



# Scottish Wildlife Trust

## What's going on at Montrose Basin in 2017

### How much does it cost?

Normal Visitor Centre admission charges apply to the events in this programme, unless otherwise stated.

Join the Scottish Wildlife today and you can get in for free!  
Children's activities are suitable for those up to 10 years old.

### Come prepared

For all children's events, outdoor events and guided walks please wear suitable outdoor clothing. Children under eight years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Visitor Centre unless otherwise stated.

### Don't miss out!

#### **PLEASE NOTE – ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS**

Book your place by phoning Montrose Basin Visitor Centre on 01674 676 336 or visit [scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events](http://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events).

Walks and activities are subject to minimum attendance being met.

#### **Sat 4th March at 7pm-9pm**

#### **Starry night**

Want to learn more about the stars and planets? Join local expert Robert Law from Mills Observatory, Dundee to view the night sky.

Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

#### **Fri 10th March at 7pm-9pm**

#### **Turtles in trouble**

Join us for an interesting evening for all ages looking at the story of the leatherback turtle and how we can help. Led by an expert from Marine Conservation Society.

Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

#### **Sun 2nd April at 10:30am-4:30pm**

#### **Bird ID for beginners**

Want to increase your knowledge of birds and gain confidence identifying them? Need help tuning in to birdsong? Join one of our teacher naturalists to be guided through the basics. Please bring a packed lunch and binoculars. Limited places available (not suitable for under 16s).

Adult £45, member £35.

#### **Wed 5th April and Wed 12th April at 10:30am-12 noon Wild about the Basin**

Hunt for the creatures that make Montrose Basin their home. Children's activity. Check our Facebook page for this week's theme.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April, Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April and Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11am-4pm**    **Easter egg trail – family fun**

Follow the clues inside and outside the visitor centre, find the eggs and hopefully win a prize!

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm-4pm**

**Wildlife detectives – family fun**

Hunt around the Tayock part of our Local Nature Reserve to discover what lurks in the undergrowth! Meet at Tayock car park.

Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10:30am-4pm**

**Optics fair**

A wide selection of telescopes and binoculars to choose from. Let us help you make the right choice with expert advice from a Viking representative.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9am-12noon**

**Journey to the centre of the mud**

See Montrose from a different perspective on a guided walk across the mud! Refreshments will be provided at the Shelduck Hide while you watch the birds and other wildlife. Wear wellies and old clothes. Meet at Old Mill car park. Adult £8, child £4.

**Every Wed in July at 10:30am-12 noon**

**Wild about the Basin**

Hunt for the creatures that make Montrose Basin their home. Children's activity. Check our Facebook page for this week's theme.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10am-3pm**

**Basin Balsam Battle**

Join the ranger 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.

Bring a packed lunch. Free of charge.

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10am-12:30pm**

**Angus coastal wildlife wander with the ranger**

Join us for a guided walk from Arbroath to Auchmithie along the coast (4 miles/6.4km) taking in wildlife on the way. Bring a packed lunch. Meet at Auchmithie car park where you will be transported to the starting point in Arbroath. Places limited.

Adult £8, concession/member £6, child £4, child member £3.

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10:30am-12 noon**

**Wild about the Basin**

Hunt for the creatures that make Montrose Basin their home. Children's activity. Check our Facebook page for this week's theme.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am-12 noon**

**Wild about the rocky shore**

Use our nets to dip for creatures lurking in the rock pools. Wear wellies! Meet at north end of Victoria Park, Arbroath. Children's activity.

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10am-1:30pm**

**Angus coastal wildlife wander with the ranger**

Join us for a guided walk from Auchmithie to Lunan along the coast (6.75 miles/11km) taking in wildlife on the way. Bring a packed lunch. Meet at Lunan Bay car park where you will be transported to the starting point in Auchmithie. Places limited.

Adult £8, concession/member £6, child £4, child member £3.

**Fri 18th August at 7pm-9pm**

**Marvellous moths**

An interesting evening discovering more about the moths at Montrose Basin and how surveys are carried out. Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

**Sun 20th August at 9am-11am**

**Bird ringing demonstration**

Find out how licensed ringers catch, examine and ring some of the birds that visit the reserve. Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

**Sun 10th September at 7pm-9pm**

**Brilliant bats**

Join a member of staff for a talk about bats and a guided walk along the Lurgies. Try your hand at bat detecting! Wear sturdy footwear and bring a torch. Adult £5, concession/member £4, child £3, child member £2.

**Sun 1st October at 10:30am-4pm**

**Optics fair**

A wide selection of telescopes and binoculars to choose from. Let us help you make the right choice with expert advice from a Viking representative.

**Wed 4th October and Wed 11th October at 10:30am-12 noon** **Awesome autumn**

Join our staff for some seasonal activities and crafts. Children's activity.

**Sun 8th October at 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 the opportunity to learn about other wildlife on the reserve. Wear warm clothing. Adult £8, child £4.

**Sun 15th October at 4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Pink sunset**

Join the ranger 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.

**Sun 22nd October at 4:30pm-6pm**

**A gabble about geese: the pink-feet of the Basin**

Join the ranger for an informative talk on the thousands of pink footed geese that roost on Montrose Basin. Where do they come from? Why are they here? How on earth do we count them all? Light refreshments will be provided. Adult £6, child £3.

**Sat 4th November and Sun 5th November at 10:30am-4pm**

**World wader watch**

Join the visitor centre staff and volunteers as they count the wading birds on the Basin during this special weekend.

**Sun 10th December at 3pm-5pm**

**Christmas at the Basin**

Join the ranger to experience the sight and sound of pink footed geese and other wildlife on the Basin, while enjoying a festive hot drink and mince pie. Adult £6, child £3.

**Sun 10th December at 12:30pm-4pm**

**Christmas crafts**

A range of Christmas-themed craft activities on offer to entertain the children while adults look for inspiration in our shop, or simply enjoy the visitor centre.