



ILKLEY MOOR EVENTS AND LEARNING PROGRAMME 2010



The events have been developed around the themes of flora and fauna, archaeology, geology and social history. There is also a photograph competition based around these themes, culminating in a final exhibition.

The Friends of Ilkley Moor (FoIM) hope that you enjoy these events and learning activities; and through them gain an understanding of Ilkley Moor.

May

Moorland Birds: a guided walk to provide greater awareness of the wide variety of birds that the moor sustains

Leader: The Wharfedale Naturalist Society

Saturday, May 8th

9am - 11am

Equipment: a few pairs of binoculars will be provided, but please bring your own if you have them.

Meeting point: White Wells car park

Booking: essential

Dogs: unsuitable

Bracken Control: a conservation activity to undertake bracken control through 'bracken bashing'.

Learn about balancing the negative and positive aspects of bracken.

Negative issues: invasive species destroying diversity of habitat; positive issues: habitat for a variety of birds and other species,

Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,

Sunday, May 23rd

10am - 1pm,

Meeting point: White Wells car park,

Booking: not needed

Dogs: unsuitable

Improvements to Footpaths, Unsustainable Areas of Moorland and how other Areas of the Moor can sustain this use: a conservation activity to reduce damage and rutting of footpaths from overuse.

Leader: Bradford Council Countryside Officer,

Each week day from Monday May 17th until Friday May 21st

Starts 10am - the Countryside Officer will be there all day, each day, but people can choose how long they would like to take part,

Meeting point: Cow and Calf, quarry car park,

Booking: not needed

Dogs: unsuitable

Moorland Bats: a guided bat walk to provide greater awareness of the main varieties of British bats: those found on the moor and/or immediate surrounding areas, how they use sonar, habitat requirements and conservation issues.

Leader: The West Yorkshire Bat Group,

Saturday, May 22nd

9pm - 11pm

Equipment: please bring a torch

Meeting point: Car park adjoining Darwin Gardens,

Booking: essential

Dogs: unsuitable

This event is linked with the International Biodiversity Day, a global action day and media event on the 22nd May 2010, to raise awareness about biological diversity.

June

Identifying and Recording Peat Accumulations for Pollen Analysis: an archaeological activity to identify and record peat accumulations. The event will enhance peoples understanding of past environmental conditions through peat analysis.

Leader: University of Leeds,

Sunday, June 6th

2pm - 4pm

Meeting point: Whetstone gate

Booking: essential

Dogs: welcome

Identifying Past Mineral Extraction Sites: a geological activity to identify and explore past mineral extraction sites and the geology of the moor.

Leader: West Yorkshire Geology Trust,

Saturday, June 19th

Morning session 10am - 12pm

Afternoon session 2pm - 4pm

Meeting point: Cow and Calf Rocks, quarry car park

Booking: essential

Dogs: welcome

Monitoring the Condition of Carved Rocks: an archaeological activity, explore the wonderful carved rocks on the moor, learn how these can be damaged and how to protect them.

Leader: Museum Officer, Archaeology,

Sunday, June 27th

Start time: 1pm - 4pm

Meeting point: Cow and Calf Rocks, quarry car park,

Booking: essential

Dogs: unsuitable

July

Bracken Control: a conservation activity to undertake bracken control through 'bracken bashing'.

Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,

Sunday, July 4th

Start time: 10am - 12pm

Meeting point: White Wells car park

Booking: not needed

Dogs: unsuitable

Moorland Flowers and Plants: a two hour guided walk to explore the flowers and plants of Ilkley Moor.

Leader: The Wharfedale Naturalist Society,

Saturday, July 17th

10am - 12pm

Meeting point: car park adjoining Darwin Gardens

Booking: essential

Dogs: welcome

Heathland 'mini-beast' Trail: discover the insects of Ilkley Moor,

Leader: Annie Thurgoland,

Saturday, July 17th from 1pm until 3pm,

Meeting point: White Wells car park,

Booking: essential

Dogs: unsuitable

Woodland Conservation: a conservation activity to protect the young trees within the moors pockets of woodland.
Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,
Sunday, July 21st
12pm - 4pm
Meeting point: Cow and Calf Rocks, quarry car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: welcome

Pond dipping: discover the water 'mini-beasts' of the upper tarn

Leader: Annie Thurgoland,
Saturday, July 31st
11am - 1pm
Equipment: provided
Meeting point: White Wells car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: unsuitable

August

Recording and Carrying out Research on the Carved Names around the Cow and Calf Rocks: social history activity recording and carrying out research on the carved names around the Cow and Calf rocks. Transcribe names from the rocks and learn how to carry out documentary research.
Leader: Museum Officer, Archaeology,
Sunday, August 1st
10am - 12pm
Meeting point: Cow and Calf Rocks, quarry car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: unsuitable

Historical Uses of Moorland Plants and Traditional Management of Moorland

Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,
Monday, August 2nd
11am - 1pm
Meeting point: White Wells car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: welcome

Pond dipping: discover the water 'mini-beasts' of the upper tarn

Leader: Princeville School,
Tuesday, August 24th
11am - 1pm,
Equipment: provided
Meeting point:
White Wells car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: unsuitable

Tree Identification: guided walk to identify different trees,

Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,
Wednesday, August 25th
11am - 1pm
Meeting point: White Wells car park
Booking: essential
Dogs: welcome

Geocaching: an introduction to geocaching: a treasure hunting game using GPS.

Leader: The FoIM Project Officer,
Tuesday, Sunday, August 22nd
11am - 1pm
Meeting point: White Wells car park,
Booking: essential
Dogs: welcome

Victorian Moorside Walk: a guided walk on the Victorian social history of the area from the tarn to White Wells.

Leader: Alex Cockshott, Ilkley Civic Society,
Sunday, August 22nd
2pm - 4pm
Meeting point: car park adjoining Darwin Gardens,
Booking: not essential
Dogs: welcome

September

Dry Stone Walling: learn techniques of traditional dry stone walling,

Leader: Philip Dolphin,
Saturday, September 4th
10am - 4pm,
Meeting point: car park adjoining Darwin Gardens,
Booking: essential
Dogs: unsuitable

Moorland Fungi: a guided fungi walk to identify different types of fungi which grow on the moor and surrounding areas.

Leader: The Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group,
Saturday, September 25th
10am - 12pm
Meeting point: car park adjoining Darwin Gardens,
Booking: essential
Dogs: welcome

NOTE : All events/activities have a moderate walking grade

Photograph Competition and Postcards from the Moor

All you need to do is send the Friends of Ilkley Moor a photograph you've taken, based on one of the following themes: archaeology, geology, landscapes, fauna and flora, social history or conservation.

Images need to be in digital format and be submitted either via email or CD to the Friends of Ilkley Moor Project Officer. The closing date is the 31st August 2010 and the public will decide the winning pictures. Subject to agreement the FoIM would like to produce postcards of some of the entries. Proceeds from the sale of the post cards will be used by the FoIM to help conserve Ilkley Moor.

All of the events are **FREE** but donations are always welcome and will be used to further achieve the FoIM aims. For further information or to book a place please contact:
Tracy Gray, Ilkley Moor Project Officer on 0785 4447949 or tracy@ilkleymoor.org,

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