

## Rufford Abbey Country Park Events: Nov – December 2011

Car parking: £3 car parking charge applies at weekends and Bank Holidays.  
For full details see [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ruffordcp](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ruffordcp) or ring us on 01623 821338.

Weather: Outdoor events are subject to weather, so occasional cancellations or changes are inevitable. If travelling some distance, please phone ahead to check.  
Ring Visitor Information: Tel. 01623 821338, 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Under sixteens must be accompanied by an adult. Many of our events are suitable for wheelchair users. Call our ranger team for access information.

### **Two for £10 Special, The Savile Restaurant Monday – Saturday 5 Sept-22 Oct and 31 Oct-26 Nov**

Buy two main courses from our main menu for a mere £10. Why not phone a friend and arrange to meet for lunch? With our onsite shops to browse in, and lovely woodland and lake-side walks to enjoy, it's easy to make a day of it at Rufford Abbey.

#### **Bookings / more information:**

We recommend booking ahead to be sure of a table.

Tel. 01623 821310 (Mon – Friday) or **01623 821350** at weekends.

### **Rufford Health Walks**

Every Monday except Bank Holidays. Meet 2pm in the Coach House Courtyard.  
It's FREE so come and join us! Walks are short and gently paced, especially suitable for people who are recovering from illness or not used to exercise. Afterwards enjoy for a welcome cuppa. Make new friends whilst getting out and enjoying the fresh air.



### **Family Fun for Christmas**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec**, Weekends and school holidays only  
10.30 am to 3.30pm

#### **Children's Christmas Trail**

Self guided family trail. Following the clues, take a tour around the park ending at Santa's Grotto, and discover some of Santa's secrets hidden along the way. Leaflets £1.50 from Rufford Craft Centre. Collect a sweet reward when you complete the trail.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December (weekends only) PLUS 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Santa's Christmas Grotto**

**Craft Centre Courtyard** (note new venue this year), **23<sup>rd</sup> December, 11.00am – 4pm, last admission 3.30pm.** £5 per child (including present), £2 per accompanying adult. Create some magical memories by bringing your little one to visit Father Christmas in his winter grotto. Our charmingly “low tech” ride will transport you to the North Pole where Santa will be waiting to greet you. Please note that Mr. Claus is always a popular chap, so come early to avoid queues!

### **Christmas Lunches at The Savile Restaurant**

Booking opens **July** for festive fare in our delightful Victorian style restaurant, set in the former kitchens of the Abbey. Ring or email for a copy of this year's menu and booking form: Tel. 01623 821310 (Mon - Fri) or email [rufford.park@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:rufford.park@nottscc.gov.uk)

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 5pm Christmas Market\***

A Christmas market set against the picturesque backdrop of Rufford Abbey. With many different stalls to browse around, it's an ideal place to search for festive gifts, without having to suffer the hustle and bustle of the High Street. Want to run a stall? Contact the organiser Peter Fox for details. Tel. 07976964226, e-mail [info@craftpeople2000.co.uk](mailto:info@craftpeople2000.co.uk)

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec -11<sup>th</sup> December inclusive, 5pm to 7pm. £2 adult, £1 child. Pay at the gate Aurora Christmas Illuminations**

Experience the magic of Aurora, as layers of coloured light transform the gardens to a winter wonderland, enhanced by a haunting soundtrack. Hidden features are revealed, and large trees become spectacular living sculptures in this sparkling seasonal display. Wander the trails through the winter garden and experience hidden surprises and vivid colours at every turn. Photographers – don't forget your cameras for a night-time photography challenge! Note: The weekend parking charge is waived for visitors who arrive at the park after 4.30pm.



### **Weekends and School Holidays from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 7pm Old Fashioned Fun**

A 1950s children's ride and old fashioned “Hook A Duck” stall in the Coach House Courtyard means grown ups can enjoy a hot drink outside the Coach House Café whilst the little ones take a ride. Pay as you go. Rides will operate until “Aurora”

lights finish at 7pm.