraing via Flodigarry. 9km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 436 749	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thurs.13 th 17 th June 15 th July. 5 th 26 th Aug 10am – 12.30pm North West Sutherland	Scourie coast. Dikes & garnets. Geology, views, otter’s signs, seabirds. Meet at Scourie beach bird hide.	NC 152 446	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 13 th 1-3pm Easter Ross	Springtime along the River Sgitheach, Evanton Walk the riverside to Balconie Point looking for darting dippers and wagtails feeding along the waters edge. Learn the benefits of Alder trees along the riverbank? Leaves from village car park	NH 607 661	A	Adults £3 Children £2

Thursday 13 th 11:30am - 2:30pm Wester Ross	Seashore Animals & Plants As part of Scottish Biodiversity Week, join Dr James Merryweather and the HC Ranger to search for fascinating seashore wildlife. All ages welcome! Gairloch Area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 13 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Glen Beasdale Circle” Walk A climb on the Beasdale ridge to the summit of “Druim Fiaclach”. Booking preferred. Meet at the foot of Glen Beasdale	NM 716 851	C/D	Adults £5 Children £3
Saturday 15 th 9am- 5.30 pm Great Glen Way	Navigation For Numpties Hill Day, Meall Fuar-Mhonaidh. The culmination of the Navigation for Numpties workshops: A hill walk designed to try out your new skills. Booking essential. 01320 366 633 Priority places for those attending the workshops.	NH 491 239	D	Adults £10 Children £7 Per Session
Saturday 15 th 2-4pm Caithness	Beginners Bird Watch For beginners as part of Biodiversity Week join the ranger to view and learn about our local birds. Telescope provided, bring binoculars. Meet at Thurso River Harbour car park (not Scrabster) Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND122 688	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Sunday 16 th 10.30 am Caithness	Dirlot Castle Come explore Dirlot castle and the beautiful area it is located in. No dogs please. Meet at forestry car park (500 m past quarry) Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 119 491	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 17 th 8pm Caithness	Clowns of the ocean. A short walk to view a magnificent puffin colony in the Dunbeath area. No dogs. More details on booking (essential). Contact Marina: 01955 607758	On booking	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 18 th 1–3pm Easter Ross	Springtime along the River Averon, Alness Wander the River Averon looking for sandpipers and dippers feeding along the waters edge. Learn about the geological history of the sandstone crags alongside, Meet Crawl Park car park	NH 655 696	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 19 th 11am – 4pm Wester Ross	Flowerless Plants (mosses, liverworts, ferns, lichens) Dr James Merryweather is a lecturer for the Field Studies Council and a leading expert in the study of flowerless plants. Join him during Scottish Biodiversity Week to learn about these unusual plants. Suitable for all. Gairloch Area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904	Meeting place given out on booking.	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 20 th 10am – 4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (1) Woodland: Discover the ancient woodland of the ‘hidden valley’ in Waternish. Skirt the head of Loch Bay and follow the coast to reach this seldom-visited corner of Skye. Meet at Bay. 6km.	NG 269 539	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 20 th 11am-3pm Also 17 Aug, 2 Sept Assynt	The Limestone valley of the Traligill, Assynt A fascinating walk through ancient limestone scenery, past secret caves, dramatic waterfalls and dry river beds. Meet at Inchnadamph car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571	NC251 216	C	Adults £5 Children £3

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Thursday 20 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Shielings & Cairns” Walk An easy family walk to the “Shieling” returning by way of the “Camusdarach Cairns” Meet at Traigh Farm	NM 656 904	B	Adult £3 Children £2.
Thursday 20 th 1– 3pm Wester Ross	A Walk Through Time - Sand River Trail A fascinating walk looking at the remains of ancient settlements and homes of people who once lived in this area. Scottish Biodiversity Week event. Gairloch Area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 20 th 7pm Easter Ross	Evensong at Culbokie Wood An evening stroll to listen and learn about the woodland birds and how they attracted mates and advertise their territories including warblers, tits and finches Leaving Forestry Commission carpark Culbokie, Black Isle	NH611598	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 21 st 1-3pm North Sutherland	Strathy Point Sea Watch Look for whales and dolphins as part of ‘Biodiversity Week’. Telescopes provided, bring binoculars. Very weather dependent – phone 01641 521884. Meet Totegan Car Park (Strathy Point) No Dogs!	NC827 687	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 22 nd 10.30am-1pm Easter Ross	Springtime - Drummondreach Oak Wood, BlackIsle Take in the sounds of our feathered friends amongst the oak wood as they sing for a mate at the open air pulpit. From adjacent parking at Teandore, Alcaig to Findon Road	NH 578 579	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Sun 23 rd 10.30am – 3.30pm Glen Nevis	Scottish Biodiversity Week Drop in throughout the day & assist the Rangers in making homes for the Glen’s wildlife. Suitable for families. Phone 01397 705922 for more information.	NN 123 729	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Sunday 23 rd 11am-3pm Nairn	To the Edge and Back, Whiteness Head. Enjoy an extensive walk to the end of this remote spit. We will be walking along by saltmarsh and shingle shores looking for some of the amazing wildlife to be found here. Meet at Hilton of Delnies Farm, off the B9092 Nairn to Ardersier Road.	NH 844 566	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Sunday 23 rd 10am-1pm Easter Ross	Monadh Mor in Springtime – Tore Explore this unique bog woodland and wildlife benefiting from it. Looking for pinewood specialists that have adapted to the conditions. Forestry Commission Monadh Mor carpark, A835(T) west of Tore	NH 579 527	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tues 25 th 10am –3pm North West Sutherland	Ben Hutig. [408m]. Stunning views, chance of golden eagle, ravens, mountain hare, moorland plants, returning along the top of Ben Hutig. Meet at The Craggan Hotel in Melness.	NC 588 615	D	Adults £5 Children £3

Tuesday 25 th 11am – 4pm Wester Ross	Torridonian Wildlife Step back in time on this stunning coastal walk to glimpse fossil records of the first life to appear on Earth. European Geopark Network Month. Achiltibuie area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 25 th 11am-2pm Also 24 June 21 July 7 Sept Assynt	The Bone Caves, Assynt Walk to the caves where bones of reindeer, humans and even polar bears were discovered. Meet Bone Caves car park, 4km south of Inchnadamph. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC254 179	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 26 th 10.30am-1pm Easter Ross	Seaboard Coastline, Hilton of Cadboll Explore the coastline north of Hilton looking out for plants and bird life of the dunes and foreshore. Meet at Hilton of Cadboll Standing Stone carpark	NH 871777	A/B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 26 th 7– 9.30pm Glen Nevis	Evening Chorus. A dawn chorus with a difference... Come and discover the birds and wildlife of Glen Nevis on this evening stroll. Booking essential. Tel 01397 705922. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 27 th 11am-3pm Also 6 July 23 Sept Assynt	Where the meteorite crashed in Assynt Visit Europe's largest ever meteorite strike. Learn about the ancient landscape it struck over one billion years ago. Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park, No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 040 273	B/C	Adults £5 Children £3
Sunday 30 th 10.30am Caithness	Le pays perdu Visit the forgotten village of Badryrie, learn about wildlife and ancient monuments along the way. Bring lunch Meet at Loch Stemster road end. No dogs Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 186 422	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
JUNE				
Tuesday 1 st 22 nd June. & 13 th July 10am – 1pm North West Sutherland	Talmine Treasures. Masses of beautiful plants including lesser butterfly orchids. Interesting geology and sea life on route to Port Vasgo. Meet at Talmine Pier; please do not block pier access.	NC 588 632	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 1 st 11am Caithness	Needles and nests. Join us on a cliff top walk to view a spectacular natural arch and an amazing array of seabirds. Bring snack. Meet Smiddy Inn car park, Thrumster. Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 338 453	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 2 nd 11am – 3pm Wester Ross	Ramble through Rassal Discover abundant flowers and fascinating archaeology of the most northerly ashwoods in Scotland. Look out for orchids and mountain avens flourishing on the limestone slopes. Lochcarron area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	C	Adults £5 Children £3

Thursday 3 rd 24 th June, 22 nd July 12 th Aug 10am – 12.30pm North West Sutherland	Scourie cliffs. Fine scenery, sea caves & cliffs, wild flowers, seabirds. Not suitable for young children. Meet at Free church car park.	NC 152 434	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 3 rd 11.30am Arisaig	“Eireagoraidh Ruins” Walk Climb to “Loch Eireagoraidh” for lunch, then circle round “Beinn nan Caorach” and back by way of “An Leth allt” and “Loch an Nostarie”. Meet at Glasnacardoch	NM 675 957	C	Adult £3 Children £2.
Sunday 6 th 9.30am Caithness	Ben Dorrery to Loch Surrery via Loch Caluim Let’s walk part of an ancient drove road (Ca na Catanach , or “the Sutherland men’s path) which ran from Thurso to Kinbrace (Sutherland). 14 km (9 miles) Rough walking. No dogs. Adults only. Bring lunch. Drivers taken back to start. Meet Halkirk Spar shop for car pool Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 130595.	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Each Monday - June 7 th to August 2 nd 2 - 4pm. [not 5 th July] North West Sutherland	Do the Puffin walk – Faraid head, Durness. 2hr walk to view a small colony of Puffins; across a beautiful beach, returning through the dunes. Meet at Balnakeil beach car park.	NC 392 687	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 8 th June and Tues 20 th July 10am – 2pm North West Sutherland	Watch Hill. Superb views over the Kyle of Tongue and beyond from Cnoc an Fhreicheadeain (307m). Vehicle needed for return. Meet at A836 car park above Coldbackie Beach near Tongue. Tel 01971 511756 for further details	NC 612 601	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 9 th 10am- 6pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 3. Peaks and Pinnacles. Quiraing to Storr via Beinn Edra. 19km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 439 678	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 9 th 11am – 2pm Wester Ross	Wildlife Wander Explore the waterfall and gorge of the Inverianvie River looking out for flora and fauna including orchids and maybe a dipper or two. Gruinard area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 10 th June, 11am-2pm Also 22 July 3 Aug 31 Aug Assynt	Clachtoll Coastal walk, Assynt Join us on this beautiful coastal walk through a crofting village past an Iron-age fort. Meet Clachtoll beach car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 040 273	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 10 th Evening West Lochaber	Sunart Bat Watch. A short slide show and talk followed by an evening walk to learn more about these elusive creatures. Meet at Forestry Office, Strontian. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 814 619	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 12 th 11am – 2pm Inverness West	Riverside Wander A lovely walk along the banks of the River Beauy taking in scenery and wildlife. One of the Ranger’s favourites. We’ll be going roughly 5km on good tracks. Bring lunch. Meet at Kiltarlity Old Church near Kilmorack. Phone 01463 710786 for more information.	NH 497 439	B	Adults £5 Children £3

Sunday 13 th 11am -2pm Caithness	Dunnet Natural Sculptures Create your own work of natural art in Dunnet Forest. Fun for the whole family. Meet at Dunnet Forest car park from 11am onwards. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 221 645	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 15 th 10am – 2pm North West Sutherland	Kyle of Durness. Circular coastal walk with amazing wild flowers, beautiful scenery, beaches, otter signs. Meet at Durness golf course car park.	NC 392 688	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 15 th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Silver Walk” A lovely circular walk following the ancient path by Loch Moidart then looping back to the view over castle Tioram. Meet at Dorlin sands.	NM 664 720	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 16 th 11am – 2pm Wester Ross	Wildlife Wander at Falls of Stroma Explore the waterfalls and gorge of Gleann Mor looking out for flora and fauna including orchids and maybe a dipper or two. Ullapool area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 16 th 2-5pm North Sutherland	Portskerra to Melvich Dunes Masses of coastal wildflowers and a bit of beachcombing for mermaids purses. Meet at Portskerra old harbour (not the Pier).	NC 878 664	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 17 th 10.30am -12.30pm East Sutherland	Balblair rare. A pleasant walk through the national nature reserve looking for one-flowered wintergreen and twinflower. Meet at Balblair woods, Loch Fleet by Golspie Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 815 977	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 17 th 11am-5pm Assynt	Bone Caves to the Traligill Basin, Assynt A fascinating walk linking two cave systems within the limestone area of Inchnadamph. Meet at Bone Caves car park, 4km south of Inchnadamph. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 254 179	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 17 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Arisaig Triangle” Walk Take the easy way up the three Arisaig peaks “Sasunnaich”, “Creag Mhor” & “Albanaich” Booking preferred. Meet at Arisaig Station	NM 663 867	D	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 17 th 2 -4:30pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (2): Mountain and Moorland Explore Sligachan Peatlands, a special area of conservation to discover some of Skye’s rarest plants & breeding birds. 3km. Bring your wellies! Meet at Sligachan Hotel Car Park.	NG 485 298	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 18 th 2-4pm East Sutherland	Blooming marvellous A walk through the dunes and grassland of the common good lands Meet at the airfield car park, Dornoch Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 802 884	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 19 th 10.30am -12.30pm Caithness	Bushcraft Skills Try your hand at survival skills such as fire starting, bush tucker and lamp making. All materials provided. Booking recommended. Seadrift Centre. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 219 706	A	Adults £3 Children £2

Sunday 20th 11am-3pm Inverness East	Sheannachie Stroll , Following the track up the Tom na Slaite hill (426m) and down to the River Findhorn and the remains of Shenachie. A remote and breathtakingly beautiful walk. Meeting place will be given out on booking. Tel 01462 702932	Location given out on booking	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Monday 21 st 10am – 3pm Glen Nevis	Midsummer Ramble to Allt a’Mhuilinn . Enjoy fine views of the majestic North face of Ben Nevis, and discover the history and geology of this iconic mountain. Meet at the North face car park, Torlundy. Booking Essential. Packed lunch required. Tel 01397 705922	NN 144764	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 21 st 10pm Caithness	Midsummer night’s stream Lovely night walk through Dunbeath Strath. Meet at Dunbeath Mill Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 160 299	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 22 nd 11am-3pm Also 5 Aug 14 Sept Assynt	Drumbeg Peat Road, Assynt Journey to the interior of Assynt rich in wildlife and history and dangerous stories. Meet at Drumbeg View Point car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 120 330	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 23rd 10am-12pm Easter Ross	The Dark Mysteries of Blackrock Gorge - Evanton Take a walk and learn about the chasm of Blackrock Gorge and the folklore that goes with it. Meet Evanton village car park	NH 607 661	A/B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 24th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Graves & Garnets” Walk Drift through the multiple environments in an investigative wander on the Moidart peninsula. Meet at Roshven Farm.	NM 720 785	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 24 th 7:30 -10pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (3) In-bye Croft and Farmland Join us for an evening talk, and then venture out at Trumpan for a night survey of the UK’s only globally endangered bird, the corncrake. (3km) Meet at Stein car park.	NG 263 563	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 26 th 10am - 4pm Wester Ross	Dragonfly Safari Never seen a dragonfly before? Then this is the event for you! We’ll study the pools and ponds around Loch Achall. With the British Dragonfly Society. Ullapool area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B	free
Sunday 27 th 10am - 4pm Wester Ross	Dragonfly Safari Join us for session 2 of the Dragonfly safari events. Ullapool area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904	Meeting place given out on booking.	B	free
Sunday 27 th 11am Caithness	Ministry of silly walks Join the ranger at Dunnet forest and see what silly things are going on! Dress up silly for the occasion. Meet Dunnet forest car park Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 221 645	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 29 th 10am – 3pm North West Sutherland	Rhiconich . Hill walk by loch, river and moorland. Beautiful scenery, moorland wildlife and amazing geology in the foothills of Foinaven. Meet at Rhiconich hotel car park.	NC 255 524	D	Adults £5 Children £3

Tuesday 29 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Smirisary & the White Beach” Walk Look back into the hardships of old crofting life and see 21 st century changes before lunching at the aptly named “White Beach”. Booking only 01687 462983. Meet at Glenuig Inn	NM 671 773	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 30 th 10am-2.30pm Easter Ross	Deserted Homesteads of Aultgowrie, Muir of Ord Out below Cul Beag past hut circles the bronze/iron age up this bleak valley. Once at the empty farmstead of Tighachrochadair stop for lunch and learn a bit of the local history. From forest entrance to Auchmore Wood	NH 535 493	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 30 th 10.30am -12pm Sutherland/Caithness	Puffin Watch Join the ranger at the largest local puffin colony to view these popular ‘clowns of the ocean.’ A Telescope provided, bring your binoculars and cameras. A836 Sutherland/Caithness boundary sign.	NC 921 645	C	Adults £3 Children £2
JULY				
Thursday 1 st 11am-3pm Assynt	River Inver to Glenanisp, Assynt A varied walk along riverside woodland, old Clearance Village and loch shore. Meet at the Assynt Visitor Centre, Lochinver. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 094 225	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 1 st 11.30am Arisaig	“Brinacory & Lochan Stole” Walk Follow the old county road to a school of past ages before taking to the hills to experience the view of a lifetime. Meet at Bracorina	NM 725 927	C/D	Adults £5 Children £3
Friday 2 nd 12-2pm North Sutherland	Strathy Point Sea Watch Look for whales and dolphins at Strathy Point. Telescopes provided bring binoculars. Very weather dependent – phone 01641 521884. Meet at Totegan Car Park (Strathy Point). No Dogs!	NC 827 687	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 6 th 10.30am-12.30pm East Sutherland	Survival skills Learn some wilderness survival skills. Including shelter building and fire lighting. Meet at Dunrobin Castle, Golspie Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NC 850 010	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 6 th 11am – 2.30pm Wester Ross	The Coral Beaches of Applecross Visit the beautiful coral beaches of Ard Ban (The White Promontory) and discover how these stunning white sands are formed. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B/C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 6 th 1.30-3.30pm East Sutherland	Osprey watch Join us on the lookout for a pair of Sutherland’s nesting ospreys. Meet at the Mound Car Park, between Golspie and Dornoch. Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 776 982	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 6 th 2pm Caithness	Duncansby Head Seabird Cities Learn about the amazing seabird cities while taking in dramatic coastal scenery with sea stacks & sheer sided geos. Meet at lighthouse car park Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 405 735	C	Adults £3 Children £2

Tuesday 6 th 11am and 12pm Caithness	Meet the Gruffalo Join the story and meet the fabulous creatures who inhabit Dunnet Forest. For kids 7 years and under. Two separate sessions will be run. Dunnet Forest car park. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 221 645	A	Children £2
Tuesday 6 th 1.30 – 3.00pm Inverness West	Adventure in The Night Garden Oh no! The Pontipine children are lost. Join them on an adventure through The Night Garden meeting friends along the way. Suitable for push chairs. Meet at Urquhart Bay Woods car park, Drumnadrochit	NH 515 295	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Every Wednesday during July Glen Nevis	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old with the Countryside Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01397 705922	NN 123729	B	Children £3
Wednesday 7 th 10:30am- 5pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 4: Coast and Cliff Berreraig bay to Portree. 14km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 516 524	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 7 th 11-1pm Caithness	Beginners Bird Watch Not good on your birds? Join the Ranger to view and learn about local birds around Thurso. Telescope provided, bring binoculars. Meet at Thurso Harbour car park. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 122 688	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 7 th July, 11am-3pm also 28 Sept Assynt	The secrets of Glen Leireag, Assynt Discover magic of this woodland glen including freshwater pearl mussels, dippers and eagles. Meet at Nedd bridge 3km east of Drumbeg. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 148 315	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 7 th 7pm Caithness	Coastal treasures of the Wick coast. Experience the sights, smells of an amazing seabird colony set amidst the beauty of the East Caithness Coast. Discover sea stacks, natural arch & caves along the way. Meet outside old herring mart (yellow & red wooden hut), Wick Harbour. Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 369 505	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 8 th 10am-5pm Assynt	Glas Bheinn, Assynt A walk to the top of one of Assynt's less-visited mountains Glas Bheinn. If the weather is not good we will do a shorter low level walk. Meet Inchnadamph car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 251 216	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 8 th 11am – 3pm Wester Ross	Ancient Fort of Dun Canna Walk to the ancient fort of Dun Canna and learn about the lives of the people who once lived in this stunning area. Ullapool area. Booking only. Call 01854 613904.	Meeting place given out on booking.	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 8 th 5-7pm North Sutherland	Portskerra Sea Watch Bring binoculars and look for whales, dolphins and porpoises with the ranger. Telescopes provided. Very weather dependent - phone 01641 521884. Meet at Portskerra Harbour (not the pier)	NC 878 664	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 13 th 3-4pm Assynt	Rockpools at Achmelvich, Assynt There is more to rockpooling than a load of old crabs stuffed in a bucket. Meet at Achmelvich beach car park.	NC 058 248	B	Adults £3 Children £2

	No need to book. For more details phone 01571 84465			
Tuesday 13 th 11am-1pm Caithness	Mini Beast Fun Join the rangers and hunt for mini beasts in the forest and ponds. Nets provided. Suit 8-12 years old younger kids must be accompanied. Dunnet Forest car park. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 221 645	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday July 13 th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Roshven” Walk Drift through the multiple environments in an investigative wander on the Moidart peninsula. Meet at Roshven Farm.	NM 720 785	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 14 th 1.30 – 3pm Inverness West	Winnie the Pooh in Hundred Aker Wood, Drumnadrochit. Fun and games with Winnie the Pooh and friends. Suitable for off road push chairs. For more information and to book a place call 01463 710786.	Location given out on booking	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 14 th 1.30pm West Lochaber	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old at Sgoil na Coille, Salen with the Highland Council and Forestry Commission Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 692 649	B	Children £3
Thursday 15 th 10:30am- 4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (4) Sea and Coast: Follow the sheltered coast of Loch Pooltiel to the cliffs of Neist Point – one of Skye’s best whale and bird watching locations. 7km. Meet at Meanish Pier, Milovaig.	NG 153 505	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 15 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Carnach Heights” Walk A new walk to “Lochan na Craoibhe” in the Carnach hills. Booking only 01.687 462983 Meet at Carnach	NM 680 857	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 15 th 1– 4.30pm Glen Nevis	Steall Falls Travel along the old stalkers path to experience fantastic views of Glen Nevis Gorge and An Steall, the magnificent waterfall. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, to drive to the end of the Glen Nevis road and the start of the walk. Tel 01397 705922 for booking and more information. Not suitable for children under 10yrs old.	NN 123 729	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 20 th 11am-1pm Caithness	Flying High Have fun with the Rangers building your own kite out of everyday items. Take it home and watch it soar. Suit 8-12 years. Seadrift Centre. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 219 706	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 20 th 11am-1pm East Sutherland	Pond dipping Using pond nets and butterfly nets we will find whatever flip, flops and flies in the Skelbo pond. A joint event with the Forestry Commission. Meet at Skelbo Forest car park, near Dornoch. Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 780 942	A	Free
Tuesday 20 th 2-4pm East Sutherland	Mud glorious mud Explore Loch Fleet's mud flats for the amazing hidden wildlife. Wellies essential. Meet at Balblair Woods, Loch Fleet by Golspie	NH 815 977	A	Adults £3 Children £2

	Phone 01549 402638 for more details.			
Wednesday 21 st 10am-5pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 5: Battle of the Braes. Portree to Sligachan via Braes. 14km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 474 407	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 21 st 11.30am – 2.00pm West Lochaber	Teddy Bears Picnic. Fun and games for pre-school children. Lets go on a “Bear Hunt” around the Strontian Woodlands followed by a picnic lunch. Bring your favourite teddy bear! Meet at Forestry Commission Office, Strontian. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 814 619	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 21 st 2-4pm Inverness	Meet the Gruffalo at Merkinch Local Nature Reserve, Inverness A mouse took a stroll in the deep dark wood. Can you be like the mouse and follow the trail to find the Gruffalo? Most suitable for families with children under the age of 8 years. Meet at the turning circle, South Kessock, Inverness. Find out more information on 01463 710786	NH 655 472	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 22 nd 10am – 4pm Glen Nevis	Half way Lochan & the North Face Enjoy a walk and wonderful views to Lochan Meall an t’Suidhe, then into below the North face of Ben Nevis. Packed lunch and suitable footwear/clothing required. Booking essential. 01397 705922. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre.	NN 123 729	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 22 nd 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Footsteps of the Prince” Walk Walk in the Footsteps of Prince Charlie in the Wooded grounds of Kinlochmoidart House and lunch by the River Moidart. Meet at Kinlochmoidart.	NM 710 727	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 27 th 10am – 12.30pm North West Sutherland	Oldshoremore by Kinlochbervie. Walk across the machair - masses of wild flowers, fine views, return along the beach. Meet at beach car park.	NC 203 584	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 27 th 10.30am -12.30pm Lochaber	Slate Paths Discover Ballachulish’s past as you walk through the quarry and into Brecklett. Meet outside the Tourist Information Centre, Ballachulish. Booking essential. Tel 01397 705922	NN 123 729	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 27 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Deep Waters & Pools of Silence” Walk Steadily climb to the reservoir that supplies the local villages then wander back by the slow moving waters of “The Burn of the Milk” Meet at Glasnacardoch	NM 656 904	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 27 th 12-2pm Caithness	Whale of a Time Bring the whole family and your spades to help build a huge magical sand whale. Let’s see how big and decorative we can make it. Seadrift car park. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND219 706	A	Adults £3 Children £2

Tuesday 27 th 11am-1pm Assynt	Clachtoll Sand Sculpture Competition, Assynt Fun for all the family. Bring bucket and spade and lots of ideas. Superb prizes. Meet Clachtoll Beach car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC040 273	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 28 th 2-4pm Inverness	The Plight of the Bee at Abriachan Come along and find out more about bees. What they are up against and why we need them so badly? Meet at Abriachan Forest Trust Car park, Abriachan. Find out more information on 01463 710786	NH 541 354	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 28 th 2-4pm North Sutherland	Pond Dipping - Family Fun Learn about the creatures in Nelly's Pool. Limited nets so bring your own and your Wellington boots. Meet at car park opposite the fire station in Bettyhill.	NC 705 624	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 29 th 10am – 3pm Glen Nevis	Allt a'Mhuilinn and the North Face of Ben Nevis Enjoy fine views of the majestic North face of Ben Nevis, and discover the history and geology of this iconic mountain. Meet at the North face car park, Torlundy. Booking Essential. Packed lunch required. Tel 01397 705922	NN 144 764	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 29 th 10am–3pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (5) Freshwater: Join a team of ornithologists, entomologists, botanists and other experts for a Bioblitz at Mill Pond to put the wildlife of Portree on the map! Meet at Mill Pond, Portree.	NG 474 438	A	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 29 th 2-3.30pm Nairn	Aquabeasts!!! The River Nairn. Try a spot of river dipping on the River Nairn. Bring your wellies and lots of enthusiasm. Booking essential. Tel 01463 702932.	Location given out on booking	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 30 th 2-4pm East Sutherland	Borgie Nature Sculptures Use your imagination to build natural sculptures along the footpaths by the river. What can you come up with? Meet Borgie Forest large car park.	NC 664 584	B	Adults £3 Children £2
AUGUST				
Tuesday 3 rd 11am-1pm Caithness	Funny Faces Come along and have fun with the rangers making your own funny mask using the materials provided. Suit 8-12 years, younger kids must be accompanied. Seadrift Centre. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 219 706	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 3 rd 2pm Caithness	Castles & Crabs Enjoyable shore walk passing a traditional harbour & 16th castle ruins. Looking at shorelife, plants & birds. Meet Keiss beach car park Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 344 601	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 3 rd 2-4pm Wester Ross	Peek in the pond Ever wondered what lurks beneath the water? How many different beasties can we find? Come to Beinn Eighe to find out! Wellies and booking essential. Call 01854 613904.	More details given out on booking.	B	Children £3

Wednesday 4 th Glen Nevis	Wild on Wednesday Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old with the Countryside Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01397 705922	NN123 729	B	Children £3
Wednesday 4 th 10am-5pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 6: Skirting the Cuillin. Sligachan to Kilmarie via Glen Sligachan. 18km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 485 298	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 5 th 11am -3 pm Glen Nevis	Dun Deardail A forest walk on the West Highland Way to the site of an ancient Iron Age fort, Dun Deardail. Meet at Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William. Take a packed lunch. Tel 01397 705922 to book.	NN 123 729	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 5 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Arisaig Past Present & Future” Walk A good walk over paths and sheep tracks passing the hidden croft and “Arisaig House” the wartime billet of the “S.O.E.” Meet at Arisaig	NM 660 863	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Monday 9 th 7-9pm Caithness	Holborn Head Sea Watch For the NWDW join the ranger at Holborn Head and look for whales, dolphins and porpoises. Telescope provided, bring binoculars. Meet by Scrabster lighthouse (no cars). Weather dependent phone to check. Contact Paul: 01847 821531	ND 106 707	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 10 th 1.30-3.30pm East Sutherland	Carbisdale cycle Join Forestry Commission and Highland Council rangers for a cycle along the tracks of this varied forest. There will be a chance to try the easier mountain bike trail for those so inclined. Bikes can be supplied. Meet at the Carbisdale forest car park. Phone 01408 634063 to book a bicycle.	NH 575 955	C	Free
Tuesday 10 th 2-3pm Assynt	Rockpools at Clachtoll, Assynt There is more to rockpooling than a load of old crabs stuffed in a bucket. Meet at Clachtoll beach car park. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 84465	NC 040 273	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 11 th Glen Nevis	Wild on Wednesday Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old with the Countryside Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01397 705922	NN 123 729	B	Children £3
Wednesday 11 th 11am-1pm East Sutherland	Seal watch Come and get some of the closest views of common seals anywhere in Scotland. Meet at small car park by Skelbo Castle, on south shore of Loch Fleet. Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 793 953	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 11 th 2-4pm Caithness	Skerray Pebble Art Bring the family and join the ranger at Skerray Beach to paint your own pebble to take home. Paint/brushes provided just find a pebble. Meet at Skerray Harbour.	NC 662 638	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 11 th 6pm-9m Assynt	Whale and Dolphin watching at Stoer lighthouse A slide show at Stoer hall followed by a visit to the cliffs to watch for passing cetaceans. This event is part of the National Whale and Dolphin Watching Week	NC 041 297	A	Adults £3 Children £2

	Meet at Stoer Hall. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 84465			
Thursday 12 th 9am-6pm Assynt	Elphin to Lochinver, Assynt Long distance walk (19km) through fabulous country on rough path. We will get post bus to start of the walk at Elphin. Meet at the Lochinver post Office. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 094 225	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 12 th 10:30am-4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Lunching like Lords Join us for a gentle climb to the flat top of Healabhal Mhòr, the smaller of MacLeod's Tables, where we'll enjoy lunch with a spectacular 360° panorama. 7km. Meet at the water station, Skinidin.	NG 248 459	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 12 th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	"Stones and Secrets" Walk Meander through this forgotten corner with your senses alert and enjoy lunch at a secret beach. Meet at Roshven Farm.	NM 720 785	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 12 th 2-5pm North Sutherland	Presentation and Sea Watch Enjoy a digital presentation on whales/dolphins. Then out to Strathy Point for a guided sea watch (weather permitting). Meet at the Strathy Inn. Charge not for use of Inn!	NC 831 656	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 13 th 8-10pm Inverness	Night walk at Farr, near Inverness If you go down to the woods tonight...Explore the woodland as the sun goes down and watch the night time animals come out. Please book a place on 01463 710786	Given out on booking	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 13 th 10.30am – 12.30pm Glen Nevis	Glen Nevis Venture Join the Ranger for this riverbank and woodland ramble to learn more about the history, wildlife and scenery of Glen Nevis. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William. Phone 01397 705922 for details and booking.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 16 th 1– 4.30pm Glen Nevis	Steall Falls Travel along the old stalkers path to experience fantastic views of Glen Nevis Gorge and An Steall, the magnificent waterfall. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, to drive to the end of the Glen Nevis road and the start of the walk. Tel 01397 705922 for booking and more information. Not suitable for children under 10yrs old.	NN 123 729	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 17 th 10am – 3pm North West Sutherland	Kylestrome & Glendubh. By Kylesku. Hill and coastal walk with spectacular views, chance of seeing ravens, red deer, seals, divers, moorland flowers. Walking on rough tracks and heath. Meet at Reay Forest estate car park [Kylestrome].	NC 218 346	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 17 th 11am-3pm East Sutherland	Brora river and hill fort An 8 mile walk along the Brora river followed by a climb to Duchary hill fort. With great views over Strath Brora. Meet at the Brora Heritage Centre. Phone 01549 402638 for more details	NC 898 042	D	Adults £5 Children £3

Wednesday 18th 10am-5pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 7: John Muir and the Trust. Elgol to Torrin. 17km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 519 135	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 19 th 10am - 4pm Glen Nevis	Half way Lochan & the North Face Enjoy a walk and wonderful views to Lochan Meall an t' Suidhe, then into below the North face of Ben Nevis. Packed lunch and suitable footwear/clothing required. Booking essential. 01397 705922. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre.	NN 123 729	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 19 th 11.30am – 4.00pm West Lochaber	A Journey through History. From chambered cairns to clearance villages, join the Ranger on a journey from Neolithic times to the present day below majestic Ben Hiant. Please bring a packed lunch. Meet at Camas nan Geall carpark, Ardnamurchan. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 562 616	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Friday 20 th 10.30am – 12.30pm Glen Nevis	Glen Nevis Venture Join the Ranger for this riverbank and woodland ramble to learn more about the history, wildlife and scenery of Glen Nevis. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William. Phone 01397 705922 for details and booking.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 24 th 10am – 1pm North West Sutherland	Wheelhouse – by Laid – Loch Eriboll. Hill walk to ancient 2,000yr old dry stone dwelling. Rough remote moorland walk – fine views. Meet at old roadside quarry 7 miles east of Durness on A838.	NC 423 464	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 24 th 11.30am Arisaig	“Local Heroes” Walk A gentle walk to a panoramic viewpoint followed by a stroll along the beaches to learn a little about the marine molluscs. Meet at Glennancross	NM 664 916	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 24 th 7.30-9.30pm Assynt	Bat evening, Lochinver Slide show at the Visitor Centre followed by a visit to the local pipistrelle roost to watch up to 100 bats leave their roost. Bring midge protection. Meet at the Assynt Visitor Centre, No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 094 225	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 25 th Glen Nevis	Steall Falls Travel along the old stalkers path to experience fantastic views of Glen Nevis Gorge and An Steall, the magnificent waterfall. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, to drive to the end of the Glen Nevis road and the start of the walk. Tel 01397 705922 for booking and more information. Not suitable for children under 10yrs old.	NN 123 729	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Wednesday 25 th 2-4pm Caithness	Portskerra Rock Pools The whole family can have fun learning about the creatures to be caught in the rock pools here at Portskerra. Bring nets and wellies. Portskerra Harbour (not the pier)	NC 878 664	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 26 th 5-7pm North Sutherland	Strathy Point Sea Watch Early evening watch for whales, dolphins and porpoises. Telescopes provided, bring binoculars. Very weather dependent – phone 01641 521884. Meet at Totegan Car Park (Strathy Point). No Dogs!	NC 827 687	B	Adults £3 Children £2

Friday 27 th Glen Nevis	Glen Nevis Venture Join the Ranger for this riverbank and woodland ramble to learn more about the history, wildlife and scenery of Glen Nevis. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William. Phone 01397 705922 for details and booking.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 27 th 7:30-10pm Skye and Lochalsh	Skye Biodiversity (6) The Built Environment: Join us for a short talk followed by a foray in search of bats and other nocturnal wildlife. Meet at the Highland Council Office, Tigh na Sgìre in Portree. 2km.	NG 481 436	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 27 th 8.30-10pm East Sutherland	Bat walk A short talk on bats followed by a walk to find them around Lairg. Meet at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg Phone 01549 402638 for more details.	NH 580 062	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 30 th 8.30pm Caithness	Bat walk Geise Farm Join us on a bat hunt along this lovely trail through old trees and burns. Stout footwear. Bring torch. Meet at Geise Farm, 1.5 miles south of Glengolly on Halkirk road. No dogs. Please book a place. Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 108 649	B	Adults £3 Children £2
SEPTEMBER				
Wednesday 1st 9:30am - 5:30pm Skye and Lochalsh	The Skye Trail: A long walk through Skye in eight one-day chunks. 8: On the Crofters Trail. Torrin to Broadford via Suisnish and Borerraig. 20km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 572 212	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Friday 3 rd Glen Nevis	Glen Nevis Venture Join the Ranger for this riverbank and woodland ramble to learn more about the history, wildlife and scenery of Glen Nevis. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre, Fort William. Phone 01397 705922 for details and booking.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Friday 3 rd 8pm Caithness	Bat walk Dunbeath Learn all about bats in the lovely setting of Dunbeath Strath. Bring torch and good footwear. Meet Dunbeath mill Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 160 299	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 4 th 10am - 3.30pm Great Glen Way	Wild Food Forage, Glengarry. Free your inner gastronomist with the basic skills of wild food foraging. Demonstrations on how to find, prepare and cook wild foods. Booking essential. 01320 366 633	NH 284 014	B	Adults £10 Children £7
Saturday 4 th 2-4pm Inverness	Wild Food and Fungi walk at Farr near Inverness Wild foods are all around us and have been used for most purposes. Learn how to recognise and use them.. Please book a place on 01463 710786	Given out on booking	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 7 th 10am – 3pm North West Sutherland	Rhiconich. Hill walk by loch, river and moorland. Beautiful scenery, moorland wildlife and amazing geology in the foothills of Foinaven. Meet at Rhiconich hotel car park.	NC 255 524	D	Adults £5 Children £3

Thursday 9 th 10am-4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Earthquake! (Scottish Geology Festival event) See remarkable evidence of a massive earthquake on Raasay 11,700 years ago which has only recently been explained. 5km. Meet at Sconser for 10:25 ferry. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 525 322	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 9 th 11.30am West Lochaber/Arisaig	“Charcoal & the Devil's Staircase” Walk Enjoy a gentle historical/magical wander on the old road above Loch Moidart and appreciate the skills of our forebears. Meet at Kinlochmoidart Pier	NM696 728	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 11 th 8-10pm Inverness West	Outdoor Cinema – Seachd, The Inaccessible Pinnacle Drumnadrochit. An opportunity to see the stunning Gaelic language feature film Seachd, The Inaccessible Pinnacle under a blanket of stars. Come prepared to spend 2 hours sitting outdoors. For more information and to book a place call 01463 710786	Location given out on booking	A	Donations welcome
Saturday 11 th 11-2pm North Sutherland	Portskerra to Strathy Bay Stunning hidden coastal walk with promontory fort and lime kilns. Fantastic views of the north coast. Vehicle needed call if you can help. 01641 521884 Meet at Melvich Hall by toilets.	NC 876 650	D	Adults £3 Children £2
Sunday 12 th To Friday 17 th 9am - 4.30pm Great Glen Way	Whole Way Walk: Inverness - Fort William The longest ranger guided walk in the country. Join us for a day or for a week and experience the grandeur of Gleann Mhòr, the Great Glen. Booking essential. 01320 366 633 Block booking for whole week £25/£15	NH 666 450	C	Adults £5 Children £3 Per Day
Sunday 12 th 11am Caithness	Fossil foray A beginners introduction to fossil fish with the opportunity to search for your own specimen. Meet at Achanarras car park Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 155 535	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 16 th Glen Nevis	Half way Lochan & the North Face Enjoy a walk and wonderful views to Lochan Meall an t’ Suidhe, then into below the North face of Ben Nevis. Packed lunch and suitable footwear/ clothing required. Booking essential. 01397 705922. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre.	NN 123 729	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 16 th 11am-2pm Assynt	Fungi at Culag woods Explore the marvellous world of fungi. Meet Culag Wood car park, 500m south of Lochinver Primary. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 093 213	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Tuesday 21 st 11am-3pm Assynt	River Inver to Glencanisp, Assynt A varied walk along riverside woodland, old Clearance Village and loch shore. Meet at the Assynt Visitor Centre, Lochinver. No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 094 225	B	Adults £5 Children £3
Tuesday 21 st 11.30am Arisaig	“Carnach & Carn Mor” Walk A fairly low level circular, part hill, walk east of Arisaig village. Meet at Arisaig	NM 680 857	C	Adults £3 Children £2

Thursday 22 nd 10:30am-4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Volcano! (Scottish Geology Festival event) Walk into the heart of Skye's extinct volcano and see how it has changed since its birth 60 million years ago. Meet at Glenbrittle car park.	NG 408 208	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Thursday 22 nd 1.30– 3.00pm West Lochaber	A Walk in the Woods. A circular walk around Sonachan hazel woodland with wonderful views of Ardnamurchan Lighthouse and the Small Isles. Meet at Sonachan Hotel, Ardnamurchan. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 454 664	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Thursday 30 th 11am-2pm Assynt	Bird Ringing demonstration at Clachtoll, Assynt Learn about the ongoing research project for Twite with the Highland Ringing group.. Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park, No need to book. For more details phone 01571 844654	NC 040 273	A	Adults £3 Children £2
OCTOBER				
Saturday 2 nd 11am-2pm North Sutherland	Scullomie to Strathan Fantastic cliff top walk passing the abandoned post clearance settlement of Sletell. Vehicle needed for return please call if you can help. Roadside parking above Coldbackie Beach.	NC 612 601	D	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 9 th 11-2pm North Sutherland	The Borg to Dyke Walk through the Dyke Forest and on to hill, wet underfoot. Archaeology and hopefully rutting deer. Meet at Bunahoun Cemetery, Strath Halladale. Bring your binoculars.	NC 896 524	C	Adults £3 Children £2
Saturday 9 th 7.30-9pm Glen Nevis	Dark Sky Event Come & discover the secrets of the night sky, outdoor observation & indoor activities depending on the weather. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre. Phone 01397 705922 for booking and information.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Monday 11 th 11am Caithness	Burials, brochs and bogs. Meet at South Yarrows car park. Explore a landscape teeming with history, from stone age till present, and learn about the wildlife on the way. Bring snack. Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 306 433	B	Adults £3 Children £22
Wednesday 13 th 10.30am -1pm Glen Nevis	Meet the Ancestors As part of the Highland Archaeology events join the Rangers on a trip into the past to learn how the Glen's former inhabitants lived. Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre. Old clothes recommended. Tel 01397 705922 for bookings and more information.	NN 123 729	B	Adults £3 Children £2
Wednesday 13 th 1.30pm West Lochaber	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old at Sgoil na Coille, Salen with the Highland Council and Forestry Commission Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 692 649	B	Children £3
Wednesday 13 th 2-4pm Inverness East	The Magic & Mystery of Clava Cairns, The Clava Cairns have many unanswered questions. Why did people build them? What did they believe in? How did they explain the	Location given out on booking	A	Adults £3 Children £2

	changing seasons? Help us to unravel the mysteries of this amazing place. Booking essential Tel 01463 702932			
Wednesday 20 th 1.30pm West Lochaber	Wild on Wednesday. Fun & Games for 7-11yrs old at Sgoil na Coille, Salen with the Highland Council and Forestry Commission Rangers. Phone for details, bookings etc 01967 40 2232	NM 692 649	B	Children £3
Wednesday 27 th 10am-4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Talisker to Tusdale Join us on a walk along spectacular cliffs between Talisker and Eynort taking in Dun Sleedale, Preshal Beag and the deserted village of Tusdale. 10km. Booking essential. Phone 01471 822 905.	NG 326 308	D	Adults £5 Children £3
Sunday 31 st 3 – 5pm Badenoch and Strathspey	Beastly Badenoch Tales. Join the Countryside Ranger in Ruthven Barracks for some tall, spooky tales to get you in the mood for Halloween. In association with Historic Scotland. Meet at Ruthven Barracks car park on B970 south of Kingussie. For more information please call 01540 673907	NN 765 997	A	Adults £3 Children £2
Sunday 31 st 4.30pm Caithness	Samhain Come and learn about Halloween and where it comes from. Come dressed up for our scary walk. Meet Achvarasdal woods Contact Dieter: 01955 607758	ND 982 649	A	Adults £3 Children £2
NOVEMBER				
Thursday 11 th 10am-5pm Skye and Lochalsh	Rubh' an Dunain Walk back through time to discover the archaeology of human settlement on Skye, from an unusual 'horned cairn' (3000BC) to the ancestral home of the MacAskill Clan last inhabited in the 1860's. (10km) Meet at Glenbrittle carpark.	NG 408 208	C	Adults £5 Children £3
Sunday 28 th 11am Caithness	Corbigoe Coast Meet Smiddy Inn car park, Thrumster Cliff top walk to view a spectacular natural arch and possibly grey seal pups. Bring snack. Contact Marina: 01955 607758	ND 338 453	B	Adults £3 Children £2
DECEMBER				
Tuesday 21 st 2.30-4.30pm Badenoch and Strathspey	A Winter Solstice Celebration. Our ancestors revered the shortest day as one of the most important in their calendar. Join the Ranger at sunset to explore more about our past. Please bring a torch. Meet at Alvie Estate by Kincaig. For more information please call 01540 673907	NH 842 077	A	Adults £3 Children £2
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Wednesday 5 th 10.30am-4pm Skye and Lochalsh	Walk the Ling Wrap up warm for a winter walk! We'll follow the tumbling waters of the River Ling up-stream into the picturesque Glen Ling, under the shadow of the impressive Ben Killilan. (10km)	NG 938 304	B	Adults £5 Children £3
MARCH				
Thursday 10 th 10am-3pm Skye and Lochalsh	A Head for Heights! Tackle Scòrach Breac, the highest hill in Sleat, and its neighbour, Sgiath-bheinn an Uird. Booking Essential. (6km) Phone 01471 822 905. Meet at Ord road end to car share to start of walk.	NG 673 103	D	Adults £5 Children £3