

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre events – Autumn/Winter 2017/18

Car parking charge applies unless otherwise stated

November 2017

Sunday 5th November, 10 am—12.30pm

Family Conservation Fun: Task Morning

Looking for ways to get the kids away from the TV? Try and learn new skills? Take an active role in your local community? Why not join the Sherwood Ranger Team on our monthly Family Task. This task will be tackling an area of the Country Park in need of a little extra TLC. All you need to bring is yourself, wear suitable clothing and footwear and don't forget some energy.

Spaces are limited so pre-booking is essential on 01623 823202 between 10am & 4pm

£2 per family

Saturday 11th November, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4pm

Make a Willow Angel

Join us for a willow weaving workshop to make a Christmas Angel to bring some rustic charm to your house or garden. When you get your angel home you may like to decorate with some fairy lights for that extra festive touch. Bring secateurs if you have them. This workshop is indoors.

Pre-booking is essential on 01623 823202.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

£15 per person/ willow angel

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November, 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Christmas Wreaths

You know Christmas is on the way when there is a traditional Yuletide wreath hanging on the door! Join us today to make your own, using natural materials such as evergreens, holly, ivy and pine cones from Sherwood Forest. Places are limited for this extremely popular activity, so please book in advance by phoning 01623 823202.

£16 per wreath

Saturday 25th November – Sunday 7th January 2018, 11am – 3pm (every Saturday and Sunday)

Yuletide Treasure Trail

Enjoy some of the forest's midwinter magic on this self-guided weekend trail around the Major Oak path, with a 'sweet' reward for all those who complete the clues! (subject to availability)

£1 per trail leaflet

Saturday 25th November – Sunday 17th December, Weekends only, 11am – 4pm (Last admission 3.45pm)

St. Nicholas' Yuletide Grotto

The forerunner to Father Christmas, and the traditional bearer of Yuletide gifts, St Nicholas will be in his medieval-style grotto each weekend until Sunday 17th December, ready to welcome visitors.

£5 per child including small gift

Sunday 26th November, 11am

St. Nicholas arrives...

Rumours abound that the Sheriff of Nottingham is in Sherwood Forest today to try and put a stop to any Yuletide celebrations – let's hope Robin Hood is around to save the day! Come along to cheer for St Nicholas as he arrives at his medieval grotto. (This event involves some stunt fighting which may be worrying for younger children unless it is explained to them).

Free Event

December 2017

Sunday 3rd December, 11.30am - 1pm & 2pm – 4pm

Family Conservation Fun - Tree Dressing

A seasonal highlight in Sherwood's Christmas calendar. Join in the ancient custom of Tree Dressing, and where better to celebrate the wonder of trees than in one of England's most famous forests. Come along and drop in on any of the sessions to make a decoration to hang on our chosen tree in the Visitor Centre.

Whilst the tree is being dressed there will be winter tales and music from Pilgrims and Posies.

The Visitor Centre lights switch on will take place at 4.15pm, once the tree has been dressed with all the decorations.

Free Event

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December, 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm

Dog Grotto

No we haven't gone barking mad, but knowing how much so many of our regular visitors love their pooches, we thought it was about time they had the chance to treat their canine companions to their very own visit to Santa Paws! Minimum donation of £2.00 per dog. All proceeds will be donated to Jerry Green Dog Rescue.

Friday 15th, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December

Sparkling Sherwood Evening Event

Join us for this winter lighting event. See Sherwood's ancient oak trees in a whole new light, literally, as we invite you to take a walk through the illuminated forest – a truly magical start to winter and a memorable experience to treasure. The walk route is approximately one mile.

Blidworth Welfare Band will be in the Visitor Centre from 6.00 - 7.30pm playing festive music.

Timed entry tickets 6pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7pm.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance, available from October 1st.

For more information call 01623 823202. Subject to booking fee.

Tickets £3 per person

Sunday 24th December, 11am – 12.30pm

Christmas Eve Walk

Escape the hustle and bustle of high street shopping and the last minute Christmas rush, and enjoy a gentle stroll with a ranger through the ancient glades of Sherwood, looking for winter wildlife and discovering more about this legendary forest.

Adults £3 children £1.50

Tuesday 26th December, 11.30am – 1pm

Boxing Day walk

If your head's a bit fuzzy or you think you may have overdone the excesses of the festive period, this is your chance to breathe in some fresh air and get your legs working again!

Booking is recommended on 01623 823202 or simply turn up and pay on the day.

Adults £3 children £1.50

January 2018

Sunday 7th January, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Family Conservation Fun - New Year Walk

Why not start 2017 with a winter wander through Sherwood Forest and learn more about its amazing trees and its fascinating history.

£3.00 Adults, £1.50 Children

Sunday 14th January, 10am – 3.30pm

Tree Felling Workshop

Ever wondered how to fell a tree safely? Ever wondered what to do when you've felled it? Well why not come along to our basic tree felling course, where the experienced staff will take you through the stages of felling and processing a tree, you even get to take your tree home as processed firewood! Due to the nature of this course no under 16's. Jacket potato for lunch included in the price. Upon booking, please ask for additional details not included here.

£30 per person

Saturday 20th January, 10.30am – 12noon

Winter Tree ID

Do you get oak mixed up with ash or wonder what the difference is between sweet chestnut and horse chestnut? Then come along on this walk to learn techniques of identification and the uses of different types of wood.

Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

£3 Adults, £1.50 Children

February 2018

Sunday 4th February, 10.30am – 3pm

Family Conservation Fun - Community Woodland Day

Come along and get stuck in on our community woodland day, the rangers and wardens want your help in restoring an area of abandoned woodland, come tackle invasive and unwanted species and learn about why we're doing it and how it will benefit the site and nature.

Free

Saturday 10th February, 6.45pm – 10.15pm

Stargazing and Lecture Evening

"Gaze out into our glorious galaxy and beyond" with the Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society. You will get a chance to look through a number of telescopes at our beautiful night sky and behold the wonders of the universe. There will also be an astronomy themed talk and a possibility of "listening to the sounds of space" through the portable radio astronomy equipment. Wrap up warm because astronomy can be a very cold science. It is also advisable to wear good footwear as the telescopes will be situated about a 10 minute walk away.

Please be aware that viewing is subject to weather conditions and the programme may be subject to change (but will still go ahead). There will be free factsheets to take away, and a free warm drink will be available.

Places limited so pre-booking is essential on 01623 823202

Not suitable for younger children

£6 per person

Saturday 17th February, 11am-12noon

Bird Feeders

Come along for this one hour session; making a selection of bird feeders and ideas to take away to help the birds in your garden. Bring a bag to take your feeders home in! Handling seeds, fruit and nuts. Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

£2.50 per person (each paying person will take away one of each feeders)

Tuesday 20th February, 11am – 2.00pm

Bird Box Making

National Nest Box Week runs from 14th to 21st February so why not join the Sherwood Volunteers and Rangers on this bird box making session. All materials and tools will be provided. Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

£5.00 per box (Subject to availability)

Saturday 24th February, 10.30am – 2pm

Coppicing Workshop

Join Ranger Graeme Turner to learn the skill of coppicing and understand its history and importance in the woodland. Due to the sharpness of the tools used this course is open to responsible adults only.

Upon booking, please ask for additional details not included here.

£25 per person

March 2018

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£30 per person

Saturday 10th March, 8am – 10am

Woodpecker Walk

Join RSPB Conservation Officer for Nottinghamshire and Lowland Derbyshire Carl Cornish as you go in search of woodpeckers within Sherwood Forest NNR.

Pre-book your place by calling 01623 823202.

£5 per person

Saturday 17th March, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Spoon Carving Workshop

The ancient craft of 'spoon carving' has seen a resurgence in its popularity. Join Ranger Graeme Turner and learn the basics of spoon carving. Advice on selecting suitable wood will be given followed by a hands-on session using saws, axes and knives including how to maintain and sharpen tools. At the end of the day you will leave with at least one completed 'Sherwood Forest' spoon. Due to the sharpness of the tools used this course is open to responsible adults only.

£30 per person

Saturday 24th March, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00 – 3.30pm

Willow Weaving Workshop

Come along for this willow weaving workshop to make an obelisk for your home or garden or perhaps as a gift for Mothering Sunday. In the garden your obelisk can be used to support climbing plants such as clematis or sweet peas. Please bring secateurs if you have them. This workshop is indoors. Approx. height of obelisk will be 5 feet. Booking essential on 01623 823202. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

£15.00 per person/obelisk