



Scottish Wildlife Trust

Montrose Basin Events 2011

How much does it cost? Unless otherwise stated, normal Visitor Centre admission charges apply to the events in this programme. Join today and you can get in for free!

Children's activities are £2.00 per child and are suitable for those aged 8-12 years.

Come prepared! For all children's events, outdoor events and guided walks please wear suitable outdoor clothing. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't miss out! Book your place by phoning Montrose Basin Visitor Centre on 01674 676336 or emailing montrosebasin@swt.org.uk.

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

Walks are subject to minimum attendance being met.

Date		Details	Meeting point
Saturday 22 nd January	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Meet the Ranger Come along for an afternoon of Ranger-led birdwatching. Our knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be on hand to show you how to use telescopes and binoculars, point out the wildlife of the Basin and answer any questions you may have.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 19 th February	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Meet the Ranger See Saturday 22 nd January.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 5 th March & Sunday 6 th March	10:30am - 5:00pm	Bye-bye Pink-feet Make sure you come along to Montrose Basin Visitor Centre to see the pink-footed geese before they make the long, arduous journey back to their breeding grounds in Iceland.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 19 th March	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Meet the Ranger See Saturday 22 nd January.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

Wednesday 6 th April	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Mud glorious mud! Discover and examine the many "muddy" creatures living in the Basin - Wear wellies.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 13 th April	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Art in the outdoors Enjoy a different and fun way to look at nature.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 16 th April	11.45am - 1.45pm	Meet the Ranger See Saturday 22 nd January.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 1 st May	5:30am - 8:30am	Dawn Chorus It's International Dawn Chorus Day, and to help celebrate we are inviting you to join our Rangers on an early morning walk to witness some of the most amazing sounds nature has to offer. Cost: Adults £3; Children £2. SWT members free.	Tayock Car Park
Saturday 21 st & Sunday 22 nd May	10:30am - 5pm	Optical Fair A wide choice of telescopes and binoculars together with digiscoping equipment available to buy. Let us make your choice easy by getting some expert advice from the Viking Optical representative as well as local staff & volunteers. Try the equipment out at our viewing gallery before you buy.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 19 th June	10:00am - 2:30pm	Journey to the centre of the mud Journey to the centre of Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve and see Montrose from an unusual angle on a guided walk across the MUD! On the return journey we will stop for lunch at the Shelduck hide to watch the birds and wildlife that use the River South Esk. Wear Wellies and old clothes. BRING A PACKED LUNCH. Numbers limited, BOOKING ESSENTIAL . Cost: Non-member Adults £5; Children £3. Member Adults £3; Children £2	Old Mill Car Park
Wednesday 13 th July	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Pondamonium Discover the variety of creatures and how they are adapted for life in our pond	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

Saturday 16 th July	12:30pm - 4:30pm	Ranger reserve ramble Join the Ranger on a ramble around Mains of Dun to see and hear the birds and animals which call Montrose Basin home. We will visit both hides, stopping off for lunch to see what birds are on the River South Esk. (BRING A PACKED LUNCH). Cost: Adults £3; Children £2. SWT members free.	Old Mill Car Park
Wednesday 20 th July	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Rockpool Ramble Hunt for the creatures lurking in the rockpools. Wear wellies.	North end of Victoria Park, Arbroath
Wednesday 27 th July	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Bugs & Beasties Join our mini beast hunt in the grounds of the Centre to see what's lurking in the undergrowth.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 3 rd August	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Mud glorious mud! Discover and examine the many "muddy" creatures living in the Basin - Wear wellies.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 10 th August	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Clever Camouflage Have a try at blending into the grounds of the Visitor Centre	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 13 th August	10:30am - 5:00pm	Family fun day - Wonderful Wildlife! An all day event at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre for the kids to get wonderfully messy with wildlife. Paper crafts, biscuit decorating, bird feeder making & outdoor activities.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 27 th August	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Dusk dander on Dun Come along and enjoy a late summer evening as we dander around the Mains of Dun to see and hear the birds and animals on the reserve settling in for the night. Cost: Adults £3; Children £2. SWT members free.	Old Mill Car Park

Sunday 11 th September	9:00am - 11:30am	Bird Ringing Demonstration Come along for a unique opportunity to find out how licensed ringers catch, examine and ring a variety of birds which visit the reserve and how it can help with conservation efforts.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 25 th September	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Urban birding in Montrose Join our Rangers for a walk around the town of Montrose to see the surprising variety of birds which can be viewed in the urban environment, hopefully even the world's fastest bird! Cost: Adults £3; Children £2. SWT members free.	Base of Montrose Steeple
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October <i>Re-scheduled for Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th November</i>	10:30am - 5:00pm	Optical Fair A wide choice of telescopes and binoculars together with digi-scoping equipment available to buy. Let us make your choice easy by getting some expert advice from the Viking Optical representative as well as local staff & volunteers. Try the equipment out at our viewing gallery before you buy.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 5 th October	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Awesome Autumn Join our staff for some seasonal fun and games.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 9 th October	6:30am - 9:30am	Goose breakfast Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of pink-footed geese leaving Montrose Basin at dawn. Then back to the Visitor Centre for porridge and toast. Breakfast will be followed by an optional presentation by the Ranger. Wear warm clothing. Cost: £7 per person.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 12 th October	10:30am - 12:30pm	Children's Activities - Awesome Autumn Join our staff for some seasonal fun and games.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 16 th October	6:30am - 9:30am	Goose breakfast See 9 th October.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 23 rd October	6:30am - 9:30am	Goose breakfast See 9 th October.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

Saturday 12 th November	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Meet the Ranger See Saturday 22 nd January.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 13 th November	11:30am - 2:30pm	Winter wader / wildfowl ID course Guided walk to help identify some of the plethora of wildfowl and waders found on the Montrose Basin Reserve during the winter. Places are limited to 20, therefore booking is essential. Cost: £15 per person (including entry to the Visitor Centre for the afternoon and lunch is provided)	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 3 rd & Sunday 4 th December	10:30am - 4:00pm	Crafty Christmas Kids & Stocking fillers Time to let the kids get crafty while you have some festive fun shopping for their stocking fillers! Make their own Christmas stockings, Christmas crackers & loads more in time for Christmas, while you browse our gift shop for unusual and wildlife themed stocking fillers. (Free entry to gift shop/donation for kids crafts)	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 10 th December	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Meet the Ranger See Saturday 22 nd January.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

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