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Events in the Nene Wetlands

Autumn Winter 2019/2020

Wildlife Wander

Wednesday 2nd October

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a guided walk around the reserve.

Please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Meet at the visitor centre.

10:30am- 12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking advisable

Little Bugs Club

Friday 4th October

Our ever popular Little Bug's Club allows little ones to learn about nature and wildlife through play, stories, crafts and outdoor activities. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years

Kathryn Parsons Porcelain Workshop

Wednesday 9th October

Create your own porcelain masterpiece, inspired by natural forms. Take a wander around the reserve, study plants up close and then create a beautiful sculpted plaque.

All equipment, materials and tuition provided. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please bring suitable outdoor clothing.

9:30am-12:30pm OR

1:30pm-4:30pm | £30 pp

Booking essential



Textile Moth Workshop with Olivia Wilson Friday 25th October

Explore the wonderful world of moths and study the real things up close before designing and creating your own fabric moth masterpiece.

Textile artist and teacher Olivia Wilson (as seen on Kirstie's Homemade Christmas) will be on hand to offer guidance and tuition throughout the day.

Materials, tuition and refreshments are provided but please bring your own lunch.

10am-4pm | £40 pp

Booking essential



Wild Waddle Sunday 27th October

Join us for a family friendly guided walk around the lake and find out all about the migratory birds that visit the Nene Wetlands every winter.

Free event in partnership with Rushden Rangers
Sign up here: www.rushdenlakes.com/rushden-rangers/



Spooky Skulls Halloween Trail



**Saturday 26th October–
Sunday 3rd November**



Pick up a trail sheet from the visitor centre and head off around the lake in search of spooky animal skulls. Identify them all, bring your sheet back and collect a prize!

10am-5pm | £2 per trail



Awesome autumn leaf bunting

Monday 28th October

Learn about the science of autumn colours and use fabric to create beautiful leaf bunting.

**10:30am-3:30pm
£5 per child | Drop in**

Family Forest School

Tuesday 29th October

Enjoy a morning of forest fun with your children in our Education area. Build dens, learn fire lighting skills, try woodland crafts or just go exploring!

**10:30am-12:30pm
£5 per person**

Booking essential
(max 2 children per adult)

Rushden Rangers

**Wednesday 30th
October**

Find out all about trees during these free sessions in conjunction with Rushden Lakes retail park.

**Sign up and find out
more here:**

www.rushdenlakes.com/rushden-rangers/





Halloween Crafts

Thursday 31st October

Design your own wooden bat, spider or owl decoration to take home.

10:30am-3pm | £3 per child | Drop into visitor centre



Halloween Spooktacular

Thursday 31st October

Join us this Halloween for an evening of crafts followed by a spooky night walk around the lake with LOL theatre.

Learn all about the nocturnal creatures that call the Nene Wetlands home before heading back for hot chocolate.

5pm-6:30pm OR 7:30pm-9pm | £10 per child | Booking essential

Meet at the Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre



Brilliant Bones

Friday 1st November

Dissect owl pellets, learn how to identify skulls and decorate your own wooden mammal to take home.

10:30am-3:30pm | £4 per child

Drop into visitor centre



Wildlife Wander

Wednesday 6th November

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a guided walk around the reserve.

Please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Meet at the visitor centre.

10:30am- 12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking advisable



Little Bugs Club

Friday 8th November

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10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years

Wild tots

Thursday 21st November

Wild Tots encourages child-led exploration of the natural world.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years



Make your festive willow wreath

Wednesday 27th November

Use willow to create a wreath base before decorating it with a selection of natural foliage (and optional sparkle) to create a beautiful seasonal addition to your home.

All tuition, materials and refreshments provided.

9:30am-12:30pm OR 1:30pm-4:30pm | £25 pp

Booking essential



Wildlife Wander



Wednesday 4th December

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a guided walk around the reserve.

Please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Meet at the visitor centre.

10:30am- 12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking advisable



Wild tots

Thursday 19th December

Wild Tots encourages child-led exploration of the natural world.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years



Little Bugs Club

Friday 6th December

Helps little ones to learn about nature and wildlife through play, stories, crafts and outdoor activities.

Please wear suitable outdoor clothing.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years



Nene Wetlands Festive Weekend

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December

Join us for a weekend of festive shopping, live music, refreshments and Christmas crafts for all ages!

Decorate Christmas wreaths and rustic tree decorations and browse our range of unique wildlife gifts whilst enjoying some mulled wine, mince pies and a festive atmosphere in a beautiful setting.

10:30am-5pm | Free event in the visitor centre

(charges apply for crafts)

Decorate your own Christmas wreath | 10:30am-4pm | £10

Decorate a wooden tree decoration | 10:30am-4pm | £3

Create an outdoor wreath for the birds | 10:30am-4pm | £5



Little Bugs Club

Friday 3rd January

Helps little ones to learn about nature and wildlife through play, stories, crafts and outdoor activities.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years



Wildlife Wander

Wednesday 8th January

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a guided walk around the reserve.

Meet at the visitor centre.

10:30am- 12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking advisable

Willow weaving workshop

Wednesday 22nd January

Create your own willow bird feeder using this traditional crafting technique. All tuition, materials and equipment provided.

10am-12:30pm OR 1:30pm-4pm

£25 pp | Booking essential



Wild tots

Thursday 16th January

Wild Tots encourages child-led exploration of the natural world.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years

Wildlife Wander

Wednesday 5th February

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a guided walk around the reserve.

Meet at the visitor centre.

10:30am- 12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking advisable



Little Bugs Club

Friday 7th February

Helps little ones to learn about nature and wildlife through play, stories, crafts and outdoor activities.

10-11:30am | £5 per child

Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years

Wild tots

Thursday 13th February

Wild Tots encourages child-led exploration of the natural world.

10-11:30am | £5 per child | Booking essential

Most suitable for 3-5 years



Winter wonders trail

Sat 15th– Sun 23rd February

Pick up a trail sheet and head off around the lake in search of winter wonders. Find them all, bring your sheet back and collect a prize!

10am-5pm | £2 per trail



Build your own bird nest box

Monday 17th February

Come and build a bird box for your garden as part of National Nest Box Week.

10:30am– 3:30pm | £10 per box

Booking advisable

Make your own bird feeder

Tuesday 18th February

Help your local birds survive the winter by making a pine cone or log feeder for your garden.

10:30am-3pm | £3-£5 per child

Drop in



Family Forest School

Thursday 20th February

Enjoy a morning of forest fun with your children in our Education area. Build dens, learn fire lighting skills, try woodland crafts or just go exploring!

10:30am-12:30pm | £5 pp

Booking essential

(max 2 children per adult)



Winter twigs and willow weaving

Friday 21st February

Learn how to identify winter twigs and have a go at willow weaving.

10:30am-3:30pm | £4 per child | Drop in



Booking information and how to find us...

To book or for more information about the events listed, please call the visitor centre on **01933 779587** or email **nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org**

Unless otherwise stated, all events start from, or take place in, the **Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre on the boardwalk at Rushden Lakes, Rushden, Northants, NN10 6FA**

The Wildlife Trust BCN reserves the right to change or cancel any of the events listed in this leaflet. We recommend calling the visitor centre to confirm event details before travelling.

