How to get there

Crombie
From the A92, exit via Muirdrum onto the B9128, signposted to Forfar. After about 2½ miles turn left at the Crombie crossroad onto the B961, signposted to Newbigging. The entrance to the Park is about ½ mile on your right.

From Forfar take the B9128 signposted to Carnoustie and after about 10 miles turn right at the Crombie crossroad onto the B961, signposted to Newbigging. The entrance to the Park is about ½ mile on your right.

Montrose Basin
The Scottish Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre is located one mile south of Montrose on the A92 and is well signposted.

Forfar Loch
The Country Park is located to the west of the town and is accessed from Craig O’ Loch Road.

Glen Doll
At Kirriemuir take the B955 road to the Glens.

Monikie
Take the A92 and exit at the Ardestie slip road onto the B962 signposted to Monikie Country Park. About a mile beyond Newbigging, turn left onto the unclassified road then follow the signs to the Park.

From Forfar take the B9128 signposted to Carnoustie. After about 10 miles turn right at the Crombie crossroad onto the B961, then follow the signs to the Park.
The Ranger Service operates from 9am throughout the year.

The Ranger Service can assist your Nursery, School, Community Group or Organisation by:

- Providing environmental education within your school grounds, classroom environment, the country parks & other local green spaces
- Providing Outdoor Adventure Activities throughout the year at Monikie Country Park
- Raising your awareness of the impact of litter on the natural environment
- Promoting the Scottish Outdoor Access Code thus enabling individuals to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible manner
- Providing a variety of ranger led walks & talks & environmental activities (Evenings by arrangement)
- Volunteer opportunities

Topics we can cover include: lifecycles; food chains/food webs; habitats; seasonal changes; hibernation; migration; land changes; landforms; river systems; map reading; orienteering; recycling/reusing materials.

We can also assist with:

- Grant applications for improving your green spaces
- Wildlife garden planning
- Plant & animal surveys
- Organising eco events & activities
- Practical workshops creating items for enterprise & the enhancement of green spaces e.g. fat balls, bird feeders & nest boxes

The Ranger Service can work with the community of Angus & Tayside to contribute towards a Healthier, Smarter, Greener Scotland

ANGUSalive
A newly formed Trust; Angus Alive, in partnership with Angus Council, will manage country parks, sport, venues, libraries, museums and face-to-face ACCESS services in Angus.

Countrywide Adventure Programme of Events
In addition to our own programme of events, throughout the year the Ranger Service can be invited to participate in initiatives promoted by outside agencies.

For up to date details please visit www.angusalive.scot

For more information or bookings contact:

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Forfar Loch Country Park
Craig o’Loch Road, Forfar DD8 1BT
T: 01307 461118
E: forfarloch@angusalive.scot

Crombie Country Park
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E: crombiecountrypark@angusalive.scot

Monikie Country Park
Monikie DD5 3QN
T: 01382 370202
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Montrose Basin
Rossie Braes, Montrose DD10 9JH
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Year Round Activities
The Angus countryside has a wide variety of landscapes. The mountains, lochs, woodlands and seashore, provide opportunities for visitors of all ages to enjoy the outdoors. Environmental activities and nature conservation feature; and range from guided walks, workshops and self-led trails to the more active pursuits of walking, biking, geo-caching and orienteering.

Holiday activities for children
During the school holidays the Ranger Service run exciting activities for children of all ages. The programme is very varied. Charges do apply. See the specific listings for details.

Clubs
At each of the country parks there are organised clubs for children suitable from pre-school to 16 years. Some run all year round such as Young Naturalists at Crombie; Junior Rangers and Little Acorns at Forfar. Whilst T15 Windsurfing club; Bushcraft Club and SUB ZERO at Monikie are seasonal.

Outdoor Adventure Activities - Monikie
Windsurfing, Sailing, Canadian Canoeing and Kayaking equipment is available for hire between May and September at Monikie. In addition, taster sessions and Royal Yachting Association/British Canoe Union certified courses are arranged for beginners throughout the season.

Come along and learn the skills you need to progress and improve in your chosen sport. Rafting and Mountain Biking sessions are also available at Monikie. The facilities at Monikie conform fully to the requirements of the Adventure Activities Licensing Service and have been inspected.

High Ropes Facility - Monikie
This spectacular facility built high in the treetops provides an exciting challenge for young and old alike and is ideal for birthday parties and social events. Participants are provided with climbing harnesses and helmets and are protected by belay ropes.

The facility includes a 12 metre climbing tower with two climbing walls, abseil points, and an exhilarating 160 metre zip wire. Other elements include leap of faith, balance beams, high wire and crate stack.

There is also a low ropes course for those not wanting the height element. Qualified instructors run all the activities. Minimum age for participating is 8 years old.

Facilities
Crombie, Forfar and Monikie have adventure play areas and picnic facilities. At Crombie and Monikie barbecue facilities are available for hire. Marquees are available at Crombie and Monikie from April to September - book early to avoid disappointment. A booking fee is in operation (see under Country Park charges) - contact the Park direct for details.

All picnic and barbecue groups must be ready to leave the Parks 30 minutes before closing. At Monikie refreshments, including meals, are available at the Café Byzantium. Telephone 01382 370970 for opening times.

At Monikie and Crombie there are well laid out orienteering courses.

At Crombie, if you have a GPS try geocaching. There are lots of interesting caches around the Park. Cyclists can explore the Green Graded Mountain Bike Trail just off the yellow Discovery Trail, ideal for beginners. Available all year round they are suitable for groups and individuals. Groups wishing to use these facilities should contact the park in advance.

For any Ranger-led activities it is necessary to book in advance. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Charges
Unless stated all environmental themed events are FREE of charge.

All outdoor and adventure activities, such as biking, watersports and rope events at Monikie are chargeable.

Where other charges apply, other than the usual car parking charge applicable, events are marked with £. Charges are listed at the rear of the programme. Please confirm with staff at the time of booking or on arrival.
Angus Glens

To avoid disappointment BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact the Base for further information.

All events start and finish at Glen Doll Ranger Base apart from those stated. Where appropriate you should have with you stout shoes, waterproofs, warm clothing and a packed lunch. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

2016

APRIL

Saturday 2nd 11am - 2pm

General Natural History Walk - Join the Ranger on a wildlife walk to observe the Flora and Fauna of the glen including Golden Eagle, Crossbill, Red Deer, Red Squirrel and a variety of wild flowers.

Sunday 10th 11am - 3pm

Birdsong - Join the Ranger on a walk through Glen Doll to listen and learn how to identify a variety of forest and upland birds from their songs and calls. Many species are often heard before being seen and the ability to identify their sounds helps in locating them.

MAY

Saturday 14th 11am - 3pm

Cairngorms Nature Festival - Peregrine Watch Part 1 - Join the Ranger on a guided walk in Glen Doll to view the world’s fastest flying bird as they bring in prey to the nest to feed their newly hatched young.

Sunday 22nd 10am - 4pm

Scottish Nature Festival and International Day of Biodiversity - Mystery Tour of Angus Wildlife Sites - Join the Rangers on a mystery tour of the county of Angus to see a variety of wildlife. Meet at the Myre car park in Forfar.

There is a charge of £10 per person for this event. All bookings by 8th May please. Maximum of 15 places available.

JUNE

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th

Angus Glens Walking Festival - This award winning, four day Festival, now in its 14th year, is an important date in the walking calendar. Includes 18 walks to suit all ages and abilities that capture an almost ready to fledge young. Maxim imum of 15 places available.

Saturday 25th 11am - 3pm

Peregrine Watch Part 2 - Another chance to see the falcons as they bring in prey to the nest to feed their almost ready to fledge young.

Sunday 26th 11am - 3pm

Wildlife Walk in Eagle Territory - This walk may provide an opportunity to get excellent views of breeding Golden Eagles (no guarantee you will see them) as they bring in prey for their young.

JULY

Saturday 16th 11am - 4pm

Corrie Fee - A Focus for Nature and Landscape - Join SNH’s award winning, professional wildlife photographer Lorne Gill and a ranger in a photo walk into the spectacular Corrie Fee. There will be many stops to take photos and pick up tips for taking better photos with Lorne’s guidance. A camera is essential, a tripod would be ideal but enthusiasm is the most important thing. Book early. Maximum of 12 places available.

Sunday 31st 11am - 3pm

Wildlife Walk in Eagle Territory - Another opportunity to view the breeding Golden Eagles before the young fledge.

AUGUST

Saturday 6th 11am - 2pm

Wild Flower Identification for Beginners - Join the Ranger for a stroll in Glen Doll forest and identify the variety of plants that grow here.

Sunday 28th 10am - 4pm

Loch Shandra, Glen Isla - Join the Ranger on an attractive four mile circular healthy walk through woodlands, open moor and lochside. Mostly on tracks but can be wet underfoot depending on the weather. Picturesque views of the wooded loch and across the glen.

Meet at the car park opposite the Glen Isla Hotel Grid Ref NO216664 with a refreshment stop at the hotel at the end of the walk. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th 11am - 3pm

Health Walk and Talk - Join the Ranger on a health walk up the Dounalt to Jock’s Road to discuss the management and natural history of the area. Part of Angus Council Pride in Place.

Saturday 17th 11am - 4pm

Ice Age Legacy - a walk back in time to Corrie Fee - A walk with the Ranger and a professional geologist to discover and discuss the formation of Corrie Fee and its physical features since the last ice age.

OCTOBER

Sunday 9th 11am - 3pm

Clash of the Titans - Join the Ranger and a professional deer stalker on a walk along the Dounalt loop path to watch and listen to the roaring of the rutting Red Deer stags in the glen as they round up their harem of hinds and warn off other rival stags. This is a five mile return walk on a forest track with little climbing.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 20th 11am - 3pm

Parrot of the Woods - Join the Ranger to search for Crossbills in the Glen Doll forest. This special bird is often difficult to find but may be located by its diagnostic flight call.

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st 7pm - 9pm

The Wildlife of the Angus Glens and the Ranger’s Role - Come along to an illustrated talk on the wildlife of the Angus Glens throughout the seasons and the ranger’s role in the monitoring and management of the fauna and flora. Meet at Forfar Loch Country Park Visitor Centre. Maximum of 15 places available.

2017

JANUARY

Sunday 15th 11am - 2pm

New Year Family Ramble - Shake off the excesses of Christmas on a brisk walk in superb mountain scenery from the Glen Doll car park to Bachnagairn in upper Glen Clova. There is a chance of seeing Golden Eagles above the glen as they return to set up their breeding territory.

FEBRUARY

Saturday 18th 11am - 2pm

Foray in the Forest - Join the Ranger for a health walk in Glen Doll forest to discuss the management and natural history of the area. We may see Red Squirrel and a variety of woodland birds including the elusive Crossbill.

MARCH

Sunday 19th 11am - 2pm

Encounter with an Eagle - Join the Ranger for a health walk in Upper Glen Clova to discuss the management and natural history of the area. The Golden Eagles will have set up their territory for breeding and there is a very good chance of seeing them in the glen.
To avoid disappointment BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact the Centre for further information.

2016

MAY

Thursday 5th 9.30am - 12noon approx.
Spring along Seaton Cliffs - Guided walk following the Angus coastal path along the 400 million year old Red Sandstone cliffs. These cliffs are undoubtedly the glory of the Angus coastline both for their striking geological formations like sea caves, natural arches and stacks and their wealth of coastal wildlife. Walk starts and finishes at the car park at the Whiting Ness end of Victoria Park, Arbroath. Grid Ref: NO658412.

Sunday 29th 1pm - 5pm approx.
Balsam BBQ - Join the Rangers from SWT and ANGUSalive for an informative day of Practical Volunteer work controlling Invasive Non-Native Species on the Reserve. Wear sturdy footwear and old clothes covering arms and legs. Donation towards cost of event on the day is appreciated. Scottish Nature Festival Event. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

JUNE

Sunday 10th and 24th 11am - 3pm approx.
Balsam Battle - Join the Rangers from SWT and ANGUSalive for an informative day of Practical Volunteer work controlling Invasive Non-Native Species on the Reserve. Wear sturdy footwear and old clothes covering arms and legs. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Sunday 17th 9am - 11am approx.
Bird Ringing Demonstration - Find out how licensed ringers catch, examine and ring a variety of birds that visit the reserve and how it can help with conservation efforts. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre.

Wednesday 20th 9.30am - 11am approx
Baywatch - Guided nature walk from Ferryden to Scudrie Ness Lighthouse. Looking for elusive Bottlenose Dolphin and the other animals and birds that use the estuary of the River South Esk and Montrose Bay. Meet at William Street car park, Ferryden. Grid Ref: NO716567.

JULY

Sunday 14th 1pm - 5pm approx.
Balsam BBQ - Join the Rangers from SWT and ANGUSalive for an informative day of Practical Volunteer work controlling Invasive Non-Native Species on the Reserve. Wear sturdy footwear and old clothes covering arms and legs. Donation towards cost of event on the day is appreciated. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

AUGUST

Sunday 7th 11am - 3pm approx.
Balsam Battle - Join the Rangers from SWT and ANGUSalive for an informative day of Practical Volunteer work controlling Invasive Non-Native Species on the Reserve. Wear sturdy footwear and old clothes covering arms and legs. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

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SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th 11am - 3pm
Great British Beach Clean - Join the Ranger for a guided walk along Seaton Cliffs and help wildlife by taking part in a count and removing litter at Carlingheugh Bay as part of a national survey. Bring a packed lunch. Wear old clothes and sturdy footwear. Meet at the north end of Victoria Park, Arbroath. Grid Ref: NO658412.

OCTOBER

Sunday 9th 6.30am - 9.30am
People’s Postcode Lottery Goose Breakfast - Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of pink-footed geese on the Basin at dawn. Return to the Visitor Centre for breakfast and a question and answer session with the ranger. Wear warm clothing. Adult £8, child £4. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre.

Sunday 16th & Sunday 23rd 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Pink Sunset - Join the ranger on a guided walk to watch the sunset and see the geese return to roost on the Basin. Followed by hot soup and a roll. Wear wellies and warm clothing. Bring a torch and camping chair if possible. Adult £8, child £4. Meet at Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun. Grid Ref: NO669592.

DECEMBER

Sunday 11th 3pm - 5pm
Christmas at the Basin - Join staff and volunteers at the visitor centre for some festive cheer enjoying a seasonal hot drink and mince pie whilst viewing the wildlife on the reserve. Children will be entertained with a range of Christmas themed craft activities. Adult £6, Child £3. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre.
EVEN TS M arch/A pril 2016

FORFA R L OCH

Friday 1st, 15th & 29th 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Saturday 2nd & 9th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE

The High and Low Ropes Courses are available until 31st October. ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Friday 1st - Monday 4th 10am - 4pm
Easter Trail - Explore the woodland and find the clues. Entry £1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes! Suitable for all ages.

Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th 1.30pm - 3.30pm daily
Outdoor Activities Club - High ropes activities, mountain biking, rafting and kayaking/canoeing activities for 10-17 year olds. (Activities Weather Dependent). Numbers limited to 8 per day.

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th 1.30pm - 3.30pm daily
Outdoor Activities Club - High ropes activities, mountain biking, rafting and kayaking/canoeing activities for 10-17 year olds. (Activities Weather Dependent). Numbers limited to 8 per day.

Sunday 17th 10.30am
ANGUS HAM (Half Marathon) - Run 13.1 miles. T: 0845 204 2009 for race information. E: halfmarathon@eventfull.biz

Saturday 23rd 10am - 12noon
John Muir Event - Bushcraft Skills - Light my Fire. It started with a stick. Learn the ancient art of fire lighting using natural materials. Please contact the Park to reserve a place. (16 years+). £

Sunday 30th 1pm - 3pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - First meeting of the season. All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

C R O M B IE

On Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school holidays.
30th March - 14th April 10am - 12noon
Spring Activities for Children (min. age 5) - Two hours of environmental fun, wildlife, exploring and crafts with the rangers – wear old clothes. £

April 2016

Every Tuesday 10am - 12noon
Conservation Action - Join the Volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Saturday 9th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Are We Nearly There? Find out about migrating birds. Meet at the car park cabin. Please note from 1st April there will be a charge of £3 per child.

Sunday 10th 10am - 4pm
Family Cycle Event - Fun packed day filled with cycle activities for all the family, pump track, smoothie bike, balance bikes, maintenance, guided rides and more. Visit www.anguscyclehub.co.uk for more information.

Saturday 23rd 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Spring Watch. A close look at nests and birds. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Saturday 30th 2pm - 4pm
International Save the Frogs Day - Suitable for all the family. Join the ranger to search for tadpoles and learn more about frogs.

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**CROMBIE**

**Every Tuesday** 10am - 12noon

**Conservation Action** - Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

**Saturday 7th** 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Young Naturalists’ Club** - Health Walk. Can you make the 4km walk right round the reservoir? Bring healthy snacks. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

**Sunday 15th** 10am - 3pm

**Geocaching - Colourful Crombie** - Bring your GPS to explore our geocaches. Visit www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6C3VA_colourful-crombie for more event information and cache locations. Event suitable for all the family. Bring food for the BBQ which will be ready to cook on from 1pm.

**MONIKIE**

**START OF WATERSPORTS HIRE SEASON** - Hire and instruction available Saturday 7th May until the last weekend of September.

**Tuesdays and Fridays**

from May to end of August 6pm - 7.30pm

**OPEN WATER SWIMMING** - All swimmers to be checked in no later than 6.30pm.

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th**

10am - 1pm or 2pm – 5pm

**Weekend Bonanza** - Pay for one watersport and try all four. Contact the Park for Bookings and Information. Rescue cover at all times. Price includes hire of equipment, wetsuit, buoyancy aids, lockers and showers.

**Monday 9th**

6pm - 8 pm

**T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s)** - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

**Thursday 12th**

6pm - 7.30pm

**Kayak Taster** - Beginner’s course.

**Sunday 15th**

11am

**Monikie 5/10km**

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

E: enquiries@eventfull.biz

www.eventfull.biz

**Sunday 29th**

2pm - 4pm

**Celebrating Scottish Nature Festival** - Knock it out for Natives. Help the Ranger eradicate Himalayan Balsam at the west end meadow.

**FORFAIR Loch**

**Sunday 1st - Sunday 8th**

2pm - 3.30pm

**Hedgehog Awareness Week** - Going the Whole Hog. Are you aware of the plight of our prickly pals? Do you know how far a hedgehog travels each night in search of food?

Drop into the Centre to discover more and learn what you can do to improve your green space for hedgehogs.

The Ranger will present an illustrated talk on Sunday 8th May.

**Saturday 7th & 14th**

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Junior Rangers** - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

**Friday 13th & 27th**

1.30pm - 2.30pm

**Little Acorns** - Environmental activities for preschool children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

**Sunday 29th**

2pm - 4pm

**Celebrating Scottish Nature Festival** - Knock it out for Natives. Help the Ranger eradicate Himalayan Balsam at the west end meadow.

**Sunday 22nd**

10am - 12noon

**International Day of Biodiversity** - How to create a wildflower garden.

**Monday 23rd**

6pm - 8pm

**T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s)** - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

**Wednesday 25th**

6pm - 8pm

**Windsurfing Taster** - Beginner’s course.

**Sunday 29th**

10am - 12noon

**To Celebrate Scottish Nature Festival Amphibian Workshop** - An introduction into the National Amphibian Recording Scheme with practical demonstrations by the Rangers.

**Monday 30th**

6pm - 8pm

**T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s)** - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.
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CROMBIE

Every Tuesday 10am - 12noon

Conservation Action - Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Saturday 4th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Young Naturalists’ Club - Camouflage. Find out how wildlife plays hide and seek. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Saturday 18th 2pm - 3pm

It’s Not A Wasp? - Join the Ranger along with Anne Reid, local naturalist, to investigate the hoverflies around the Ranger Centre. They’re the next most important pollinators in the UK after bees.

MONIKIE

Tuesdays and Fridays from May to end of August 6pm - 7.30pm

OPEN WATER SWIMMING - All swimmers to be checked in no later than 6.30pm.

Wednesday 1st 6pm - 7.30pm

Canadian Canoe Taster - Beginner’s course.

Monday 6th 6pm - 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

Wednesday 8th 6pm - 8pm

Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 9th 6pm - 7.30pm

Kayak Taster - Beginner’s course.

Monday 13th 6pm - 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

FORFAR LOCH

Saturday 4th

Sorry no Junior Rangers today.

Friday 10th & 24th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Saturday 11th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Saturday 18th 2pm - 3pm

*NEW* Light my Fire - It started with a stick. Learn the ancient art of fire lighting using natural materials. Over 16 years. Please contact the Park to reserve a place. £

Wednesday 15th 6pm - 8pm

Cycle Ride through the country parks of Monikie or Crombie. Places limited to 8. Bikes, helmets and gloves supplied. Min. age 10 years.

Thursday 16th 6pm - 7.30pm

Canadian Canoe Taster - Beginner’s course.

Monday 20th 6pm - 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - All new members welcome, contact the park for details.

Wednesday 22nd 6pm - 8pm

Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 23rd 6pm - 8pm

Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 25th 2pm - 4pm

High Ropes Taster - Try the 160mtr zip line, high all board, climbing walls and the balance beams. Places limited to eight. 8+ years old. Height and weight restrictions apply.

Sunday 26th 10am - 4pm

160mtr Zip Line - Climb a vertical wall then scream down a 160mtr zip line. Height and weight restrictions apply.

Monday 27th 6pm - 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - All new members welcome, contact the park for details. Last session before summer break.

Thursday 30th 6pm - 8pm

*NEW* Light my Fire - It started with a stick. Learn the ancient art of fire lighting using natural materials. (10+ years). Please contact the Park to reserve a place. £
Events July 2016

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CROMBIE

Every Tuesday 10am - 12noon
Conservation Action - Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the school holidays.

Saturday 2nd 10:30am - 12.30pm

On Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school holidays.

Saturday 6th July - 11th August 10am - 12noon
Summer Activities for Children (min. age 5)
Two hours of environmental fun and games, den building, orienteering, crafts, geocaching and exploring wildlife with the rangers – wear old clothes. £

Saturday 16th 10:30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Moths! The traps were set last night – what have we caught? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Sunday 17th 10am - 12noon
Moths for Beginners - Night Flyers - The traps were set last night. Have we caught any moths?

Young Naturalists’ Club
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Summer for Beginners - Night Flyers set last night – what have we caught? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

FOR FAR LOCH

Saturday 2nd & 9th 10:30am - 12.30pm
Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sunday 3rd 2pm - 3.30pm
National Meadows Day - Magnificent Meadows. How healthy is your local meadow? Check out ours at the Visitor Centre. Basic identification workshop to help you survey your local green space. Open to school teachers, community groups and businesses.

Friday 8th & 22nd 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE

Tuesday and Fridays from May to end of August 6pm - 7.30pm
OPEN WATER SWIMMING - All swimmers to be checked in no later than 6.30pm.

Saturday 2nd
To Celebrate National Meadows Day - Come along to Monifieth Wildflower Meadow nr Tayview Caravan Park, DDS 4GH. Bio blitz at Monifieth Community Council Wildflower Meadow for a talk and tips about creating a wildflower meadow.

Please call the park for further information.

Saturday 3rd 10am - 1pm or 2pm - 5pm
Bonanza Day - To celebrate the start of the summer holidays, pay for one watersport and try all four. Windsurfing, sailing, canoing and kayaking available. On land instruction available. Contact the Park for bookings and information. Rescue cover at all times. Price includes hire of equipment, wetsuit, buoyancy aids, lockers and showers.

Every Monday throughout July 6pm - 8pm
Bush Crafts Skills - Holiday Club - Learn fire lighting, shelter building, survival skills etc. 10-16 year olds. Ten places available each session.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Wednesday 6th 6pm - 8pm
Windsurfing Taster - Step 1 Beginner’s course.

Saturday 9th 10am - 4pm
RYA 1 Day Sailing Course.

Sunday 10th
Monikie M3 Open Water Scottish Sprint Triathlon Championships - Registration between 9am and 11am with 12 noon start. For further information go to www.mtri.com Booking via www.entrycentral.com

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th 10am - 3pm
3 Day Activity Week for 9-15 year olds - Numbers limited to 16. Possible activities: Windsurfing, Sailing, Kayaking/Canooeing, Rafting, Team-building, High ropes course, Mountain Biking, 160mtr zip line. (Bookings taken from 9am 10/06/16 STRICTLY BY TELEPHONE ONLY).

Thursday 14th 6pm - 8pm
Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th 10am - 4pm
RYA Dinghy 2 Day Course - (16+ years) (Level 1 or 2 Certificate). All the skills you need to sail competently.

Monday 18th 2pm - 4pm
Junior Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Monday 25th 10am - 1pm
RYA 1 Day Windsurfing Course - 16-18 year olds.

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th 10am - 3pm
3 Day Activity Week for 9-15 year olds - Numbers limited to 16. Possible activities: Windsurfing, Sailing, Kayaking/Canooeing, Rafting, Team-building, High ropes course, Mountain Biking, 160mtr zip line. (Bookings taken from 9am 10/06/16 STRICTLY BY TELEPHONE ONLY).

Tuesday 19th 2pm - 3.30pm
Junior Kayak Taster (10+ years) - Beginner’s course.

Wednesday 20th 6pm - 8pm
Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 21st 6pm - 7.30pm
Kayak Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 23rd 10am - 12noon
Treasure Island Rafting - Places limited to 12. (8-16 year olds).

Sunday 24th 2pm - 4pm
High Ropes Taster - Try the 160mtr zip line, leap of faith, climbing walls and the balance beams. Places limited to eight. 8+ years old. Height and weight restrictions apply.

Tuesday 26th 2pm - 4pm
Junior Dinghy Taster (10 years+) - Beginner’s course.

Wednesday 27th 6pm - 8pm
Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 28th 6pm - 8pm
Treasure Island Rafting - Places limited to 12.

Friday 29th 2pm - 3.30pm
Junior Canadian Canoe Taster (10 years+) - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 30th 10am - 4pm
RYA 1 Day Windsurfing Course - 10-16 year olds.
Events August 2016

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Sunday 28th 9am - 12noon
Bird Ringing Demonstration - Find out how licensed bird ringers catch, examine and ring some of the birds in the Park.

FORFAR LOCH
Friday 5th & 19th 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sunday 7th
See us at Dogs’ Day Out - Glamis Castle - Burns Pot Nutrition will be holding its first “Dogs' Day Out” at the invitation of Glamis Estate. The show will be a day of fun and activities for dogs and their families. It also promotes responsible pet ownership and supports animal welfare organisations. More details to follow. Contact the park for details.

Saturday 13th 10.30pm - 12.30pm
Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE
Tuesdays and Fridays from May to end of August 6pm - 7.30pm
OPEN WATER SWIMMING - All swimmers to be checked in no later than 6.30pm.

Monday 1st 6pm - 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Tuesday 2nd 2pm - 4pm
Big Butterfly Count - Learn how to ID and count butterflies with the Ranger. Free family event. Booking essential. Part of Angus Council Pride in Place Event. For more information visit www.bigbutterflycount.org/

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th 10am - 3pm
3 Day Adventure Activity Course for 9-15 year olds - Numbers limited to 16. Possible activities: windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, rafting, team-building, ropes course, mountain biking, 160mtr zip line. Activities weather permitting. (Bookings taken from 9am 10/06/16 STRICTLY BY TELEPHONE ONLY).

Wednesday 3rd 6pm - 8pm
Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 4th 6pm - 8pm
Treasure Island Rafting - Places limited to 12.

Monday 8th 6pm - 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th 10am - 3pm
3 Day Adventure Activity Course for 9-15 year olds - Numbers limited to 16. Possible activities: windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, rafting, team-building, ropes course, mountain biking, 160mtr zip line. Activities weather permitting (Bookings taken from 9am 10/06/16 STRICTLY BY TELEPHONE ONLY).

Sunday 14th 10.30am
E-venture Duathlon/Triathlon - This is a ground-breaking venture, running two separate events in parallel.
T: 0845 200 143 for race information.
E: enquiries@eventfull.biz
www.eventfull.biz

Monday 15th 6pm - 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Tuesday 16th 2pm - 4pm
Junior Windsurfing Taster (8-16 years) - Beginner’s course.

Wednesday 17th 6pm - 7.30pm
Kayak Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 18th 6pm - 8pm
Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 20th 10am - 4pm
Day 1 of RYA Windsurfing Course - (16+) (Level 1 or 2 certificate). All the skills you need to sail competently.

Sunday 21st 10am - 4pm
Day 2 of RYA Windsurfing Course - (16+) (Level 1 or 2 certificate).

Monday 22nd 6pm - 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Wednesday 24th 6pm - 8pm
Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Thursday 25th 6pm - 8pm
Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 27th 7.30pm
Bats Before Bedtime - As part of International Bat weekend. Take a closer look at these secretive misunderstood creatures before they fly off into the night. Illustrated talk and guided walk. Learn how to use a bat detector. Please bring a torch. Booking essential. Free Event. Bat boxes will be available for purchase. £

Sunday 28th 10am - 12noon
Hedgehog Workshop - A third of our hedgehogs have been lost in just 10 years. When did you last see one? We will help you help them by building them a home suitable for your garden. All hedgehog boxes will be available for purchase. Please contact the Park to reserve a place. £

Monday 29th 6pm - 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.
Events September 2016

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CROMBIE

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Conservation Action - Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th
10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm

Hedgehog Homes Workshop - Want to encourage hedgehogs in your garden? Call in at the ranger centre and assemble your own hedgehog box for the winter. £

CROMBIE

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Saturday 10th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Young Naturalists’ Club - Hedgehogs. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Sunday 18th 2pm - 4pm

Fungi for Beginners - Take a closer look at mushrooms in the park.

Saturday 24th 10.30am - 12.30pm


Sunday 25th 7pm - 8.30pm

Bat Watch - Join the rangers for a talk on bats followed by a search for them flying in the park grounds. Bat detectors provided. Please bring a torch.

Tuesday 27th 10am - 12noon

Love Your Park - Regular visitors are invited to join in and meet our regular Tuesday volunteers who help us look after the park. Part of Angus Council Pride in Place. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

CROMBIE

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Saturday 3rd 1pm - 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Sunday 4th 10am - 12noon

High Ropes Taster - Try the 160m zip line, leap of faith, climbing walls and the balance beams. Places limited to eight. 8+ years old. Height and weight restrictions apply.

Saturday 10th 1pm - 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Sunday 11th
10am - 12noon

Dinghy Taster - Beginner’s course.

2pm - 4pm Food for Free Walk & Talk - An opportunity to join the Ranger to learn about Nature’s abundant larder. FREE EVENT

Saturday 17th 1pm - 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - New members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Sunday 18th 10am - 12noon

Windsurfing Taster - Beginner’s course.

Saturday 24th 1pm - 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s) - All new members always welcome, contact the park for details.

Sunday 25th 10am - 11.30am

Kayak Taster - Beginner’s course.

FORFAR LOCH

Friday 2th & 16th & 30th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Little Acorns - Environmental activities for preschool children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Saturday 3rd & 10th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sunday 11th 2.30pm - 4pm

A Rake Around the Garden & A Dip in the Pond
It takes one man to mow but a few more to rake a meadow. So why not join the ranger in a short body workout whilst improving the habitat for wildlife. Later enjoy a cup of tea and a closer look at the creatures living in the pond and marsh.
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On Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school holidays.
Wednesday 5th - Thursday 20th 10am - 12noon
Autumn Activities for Children (min age 5) - Two hours of environmental fun, wildlife, exploring and crafts with the rangers – wear old clothes.

Saturday 1st & 8th 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Saturday 8th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 22nd 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Halloween. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Sunday 23rd, Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th 10am - 12noon or 1pm - 3pm
Broomstick Workshop for High Fliers - Make your own, all materials supplied. £

CROMBIE

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th 2pm - 4pm
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Bush Craft Skills - Learn the art of fire lighting, shelter building, survival skills etc. 10-16 year olds. Numbers limited to 8. BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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Halloween Spooky Wood Search - Don’t go into the woods alone! Come and find our glowing ghosts in our family friendly Halloween trail. £1 per entry.

Saturday 15th 1pm - 3pm
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Events November 2016

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CROMBIE

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Saturday 5th & 12th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sunday 6th 2pm - 3.30pm
The Whole Hog - Hog Hotel - Hibernation time is here again, come along and create a natural hog hotel in the woodland, just in time for a sleepy hog to move in. Highlighting Hedgehog Awareness Day on 21 November.

Friday 11th & 25th 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Acorns - Environmental activities for preschool children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE

Saturday 5th & 19th 10am - 12noon

Sunday 6th 10am - 12noon
Workshop - Garden birds struggle to find enough food throughout the winter months. We will help you build a bird feeder to put up in your school or garden. Additional feeders will also be available for purchase. Please reserve a place. £

Sunday 13th 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display - by the Monikie Ducks.

Sunday 20th 10am - 12noon
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Saturday 19th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Conservation Action. Help the rangers with a practical task in the forest. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Saturday 19th 10.30am - 12.30pm

For more information or to book an activity please call:
Crombie - (01321) 860360
Forfar Loch - (01307) 461118
Monikie - (01382) 370202
Glen Doll - (01575) 550233
www.angusalive.scot

ANGUS COUNTRY PARKS HAVE IT ALL

Throughout the year a wide variety of events take place in the Country Parks. These include Environmental Education, Outdoor Activities and Nature Conservation - offering thrills, challenges and adventures!

Monikie, Crombie and Forfar Loch Country Park offer, in addition to the What’s On Programme, a selection of Ranger and self-led pursuits, for families, groups and individuals. Trails, suitable for all abilities, surround the Loch and former reservoirs. Those interested in wildlife may spot deer, squirrels, a range of wildfowl and bird life. Pond dipping and minibeast hunts are popular activities for visiting groups but must be booked in advance.

Pick up a leaflet from the Ranger Centres or ask a staff member for further information.

Water Based Activities at Monikie Country Park

Windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and kayaking equipment is available for hire between May and September at Monikie. In addition, taster sessions, and RYA/BCU certified courses are arranged for beginners throughout the season. Groups wishing to use these facilities should book in advance.

High Ropes Woodland Adventure at Monikie Country Park

This spectacular facility built high in the treetops will provide an exciting challenge for young and old alike and is ideal for birthday parties and social events. The facility includes a 40ft climbing tower with two climbing walls, abseil points, parachute jump, and an exhilarating 160m zip wire. Qualified instructors run all the activities.

The Low Ropes Course is a series of challenges just above ground level, great for team building, corporate events, parties and families.

bACTIVE Members Offers

Free car parking at Crombie and Monikie Country Parks - apply for your free season ticket from ANGUSalive Sports & Leisure, The Yard, Queenswell Road, Forfar or email enquiries@angusalive.scot

Free wataersports hire ONLY. Includes clothing and equipment. If you would like instruction, charges will apply. Pre-booking is essential.

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Monikie Country Park is designated an RYA Sailing and Windsurfing Centre. Inspected by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALA)
Events December 2016

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CROMBIE

Every Tuesday 10am - 12noon
Conservation Action - join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Saturday 3rd 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th
10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm
Christmas Decorations - Make your own decorations using natural materials from the park. £

Saturday 17th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Make Christmas Decorations from natural materials. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Saturday 31st 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Feed the birds. Make a variety of feeders. Meet at the car park cabin. £

MONIKIE

Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th, Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th - Sunday 18th
10am - 4pm
Festive Fun Weekend - Contact the Centre for further information on 01382 370202, email monkiecountrypark@angusalive.scot or visit Facebook Angus Country Parks.

Saturday 3rd & 17th 10am - 12noon
SUB ZERO - Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10-14 year olds.

Saturday 3rd 12noon
Santa Run - Entries via www.eventfull.biz

Sunday 4th 10.30am - 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display - by the Monikie Ducks.

Sunday 11th 11am
Winter Duathlon Series - Run and cycle.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all our visitors!
NB There will be NO COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS ON DUTY on 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January.

FORFAR LOCH

Saturday 3rd & 10th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Junior Rangers - Environmental Volunteer Group for 5-14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sunday 4th 2pm - 3.30pm
The Santa Clause - Make a gift but not for you – for the birds. Drop into the Centre and build a nest box. £
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CROMBIE

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Saturday 14th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Get Ready for Big Garden Birdwatch. Practice your bird ID Skills. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Sunday 15th 2pm - 3pm
Get Ready for Big Garden Birdwatch - Next week is the RSPB nationwide survey - find out how you can join in and record the birds in your own garden.

Saturday 28th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Wildlife Crafts. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

FORFAR LOCH

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Friday 6th & 20th 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Friday 6th 2.45pm - 3.45pm
Tea and Cake - Workshop with a cuppa to make fatcakes for the birds. Plus find out what leftovers are safe for the birds to eat. Part of Angus Council Pride in Place. £

Saturday 7th & 14th 10.30am - 12.30pm
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MONIKIE

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SUB ZERO - Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10-16 year olds.

Sunday 8th 11am
Winter Series Duathlon - Run, cycle and run.

Sunday 15th 10.30am - 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display - by the Monikie Ducks.

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Sunday 5th 10.30am - 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display - by the Monikie Ducks.

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Sunday 12th
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2pm - 4pm Workshop - Garden birds will be attracted to your garden or school with a purpose built bird box. We will help you get it right in this workshop. Additional boxes will also be available for purchase. Please reserve a place. £

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Saturday 11th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Bird boxes. Help make and repair some boxes for our resident birds. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

Saturday 25th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Wildfowl Watch. Visit our bird hide and learn about dabblers and divers! New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

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Little Acorns - Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Saturday 11th - Fri 17th 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Love Your Park - Pick up a litterpick from the Centre and help us clean up before the birds snuggle up.
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Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th
10am - 12noon and/or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Homes for Birds and Bats - Workshop. Make simple nest and bat boxes to help our wildlife. £

Saturday 11th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 25th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Young Naturalists’ Club - Spring Watch. What on earth is that? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin. £

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Sunday 19th 2pm - 3.15pm
Mad March March - Wrap up warm and join the ranger on this fast footed patrol around the loch and spot wildlife along the way.

MONIKIE

HIGH ROPE COURSE NOW OPEN. Please contact the Park to make a booking.

Saturday 4th 10am - 12noon
SUB ZERO - Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10-16 year olds. Final session.

Sunday 5th 11am
Winter Series Duathlon - Run, cycle and run (please note this date will only be used if previous duathlons have been cancelled).

Sunday 5th & 12th 2pm - 4pm
Workshop - Bats, secretive, illusive and misunderstood. Bats need clean safe homes. Build a bat box for your school or garden. We will help you help these tiny persecuted mammals. Additional boxes will also be available for purchase. Please reserve a place. £

Sunday 12th 10.30am - 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display - by the Monikie Ducks.

Wednesday 15th
Monikie Angling Club - 1st day of 2017 Fishing Season. Contact the Bailiff on 01382 370300 for bookings and details.

Sunday 26th 2pm - 4pm
Workshop - Bugs, these essential pollinators need your help. We will help you build a bug hotel to put in your school or garden. Additional boxes will also be available for purchase. Please reserve a place. £

Events March 2017

Main Hours of Watersports Operation. Limited hire available out with these times. Contact park for details.

Private craft can launch all year round - weather permitting. Day and seasonal permits available from Reception. (See table for hours of operation).

Storage facilities also available.

YOU MUST BE CONFIDENT IN OPEN WATER

NB: Groups wishing to book out with these periods MUST contact the Park for details.

Be Water Safe!

Swimming is NOT PERMITTED at Crombie and Forfar Loch.

Monikie Country Parks hosts open water swimming sessions from May to the end of August on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6pm - 7.30pm. SWIMMING OUT WITH THESE TIMES IS NOT PERMITTED.

Be aware of the risks - RESPECT WATER

- Keep away from the banks of the reservoir except where special provision has been made.
- The banks of the reservoir are very steep and in many places continue into very deep and cold water. If you fall in you might easily be overcome. Please take every precaution to remain water safe - children and senior citizens are particularly at risk.
- Be able to assist in an emergency.
- Be aware of the location of the life-rings, the First Aid point and the Ranger Centre. Summon the emergency services, rangers or others who are close at hand in an emergency. We have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure your safety - please help us to keep everybody water safe.
- During hot weather heavy plankton growth in the water may cause skin irritation for some people.
- During cold weather keep off the ice and do not allow your pet off the lead.

Be Water Safe!
**WATERSPORTS – MAY TO SEPTEMBER AT MONIKIE COUNTRY PARK**

**ALL WATERSPORTS USERS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM**

Anyone wishing to hire windsurfing equipment, kayaks or sailing dinghies at Monikie should book in advance to make sure places are available. Telephone: 01382 370202.

**CUSTOMERS HIRING EQUIPMENT MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE HIRE PERIOD.** Hire is on the hour. Instruction can be arranged outright with stated times for groups. Phone for details.

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**Hire of Towedabout, Mobile Half Pipe and Traffic Cones:**
Contact Monikie C. P. for details and bookings

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Private craft can launch all year round – weather permitting. Day and seasonal permits available from Reception.

| Day Launch | £6.70 | £3.35 |
| Season Launch | £59.10 | £29.55 |
| Season Storage (Own craft) | £36.60 | £18.30 |

**High and Low Ropes**

| High and Low Ropes Course (per 2 hours) | £28.00 | £14.00 |
| Family Hire Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Children) | £56.00 | N/A |
| Zip Line (2 Runs) | £6.00 | £6.00 |
| Own Instructor | £12.60 | £6.30 |

**Marquee & BBQ Hire**

Marquee - Weekdays (per hour) (2 hours min) Conditions apply £11.35
Marquee - Weekends (per hour) (4 hours min) Conditions apply £22.70
BBQ or Urn (per day) (No Concession) £11.35
Clay Pigeon Hire per hour £12.80

**Wildfowling Permits (Montrose Basin)**

Visitor per day £19.70

**Parking (per car)** (First weekend in April or Easter weekend whichever is the earliest. Monikie & Crombie only)
Vehicle Parking Charge - Daily £2.70
Vehicle Parking Charge - Seasonal Ticket £66.00
Vehicle Parking Charge - Season Ticket - Angus Resident £33.00
Parking Charge (Glen Doll - All year Round) £2.00

**All sites (where offered)**

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**Marquee Hire Conditions**

Marquee hire includes glass tables, chairs, lighting, catering and refuse collection. Charges will be levied at a concessionary rate for:
- Senior Citizens (60 years and over)
- Registered Unemployed
- Full Time Students
- Residents in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Disabilities Tax Credit or Income Support

Proof of entitlement required

NB: Cash or Cheque payments only. (Made payable to Angus Alive). No credit or debit cards can be accepted.

Payments for marquee hire CANNOT be refunded.

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Monikie Angling Club

Fly Fishing (Monikie and Crombie)
Monikie Angling Club provides Fly Fishing for stocked brown and rainbow trout within Monikie and Crombie Country Parks. The Club has 21 boats to let for both members of Monikie Angling Club and visitors.

In Monikie Country Park fishing is available on Island Pond for both brown and rainbow trout. On North Pond the fishing is for rainbow trout only whilst the fishing at Crombie Country Park is for brown trout only.

Last season fish from Island Pond averaged 2lb 1ozs, North Pond averaged 2lb 3oz. At Crombie the average was 14oz.

The season starts on the 18th March 2016 (16th March 2017) and finishes on the 14th November for the North and Island Ponds and the 6th October for Crombie. The limit remains at five fish per rod.

Fishing Times
Day: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Evening: 5pm - sunset + 1 hour

The evening sessions will commence on 18th April and finish on 21st August.

The cost of boat hire for a limit of five fish per rod is:

**Boat prices**
- £20 - 1 member
- £25 - 2 OAP members
- £28 - 2 members
- £39 - club boats
- £40 - 2 visitors
- £26 - 1 visitor

Bookings can only be made by telephoning the Duty Bailiff throughout the fishing season at the following times:
- 9am - 10.30am
- 1pm - 1.30pm
- 5pm - 6.30pm
- After 5pm - 6.30pm (only when evening sessions are operating)

The telephone number for booking is 01382 370300.

For further information please visit our website www.monikie-angling-club.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE that bookings cannot be made through the Country Park Offices.

Opening Hours

April - May:
- Friday-Sunday: 11.30 - late
- June - September:
  - Tuesday-Thursday: 11.30 - 5pm
  - Friday-Sunday: 11.30 - late
- October - December:
  - Friday-Sunday: 11.30 - late

open all bank holidays

open for:
- private functions 20+
- outside catering & special events

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www.byzantiumcafe.co.uk /cafebyzantium@hotmail.co.uk
Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. These access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The key things are:

When you’re in the outdoors:
• take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely
• respect people’s privacy and peace of mind
• help land managers and others to work safely and effectively
• care for your environment and take your litter home
• keep your dog under proper control
• take extra care if you’re organising an event or running a business.

If you’re managing the outdoors:
• respect access rights
• act reasonably when asking people to avoid land management operations
• work with your local authority and other bodies to help integrate access and land management
• respect rights of way and customary access.

Visit outdooraccess-scotland.com or contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.

www.angusalive.scot