

Out and about

this Autumn .2010 .

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Wildways Orchard Discovery Walk

Tuesday 12th October - 10.30am to 12.30pm

Staple Hill, BS16 5LR. (ST650759)

Gentle walk along the Bristol Bath Railway Path to Mangotsfield, Pomphrey Hill and Rodway Common. Meet at Fountain Square, High Street, Staple Hill.

Wildways Owl Prowl

Wednesday 13th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Avon Valley Woodlands LNR, Hanham, BS15 3NJ. (ST640707)

Join Ian McGuire for a twilight walk in search of owls. Meet in Castle Farm Road car park.

Wildways Orchard Conservation

Thursday 14th October - 10.30am to 12.30pm

Cock Road Ridge Nature Reserve, Longwell Green. BS15 9LA. (ST653623)

Muck in with a bit of practical work including mulching and pruning around the old and new orchard trees. No experience necessary, tools provided. Wear old clothes and boots. Meet at Longwell Green Leisure Centre.

Sensational Severnside Stargazing Night!

Thursday 14th October - 7.00pm for presentation at Littleton Village Hall, 8.00pm for night viewing at Wood Well Meadows

Littleton upon Severn, BS35 1NR. (ST594898)

An opportunity to learn more about the night sky. Talk by Callum Potter of the Cotswold Astronomy Society. If the skies are clear we will go to Wood Well Meadows to view the night sky. Meet at Littleton Village Hall, please park with consideration for local residents in village.

Wildways Owl Prowl

Thursday 14th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Willsbridge Mill, BS30 6EX. (ST664707)

Come and prowl for owls around Willsbridge Valley with Ian McGuire of Wild Owl. Meet at Willsbridge Mill.

Wildways Big Apple Day

Sunday 17th October - 10.00am to 2.00pm

Grimsbury Farm, Kingswood. BS15 9SE. (ST663733)

Bring your own apples, have them pressed by the Scrumpling Project and take away a bottle of your own apple juice! Or leave your apples for the Scrumpling Project to make into cider. Meet at car park at Grimsbury Farm, Grimsbury Road, Kingswood.

In Search of King Alfred's Buns

Monday 18th October - 2pm to 4pm

Lincombe Barn, Downend. BS16 2RW. (ST645769)

Join expert Justin Smith on a fungi foray around Lincombe Barn Wood. Meet at Lincombe Barn car park, Rockland Rd, Downend.

Wapley Owl Prowl

Monday 25th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Wapley Bushes LNR, Yate, BS37 8US. (ST711807)

Take a twilight walk with Ian McGuire and hear him call for tawny owls. You won't go home disappointed. Meet at the Shire Way entrance.

Wildways Owls along the Avon

Tuesday 26th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Avon Valley Woodlands LNR (Conham River Park), BS15 3AW. (ST628721)

Ian McGuire will lead an owl prowl along the River Avon in search of these wonderful night time creatures. Meet in the car park for Conham River Park.



Twilight Owl Walk

Wednesday 27th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Ridge Woods, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 7GP. (ST724825)

Join Ian McGuire for a twilight owl prowl through Ridge Woods and hear him call for the resident tawny owls. Meet at the Quarry Road entrance to Ridge Wood.

Thornbury Owl Prowl

Thursday 28th October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Filnore Woods, Thornbury, BS35 3JB. (ST637893)

Explore Filnore Woods and search for owls in the company of local expert Ian McGuire. Meet outside the main entrance to Thornbury Leisure Centre.

Short-eared Owl Evening

Friday 29th October - 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Aust Wharf, Old Passage, Aust, BS35 4BG. (ST563885)

See Ian McGuire's illustrated talk on short-eared owls out in the field and then go searching for this magnificent bird on the foreshore of the River Severn.

Meet at road overlooking Aust Wharf off A403.

Fungi Foray

Sunday 31st October - 10.30am to 1.00pm

Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9BS. (ST622820)

Join fungi expert Justin Smith for a foray in search of fungi and toadstools. Meet outside Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.

Foray for Fungi

Monday 1st November - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wapley Bushes LNR, Yate, BS37 8US. (ST711807)

Get to know the difference between mushrooms and toadstools on a mycological adventure with Justin Smith.

Meet at the Shire Way entrance.

Fungi at the Fishponds

Tuesday 16th November - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Thornbury Fishponds, BS35 1SW. (ST638911)

Explore the medieval ponds and wetlands in the company of fungi expert Justin Smith. Meet at entrance to Fishponds on Manor Walk. Please park in surrounding residential roads.



AS the nights draw in Autumn arrives bringing a whole host of exciting opportunities to get outdoors and discover the wonders of this season.

Experience the magic of bat detecting, go prowling for owls, make fresh apple juice and forage for fungi.

These events are suitable for people of all ages and are free of charge. All under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear sensible footwear, warm clothing and waterproofs. For evening events please bring a torch. No dogs allowed on the owl prowls. Some events require booking in advance.

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List of events:

Bird Watching from Severn Beach

Sunday 5th September - 5.00pm to 6.45pm

Severn Beach, BS35 4PL. (ST541847)

Walk along the Severn Way to discover the wading birds that thrive off the mud banks of the Severn Estuary. **Meet at Severn Beach Train Station, Severn Beach.** Sunday train service from Bristol Temple Meads departs at 16.23. More info www.severnbeachline.org

Wildways Riverside Walk

Tuesday 7th September - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Longbeach Road Car Park, Willsbridge. BS30 9UA. (ST663710)

Willsbridge to River Avon - 4 miles easy going, some slopes and uneven terrain. **Meet at Willsbridge Mill car park, Longbeach Road.**

Bats on the Meadows

Tuesday 7th September - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Wood Well Meadows, Littleton upon Severn. BS37 7GP. (ST724825)

Join Richard Cook of Avon Bat Group on a walk around this new nature reserve overlooking the Severn Vale. **Meet in the car park of the White Hart at Littleton upon Severn.**

Bat Walk on the Common

Wednesday 8th September - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Yate Common, BS37 8RZ. (ST700813)

Walk around the common and its woodland in search of bats. Let Richard Cook of Avon Bat Group introduce you to the magical mammals that can eat up to 3000 insects a night! **Meet at the site entrance off the Westerleigh roundabout ('Road to Nowhere').**

Wildways Wildlife Evening Ramble

for everyone including inclusion support service users

Thursday 9th September - 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Bristol Bath Railway Path, Warmley. BS30 5JB. (ST662736)

Join Wildways project officer Sally Pattison for a gentle evening ramble in search of wildlife along the railway path. **Meet at Warmley Station car park, Station Rd.**

Bats along the Brook

Friday 10th September - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Siston Brook, Warmley. BS30 8BJ. (ST669721)

A guided bat walk along the Siston Brook with Laura Plenty from Avon Bat Group. **Meet and park at the Warmley Pitch and Putt hut - on Tower Road South.** Follow brown road signs from the A420.

Bug Bike Hunt - family cycle ride

Saturday 11th September - 11.00am to 3.00pm

Emersons Green, BS16 7AP. (ST671771)

Celebrate the Festival of Cycling and take a short ride along the new cyclepaths to Mangotsfield. Dr Bike and other activities available. **Meet outside Emersons Green Library.** For more information visit www.betterbybike.info

Bats along the Frome

Tuesday 14th September - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

St John's Park & Ridgewood, Chipping Sodbury. BS37 6BQ. (ST727833)

A bat walk in the company of Richard Cook to explore the River Frome, Ridge Woods and the wildflower meadows of St John's Park. **Meet in the car park on Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury; situated immediately to the north of St John's Church.**

Wildways Riverside Walk

Wednesday 15th September - 9.30am to 11.30am

Siston Brook, Warmley. BS30 8BJ. (ST669721)

Walk to Warmley Tower along the Siston Brook - 3 miles. **Meet in Warmley Pitch and Putt car park.**

Bats along the Avon

Thursday 16th September - 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Avon Valley Woodlands LNR (Conham River Park), BS15 3AW. (ST628721)

Join Dan Merret looking for bats and other wildlife along the River Avon Trail. Wheels friendly walk. Suitable for inclusion support service users. **Meet at the car park for Conham River Park at the bottom of Conham Hill.**

Bats around the Barn

Friday 17th September - 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Lincombe Barn, Downend, BS16 2RW. (ST645769)

Join Laura Plenty from Avon Bat Group for an evening stroll looking for bats. **Meet at Lincombe Barn car park, Rockland Rd, Downend.**

Bats along the Ridge

Saturday 18th September - 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Grimsbury Farm and Cock Road Ridge, Kingswood. BS15 9SE. (ST663733)

Join Laura Plenty from Avon Bat Group for an evening walk looking for bats and other wildlife at Grimsbury Farm and Cock Road Ridge. **Meet in the car park at Grimsbury Farm, Grimsbury Road, Kingswood.**

Riverside Walk - Warmley to Overscourt Wood

Monday 20th September - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

(1.00pm for optional picnic)

Warmley, BS30 5JB. (ST662736)

Walk to Overscourt Wood and Siston across Warmley Forest Park - 4 miles. Prepare for stiles and uneven terrain. Bring your own picnic for an optional earlier lunch on the reserve. **Meet at Warmley Station, Station Rd.**

Bat Walk along the Brooks

Friday 24th September - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke. BS32 9BS. (ST622820)

Join Bekki Farrar, from BTCV as we stroll along the brooks in search of pipistrelles, daubentons and noctules. Bat detectors provided. **Meet outside Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.**

Bug Bike Hunt - family cycle ride

Saturday 25th September - 11.00am to 3.00pm

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, BS32 9BS. (ST622820)

Celebrate the Festival of Cycling and take a short ride around the Three Brooks Local Nature Reserve in Bradley Stoke. Dr Bike and other activities available. **Meet outside Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.** For more info visit www.betterbybike.info

Wildways Riverside Walk

Tuesday 28th September - 10.00am to 11.30am

St. Aidans Church, Fir Tree Lane, St George. BS5 8TZ. (ST633730)

Walk to Conham Vale and Magpie Bottom. 2.5 miles - Some steep sections. **Meet at St. Aidans Church.**

Wildways Riverside Walk

Wednesday 29th September - 10.00am to 12 noon

Conham, BS15 3AW. (ST628721)

Circular walk to Trooper's Hill Local Nature Reserve. 4 miles. **Meet at Conham River Park car park.**

Fungi Foray

Tuesday 5th October - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Splatts Abbey Wood, Filton. BS34 8JH. (ST613781)

Learn about the fungi of Splatts Abbey Wood in a convenient lunch time session. **Meet at the woodland opposite the main entrance to the MOD Abbey Wood.** Please note that there is no parking close to the wood.

Apple Picking Day

Saturday 9th October - 9.00am to 1.00pm

Oldbury Power Station, BS35 1RQ. (ST608944)

Join in a fun day out picking apples to be processed into apple juice and cider. Be a part of bringing under-used orchards back into life. Good family day out. **Booking essential. Please call Neil on 07885 214291.**

Wildways Orchard Conservation

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Grimsbury Farm, Kingswood.

BS15 9SE. (ST663733)

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