



Rufford Abbey Country Park Events April - October 2014

APRIL

Saturday 5 April – Monday 21 April, 11am-3.30pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£1 per trail leaflet, £3 car parking charge applies at weekends and bank holidays.

The Easter Bunny has lost some Easter eggs around Rufford Park. Can you find all of the eggs including the secret golden egg? Return completed trails to receive a reward!

Suitable for wheelchair users

Wednesday 9 April, 10am-12noon

MINI BEAST HUNT

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£2 per child. Free car parking today!

Come and join the Ranger Team on a mini beast hunt through the woodland and discover what lurks in the undergrowth of Rufford's historic landscape. Explore under logs and around trees and use simple ID keys to see what insects call the woodland floor home. Come dressed for outdoor play as you may get wet and muddy!

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

To book your place please contact the Ranger Team on 01623 821335

Suitable for wheelchair users

Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 April, 10am-4pm

MIDLAND KITE FLYERS

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

Come and see these expert kite fliers in the grounds of the Abbey. Rufford is classed as a 'challenging' site to fly a kite, and this is a great opportunity to pick up some tips. A kite workshop will be open each day and there is an opportunity to make your own kite for £2. Be aware that bad weather and light winds can ground kites, so flying displays will vary.

Suitable for wheelchair users

Monday 14 April, 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm

ATTRACTING WILDLIFE

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£2 per child. Free car parking today.

Come and join the Ranger Team and discover ways to attract Wildlife to your garden. Also see if you can find any Wildlife around Rufford via the ID sheet provided. Build an item to attract wildlife to your garden too!

(Meet in the Coach House Courtyard or in the undercroft if wet weather.)

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

To book your place please contact the Ranger Team on 01623 821335

Suitable for wheelchair users

Tuesday 15 April, 11am-4pm

NOTTS WILDLIFE TRUST AT RUFFORD

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free event but small donation for materials welcome.

Free car parking today

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity run by local people for the benefit of local wildlife, with over 70 nature reserves. Why not come along today, let the children have a go at a table top activity and meet David Wright and find out how you can help secure the future for Nottinghamshire's wildlife for generations to come.

Thursday 17 April, 10am-11.30am

POND DIPPING

Rufford Abbey Country Park.

£2 per child. Free car parking today.

Come and join the Ranger Team and explore the murky depths of Rufford's wetland. With simple ID keys you will learn to identify the variety of aquatic life that Rufford's waterways call home.

Come dressed for outdoor play as you may get wet and muddy!

Meet in the Coach House Courtyard

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Restrictions for wheelchair users – please enquire with Ranger Team.

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Saturday 26 April – Sunday 27 April, 11am-4.30pm

GRAND HISTORICAL & VINTAGE BAZAAR

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £5 car parking charge

Dress to impress in period style and come along to our annual historical multi-period bring and buy sale! With something of interest for every visitor, historical trader, enthusiast, re-enactor, historical group and schoolchild, there's plenty to look at including period vehicles, living history activities and displays taking place throughout the weekend.

MAY

May is **WALK IN THE WOODS MONTH** which is an initiative by the Tree Council to encourage everyone to enjoy trees and woods. If you have a spare morning or afternoon why don't you put on your boots and enjoy a walk in the woodland at Rufford Abbey Country Park?

Sunday 11 May, 10am-11am

YOGA IN THE PARK

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£6. £3 car parking charge.

Come and experience Yoga in the great outdoors, on the beautiful lawns of Rufford Abbey Country Park with yogadawn. In the event of wet weather, classes will be held in the atmospheric Undercroft. This is a mixed ability class with beginners very welcome. Please bring a yoga mat or exercise mat and layers of clothing are recommended such as vest, t-shirt, sweatshirt with jogging bottoms. Meet outside the Savile Restaurant at 9.45am. To book your place contact: Dawn 07941 206952. Yoga.dawn@virgin.net or for information on other sessions visit www.yogadawn.me.uk

Sunday 11 May, 10am-4pm

FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION DAY – HAWKS OF STEELE

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

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Flying displays will take place at approximately 12pm and 3pm but may be cancelled if there are high winds or rain.

Saturday 17 May, 11am-4pm

JDRF CHARITY PHOTOSHOOT DAY

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Participation requires a donation to JDRF charity (See Contact Details). £3 car parking charge.

You may think that type 1 diabetes affects only adults, but in the Bassetlaw Area alone over 80 children are affected by this condition that is somewhat life changing for the children and their families. Approximately 10-12 models will be hired by the organiser and amateur and professional photographers will be permitted to photograph the models at various locations within the country park. All monies raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

For details and to book your place please contact the organiser Robert Ferrol on 07752 755527 or email

rob.ferrol@sky.com

See <http://www.jdrf.org.uk/get-involved/your-fundraising-stories/rob-ferrol> for further information on the Charity Shoot. Some locations will be unsuitable for access by wheelchair users.

Sunday 18 May, 2pm-4pm

STEEL PANTASTIC

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Come along to the Coach House courtyard today, bring your own folding chair, get comfortable, close your eyes and listen to the talented members of U3A Workshop based 'Steel Pantastic' steel pan band as they take you on a tour of the sunny Caribbean!

Please Note. In the event of wet weather the performance will go ahead in the Rufford Marquee.

Suitable for wheelchair users

The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement is a unique and exciting organisation which provides, through its U3As, life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities. Retired and semi-retired people come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward: the sheer joy of discovery!

Wednesday 21 May, 1.30pm and 2.30pm

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS TOURS OF RUFFORD

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free event but donations welcome.

Be transported back in time to when Rufford was a country house owned by the Savile family. Experience a fascinating costumed tour conducted by BTEC Travel and Tourism students from North Nottinghamshire College.

Tours last approximately 45mins.

Meet on the steps at the front of the Abbey.

Please note. Parts of the Abbey are not suitable for wheelchair users

Tuesday 27 May, 10am-11.30am

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Wednesday 28 May, 10am-12 noon

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Suitable for wheelchair users

Saturday 31 May, 10.30am-4.30pm

WORKSOP SEA CADET AND MARINE CADET FUN RECRUITMENT DAY

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Come along today and meet the young men and women from the Worksop Sea and Marine Cadets and find out more about what they actually do. Let them impress you with drill, first aid and semaphore flag demonstrations, to name but a few activities. You can also try your hand at knot tying and find out how good you are with the phonetic alphabet.

For more information visit <http://www.sea-cadets.org/worksop/about-our-unit.aspx>

Suitable for wheelchair users

JUNE

Sunday 1 June, 2pm-4pm

BRASS BAND SUNDAY – HARWORTH BRASS

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

There is no finer way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to relax and listen to a traditional brass band. Harworth Brass will be performing in the Coach House courtyard against the impressive backdrop of the Jacobean wing of the Abbey. Please bring a chair (some chairs will be provided) relax, make yourself comfortable and listen to the band.

Please note. In the event of wet weather the performance will go ahead in the Rufford Marquee.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June

10am-4pm

RUFFORD CRAFT & FOOD MARKET

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free event. £3 car parking charge.

All About Events are returning to Rufford Abbey with the Rufford Craft and Food Market. Come along and take a look at some of the craft and food items on offer under cover in the marquee.

For further information or to enquire about a stall please contact cat@itsallaboutevents.co.uk

Please note we have no cash back or cash point facilities on site.

Saturday 14 June, 2pm start

FOOTPRINTS WALK

Rufford Abbey Country Park

At some point in our lives we will all suffer the loss of a loved one, so why not come along to Rufford Country Park and join in on a 2.5 mile sponsored walk to raise

funds for Nottinghamshire Cruse Bereavement Care. The route is on surfaced paths and is wheelchair, pushchair and mobility scooter friendly. Every pound raised will make a difference to bereaved people throughout Nottinghamshire.

Registration fee: £5 per person

£15 family ticket (max 2 adults). £3 car parking charge applies

To receive a registration form email

Footprintswalk@gmail.com or contact: The Footprints team. Cruse Bereavement Care, U35, Lenton Business Centre, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY

Sunday 15 June, 10am-11am

YOGA IN THE PARK

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£6. £3 car parking charge

Come and experience Yoga in the great outdoors, on the beautiful lawns of Rufford Abbey Country Park with yogadawn. In the event of wet weather, classes will be held in the atmospheric Undercroft. This is a mixed ability class with beginners very welcome. Please bring a yoga mat or exercise mat and layers of clothing, vest, t-shirt, sweatshirt with jogging bottoms are recommended.

Meet outside the Savile Restaurant at 9.45am.

To book your place contact: Dawn 07941 206952.

Yoga.dawn@virgin.net or for information on other sessions visit www.yogadawn.me.uk

Sunday 15 June, 11am-4pm

STEP OUT for Stroke

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£3 car parking charge applies.

Step out is a fun, sponsored event for all the family including lots of activities and demonstrations to keep everyone entertained throughout the day. You can create your own personal challenge and complete as many laps as you can during the day. Each step will be helping someone whose life has been affected by stroke. Complete your own challenge and then relax and enjoy the festival feel of the STEP OUT for Stroke day.

To register or for more information contact Alexa Wigfield on alexa.wigfield@stroke.org.uk or 0115 8712471.

Friday 20 – Sun 22 June, 10am-5pm

EARTH AND FIRE INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC FAIR

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Entry, car parking charge £5

Earth and Fire is one of the country's premiere ceramic events. Over 100 potters from across the UK and Europe come to sell direct to the public from outdoor market stalls – everything from garden planters and sculptures, to teapots, plates and egg cups. A fantastic event for collectors, enthusiasts and amateurs alike.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/earthandfire.

Suitable for wheelchair users.

Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 June, 11am-4.30pm

BRITAIN IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-18

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Entry, car parking charge £5

A living history event as part of the *From the Trent to the Trenches* commemorative programme on the exact 100th anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, the immediate cause of this terrible conflict.

The event features recreated British soldiers including mounted cavalymen as immortalised by *Warhorse*, allies and foes, military drills, tactical displays, equipment and field encampments, medical displays, music and song, talks, exhibits and more. Suitable for wheelchair users.

JULY

Sunday 6 July, 10am-12noon

MOTHY COFFEE MORNING

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Ever wondered which moths are on the wing at night in Rufford Abbey Country Park? Moth trapping usually involves staying out late into the night, but the Ranger Team will, weather permitting set the traps the night before and you will be treated to seeing the captured moths during daylight whilst having a natter over a free cup of tea or coffee. What could be better?

Places are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 821335. Suitable for wheelchair users.

Sunday 6 July, 10am-11am

YOGA IN THE PARK

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Meet outside the Savile Restaurant at 9.45am.

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Sunday 6 July, 2pm-4pm

BRASS BAND SUNDAY – KIRKBY COLLIERY WELFARE BAND

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

There is no finer way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to relax and listen to a traditional brass band. Kirkby Colliery Welfare Band will be performing in the Coach House courtyard against the impressive backdrop of the Jacobean wing of the Abbey. Please bring a chair (some chairs will be provided) relax, make yourself comfortable and listen to the band.

Please Note. In the event of wet weather the performance will go ahead in the Rufford Marquee.

Suitable for wheelchair users.

Monday 7 – Friday 11 July, 9.30am-4.30pm

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Community Archaeologists on site

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. Free car parking

This week is ideal for people who want to get a proper introduction to professional excavation techniques. We will be carrying out targeted excavation in the grounds of the medieval abbey. The dig day will commence at 9.30am and finish at 4pm, with time for lunch in the

middle. If you wish to sign up to the field school you must be able to come for all five days

If you have any questions, or would like to book a place, please get in touch at

community.archaeology@nottscc.gov.uk or on 0115 969 6525 or 0115 969 6522.

Monday 14 – Friday 18 July, 9.30am-4.30pm

VOLUNTEER EXCAVATION

Community Archaeologists on site

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. Free car parking

This week is for anyone to join in with, although it may not be suitable for young children (please get in touch if you have children who would like to participate). We will be carrying out targeted excavation in the grounds of the medieval abbey.

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Sunday 13 July, 11am-5pm

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PERFORMING ARTS

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

After a very successful day last year we welcome back Notts Performing Arts young people who are aged between 7-19; Students will be performing music, drama and dance routines with Rufford Abbey as the back drop. There will be something of interest for everyone, so why not bring a chair, relax and be entertained for free by the talented young performers.

Suitable for wheelchair users

Saturday 19 July, 10am-4pm

FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION DAY – HAWKS OF STEELE

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Flying displays will take place at approximately 12.00 and 3pm but may be cancelled if there are high winds or rain.

Sunday 20 July, 10am-4pm

MAD MOGS – Morris Minor Club

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Entry, £3 car parking charge.

Rufford is the chosen venue for the annual rally of the Mansfield branch of the Morris Minors Owners Club. The "Madmogs" will converge on Rufford where cars from 1948 to the early 1970's will be on show.

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 July

10am-4pm

RUFFORD CRAFT & FOOD MARKET

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Sunday 27 July, 2pm-3pm

HISTORY TOUR – ABBEY REMAINS GUIDED TOUR

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event, £3 car parking charge

Meet at the Abbey Turning Circle and join the Rufford Ranger Team for this whistle-stop tour of Rufford through the ages.

Please note due to the nature of the Abbey remains, this tour is not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Places are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 821335.

Wednesday 30 July, 1pm-3pm

TERRIFIC TREES

Rufford Abbey Country Park.

£2 per child. £3 car parking charge

Come and join the Ranger Service and explore Rufford's woodlands. Learn how trees work, what they need to grow and to calculate the age and height of some of Rufford's oldest inhabitants. Come dressed for outdoor play as you may get wet and muddy!

Meet in the Coach House Courtyard at the Abbey end of the park.

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for wheelchair users.

This event may be cancelled at short notice in the event of high winds.

To book your place please contact the Ranger Team on 01623 821335

AUGUST

Saturday 2 August, 11am-1pm approx

CHARITY YOGA EVENT in aid of MIND

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£3 donation to MIND. £3 car parking charge.

1 in 4 of the UK population will at some time in their lives suffer from mental illness, so why not come along to Rufford Abbey Country Park, bring a mat if you have one and take part in a Yoga session under the expert guidance of Lisa. The event will take place outdoors if the weather is fine or undercover if not. Yoga is a great way of relieving everyday stresses and strains and this event will raise much needed funds for the Mansfield branch of MIND. So don't be bashful come along, enjoy the park and support this important charity. The event is open to all everyone and all abilities.

For further details or to book a place please contact Lisa

on 07946 599226 or email lisa@bbyoga.co.uk

www.bbyoga.co.uk

Sunday 3 August, 10am-11am

YOGA IN THE PARK

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£6. £3 car parking charge.

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Sunday 3 August, 2pm-4pm

BRASS BAND SUNDAY – BESTWOOD BLACK DIAMONDS

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

There is no finer way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to relax and listen to a traditional brass band. Bestwood Black Diamonds will be performing in the Coach House courtyard against the impressive backdrop of the Jacobean wing of the Abbey. Please bring a chair (some chairs will be provided) relax, make yourself comfortable and listen to the band. *Please Note. In the event of wet weather the performance will go ahead in the Rufford Marquee.* Suitable for wheelchair users.

Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 August, 10am-4pm

MIDLAND KITE FLYERS

Rufford Abbey Country Park

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Sunday 10 August, 10.30am-4pm

RUFFORD ART SOCIETY SALE

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Entry to marquee. £3 car parking charge

Following on from successful exhibitions throughout the year the talented Rufford Art Society's members are holding a sale of their work under cover in the marquee at Rufford Abbey Country Park. There will be a wide range of items including paintings, prints, felt work, ceramics and jewellery for sale, so please come along and support this local group of artists. *Please note there are no cash machines or facilities for 'cash back' on site.* Suitable for wheelchair users

Monday 11 August, Performances at 12noon & 2.30pm
BLUNDERBUS THEATRE COMPANY PRODUCTION OF 'HUGLESS DOUGLAS'

£8 per ticket. Free performance parking on production of Hugless Douglas tickets.

Following on from the huge success with 'Dotty the Dragon' Blunderbus Theatre Company return to Rufford Abbey Country Park with the acclaimed production of 'Hugless Douglas', a huggable, lovable young brown bear who wakes up one morning in need of a hug. He tries to find the perfect one, but none of them seem quite right. After all, there are so many different hugs to choose from.

The production is ideal for 3-7 year olds but older children and adults will enjoy this new show, full of laughter, sing-along-songs with lots of opportunities to join in. Seating will be provided but there will be a limited

space for parents and carers to accompany young children at the front of the seated area on a first come first served basis. Please bring along a covering for the cobbled floor as with any outdoor production the courtyard can be hot or wet and is very hard. The outdoor show will go ahead even if it rains so wet weather clothing is recommended. Sunscreen and a protective hat will hopefully be required when the sun shines!

Please note on busy days a parking place cannot be guaranteed, so please car share if possible. Suitable for wheelchair users

To book your tickets please contact Rufford Business Support on 01623 821323 or at weekends, Newark and Sherwood Tourist Information Office on 01623 821338.

Tuesday 12 August, 10am-11.30am

POND DIPPING

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Meet in the Coach House Courtyard

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Saturday 16 August, 11am-4pm

TOBIAS RINGWOOD – WW1 RECRUITING SGT.

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Take a step back in time to 1914. Britain has gone to war and is enlarging its armies. Remember 'Your Country Needs You'

In the Courtyard at Rufford Abbey Country Park, Sergeant Tobias Ringwood of The Notts and Derby Regiment is waiting to convince you to enlist. He will show you the latest weapons in use by our forces and also some enemy equipment captured by his Regiment. Let the Sergeant persuade you that an army life is the life for you.

DON'T DELAY, ENLIST TODAY

Suitable for wheelchair users

Sunday 17 August, 10am-4.30pm

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Rufford Abbey Country Park.

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

Come along to the Coach House Courtyard today and meet the members of the Nottinghamshire Beekeepers' Association as they give an insight into the science of beekeeping. See the live Honey Bees in the observation hive, candle rolling demonstrations and even the chance to sample and buy local honey.

Suitable for wheelchair users

Wednesday 20 August, 11am-4pm

FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DAY – summer of archaeology 2014

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

Join Nottinghamshire County Councils Community Archaeology Team for a wide variety of family-based drop-in activities taking place throughout the day, such as 'make a medieval tile' and 'have-a-go mosaic'.

Suitable for wheelchair users

Saturday 23 August, 10am-12 noon

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Thursday 28 August, 11am-4pm

STEP BACK IN TIME AT RUFFORD – SUMMER OF ARCHAEOLOGY 2014

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Take a self-guided tour around the medieval abbey. The archaeologists will mark out each room on the ground so that you can walk in the footsteps of the Cistercian monks. Guides will be on hand to explain what happened in each room and help bring the past to life.

Some areas not accessible or suitable for wheelchair users.

Friday 29 August, 11am-4pm

RSPB AT RUFFORD

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free event but small donation please towards the cost of materials. £3 car parking charge

Did you know The RSPB is the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home? Come along to Rufford today and try your hand at children's activities under the guidance of the colourful Roseanna Burton, RSPB Community Engagement Officer and learn not just about birds but about nature and how to give 'Nature a Home'

Sunday 31 August, 11am-5pm

P6 ROVER OWNERS CLUB - NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

There is something about the Rover P6 classic car, maybe it conjures up images of 'Cops and Robbers?' Rufford Abbey Country Park is the place to be if you want to see these iconic cars, maintained and lovingly restored by their owners together with other makes of classic car. The vehicles will be lined up for viewing on Lime Tree Avenue and the turning circle. Vehicle spare parts and regalia will be available to purchase on the day or why not try your luck in the tombola or prize raffle? See www.p6roc.com for additional information

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SEPTEMBER

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Saturday 20 September, 2pm-4pm

NOTTINGHAM UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge.

Please come along and help us give the very popular Nottingham Ukulele Orchestra a warm welcome for their first ever engagement at Rufford Abbey Country Park taking place against the impressive backdrop of the Jacobean wing of the Abbey. Please bring a chair (some chairs will be provided) relax, make yourself comfortable and listen to the orchestra.

Please Note. In the event of wet weather the performance will go ahead in the Rufford marquee.

Suitable for wheelchair users.

Sunday 21 September, 11am-4pm

TOBIAS RINGWOOD – WW1 RECRUITING SGT.

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

Take a step back in time to 1914. Britain has gone to war and is enlarging its armies. Remember 'Your Country Needs You'. In the Courtyard at Rufford Abbey Country Park, Sergeant Tobias Ringwood of The Notts and Derby Regiment is waiting to convince you to enlist. He will show you the latest weapons in use by our forces and also some enemy equipment captured by his Regiment. Let the Sergeant persuade you that an army life is the life for you.

DON'T DELAY, ENLIST TODAY.

Suitable for wheelchair users

Saturday 27 -Sunday 28 September, 10.30am-4.30pm

ON THE HOME FRONT 1939-45

Free Event. £5 car parking charge

This spectacular event gives you the chance to experience the sights sounds, emotions and humour of wartime Britain. There is plenty for all the family: 40's music shows, swing dancing, wartime cooking, military drill demonstrations, harvesting by Land Army girls and heavy horses, period vehicles, junior boot camp and an hilarious 40's puppet show. You can buy period goods at the 40's market and much, much more!

Suitable for wheelchair users

Sunday 5 October, 1pm-3pm

DUKERIES ACADEMY CONCERT BAND

Rufford Abbey Country Park

Free Event. £3 car parking charge

This autumn we are delighted to have talented students and staff from the Dukeries Academy Concert band play for us in the Coach House courtyard against the impressive backdrop of the Jacobean wing of the Abbey. The students are planning a tour to New York in February 2015 and are trying to raise £15,000 in 12 months to subsidise the trip. Why not come along to enjoy the entertainment and hopefully make a donation to help the students achieve their target.

In the event of poor weather this event may be transferred into the large Rufford marquee.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AT RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK

FALCONRY EXPERIENCE DAYS AT RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK

The family run business Hawks of Steele

www.hawksofstele.co.uk are on site most weekends,

bank holidays and occasionally during school holidays(weather permitting) and offer you the chance to experience the thrill of handling and flying birds of prey within the beautiful setting of Rufford Country Park either as part of a group or as an individual

For further details, prices and to make a booking please call Trish on 07923 974818 or email:

info@hawksofstele.co.uk

Sunday mornings 10am-12 midday

YOUNG FALCONERS CLUB AT RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK

The family run business Hawks of Steele offer children 8+ who have a desire to handle birds of prey from Owls to Hawks an opportunity to learn how to look after them under the expert guidance of professional falconer David Steele. At the same time the 'young falconers' will learn about wildlife and the environment.

For further details, prices and to secure a place call Trish on 07923 974818 or email info@hawksofstele.co.uk

Please Note: *Rufford Country Park are unable to waiver car parking charges for the participants of 'falconry experience' events or the 'young falconers club'.*

Weddings & Civil Ceremonies

Why not let 'Diamond' the Barn Owl deliver the rings for that special occasion? More info / bookings; Please email info@hawksofstele.co.uk or telephone 07923 974818

FUN DRUMMING SESSIONS AT RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK

Hand drumming sessions for children and families occasionally take place on the Abbey Lawn at Rufford Abbey Country Park on a 'drop in' basis for a small cost. Each drumming session will have a chosen theme. There will be drum stories from around the world, a simple song, a quick craft activity, plenty of drumming and a final performance, the like of which has never been seen before!

Drumming sessions during the school holidays are available for after school groups, pre-school groups, youth groups or as a birthday celebration with a difference.

For more details or to book a drumming session for any of the above events contact

Neil McCarthy: Tel. 01636 701049 / 0796 6070 294

Email: neil@letsgetdrumming.co.uk

www.letsgetdrumming.co.uk

TRADITIONAL CHILDREN'S FAIRGROUND RIDES AT RUFFORD COUNTRY PARK

At various times throughout the year JS Leisure operate a vintage Coulson Toy Set Roundabout, Bouncy Castle, fun rides and traditional fairground 'have a go' activities at Rufford Country Park.

For more information when the roundabout etc will be in operation or to enquire about availability for your events please contact Scott direct on **01777 228965** mobile **07926 767766** or visit www.js-leisure.com.

NORDIC WALKING

Nordic Walking takes place every Thursday under the expert guidance and instruction of Pip Bateman.

For an introduction for new walkers meet in the main car park at Rufford Abbey Country Park at 1.15pm Meet 2pm-3pm for the actual walk. Cost £6 per session To Book Tel 07883 587091 or 01623 406272

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission & Parking

Admission is FREE. A car parking charge applies at peak times. See our webpage

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ruffordcp for details.

Opening times

We're open every day except Christmas Day but may be subject to closure in bad weather.

The country park is open to the public between 8am and 5.30pm

Shops

Our Gift Shop, Craft Shop and Outdoor Living Shop are open from 10.30am-5pm daily throughout the summer.

For more information about the gift and craft shop tel: 01623 821346 or for the Outdoor Living shop tel: 01623 827311.

Coach House Café

The café is open from 10am - 5pm daily throughout the summer serving light snacks and drinks as well as refreshing ice cream.

Savile Restaurant

The Savile Restaurant, set in the original kitchen of the old country house, serves cooked lunches, salads and afternoon teas. The restaurant is open from 11am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday, and 11am to 4pm on Sunday. Hot meals are served from 12noon until 2pm. Booking is recommended, tel: 01623 821310.

The Savile Restaurant can be booked for private functions. For more information tel: 01623 821310 or email: rufford.park@nottsc.gov.uk

Mill Teashop

At the north end of the park we have the Mill Teashop open daily in summer from 10am until 5pm. Why not enjoy a snack, a drink or ice cream after a stroll around the lake?

Talbot Suite

The Talbot Suite is located on the first floor of the Rufford Mill and is available for hire excluding Fridays for private and corporate functions

For further information call 01623 821310.

Weddings at Rufford

Rufford is the ideal venue for your wedding: a beautiful site steeped in history with stunning views across the lake, natural surroundings and a relaxed rural atmosphere.

Rufford Mill provides an enchanting backdrop to your wedding or partnership ceremony. The first floor of the Mill has now been converted into The Talbot Suite, a stylish venue for civil weddings and partnerships. This listed building has an historic exterior but a fresh and contemporary interior.

The Talbot Suite is easily accessible by both lift and stairs. It can comfortably seat 150 guests theatre-style or 80 guests banquet-style in an airy and spacious 49ft x 29ft. There is a dedicated car park in the Mill courtyard and additional parking a short walk away in the woodland car park.

Interested in booking Rufford Mill for your wedding, civil partnership or family celebration? Please contact our wedding coordinator on 01623 821310 or email: rufford.park@nottsc.gov.uk

Rufford Craft Centre

Rufford Craft Centre comprises a gallery with a changing programme of exhibitions, Creative Learning Centre and seminar room all housed in the former stable block which dates from the 1660s.

The Craft Centre offers the opportunity to participate in workshops in a variety of art and craft forms through a programme of public creative workshops with professional artists. We also offer an extensive education and outreach programme for schools and groups

Car Parking

The normal car park charge is £3 and applies to all cars (including blue badge holders) from 5 April to 26 December 2014 at weekends, bank holidays and midweek Thursday 24 July to Tuesday 2 September inclusive. The charge for motorcycles is £1.

Coach parking is free but please book in advance on 01623 821323.

A special event car parking charge of £5 will apply for the following major events:

The Grand Historical Bazaar – 26-27 April
Earth and Fire Ceramics Festival - 20, 21 & 22 June
Britain in the Great War 1914-18 – 28-29 June
1940s Weekend – 27-28 September

This £5 charge also applies to season ticket holders.

The main car park is at Rufford Abbey (off the A614). There is a second car park at Rufford Mill (Wellow Lane - signed for Rufford Mill and Rufford Golf Course.) Both car parks are locked at 5.30pm.

Blue Badges

Sorry, no concessions on car parking charges, but there are disabled parking spaces at both Abbey and Mill car parks.

Season ticket

2014/15 car park season tickets are now on sale, priced £25. They can be used at both Rufford Abbey Country Park and Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre throughout the year, excluding when the special event car park charge applies (Robin Hood Festival at Sherwood, 1940s weekend at Rufford, etc). Season tickets can be purchased from Rufford Abbey Country Park Craft Shop, Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre shop or over the phone on tel: 01623 821310 (Monday - Friday during office hours).

Weather

Please be aware that all outdoor events are subject to the weather. Scheduled events will run whenever practical, but occasionally we may have to cancel or change events. If in doubt, ring us before travelling.

Access

Mobility scooters are available for hire @£1 per hour. Please pre-book on 01623 821338. If you have specific mobility or access needs, please call us for advice.

Unaccompanied Children

To keep everyone safe, under eighteens attending events MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Dogs

Rufford Abbey Country Park is subject to a Dog Control Order and dogs are required to be on a lead at all times. Please remember to clean up after your dog.

Pre-booking

Pre-booking is essential for certain events. Please contact Business Support Monday – Friday 9am-4pm on 01623 821323 or at weekends the Tourist Information Centre between 10.30am-4.30pm on 01623 821338.

HOW TO FIND US

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Call Traveline 0871 200 22 33 7am-9pm daily, or e-mail: buses@nottsc.gov.uk

By Sat Nav

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