



## Montrose Basin Visitor Centre Events Programme 2010

**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](mailto:montrosebasin@swt.org.uk). NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND ADVANCE BOOKING IS **ESSENTIAL**. **Walks are subject to minimum attendance being met.**

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	MEETING POINT
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 10:00am - 2:30pm	<b>Celebrating World Wetland Day</b> Guided walk on the reserve, stopping off to explore what lives on and in the mud and seeing the ways that birds feed on the basin. Bring wellies!	Mains of Dun Car Park
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 10:30am – 5pm	<b>Digiscoping Workshop</b> Ideal opportunity to get expert advice on how to operate digiscoping equipment from the Viking Optical Representative. A wide range of equipment on sale and the opportunity to test it out before you buy.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

<p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Children’s Activities – Sea shells on the sea shore</b> Hunt for shells on the shoreline and make an unusual shell craft to take home.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am – 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Tsunami Revisited</b> A guided tour on the mud to see evidence of a Tsunami which hit the east coast of Scotland 6000 years ago. Wellington boots essential.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Children’s Activities – Bugs &amp; Beasties</b> Join our mini beast hunt in the grounds of the Centre to see what’s lurking in the undergrowth.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am – Noon</p>	<p><b>Spring along Seaton Cliffs</b> Guided walk for Tayside Biodiversity Month following the Angus coastal path along the 400 million year old red sandstone cliffs at Arbroath. Free Walk.</p>	<p>Car park at the Whiting Ness end of Victoria Park, Arbroath.</p>
<p>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am – 5pm</p>	<p><b>Optical Fair</b> A chance to test out a large selection of telescopes and binoculars with expert advice from the Viking Optical representative.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm – 3pm</p>	<p><b>Family walk – Rocks Rock!</b> Walk along part of Seaton Cliffs to learn more about the age, geology and natural history of the area.</p>	<p>Car park at the Whiting Ness end of Victoria Park, Arbroath</p>
<p>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm – 3.00pm</p>	<p><b>Re-tern to Montrose</b> Guided walk to view the wildlife found along the beach, especially the terns that can be found along the area of the beach at the mouth of the River South Esk. Free walk.</p>	<p>Montrose beach pavilion</p>

<p>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>Montrose Basin - a cultural history</b> A short guided walk on the reserve to look at both the natural and human history of the Basin. Discover how people used to make a living out of this land. Stout footwear recommended.</p>	<p>Car park at Old Montrose Pier/Lurgies</p>
<p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am – 5pm</p>	<p><b>Digiscoping Workshop</b> Ideal opportunity to get expert advice on how to operate digiscoping equipment from the Viking Optical Representative. A wide range of equipment on sale and the opportunity to test it out before you buy.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 1pm</p>	<p><b>Tayock Transformation</b> Join the Angus Council Ranger on a guided walk along this newly transformed area of the Reserve. Includes a visit to the new hide. All abilities walk. Bring your own packed lunch. Stout footwear recommended. Free walk.</p>	<p>Tayock Car Park</p>
<p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Children's Activities – Mud Glorious Mud!</b> Discover and examine the many "muddy" creatures living in the Basin – Wear wellies!</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Children's Activities – Pondamonium</b> Discover the variety of creatures and how they are adapted for life in our pond.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Baywatch</b> Guided nature walk from Ferryden to Scurdiness Lighthouse to look at the birds and animals that use Montrose bay. Free Walk.</p>	<p>William Street car park, Ferryden.</p>

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 10:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Children's Activities – Rockpool Ramble</b> Hunt for the creatures lurking in the rockpools – Wear wellies.	North end of Victoria Park, Arbroath
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Children's Activities – Pollinator Patrol</b> A special morning looking at some of our endangered pollinating insects: bumblebees & butterflies.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 10:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Children's Activities – Clever Camouflage</b> Have a try at blending in to the grounds of the Visitor Centre.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2:30pm	<b>Journey to the centre of the mud</b> 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). Free Walk.	Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 10:30am – 5pm	<b>Family Fun Tree-mendous Trees</b> Join the staff and volunteers and have a tree-mendous day out with the kids – bark rubbings, leaf bingo & leaf painting and much more!	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 10am – 1:30pm	<b>Wildfowl I.D.</b> Guided walk to help identify some of the wealth of wildfowl and waders found on the Montrose Basin LNR. Free walk.	Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 10:30am – 5pm	<b>Optical Fair</b> A chance to test out a large selection of telescopes and binoculars with expert advice from the Viking Optical representative.	Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

<p>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm – 9:30pm</p>	<p><b>Family Activity – Nighthunters</b> Meet at the Visitor Centre, bait a moth trap, visit the Lurgies to hunt for bats and more then return to check the moth trap.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6:30am – 9:15am</p>	<p><b>Goose Breakfast</b> 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 on the Seasonal highlights of the Basin. Wear warm clothing. Cost £7.00.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6:30am – 9:15am</p>	<p><b>Goose Breakfast Revisited</b> Can't manage the 3rd of October? Here's your 2nd chance! Details as 3rd October.</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 11:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p><b>Winter Wader ID Course Is it a Dunlin or Knot?</b> Join the Ranger and volunteers who will be your expert guides to these sometimes tricky but fascinating birds. There will be an indoor session on basic identification and equipment. This will be followed by an outdoor session to put your new skills into practice. Bring lunch, stout footwear and warm clothing. Places are limited therefore booking is essential. £5 each including entry into the visitor centre for the afternoon (limit to 20)</p>	<p>Montrose Basin Visitor Centre</p>

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