



## **TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL**

### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Welcome to the first Tayside Biodiversity Festival.

What is biodiversity? Well, simply "all living things" and that includes the smallest ant and the largest tree - and us. Tayside's rich biodiversity is vital to our economy: tourism relies on our beautiful landscape, insects pollinate our crops and fruit trees, and the land provides raw materials for our food, drink, clothing, buildings and roads.

Biodiversity is also very important for our wellbeing as it encourages us outdoors. There is something for everyone in the 55 events listed in this Programme - whatever age you are, wherever you are in Angus, Dundee, or Perth & Kinross.

There will be children's events galore - from ArtSpace's collage-making on Perth's North Inch to "Bio-Discovery" films at the DCA in Dundee; a Bumblebee Bonanza in Blairgowrie Library, and a sunset bat walk around Dundee University's campus.

Sensation, Dundee Science Centre is hosting the national exhibition "What on Earth is Biodiversity" and Perth Museum has a new exhibition "The Return of the Natives" which takes a look at Scotland's exciting wildlife. In Dundee both the McManus Collections Unit and the D'Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum will open their doors especially for the Festival.

Interested in finding out more about our special wildlife? There will be a guided walk in Glen Esk to look for reptiles and another one along Seaton Cliffs to explore the areas rich geodiversity; an opportunity to join the Rangers as they carry out bird surveys throughout Angus, Dawn Chorus events at Loch of the Lowes and Montrose, plus walks and talks on how to get involved in easy surveys for bats, swifts and aspen. A visit to The Watermill Bookshop in Aberfeldy will reward you with a selection of "biodiversity books" for children and adults alike.

There will be practical events on wildlife gardening, making bird feeders and nestboxes, a workshop on pollination, and the chance for a spot of bulb-planting near Perth. Throughout Tayside there will be a special wildlife photography thread running through some events - and the Partnership will be launching its own ZOOM In2 photographic project - search the Programme for further details!

We can all take care of the biodiversity we have - whether that's feeding the birds in the garden, making 'every action count' or just enjoying wildlife in all its diversity. We hope visitors and residents alike will enjoy exploring Tayside's biodiversity and being part of the Festival celebrations.

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### **Throughout Festival**

#### **'What On Earth is Biodiversity?'**

*This interactive exhibition helps you understand what biodiversity is, why it matters, and what biodiversity issues we face today.*

Sensation, Dundee Science Centre

Daily (until 14th June): 10am to 5pm

£6.95 adults; Concessions from £4.

Further details: Tel. 01382 228800; [www.sensation.org.uk](http://www.sensation.org.uk)

#### **Return of the Natives**

*A new exhibition that takes a look at some of Scotland's exciting wildlife. Find out about the decline and reintroduction of iconic Scottish species such as the beaver, capercaillie, red squirrel, sea eagle, red kite and osprey.*

Perth Museum & Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth

Daily: 10am to 5pm; Sunday: 1pm to 4.30pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01738 632488; [museum@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:museum@pkc.gov.uk) ; [www.pkc.gov.uk/museums](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/museums)

#### **Gimme an Inch**

*Wildlife gardening for small spaces. Turn your tight space into an exclusive nature reserve.*

*Bring along a sketch or photos of your garden for some free planting advice from the Countryside Ranger on how to improve your plot.*

Forfar Loch Country Park

Daily: 1pm to 4pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01307 461118

#### **Books and Biodiversity**

*A special display of local biodiversity books for Festival-goers of all ages. Come and see the children's activity book "Go Wild". Also on display will be "My Highland Perthshire" (published by The Watermill), a beautifully illustrated nature diary compiled over 30 years of observation of the wildlife around Loch Tay.*

The Watermill Bookshop, Mill Street, Aberfeldy

Daily: 10am to 5pm, Sunday: 11am to 5pm

Further details: Tel. 01887 822896; [www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

#### **Perth-fectly Batty**

*Exhibition about bats in Perth. Join in events throughout the summer and help us with the new bat survey.*

A K Bell Library, Perth

Daily

Further details: Niall Loblely, Perth & Kinross Ranger Service, [NAFLoblely@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:NAFLoblely@pkc.gov.uk)

## Bio - Discovery Films

### 'Encounters at the End of the World' (U)

*In this visually stunning and poetic exploration, Werner Herzog travels to the Antarctic community of McMurdo Station, home to eleven hundred people during the summer months from October to February. He examines human nature and Mother Nature, juxtaposing breathtaking locations with the experiences of the marine biologists, physicists, plumbers and truck drivers who live as far away from society as one can get.*

DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

Daily (until 7<sup>th</sup> May): 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

£5.40; Special prices - £4.30 (before 5pm); £3.20 Senior Mondays; £3.20 Student Tuesdays

Book online: [www.dca.org.uk](http://www.dca.org.uk); or Tel. Box Office 01382 909900

Further details: [alice.black@dca.org.uk](mailto:alice.black@dca.org.uk)

## Dundee Photographic Society

*The Society return to the Gardens to exhibit their most recent work.*

Dundee Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre

Daily (until 9<sup>th</sup> May): 10am to 4.30pm

Free (to exhibition)

## The Country Parks Wildlife and Scenery Photographic Competition

*Last date for entries is 30<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm. Entries will be on display throughout the Festival. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.*

Monikie Country Park

Free

For entry details call in or telephone the Ranger Centre: 01382 370202

## Glendoick Gardens, Perthshire

*Listed in the Independent on Sunday's 'Europe's Top 50 Gardens', the gardens boast a unique collection of plants collected by three generations of Coxes from their plant-hunting expeditions in China and the Himalayas. There is also a huge range of plants from as far afield as Chile, Tasmania and Tibet, together with a walled garden and a woodland garden.*

Glendoick Gardens, Perthshire

Weekdays: 10am to 4pm. Weekends: 2pm to 5pm.

£4 (school age children free; no dogs)

Further details, including information on guided tours for groups: [jane@glendoick.com](mailto:jane@glendoick.com) ;

Tel. 01738 860640

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## Saturday 2nd May

### Dawn Chorus

*Join Scottish Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers on a walk through the reserve listening to the wonder that is the Dawn Chorus. Warm clothing and stout shoes required.*

5.00am

Loch of the Lowes, Perthshire

Free, but please book in advance

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01350 727337; [Lochofthelowes@swt.org](mailto:Lochofthelowes@swt.org)

### **Tooth & Claw**

*An audio-visual presentation exploring our relationship with Britain's predators by award winning nature photographer Peter Cairns.*

Perth Museum & Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth

10.30am to 12 noon

Free, but please book in advance (suitable for adults and children aged 9+)

Further details: Tel. 01738 632488; [museum@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:museum@pkc.gov.uk) ; [www.pkc.gov.uk/museums](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/museums)

### **The Mighty Oaks and Acorns: Dawn of the Dead - Biodiversity in the Graveyard**

*Nature club for 5 - 14 years. New members welcome.*

Forfar Loch Country Park

10.30am to 12.30pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01307 461118

### **Bird Feeders and Nest Boxes**

*Have fun whilst doing your bit for wildlife conservation.*

Monikie Country Park

11am to 1pm and 2 to 4pm

£2.50 per item

Further details: Tel. 01382 370202

### **Bio - Discovery: Family films at DCA**

**'Whale Rider' (PG)**

*Save the whales? That's not enough: let the whales save us. This magical film is an exceptional coming-of-age New Zealand fable with striking landscapes and authentic performances from both people and whales.*

DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

1pm to 3pm

£2.00 per child, £2.50 per adult. Family price is £6.00 for four tickets

Bookings and further details: see above.

### **Show Nature**

*A family fun time, part of Show Scotland 2009. Falconry, chainsaw carving, Zoolab, ArtSpace and nature based arts & crafts. Perth Museum joins forces with local countryside rangers, RSPB & SWT.*

Perth Museum & Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth & North Inch, Perth

1pm to 4.30pm

Free, just turn up (suitable for all ages)

Further details: Tel. 01738 632488; [www.pkc.gov.uk/museums](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/museums) ; [museum@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:museum@pkc.gov.uk)

### **Veggitastic!**

*Kids come and join ArtSpace in producing a veggietastic piece of art using fruit and veg - can you tell what it is yet? Participants will receive a 'Grow Your Own Food' seed pack containing easy to grow vegetables and herbs including lettuce, coriander etc.*

North Inch, Perth

1pm to 4pm

Free, just turn up (suitable for children aged 5-12).

Further details: Irene Watson, Tel. 01738 587565 or Sandra Penman, Tel. 01738 458600.

### **Biodiversity Open Afternoon**

*Originally founded in the 1880s, the University's D'Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum has moved to a new home and will have more specimens on show. Outwith the summer months the museum is normally open by appointment only so this is a rare chance to see the extraordinary variety of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles from around the world on display. Staff will also be on hand to show visitors the spirit store, normally closed to the public.*

Carnelley Building, University of Dundee

2pm to 4.30pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01382 384310; [museum@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:museum@dundee.ac.uk)

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### **Sunday 3rd May**

#### **Bats, Bees and Butterflies Bulb Planting Day**

*Come along and help plant bulbs at the new Friarton Ponds to help encourage bats, bees and butterflies.*

Friarton Ponds, By Perth

Time t.b.c.

Free, with refreshments

Further details: Patricia Galfskiy (Tay Regeneration Project), Tel. 08451 555555, Extn. 450567.

#### **Guided Reptile Walk to Loch Lee, Glen Esk (approx. 5km).**

*Slow walk to and fro the banks of Loch Lee for reptile search and a picnic. Ecology and reptile habitats described by guide. We may see adders, slowworms, common lizards; we may also encounter ring ousels, cuckoos, ospreys and peregrine falcons - and a variety of invertebrates.*

Invermark Public Car Park, Glen Esk (Grid Ref - NO 446804)

10am to 2pm/3pm

Free, but advanced booking essential. Bring packed lunch

Booking and further details: Trevor Rose, Tel. 07778830192; [secretary@thebhs.org](mailto:secretary@thebhs.org)

#### **Make The Birds of Angus Count.**

*Join the Ranger and become involved in the biggest spring bird survey ever. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required.*

Dykehead car park, Angus Glens

11am to 3pm

Free

To register your interest and for further details: Tel. 01575 550233

#### **Tayside Biodiversity Showcase**

*Fun hands-on activities relating to biodiversity. Come along and find out more about the amazing diverse world in which we live. Listen to one or both of David Boag's light-hearted talks on his wildlife photographic adventures around the world (including Scotland), and try out some simple photography techniques afterwards to help launch the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership's ZOOM In2 photographic project.*

Sensation, Dundee Science Centre

11am to 5pm

Cost: £6.95 adults; Concessions from £4.

Further details: Tel. 01382 228800; [www.sensation.org.uk](http://www.sensation.org.uk) ; [staff@sensation.org.uk](mailto:staff@sensation.org.uk)

**Bio - Discovery: Family films at DCA**

**BEST OF WILDSCREEN - 'Eye of the Leopard'**

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DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

1.30pm to 3.30pm

£2.00 per child, £2.50 per adult. Family price is £6.00 for four tickets

Bookings and further details: see above.

**'Buzzy' Bees Survey**

*Many of our native bees are under threat from our modern lifestyles, so please help us to conserve these fascinating creatures by coming along to find out more.*

Monikie Country Park

2pm

Free, but booking essential.

Booking and further details: Tel. 01382 370202

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**Monday 4th May**

**Bio - Discovery: Special schools screening**

**'Whale Rider' (PG)**

*Save the whales? That's not enough: let the whales save us. This magical film is an exceptional coming-of-age New Zealand fable with striking landscapes and authentic performances from both people and whales.*

DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

10am to noon

£2.00 per student. Teachers and carers free.

Further details: [www.ltscotland.org.uk/glowscotland](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/glowscotland); or contact Joe Hall, Tel. 01382 909274

**Teddy Bears Minibeast Safari**

*Take your furry friends on this ranger-led event.*

Crombie Country Park

2pm to 3pm

Free, but booking essential (suitable for toddlers and young children)

Bookings and further details: Ranger on Tel. 01241 860360

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**Tuesday 5th May**

**Protected Species and the Requirements for Planning**

*Talk by Ed Robinson on behalf of ESS Ltd. All welcome especially those involved in planning, design or development. [Similar lunch-time seminars are held by the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership throughout the year - further details: [biodiversity.events@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity.events@dundeecity.gov.uk)].*

University of Dundee (Matthew Building: Room 5018)

1pm to 2pm

Free

Further details: Marie-Claire Rollinson, Tel. 0131 556 9119 ; [mcr@ess-ecology.com](mailto:mcr@ess-ecology.com)

**Sssshh.....listen! Look out for Aspen.**

*Aspen is the last broadleaved tree to come into leaf in spring which makes it very easy to identify. Scottish Native Woods and the Scottish Wildlife Trust have organized this unusual evening - a presentation, then a trip down to the Tay to identify aspen stands in the woods above Weem with binoculars. As Aberfeldy's Poplar Avenue is entirely composed of aspen, this will help to identify the species at close quarters.*

Locus Centre, Aberfeldy

7.30pm

Free

Further details: Scottish Native Woods, Tel. 01887 820392;

[victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk](mailto:victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk)

**Swiftly batty**

*Join the rangers on this evening walk to discover fascinating swift and bat facts. See how you can help by taking part in simple surveys. Please bring your own torch.*

Stanley Mills (Visitor Centre), Stanley, Perthshire

8pm to 10pm

Free, but please book in advance

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01738 475349

**Sunset Bat Walk**

*Explore Dundee University Campus with an expert to find out more about bats. Bat detectors provided. Please bring a torch. This walk is suitable for families (children must be accompanied by adults). Please note that if the weather is below 9°C, bats will not be flying.*

Dundee University (meet in front of Tower Building)

8.45pm to c10pm

Free

Bookings and further details: Trudy Cunningham, [T.Z.Cunningham@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:T.Z.Cunningham@dundee.ac.uk)

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**Wednesday, 6th May**

**Spring along Seaton Cliffs (Arbroath Cliffs)**

*Guided walk following the Angus coastal path along the 400 million year old Red Sandstone cliffs. Undoubtedly the glory of the Angus coastline the cliffs are striking for their geological formations such as sea caves, natural arches and stacks, and their wealth of coastal wildlife.*

Walk starts/finishes at Victoria Park, Arbroath; meet at Whiting Ness end of car park.

9.30am to noon

Free

Further details: Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre, Tel. 01674 676336

**Gardening for Wildlife**

*Hints and tips on how to attract wildlife into your garden.*

Duntrune Demonstration Garden (Dawson Park), Dundee

2pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 07951 380064

**British Plant Biodiversity Walk - "From Mountains to Sea"**

Dundee Botanic Gardens

2.30pm - 4pm

Please book in advance

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01382 381190

### Swift Gathering

*Come along and learn more about this extremely unusual bird and how you can help find where they are in just one hour of volunteering during June or July!*

The Hangar, Scone Aerodrome, Scone, Perth

6pm - 9pm

Free, inc. refreshments

Further details: Tel. 01382 433042; [biodiversity.events@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity.events@dundee.gov.uk);

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### Thursday, 7th May

#### Bio - Discovery: Special schools screening

##### 'Encounters at the End of the World' (U)

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10am to 12 noon

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#### Bio - Discovery: "Bring a Baby" screening

##### 'Whale Rider' (PG)

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DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

10.30am to 12.30pm

£3.20 per ticket. Babies free.

Bookings and further details: as above.

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### Friday, 8th May

#### Kinross Cluster Group perform 'Growing Up with Loch Leven'.

Kirkgate Park, Kinross.

t.b.c.

Free

Further details: Shirley McGregor at Perth & Kinross Council, 01738 477854

#### Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS)

*Join the Rangers as they carry out the monthly Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) and see what birds are on the loch this month.*

Forfar Loch Country Park

2 to 4pm

Free, but booking essential

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01307 461118.

### **Bumblebee Bonanza**

*Help bumblebees by planting wild flower seeds to take home, take part in a colouring competition and hear the story all about the brave little bee.*

Blairgowrie Library

Drop in between 5pm and 7pm

Free

Pre-booking essential; Tel. Gill Leary 01250 872905

### **Introduction to Bats and the Perth City Bat Project**

*Find out more about the bats in Perth, get some top tips on bat spotting and find out what simple things you can do to help bats. For those who are more adventurous we are looking for 40 volunteers for a simple but interesting bat survey. Surveyors will receive free training and be loaned a bat detector. Training will be given later in May.*

Lecture Theatre, A K Bell Library, Perth

7pm to 8.30pm

Free, no booking required (a talk suitable for all ages)

Further details: [A.Youngman@bats.org.uk](mailto:A.Youngman@bats.org.uk) ; Tel. 01786 826792

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### **Saturday, 9th May**

#### **A Rocha (Christians in Conservation) Conference**

*A day-long event looking at the conservation challenges we face today. Speakers will include Mark Adderley, former CEO of the National Trust for Scotland, and Ewan Aitken, Council Secretary of the Church and Society Council.*

Pitlochry

10am to 4pm

Admission £5. Lunch will be "bring-and-share" (refreshments provided).

Further details: [victoria.deschampsneufs@arocha.org](mailto:victoria.deschampsneufs@arocha.org)

#### **Young Naturalists' Club - *Buzzing Bees* - I D E N T I F Y!**

*Nature club for 5 - 14 years. New members welcome.*

Car park cabin, Crombie Country Park

10.30am to 12.30pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01241 860360

#### **The Mighty Oaks and Acorns**

*Nature club for 5 - 14 years. New members welcome.*

Forfar Loch Country Park

10.30am to 12.30pm

Free

Further details: Tel. 01307 461118

#### **Hidden Wildlife: Behind the Scenes Tours of the McManus Collections Unit**

*The new permanent home for the City's history, archaeology and natural history collections - discover what treasures we keep "in store" and find out what we collect and why. These special tours for the Biodiversity Festival will look at the natural history collections, birds, mammals, insects, plants, rocks, minerals and fossils. Try our hidden wildlife quiz.*

Barrack Street Collections Unit, Barrack Street, Dundee

Tours at 11am and 2pm

Free, but booking essential

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01382 432364 between 9am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

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DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

1pm to 3pm

£2.00 per child, £2.50 per adult. Family price is £6.00 for four tickets

Bookings and further details: see above.

**Wetland Birds**

*Join the Ranger on a WeBS count around the reservoirs. Combine some healthy exercise with a little bird watching.*

Monikie Country Park

2pm

Free, but booking essential

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01382 370202

**Creatures of the Night: Bat Walk**

*An evening walk through Den o' Mains to meet our furry flying friends.*

Den o' Mains and Trottick Ponds - meet at the car park by Mains Castle in Caird Park

8.30pm - 10pm

Free

Further details: [countryside.rangers@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:countryside.rangers@dundeecity.gov.uk); Tel. DCC Ranger Service - 01382 431848

**John Muir Trust AGM and Members' Gathering**

*Includes the Spirit of Wild Places lecture from renowned photographer John Beatty.*

Birnam, Perthshire

Bookings and further details: [www.jmt.org](http://www.jmt.org) ; Tel. 0131 5540114

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**Sunday, 10th May**

**Up With the Lark**

*A guided walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the dawn chorus whilst learning more about the biodiversity of Montrose Basin LNR.*

Meet at Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun, by Montrose

5.30am - 7.30am

Free, but booking essential

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01674 676336

**Pondering Pollination**

*Exploring the fantastic relationship between flowers and bees, Margaret Lear of Plants with Purpose will lead a half day workshop on the pollination of fruit trees and the importance of bees and other pollinators.*

Glendoick Garden Centre, Glendoick

9.30am to 1.30pm (plus optional visit of gardens)

£25, includes refreshments and lunch

Pre-booking essential - further details: [biodiversity.events@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity.events@dundeecity.gov.uk).

### **Fur and Feather Safari**

*A minibus trip around Angus looking for creatures large and small; we might hear some cuckoos along the way. Minibus places limited to 16.*

Forfar Loch Country Park

Noon - 4pm

£2.50 each, booking essential

Bookings and further details: Ranger at Tel. 01307 461118

### **Bio - Discovery: Family films at DCA**

#### **BEST OF WILDSCREEN - Small Talk Diaries & Bama's Journey**

*Small Talk Diaries: By using a secret invention called the Translation Lens, the myriad of creatures that live all around us are suddenly able to tell us about their world - from cockroach to caterpillar, each has a distinct voice and is eager to explain all about its life, from whizzpopping to metamorphosis! This series of short programmes about the world as seen by minibeasts won the Best Series and Innovation Awards at Wildscreen Festival 2008.*

*Bama's Journey: Alfred Bama works at the Limbe Wildlife Centre, a sanctuary for great apes orphaned by the illegal bush-meat trade. Bama's dedication to the gorillas takes him on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Cameroon to an English zoo. As he experiences the riches of the Western world he realizes that the real wealth is still in Africa, exactly where he left it. Bama's Journey won the UWE Children's Choice Award at Wildscreen Festival 2008.*

DCA, Greenmarket, Dundee

1pm - 2.30pm

£2.00 per child, £2.50 per adult. Family price is £6.00 for four tickets

Bookings and further details: See above

### **Buzzzzzeeeeeee Bees and Biodiversity**

*Find out why these insects are special and important.*

Crombie Country Park

2pm - 3pm

Free, but booking essential

Bookings and further details: Ranger staff at Tel. 01241 860360

### **Visit to the Tay Reedbeds**

*Join Scottish Wildlife Trust members on this family-friendly walk to the reedbeds and find out more about this internationally important habitat. Waterproof clothing and stout shoes required.*

Powgavie, Inchtute, Perthshire (meet at Inchtute Hotel car park)

2pm

Free, but limited places - please book in advance

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01575 530258

### **The Country Parks Wildlife and Scenery Photography awards**

Monikie Country Park

2pm

Free

Further details: 01382 370202

### **Arts Outside, Naturally**

*Fauna, flora and fun with Angus Arts.*

The Burn, near Edzell - phone for directions

2pm to 4.30pm

Tickets £4 per person (under 8s accompanied, under 5s free), booking essential

Bookings and further details: Tel. 01356 670304 / 648669

### Action at Kindrogan's Open Day!

*Come and join us for afternoon tea and a guided walk to see how we have improved the grounds for wildlife. Contribute ideas to our Walled Garden renovation plans and find out about the work of Scotland's National Centre for Excellence in Field Studies and Biodiversity Training. For the young, and not so young if you are brave enough, have a go at the low ropes course, crate climb, leap of faith, high V and zip line.*

Kindrogan Field Centre, Enochdhu

1pm - 5pm; Free

Further details: Tel. 01250 870150

### Further Information

For advice on public transport or access to any of the events, please contact the organiser direct.

Where booking is required, please book as soon as possible. The organiser has the right to cancel the event if numbers are too low or if there is inclement weather.

All Ranger Services in Tayside offer events throughout much of the year. Contact them direct for further information.

The Tayside Biodiversity Partnership is taking forward over 50 projects arising from the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan. The Plan lists the key habitats and species found in the region, together with the actions needed to safeguard and enhance them. Check [www.tayside.biodiversity.co.uk](http://www.tayside.biodiversity.co.uk) for further information on both the Plan and the projects. You can also download the Partnership's newsletters and other leaflets, plus take part in a number of online surveys for swifts, barn owls, red squirrels and sand martins.

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Further details and additional Festival events will be featured on  
[www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk](http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk)