

Essex Wildlife Trust

Events Diary

May & June 2018



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Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre At Hornchurch Country Park,
Via Squadrons Approach Off Suttons Lane, Hornchurch
Essex RM12 6DF / Sat Nav: RM12 6TS

- *To book your place please call into the centre, call 01708 520364 or email ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk.*
- *Please note: the majority of our events require advance booking and payment to secure a place unless otherwise stated.*
- *Most of our events take place outside so please come prepared for the day's weather with suitable clothing and footwear to stay safe and comfortable.*
- *Children must be accompanied by an adult on all events unless otherwise stated.*

May 2018

'It's never too late to get online'

Every Monday –PLEASE PHONE TO CHECK Drop in between 10.30am-12.30pm

Come along to improve your computer and digital skills with help and advice from one of our friendly volunteers. We can help you with anything from setting up email accounts to ordering shopping online or using Skype. Bring along your laptop, tablet, phone or camera for help with your own device.

No need to book. Meet at Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre reception desk. **Free of charge**

Little Badgers – Parent and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday and Friday (including School Holidays) – 10.30am-midday

Indoor and outdoor fun for toddlers and pre-schoolers with their parents and carers; woodland play, stories, learning through play and exploration.

£6 donation in advance per child per session, £4 additional siblings. First session free taster

Introduction to the Birds and other Wildlife of the Ingrebourne

Every second Saturday of the month – 12th May 2018 – 10.00am-midday

Join us on a walk around Hornchurch Country Park and the surrounding Living Landscape to experience the fantastic array of wildlife that the valley holds. Suitable for beginners. Binoculars and scopes will be available to use. Meet at the visitor centre. **£5 donation in advance per person, booking essential**

Merlins Bird Watching Club for Young People

Every Thursday in the school holidays and one Saturday per month during term time

10.30am-12.30pm Saturday 19th May Thursday 31st May

Named after the Merlin engines that once powered RAF Hornchurch's Spitfires. Armed with binoculars, bird guide and notepad (all provided), join Brenda our birdwatching guide to spot,

observe and identify the bird life of Hornchurch Country Park. Suitable for children aged 8+ (unaccompanied). **£6 donation in advance per child per session, £4 additional siblings**

Birdie Birds - A Sociable Bird Watching Club for Women

One Sunday per month – 10.00am-12.00pm Sunday 20th May

Join our friendly and knowledgeable volunteer Brenda and enjoy a walk around Hornchurch Country Park and surrounding areas spotting and identifying birds and other wildlife along the way.

£5 donation in advance per person, booking essential

Country Crafts Felt Flowers

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2018 – Drop in between 1.00am-2.30pm

Craft a Flower from felt made from Alpaca Wool.

Minimum age 8 years old.

Donation £6

Free Forest School Sessions for Pre-School Aged Children

We are looking for children and their parents/carers to take part in a Forest School pilot of six sessions. The Leader is fully trained and experienced in leading groups, DBS checked and Level 3 Paediatric First Aid.

This will be free of charge as it's a pilot,
But you must be able to attend all six sessions

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| 1. Tuesday 8 th May | 4. Friday 18 th May |
| 2. Friday 11 th May | 5. Tuesday 22 nd May |
| 3. Tuesday 15 th May | 6. Friday 25 th May |

From 1.00pm -2.20pm each session

Places are limited at 15 children, so please call Beth on 01708 520364, or e-mail bethw@essexwt.org.uk to secure your place.

Forest school allows children to manage risk and develop skills through specialised learning processes designed to increase self-esteem through real life experiences.

Country Crafts - May Poles

Sunday 13th May 2018 – Drop in between 1.00am-2.30pm

Come along and make your own May Pole, With ribbons, feathers and all-natural materials

Minimum age 8 years old.

Donation £6

May Half Term

Fairy Trail & Craft

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May 2018 – Drop in between 12.00am -1.00pm

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Create your own magical “ I believe” Tea Light holders, Beaded Jewellery and Trail.

Minimum age.

Donation £6

Little Badgers

Tuesday 29th May & Friday 1st June 2018. 10.30am - Midday

Indoor and Outdoor fun for toddlers and pre schoolers with their parents or carers; woodland play, stories, learning through play and exploration. First session free taster.
£6.00 donation per child £4 siblings

SPACE EXPLORERS

Wednesday 30th May – 10.00am-11.00am, 11.30am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Come along to Ingrebourne Valley on a journey through space, make fun craft and decorate a wooden rocket. Suitable for ages 3+. **Donation £6 per child, booking essential**

BUG HUNTING

Thursday 31st May – 10.00am-11.00am, 11.30am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Come and explore the different habitats at Hornchurch Country Park. Go on a Bug Hunt and find many of the insects that live in the Ingrebourne Valley. All equipment supplied. Suitable for ages 3+. Please dress to suit the weather. **Donation £6 per child, booking essential**

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OUTDOOR SURVIVAL

Friday 1st June – 1.00pm-2.00pm, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Build a waterproof den, learn the techniques of lighting a fire, and cook marshmallows on an open fire. Suitable for ages 5+. **(Please Dress to Suit the weather)**

Donation £6 per child, booking essential

MILITARY HISTORY SHOW

Saturday 2nd June 2018 10.00am – 4.00pm

- Guided Walk 11.00am – 1.00pm
- 1940,s Band
- B.B.Q. & Wine Bar
- 10th Essex Regiment Display
- R.A.F Hornchurch Aerodrome Historical Society
- Exhibitions & Memory Booth
- Local Artists
- Stalls
- Children's Craft

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Telephone: 01708-520364 to book Guided Walk £5.00

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Cancellation of Events:

Advance booking and payment is required for the majority of our events.

In the event you wish to cancel a booking:

All cancellations and transfers must occur 24 hours before the session. Where possible customers can transfer their booking to a different session/activity within one month of original session date.

No refund or transfer can take place if this prevents the session from running. Only one transfer can be made from a set of block bookings and this must be within one month of the original session date. All fully booked events will run a waiting list. Where someone on the waiting list is able to fill the cancelled place a full refund will be given.

Children's Birthday Parties

- Parties usually take place at weekends, from 10.30am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-3.30pm
- £120.00 deposit and minimum payment (covers the cost for first 10 children), £7.00 per additional child on the day including VAT
- A member of our team will carry out activities with you for the first 1.5 hours of the party. You then have the use of our party room for your games and food for the last 30 minutes. For an additional cost Essex Wildlife Trust is also able to provide food and/or party bags
- All Parties must be booked in advance. Please call the centre on 01708 520364 or email BethW@essexwt.org.uk for more information or to make a booking.

Toddler Trouble

Maximum of 15 children
(for ages 2-5)

- Craft Activity
- Outdoor Play
- Story Book

Outdoor Survival

Maximum of 15 Children
(for ages 5+)

- Waterproof Dens
- Campfire Cooking
- Soft Archery

Dinosaurs

Maximum of 20 children
(for ages 3+)

- Dino Trail
- Parachute Games
- Clay Dinosaurs

Fairy / Princess

Maximum of 20 Children
(for ages 3+)

- Fairy /Princess Trial
- Beaded Jewellery/Wands
- Fairy/Princess Crowns

Bugs and Beasties

Maximum of 30 children
(for ages 3+)

- Bug Hunting
- Parachute Games
- Clay Modelling

Barmy Army

Maximum of 15 Children
(for ages 5+)

- Assault Course
- Drill Exercises
- Tug of War

Room Hire – The Kevin Davis Education and Community Room is available to hire at a charge of £25 + VAT per hour. Catering services are available from the centre's café on request.

Our winter opening hours (9.00am-4.00pm) are from 1st November to 31st January.
Our summer opening hours (9.00am-5.00pm) are from 1st February to 31st October.
We are open 7 days a week, every day of the year, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Practical Conservation Volunteer Days – The Friends of Ingrebourne Valley and Hornchurch Country Park run Conservation Volunteer Days on a Sunday, usually the third Sunday of the month.

Tel: 01708 520364



For information or to find out about their next volunteer day, please contact Ray by email at admin@Ingrebournevalleyfriends.org or ring 07933-172921. Please leave message if not answered

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What's On at Ingrebourne – essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne

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