Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

What’s on in September

Friday 1st September 8.15 – 9.30pm

THE EVENING WILDLIFE OF FETTERCAIRN

Discover the wildlife that comes out when we’re heading off to bed. Experience the sights and sounds of Fettercairn at dusk. Please wrap up warm and bring a torch. All children must be accompanied. Booking essential.

MEET: at the car park in the Square, Fettercairn

CONTACT: the Kincardine and Mearns Ranger on 07768 704671, kincardineandmearns.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Sunday 10th September

THE DAY THE WORLD CHANGED – a promenade drama

‘The Day the World Changed’ produced and directed by Tony Goode, Artistic Director of ‘Out of the Blue’ and Will Barlow, University of Aberdeen, highlights the lives of people who lived and worked the land on Bennachie in the nineteenth century. Based on recent research by members of the Bailies of Bennachie, it will be performed by local people and brings to life the Colony settlement through stories, music and dance on a day in 1860.

Each performance is about an hour and half long and involves walking to a number of locations on the lower slopes of the hill over a distance of 1.3 miles and standing at the various scenes. Outdoor clothing and footwear appropriate for a path walk on Bennachie are recommended.

Price £3.00 per ticket, (Proceeds go to the Bennachie Centre Trust and Bailies of Bennachie)

Morning times: 10.30, 11.00, 11.30 am and 12.00 noon

Afternoon times: 14.00, 14.30, 15.00 and 15.30 pm

MEET: at the Bennachie Visitor Centre

Tickets can be purchase from the Bennachie Visitor Centre on 01467 681470, bennachie.warden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 16th September from 2.00pm

BEACHWATCH

On the weekend when beach litter surveys are happening all over the world, why not come along and do your bit for your local beach? Organised by the Marine Conservation Society in Britain, this annual event monitors litter found on beaches and uses the information collected to improve the state of our beaches for people and wildlife. Join in the UK’s biggest beach clean and help to remove and record the rubbish from a beach near you. A fun and rewarding morning for all the family. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Gloves and rubbish bags will be provided. All welcome, children must be accompanied.

MEET: at the Spotty Bag Shop car park

CONTACT: the Banff and Buchan Ranger on 07788 688855, banffandbuchan.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 23rd September 8.30am – 4.00pm

GORDON WAY WALK – Sorry, this walk is fully booked

You are welcome to join the Garioch Ranger and the Bennachie Centre Trust on a walk along the Gordon Way. Meeting at the Bennachie Visitor Centre a bus will take you to Suie Car Park. This is a lovely walk with superb scenery along the way. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear along with waterproofs; also bring snacks, drinks and a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided at the Bennachie Visitor Centre at the end of the walk. This walk is strenuous and approximately 11 miles in length and is only suitable for adults. BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR BUS NUMBERS. No dogs allowed as we will be travelling to the start of the walk by bus. Cost will be £7 to cover transport costs.

MEET: 8.15am at the Bennachie Visitor Centre, Chapel of Garioch, bus leaves at 8.30am

CONTACT: the Garioch Ranger on 01467 681470 / 07786 021781, garioch.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 23rd September 10.00am – 1.00pm

SCOTTISH CLIMATE WEEK CYCLE RIDE: Aden to Forest of Deer

Come and mark Scottish Climate Week with this circular cycle ride from Aden Country Park through the Forest of Deer and Strichen, returning via the Formartine and Buchan Way. 21 miles, moderate to easy with only a couple of short hills. This ride is for adults only, you must be fit enough to cycle 21 miles, your bike must be in good working order and you must be able to repair a puncture. Cycle helmets are compulsory. Booking essential.

Details of the route can be found here: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/2461/route2_003.pdf>

MEET: by the Ranger Cabin in the first car park, Aden Country Park, Mintlaw ready for departure at 10am

CONTACT: the Buchan Ranger buchan.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 30th September 11.00am – 3.30pm

BATTLE HILL AND KINNOIR WOOD WALK

Discover the natural and cultural history around some of Huntly’s hills, including an update on recent archaeological investigations for the Battle Hill Prehistoric Landscape Project & follow in the footsteps of St. Mungo. Suitable for adults able to walk about 6.5 miles/10.5km mainly on tracks & paths with some rough ground + gradual ascent/descent. Bring suitable outdoor clothing including waterproofs, stout footwear + food/drink. Booking essential. Event organised for Scottish Archaeology Festival.

MEET: at Battlehill car park, Huntly

CONTACT: the Marr Ranger on 07787 583976, marr.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 30th September

CAMP FIRE CRAFTS

An opportunity to go wild in the woods and learn some basic skills to create a selection of craft items using natural materials. Some activities will involve the use of hand tools, so this event is only suitable for ages 10 years and over and booking is essential.

MEET: details on booking

CONTACT: the Banff and Buchan Ranger on 07788 688855, banffandbuchan.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Saturday 30th September 10.00am – 5.00pm

HILL SKILLS WORKSHOP

An introduction to hill skills. Starts in the classroom, then outside. Aimed at beginners or those who need a refresh. Suitable for 12 years +, under 18’s to be accompanied. Cost: from £20 pp. Booking essential.

MEET: at the Bennachie Visitor Centre

CONTACT: Hillgoers on 077534 88688, info@hillgoers.com