



Looking for something creative to do in the Summer Holiday?

Then why not join us at the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust for a series of art sessions running every Friday throughout the Summer holidays! Learn different art skills and techniques from our talented tutors, taking inspiration, and perhaps even materials, from the natural world. All sessions are FREE, but please note booking is essential as places are limited. We recommend that these sessions are suitable for children aged 8+ and they will need to attend with a parent or carer (adults do not require their own ticket). This programme has been made possible thanks to Envirogrant, a community grant run by Veolia in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council.

All of these events are bookable via EVENTBRITE, and if you wish to find out more please contact us on vco@severngorge.org.uk or 01952 433880.

FREE CHILDREN'S WILD ART SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Learning Programme April 2024 – March 2025

GET CREATIVE WITH NATURE!

Our Outdoor Learning Programme for 2024/25 is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the environment through creative workshops and walks. Whether it's letting your creativity flow, encouraging you to enjoy the simple pleasure of spending time outside in nature, or learning a new skill, there is something for everyone! Engaging with nature has been well demonstrated to have positive effects on both mental and physical wellbeing. We hope that this in turn promotes the desire to protect and preserve the natural environment, for present and future generations.

Be inspired in nature's classroom!



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 2024 – MARCH 2025



NATURE THEMED WALKS, TALKS, & WORKSHOPS IN IRONBRIDGE GORGE



Join Amber once again to explore different printing techniques utilising natural materials. You will learn about cyanotype and anholype methods of creating prints using UV rays from the sun, collecting natural found objects to use in your designs. You will have the opportunity to create your own photo sensitive printing paper to take away.

Cyanotype and Antholype Printing

Friday 30th August 10:30am – 1:30pm

Join Sophie to learn some new printing techniques using found natural materials, combined with other techniques to create your own unique artwork. You will select natural objects such as leaves, feathers and bark and incorporate their textures into your pictures.

Natural Printmaking

Friday 23rd August 10:30am – 1:30pm



Nature Painting

Friday 16th August 10:30am – 1:30pm

Join Pam to learn new and exciting painting techniques based on the style of Devon based artist, Yvonne Coomber, drawing on first hand inspiration from our local trees and woodlands. Create your very own painted artwork to display at home.



Plant Pressing

Friday 9th August 10:30am – 1:30pm

Join Amber from the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust and learn to make and decorate your very own flower press, collect specimens and work with pre-pressed plants to create your own unique artwork. If well looked after, pressed plants can last for hundreds of years, dried flowers have been found in Egyptian Graves – over 3000 years old!



Willow Weaving

Friday 2nd August 10:30am – 1:30pm

Join Daisy to create your very own willow tray and discover more about the ancient art of willow weaving. You will learn different weaving techniques and will have the opportunity to explore local woodlands to find natural treasures to display on your completed trays.



Nature Weaving

Friday 26th July 10:30am – 1:30pm

Join Riikka to create your very own nature weaving, exploring and gathering items from nearby woodland and meadows to use within your work. You will weave yarn and found items such as leaves, grass, flowers and sticks to create a unique piece of art.

Outdoor Learning Programme 2024-25

2024

Saturday 27th April 10:30am – 1pm Step into Spring Walk

Amber Bicheno • £5

Join us for a 3 mile walk to take in some of the best that Spring has to offer. You will have a chance to learn more about emerging wildflowers, nesting birds and other signs of wildlife awakening and preparing for the coming year. Finishing off with the chance to sample some foraged nettle and wild garlic soup!

Tuesday 28th May 10am – 1pm First Time Foraging Walk

Amber Bicheno • FREE

Join us for a lovely walk through meadows and woodlands learning to observe and identify what you find. We will be doing some beginner level foraging, looking at some of the common plants we find along the way, how to identify them and what their uses might be. We will finish off with hot drinks and a chance to sample some foraged delicacies!

Wednesday 29th May 10am – 12pm Watery Wildlife Family Friendly Walk

Amber Bicheno • FREE

Join us on our family friendly walk to discover more about our watery wildlife! We will wander down to Loamhole dingle, where we will try river dipping to find some water loving creatures and test out our mini raft building skills. Finished off with drinks and snacks.



Saturday 1st June 6pm – 8pm A Taste of Ironbridge

Amber Bicheno and Derek Bowen • £40

Join us for an evening to get a little taste of Ironbridge! Start with a short walk around The Crostan and Lloyd's Coppice, before heading to The Golden Ball to sample some delicious food and two Moonshine & Fuggles Gins! This is a great opportunity to support local business and learn something new in a sociable setting.

Wednesday 5th June 10am – 4pm Bluebell Woodland Needle Felting and Embroidery

SGCT Office • Maxine Smith • £45

Produce your own piece of felted wool art in this creative workshop by Shropshire-based textile artist Maxine Smith. Learn how to combine needle felting and hand embroidery to produce a stunning and unique piece of framed art, inspired by the natural environment.



Saturday 13th July 10am – 4pm Landscape Weaving

SGCT Office • Riikka Katajamaki • £45

Learn to weave a landscape. We will start with a short walk into surrounding countryside to observe, take photos or do quick sketches before you start your weaving. You work at your own pace with expert tuition from your workshop teacher, who will guide you about materials and techniques use. All materials are included.

2024

Wednesday 31st July 9am – 11am Marvellous Moth Morning

SGCT Office • Amber Bicheno and JP Brayford • £5

Join SGCT's Amber and JP for a morning all about marvellous moths! Come and see what we caught in the trap the night before, practice identifying what we find and have a chance to handle and get a close up look at these night-flying (mostly) friends. There will be family friendly activities to try and a breakfast buffet with teas and coffees available.



Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th August 10am – 12pm Family Friendly Walks

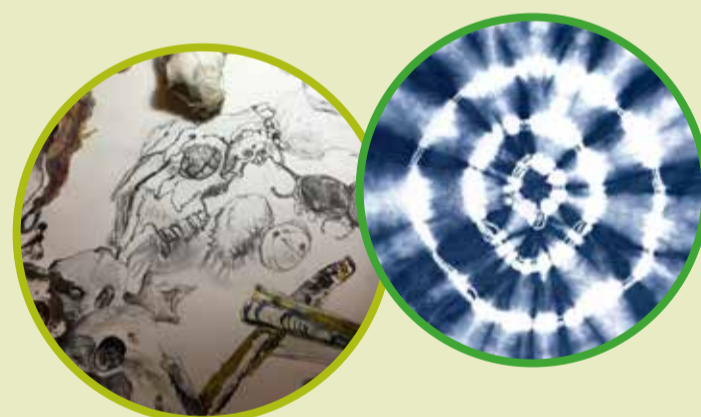
Amber Bicheno • from £3

Join Amber for our ever-popular family friendly walks, exploring different sites within the Ironbridge Gorge. During these short walks there will be the opportunity to discover and learn new things as well take part in different activities incorporating and inspired by the natural world. These will take place every Wednesday during August.

Tuesday 20th August 10am – 4pm Dying and Upcycling with Natural Indigo

SGCT Office • Fiona Jackson • £40

Learn how an indigo vat is made and how to use one to create patterns and effects on cotton fabric. It changes colour in the air! Bring an old white cotton item (about the size of a t-shirt or pillowcase for example), re-vamp it, upcycle it and give it a new lease of life. If there's enough of the vat left, we might get a couple of items done.



Saturday 28th September 10am – 4pm Gathering Inspiration

SGCT Office • Sophie Woodhouse • £35

Make exciting and dynamic drawings inspired by the seasonal natural world. We will wander the woodland to make swift sketches, take bark rubbings and bring back leaves, stones, twigs, lichen and berries to make a nature table. A workshop for adults of all abilities to learn new techniques and enhance existing skills, using natural materials such as charcoal, earth pigments and ink.

Saturday 26th October 10am – 2pm Rags to Stitches

SGCT Office • Pamela Davies • £25

A workshop to learn various sewing and craft techniques to re-use and recycle unwanted textiles which would otherwise be sent overseas or to landfill. Participants will take part in a discussion about the history, environmental impact and facts about fashion and the textile industry. They will then create a new item using unwanted textile, which they have supplied, to take away with them.



Wednesday 30th October 10am – 12pm Family Friendly Halloween Walk

Amber Bicheno • from £3

Gather all ghosts and ghouls and join us for a spooky Halloween adventure. Explore the woods around Loamhole Dingle and make some creepy creations using natural materials, before returning for a drink and cake! A great opportunity for families to explore, learn and have fun outdoors.



Wednesday 4th December 10am – 3pm Hanging Christmas Paper Lanterns

SGCT Office • Amanda Hillier • £40

Join local artist and printmaker Amanda Hillier for some Christmas crafting. You will make a paper lantern from vellum paper creating motifs from textured tin and collage inspired by wintry landscapes. Come away with a beautiful Christmas lantern to decorate your home or give as a gift this festive season!

Friday 6th, 6pm – 9pm & Saturday 7th December, 10am – 1pm Christmas Willow Wreath Making

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. Once you have created your willow base you can decorate with greenery, berries and other materials.

2025

Tuesday 7th January 10am – 1pm Winter Tree Identification

SGCT Office • Russell Rowley • £10

Russell is a qualified Environmental Forester with a lifelong interest in trees. After becoming frustrated with existing tree identification systems which excluded many via scientific jargon, he developed his own system based on a potato! Since then he has taught hundreds of people a simple method to identify our most common broadleaved trees in Winter.

Wednesday 12th February 10am – 12:30pm Willow Plant Support

SGCT Office • Daisy Askins • £45

Discover the basic tools and techniques of willow weaving and make your own 5ft tall willow garden obelisk to support your climbing plants this Spring. This workshop is suitable for complete beginners. This workshop is slightly strenuous, so a reasonable level of strength and mobility is needed.



Saturday 8th March 10am – 3pm Springtime and New Growth – Lino Print Workshop

SGCT Office • Rod Sheppard • £30

Participants will work on a design which will be about new Spring growth, and this will be converted into a linocut print. There will be the opportunity to produce a single colour print and learn the technique of using two colours. All participants will be able to take home a print of their own design.