

# Outdoor Learning Programme 2023/2024

Our Outdoor Learning Programme for 23/24 aims to engage people with their local environment, through a variety of walks, workshops and talks.

Outdoor Learning is beneficial to children, young people and adults alike. Studies show that engaging in nature is good for both physical and mental wellbeing. The programme also provides opportunities to learn new skills through a variety of hands-on workshops.

Our walks and talks aim to inspire people of all ages to connect with and enjoy the beautiful environment of the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site.



## Bookings

Book your place on Severn Gorge Countryside Trust's **eventbrite** page. Please note that course costs incur a booking fee. You can request a full refund up to one week prior to the event start date, however the booking fee is non-refundable. If we cancel the event, you will receive a full refund including the booking fee.



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# OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAMME APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024



**NATURE THEMED  
WALKS, TALKS, & WORKSHOPS  
IN IRONBRIDGE GORGE**



## Wednesday 5 & 12 April • 10-12pm Family Friendly Spring Walks

Amber Bicheno • £3

Join us for some spring Family Fun. Play games, explore some of our local sites, and enjoy nature inspired craft activities, followed by drinks and cakes.

## Sunday 7 May • 5-8am Dawn Chorus Walk

Benthall Edge • Glenn Bishton • £10

Experience the dawn chorus of woodland birds in Benthall Edge Wood, identify their songs and calls, followed by a search for summer migrants around the lanes of Benthall.

## Sunday 21 May • 2-4:30pm Seasonal Hand-tied Bouquet

SGCT Office • Lisa Kidd-Penny • £40.00

Forage for greenery in the local woods, learn how to make a hand tied bouquet using the spiral technique with beautiful, seasonal blooms provided.

## Wednesday 31 May • 10-12pm Family Friendly Walk

Amber Bicheno • £3

Join us for some Family Friendly Fun this half term. Play games, explore some of our local sites, and enjoy nature inspired craft activities, followed by drinks and cakes.

## Thursday 29 June • 7-9pm Evening Meadow Walk

SGCT Office • John Handley • £5

A walk through several of the Trust's meadows looking at the plants that make it such an important location within Shropshire. Each of these plants has a story which John will endeavour to bring to life.

## Wednesday 26 July • 10:30-4pm Natural Dyes from Plants

SGCT Office • Fiona Jackson • £35

This workshop will explore dyeing wool fleece and some fabrics with natural plant dyes. Participants will finish a shade card of the colours that they create during the day.



## 2023 Wednesday 2 August • 10-3pm Summer Paper Lanterns

SGCT Office • Amanda Hillier • £35

Create a collage and summer paper lantern inspired by the shapes of nature. We will use linoprint techniques and printed papers to collage leaf, animal and flower shapes into our colourful designs.

## Wednesday's 2/9/16/23/30 August • 10-12pm Family Friendly Walks

Amber Bicheno • £3

Join us for our ever-popular children's summer walks, we will explore the Gorge keeping our eyes peeled for interesting creatures, flora, and fauna. Making time to create and play.

## Saturday 9 September • 10-1pm Fantastic Mammals & How to Find Them

SGCT Office • Sam Devine-Turner • £20

Through a combination of classroom-based learning and connecting with our senses in the great outdoors, find out where some of our British mammals live, what they eat and how they move.

## Friday 15 September • 6-9pm Flight By Night

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno • £5

Join our family friendly evening walk to learn more about the fascinating creatures that fly through our night skies. Beautiful bats, hooting owls and magnificent moths, come and see what we discover after the sun has set!

## Tuesday 10 October • 10:30-1pm Fungi Foray

Sutton Wood • Les Hughes • £5

A stroll around Sutton Woods in October, during the mushroom season, with the emphasis on finding fungi of all types and trying to identify them, rather than finding edible species

## Tuesday 31 October • 10-12pm Fiendish Family Halloween Walk

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno • £3

Gather all ghosts and ghouls and join us for a spooky Halloween Adventure. Explore the woods, make creepy creations before returning for a drink and cake!

## Wednesday 8 November • 10-4pm Gathering Basket Workshop

SGCT Office • Cathy Preston • £65

Learn how to make a simple frame basket using hedgerow materials –one of the simplest forms of basket which have been used over the years for gathering eggs, berries and produce.

## Friday 8 & Saturday 9 December • 10-1pm Christmas Willow Wreath Workshop

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno • £25

Get in the festive spirit and learn to create your very own Christmas wreath. You will work with locally harvested willow and foraged materials to weave a beautiful-and unique-natural wreath.

## Thursday 21 December • 10-12pm Family Christmas Crafts

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno • £3

A family walk with a festive twist! Come along to collect materials for some wonderful Christmas craft making. With cake and a hot drink to celebrate!

## Saturday 6 January • 10:30-12:30 Beat the January Blues Walk

Amber Bicheno • £3

Blow away those January blues and see in a fresh start to the new year. Join us for a welcoming walk through the woods, with some warming hot soup to finish.

## Wednesday 21 February • 10-2pm Build a Bird box

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno & Paul Ferrington • £15

Come along and learn how to make your very own bird box to take home and put up in your garden. Using our own locally sourced timber, help create more homes for our native wildlife!

## Tuesday 26 March • 10-2pm Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno • £3

Join us for some fun Easter Crafts and explore the woods to complete our Easter Trail, follow all the clues and perhaps you will get a delicious Easter surprise at the end!