

31st May to 30th August

What's On!



GeoFest 2013

Guided Walks, Tours, Children's Activities, Field Trips, Workshops, Exhibitions and much more - highlighting and celebrating the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark

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GeoFest June 2013

Friday 31st May: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk 'Landscape, Geology and Building Stones'. Ancient crystalline rocks of the Malvern Hills contrast with the fossil rich rocks to the west in Colwall Parish. 4½ miles. (A Malvern Walking Festival event)
Start: 6.30pm at Gardiner's Quarry car park. GR S0766420
Est finish: 9.30pm Cost: £3.00 Booking: 01684 892289

Friday 31st May: Discovery Centre Open Day
Come and look around the Community Discovery Centre. Spot the new lovely art-works, explore hands-on displays, and discover the origins of the Earth with the geological time trail. The unique 'Wild Side of Wyre' deer museum will also be open.
Start: 11.00am at the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre GR S0749740 Finish: 3.00pm

Saturday 1st June

GeoFest launch at the Malvern Hills GeoCentre
Launch of GeoFest 2013 and the opening of the Malvern GeoCentre. Bring your rocks, fossils and minerals for the experts to identify. Join in fossil painting and other activities for a day of fun.
10.30am - 4pm at the Malvern Hills GeoCentre The Wyche, Upper Colwall, WR13 6PL GR S0768435

Saturday 1st June: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk 'Geology of the Herefordshire Beacon and Broad Down'. The rocks seen on the hills and their origins will be described, together with the underlying structure of the local landscape. 2½ miles. (A Malvern Walking Festival event).
Start: 10.00am British Camp Car Park (£3) GR S0763403
Est finish: 1.00pm Cost: £3.00 Booking: 01684 892289

Sunday 2nd June: Family Geology Workshop and Walk 'Exploring Geology with the Geopark's President - Chris Darmon'. Fun introductory 'hands-on' session with specimens and pictures followed with a short field visit.
Start: 10.30am and 2.30pm at the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre GR S0749740 Finish: 12.30pm and 4.30pm

Activities that require bookings are stated
Activities are free to attend unless otherwise stated

Saturday 8th June

Martley Parish Geology and Landscape Walks

11.00am - 1.00pm

A leisurely 2½ mile guided stroll around some of Martley's geological features, including the unique Martley Rock site. Excellent views all round.

2.00pm - 6.00pm

A 5½ mile guided walk around a wide selection of Martley's varied geological features. This is a reasonably strenuous trip with steep and rough ground in places. Not suitable for young children

Meeting place: Martley Village Hall GR S0751597
Booking: 01886 888318 or martleypfo@gmail.com

Sunday 9th June: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk 'Building Stone and Coal'. Highley was an important source of stone from medieval times, but the village grew massively with exploitation of coal in the early 20th century. Adults and older children only.
Start: 2.30pm at SVCP (west side) car park GR S0745830
Finish: 5.00pm Cost: £1.00 Bookings: 01938 820777
projects@shropshiregeology.org.uk

Wednesday 12th June: Geology Field Trip 'Exploring the East Malvern Fault'. Examining the impact of the East Malvern Fault on the geology and landscape of the Malvern Hills and Severn Valley.
Start: 9.30am in Tank Quarry car park GR S0768470
Finish: 1.00pm Cost: £2.00 Booking: redwards@waitrose.com

Thursday 13th June: Guided Walk 'Wild Flowers of the Severn Valley'. Come and experience the wonders of SVCP in full bloom including wild orchids.
Start: 1.00pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley GR S0753840
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £3 adults, £1.50 children
Booking: 01746 781192

Friday 14th June - Sunday 16th June

The Three Counties Show - Family Event

Family friendly activities, displays and building stone demonstrations in the H&W Earth Heritage Trust and Gloucestershire Geology Trust marquee.

Times: 8.00am - 6.00pm at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW

Cost: Entrance fee to the showground

Sunday 16th June: Guided Walk
'The Broken Promise'. A guided industrial archaeology walk following the intended route of Dadford's abortive canal which failed to link Kington with Areley Kings.
Start: 10.30am in Stourport Leisure Centre, Areley Kings, DY13 0AA. GR S0808708 Est finish: 4.30pm
Cost: £2.00 Booking: 01905 855184/eh@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 22nd June: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk
'Stourport to Blackstone Rock'. A riverside and woodland walk. Approx 7 miles. Bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10.30am riverside car park, east bank beneath the bridge GR S0808710 Est finish: 4.30pm
Cost: £2.00 Booking: 01905 855184/eh@worc.ac.uk

Sunday 23rd June: Museum Exhibition
'Travellers Tales'. A celebration of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller arts and culture.
Start: 11.00am at Hartlebury Museum. DY11 7XZ
Finish: 5.00pm Cost: Museum admission fee

Friday 28th June: Guided Walk
Dusk walk in the forest for adults. Bring a torch.
Start: 9.00pm at Forest Cafe, Wyre Forest GR S0749740
Finish: 11.00pm Cost: £6 Bookings: 01299 266929

Saturday 29th June: Guided Walk
Take a Stroll around Ledbury's historic buildings with Dr Sylvia Pinches and learn something about the stone used in their construction.
Start: 10.30am under Market House, Ledbury. HR8 1BN
Finish: 12.30pm Cost: £2
Booking: 01905 855184 eh@worc.ac.uk

Wednesday Lectures at Malvern Library

3rd July: 'The Rocks Beneath Your Feet - the Geology of the Geopark'
by Dr Paul Olver

10th July: 'The Ice Age Geology of the Geopark'
by Prof Dick Bryant

17th July: 'The Geology of the Malvern Hills'
by John Payne

24th July: 'The Building Stones of the Geopark and A Thousand Years of Building with Stone'
by Kate Andrew

Start: 6.30pm at Malvern library, WR14 2HU
Finish: 7.45pm Cost: £2.00 per lecture
Booking: 01905 855184 / eh@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 6th July: Car Boot at Cob House Fisheries
A special Geopark fundraising day with lots of geology displays, rocks to see and a children's activity.
Start: 10.00am at Cob House Fisheries car park, Wichford, WR6 6YE Finish: Early afternoon

Saturday 6th July: Guided Walk
'Malvern Walkpast'. Join one of Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service's archaeologists on a 4 mile walk to discover some of the history and archaeology of the Malverns within the Geopark.
Start: 2.00pm (further details on booking) Cost: £6.00
Booking: 01905 766352/explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk

Sunday 7th July: Museum Exhibition
'Festival of Transport'. Historic transport on display.
Start: 11.00am at Hartlebury Museum, DY11 7XZ
Finish: 5.00pm Cost: Museum admission fee

Sunday 7th July: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk
'Wyche and Purlieu'. Walk over some of the oldest rocks in the British Isles.
Start: 10.00am at the Upper Wyche car park (£3), Malvern Hills GR S0768439 Finish: 1.00pm
Cost: £2.00 Booking: 01905 855184 / eh@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 13th July: Ask the Experts
'Hands-On Rocks and Minerals'. An informal, interactive information session using specimens, books and pictures.
Start: 2.00pm Malvern Hills GeoCentre, The Wyche, Upper Colwall, WR13 6PL Finish: 4.00pm
Booking: 01905 855184/eh@worc.ac.uk

Sunday 14th July: Guided Building Stones & History Walk
'Great Malvern Town'. A gentle stroll to see where history and geology come together in Malvern's buildings.
Start: 10.00am at Priory Gatehouse, Malvern GR S0775458
Finish: 11.45am Cost: £2.00
Booking: 01905 855184 / eh@worc.ac.uk

Tuesday 16th July: Guided Building Stones & Geology Walk
'Ledbury In Stone'. An introduction to Ledbury's key buildings, their history, architecture and building stones.
Start: 6.00pm under Market House, Ledbury, HR8 1BN
Finish: 8.00pm Cost: £2.00
Booking: 01905 855184 / eh@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 20th July: Geology Field Trip
'The Southern Malvern Hills'. Exploring the ancient Precambrian rocks at Chase End Hill, the geology at Whiteleaved Oak, and the relatively young rocks around Bromsberrow. Pub Lunch. Car pool between sites.
Start: 10.00am at Hollybush car park (£3), Malvern Hills, GR S0758368 Finish: 4.00pm Cost: £2.00
Booking: 01905 855184/eh@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July

Bewdley Museum's Cherry Fair
Join Staff and Volunteers at Bewdley Museum to celebrate Bewdley's traditional cherry fair. There will be cherry themed activities, craft stalls and demonstrations from 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Saturday 27 July: Orchard and History Trail.
Join a guided walk which takes you through some of Bewdley's oldest and newest orchards. Approx 5 miles.
Start: 11.00am at Bewdley Museum front foyer
Finish: 3.30pm Cost: £2.00 Booking: 0845 6035699

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Severn Valley Country Park

Fun-filled Wednesdays from 1.30pm - 3.30pm!

24th July: Dinosaur Fun Day. Play the dinosaur detective game and discover all about these amazing animals. Learn about how the Severn Valley was formed all those years ago by making your own mini glacier!

31st July: Pirates Treasure Hunt

7th August: A Weird and Wonderful Woodland Journey

14th August: The Severn Valley Big Band

For all events please come prepared for all weather conditions. Cost: £3 per child. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

21st August: 10.30am-12.30pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm
Geocaching - handheld GPS unit provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult and booking is required (for this activity only). Cost: £3 per child

28th August: Teddy Bears Picnic 12.00pm-2.00pm

Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre, Alveley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV15 6NG.
Tel: 01746 781192

Bewdley Museum

Drop-in activities!

A varied programme of activities will be offered every day, from 29th July to 1st September.

Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE.
Tel: 0845 6035699

Forestry Commission, Wyre Forest

Wild in Wyre

29th-31st July, 9.00am-3.00pm. Three full days of fun and adventure in the forest. Activities will include building shelters, camp cookery, making bows and arrows. For 8 to 11 year olds. Booking essential. Cost: £70 per child

Discovery Centre Open Days

Every day from 29th July to 30th August (exc weekends), 11.00am to 3.00pm. Come and look round the Community Discovery Centre. Spot the new lovely art works, explore hands-on displays, watch the birds from the hide, follow the Sensory Trail, and discover the origins of the Earth with the Geological Time Trail. The unique 'Wild Side of Wyre' deer museum will also be open. There's something to interest everyone and it's free!

Discovery Centre, Callow Hill, Bewdley, DY14 9XQ
Tel: 01299 266929. www.forestry.gov.uk/wyreforest

Cob House Fisheries

Geology Trail

From the 27th July to the 11th August, 9.00am-5.00pm. Discover the rocks of the Geopark on a rock quiz trail around the Cob House site, set in the heart of the wonderful landscape of the Teme Valley. Complete the quiz sheet about these fascinating rocks dating back to 700 million years ago and you will automatically be entered into a prize draw. Plenty of other children and family activities and events throughout the summer.

Cob House Fisheries, Worcester Road, Wichenford, WR6 6YE. Tel: 01886 888517. www.cobhousefisheries.co.uk

Hartlebury Museum

Hands on History

Tuesdays to Fridays throughout August, 10.30am-4.00pm. Creative crafts that bring the past alive. Three different craft activities take place daily and visitors can also have a go at archery on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. A charge of £1 per child, per day, applies to participate in the craft activities.

Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, DY11 7XZ
Tel: 01299 250416

Museum entrance fees: Adults £5.00 / concessions (60 plus) & children (5-16) £2.50 / family ticket £13 (admits 2 adults & 2 children) / under 5s free

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Thursday 1st August: Geology Field Trip 'Malvern Hills Quarries'. The trip starts with the ancient rocks of Gullet Quarry. Lunch will be had in Great Malvern before visiting quarries in West Malvern and around the Wyche Cutting. Car pool between sites. Start: 10.00am at Swinyard car park (£3) GR SO766382
Est Finish: 4.00pm Cost: £2.00
Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

5th August - 31st August

Explore Worcester Cathedral

Library Tour

Monday to Saturday (excl Bank Holiday). A guided tour of the Cathedral's Medieval Library. 11.00am-12.00pm and 2.30pm-3.30pm.*.

Behind the Scenes Tour

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri & Sat (excl Bank Holiday). A guided tour of the nooks and crannies by the Cathedral Archaeologist, through some of the roof spaces. Adults only. 2.30pm-4.00pm.*.

Stone Masons Tour

Monday-Saturday (excl Sat 10th, 17th and Bank Holiday). A guided tour by one of the Cathedrals qualified Stone Masons or Cathedral Guides of stone masonry work. Children free if accompanied by an adult. 12.00pm-1.00pm and 3.00pm-4.00pm.

* Spiral staircase. Unfortunately no disabled access

Cost: £5.00 adults, £2.50 children under 16. Buy tickets on the day from the cathedral shop, in the cloister. Limited places on each tour. Please arrive in plenty of time to pay before the start of the tour.

For further information: 01905 732900

Thursday 8th August: Children's Activity 'Fun with Fossils'. Come and try your hand at making a plaster cast of a fossil, then choose a fossil to paint. Your colourful creations can be taken home. There will also be quizzes, colouring sheets and fossils to handle. Start: Midday in Saw Yard, Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £3.00

Thursday 8th August (repeated on 15th Aug): Workshop 'A Half Day Course in Cathedral Architecture'. An academic talk and tour given and led by the Worcester Cathedral Architect.

Start: 9.30am The Hickes room, Worcester Cathedral
Finish: 12.30pm Cost: £15.00 Booking: 01905 732903

Friday 9th August: Play - 'A Comedy of Errors'

As the sun sets over SVCP watch a magical outdoor production of this wonderful Shakespeare play.

Gates open: 6.30pm Start: 7.30pm, SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG Cost: £13 adults, £11 OAP, £6 children
Booking: 01746 781192

Saturday 10th August (repeated on 17th Aug): Workshop

'One Day Course in Stone Masonry'. Led by a Master Stone Mason from Worcester Cathedral. Attendees will be able to take away their finished piece of work. Adults only.

Start: 10.00am at Stone Masons Yard, Worcester Cathedral
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £30.00 Booking: 01905 732900

Saturday 10th August

Martley Parish Geology and Landscape Walks

11.00am - 1.00pm: A leisurely 2½ mile guided stroll around some of Martley's geological features, including the unique Martley Rock site.

2.00pm - 6.00pm: A 5½ mile guided walk around a wide selection of Martley's varied geological features. This is a reasonably strenuous trip. No young children.

Meeting place: Martley Village Hall GR SO751597

Booking: 01886 888318 or martleypfo@gmail.com

Sunday 11th August: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk 'Highley to Arley'. A look at Highley Sandstone in Stanley Quarry, local coal mining, lunch in the Engine House and a 4 mile walk to Arley (west bank) for afternoon tea.

Start: 10.00am at Bewdley Severn Valley Railway Station Est
Finish: 5.00pm Cost: £2.00 plus train ticket
Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Tuesday 13th August: Children's Activity

'Forest Detective Trail'. Follow a trail looking for signs of animal life in the forest. Family activity; all children to be accompanied by an adult.

Start: Anytime between 10.30am and 2.30pm at the Discovery Centre, Wyre Forest GR SO749740 Cost: £2.00

Thursday 15th August: Workshop (refer to 8th August)

Saturday 17th August: Workshop (refer to 10th August)

Saturday 17th August: Workshop

'Experimenting with Textile Art Techniques - an introduction'. Explore a range of exciting techniques to produce individual pieces inspired by the landscape, scenery, rocks and fossils found in the Geopark.

Start: 10.15am Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £25.00 Bookings: 0845 6035699

Sunday 18th August: Geology Field Trip

'Tour Huntley Reserve with the Geowardens'.

Start: 11.00am and 2.00pm at Huntley Country Garden Centre car park, Ross Road, Huntley, GL19 3EY
Bookings: 01452 864438 / info@glosgeotrust.org.uk and queries regarding restricted mobility Cost: Donations

Monday 19th August: Workshop

'Textile Art Techniques - Moving On'. How to create, from textile art samples, useful objects such as book covers, decorative bags, covered boxes, framed art prints and many other possibilities! Can be linked to the workshop on the 17th August, or be independent of.

Start: 10.15am Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £25.00 Bookings: 0845 6035699

Tuesday 20th August: Guided Geology & Landscape Walk

'Rocks Old and New around Quatford'. A walk on the Geopark Way showing fossilised sand-dunes, mixed stones in the church and a section of the Severn Valley.
Start: 10.30am at layby car park opposite the Danery, off A458, Quatford. GR SO738902

Est Finish: 1.00pm Cost: £1.00 Bookings:
01938 820777 / projects@shropshiregeology.org.uk

Thursday 22nd August: Children's Activity

'Fun with Fossils'. Come and try your hand at making a plaster cast of a fossil, then choose a fossil to paint. Your colourful creations can be taken home. There will also be quizzes, colouring sheets and fossils to handle.

Start: Midday in the Saw Yard, Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £3.00

Friday 23rd August: Children's Activity

'Medieval Pox and Potions'. Family activity exploring the world of ancient diseases. Make a potion and prevent pox! Also see the Geopark display and rocks.

Start: 11.00am at Ledbury Heritage Centre, Church Lane, HR8 1DW
Finish: 1.00pm Cost: £1.00

Wednesday 28th August: Family Lecture

'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. Flaming magma, shuddering earth and tsunamis - how the Earth moves!
Start: 10.30am at The Studio, The Hive, Worcester, WR1 3PB
Finish: 12.30pm

Bookings: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Friday 30th August: Guided Walk

'Dusk walk for families'. Explore the forest as night falls. Bring a torch. For families with children aged 7 and over.

Start: 7.00pm outside Forest Café, Wyre Forest GR SO749740
Finish: 9pm Cost: £6 pp/£20 family of 4
Bookings: 01299 266929

Please note that GeoFest events will not necessarily be led by trained first aiders; those attending do so at their own risk. For guided walks and geology field trips please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear and carry adequate refreshments. Thank you.

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