

What's on in
**Warwickshire's
Country Parks
2012**

Special Places...
Great Value!



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Prices for Walks & Events

Unless otherwise stated, the cost of each guided walk or event:

Adults	£3.00
OAPs, Children & unemployed	£1.50
Family (max. 2 adults + 2 children)	£7.50
Children's activities	£3.00
Drop In activities	£2.00

Parking

There is a car parking charge at the following country parks: Kingsbury Water Park, Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Ryton Pools Country Park, Burton Dassett Hills Country Park and Pooley Country Park, you will need change.

Alternatively if you are a regular visitor, why not purchase an annual parking permit, valid from 1st April to 31st March each year.

Call **01827 872660** for further details, or buy on-line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parks and follow the link.

Programme may be subject to change or cancellation.

Mobility problems or special needs

Many of our walks and events are suitable for all, or can be adapted. However, in a limited number of cases, hilly or wooded areas make access more difficult. To ensure an event is suited to your needs, please call us at Kingsbury Water Park so we can discuss your requirements or suggest alternatives.

Mobility scooters are available at Kingsbury Water Park, Ryton Pools Country Park and Pooley Country Park but booking is advisable.

Telephone: 01827 872660 for Kingsbury Water Park
024 7630 5592 for Ryton Pools Country Park
01827 897438 for Pooley Country Park

Tailor made events for your group

We can organise walks and events specifically for your own group (min 12).

Ring us on 01827 872660 for details.

Please Remember

If the description of the walk or event states that prior booking is essential, please telephone the number given. Payment is required to secure your places, preferably at the time of booking. If you later find that you cannot attend, please call to cancel so that someone else can take your place.

Our weather can be very changeable so come prepared! For walks, we recommend strong shoes or walking boots; it's also useful to have a waterproof jacket with you. If there are doubts about the weather, a decision will be made by the event leader, who will always attend, regardless of conditions.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dogs on leads are very welcome on walks, but they are not allowed in the bird hides.

Events at a glance

Kingsbury Water Park

15 Jan	Bird Box Making	25 July - 29 Aug	Young Anglers
13-15 Feb	Holiday Activities	28 Jul	Night Fishing
15 Feb	Stargazing	11 Aug	Bat Night
19 Feb	Badge Making	18 Aug	Night Fishing
18 Mar	Boat Building	24-27 Aug	EWR 40th Anniversary
31 Mar - 15 Apr	Holiday Activities	1 Sep	Beginners Bat Night
07 Apr	Young Anglers	8 Sep	Young Anglers
29 Apr	Willow Craft Creatures	29 Sep	Night Fishing
6 May	Dawn Chorus	6 Oct	Young Anglers
12 May	Young Anglers	29 Oct - 1 Nov	Holiday Activities
19 & 20 May	Miniature Traction Engines	31 Oct	Halloween Train
26 May	Beginners Bat Night	4 Nov	Guy Fawkes
2-10 June	Holiday Activities	25 Nov	Willow Christmas Crafts
9 June	Young Anglers	8/9 Dec	Santa Train
17 June	Water Rockets	9 Dec	Natural Christmas
30 June	Night Fishing	15/16 Dec	Santa Train
15 July	Geocaching	16 Dec	Natural Christmas
21 July	Beginners Bat Night	26 Dec	Boxing Day Stroll
21 Jul - 31 Aug	Holiday Activities		

Pooley Country Park

Monthly	Seasonal Craft Table	10 June	Talk & Slide Show
Monthly	Walk4Life Warwickshire	23 June	Den Building
16 Feb	Kite Making	1 July	Butterfly Walk
18 Feb	Snow & Soup Walk	15 July	Evening Walk
8 Mar	Moonlight Walk	23 July - 30 Aug	Holiday Activities
11 Mar	Woodland Survival	18 Aug	Three Villages Walk
25 Mar	Bird Box Making	7 Oct	Fungi Walk
3 - 12 Apr	Holiday Activities	27 Oct	Orienteering
14 Apr	Orienteering	4 Nov	Bird Feeders
4 - 7 June	Holiday Activities	8 Dec	Christmas Decoration

Burton Dassett Hills Country Park

15 Aug	Recycled Kites	17 Nov	Night Walk
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Ryton Pools Country Park

Weekly	Toddlers Trundle	26 May	Moth Night
Monthly	Volunteering	2 - 10 June	Holiday Activities
Monthly	Creepy Crawly Club	10 June	Springwatch Walk
14 Jan	Volunteer Work Party	17 Jun	Daddy's Den
22 Jan	Butterfly Conservation	7 July	An Orchid Odyssey
28 Jan	Bird Watch/Bird Box	23 Jul - 31 Aug	Holiday Activities
13-17 Feb	Holiday Activities	18 Aug	Bat & Moth Night
19 Feb	Butterfly Conservation	16 Sep	Food For Free
18 Mar	Buds, Twigs, Bark & Soup	29 Sep	Beginners Bats
31 Mar - 15 Apr	Holiday Activities	14 Oct	Autumnwatch Walk
4 Apr	Ryton Young Anglers	27 Oct - 4 Nov	Holiday Activities
4 Apr	Family Learning Adventure	31 Oct	Halloween Fright Night
11 Apr	Ryton Young Anglers	10 Nov	Night Walk
28 Apr - 13 May	Bluebell Trail	25 Nov	Woodland Survival
6 May	Dawn Chorus	2 Dec	Christmas Tree Bugs
7 May	Children's Wildflower Trail	9 Dec	Wooden Reindeer
19 May	Willow Obelisk	16 Dec	Natural Christmas
		22-31 Dec	Festive Fun Trail
		26 Dec	Boxing Day Walk

Hartshill Hayes Country Park

22 Jan	Coppicing	12 Aug	Summer Wildlife Walk
19 Feb	Build A Bird Box	13 Sep	Creatures of the Night
18 Mar	Kite Making & Flying	14 Oct	Woodland Survival
15 Apr	Springtime Walk	21 Oct	Fungi Walk
13 May	Woodland Collage	4 Nov	Bird Feeders
24 Jun	Bugs & Birds	26 Dec	Boxing Day Walk

The Stratford Greenway

15 Feb	Bird Box Building	22 Aug	Jellyfish Windsocks
16/17 June	Summer Solstice Walk	30 Sep	Food For Free

January...

At weekends and school holidays in January at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SUNDAY 1 & MONDAY 2 JANUARY

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

See in the New Year with a train ride around the park.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person, children under 2 travel free.

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

We all know that toddlers are bundles of energy and our Toddlers Trundles are the perfect way to burn it off! These short, fun walks and activities every Wednesday are a great way to entertain the little ones in the fresh air while chatting to like minded parents. After the walk and activities, head back to the Centre for hot drinks and squash whilst the toddlers have fun with the toys.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre Courtyard.

Cost: £3.00 per toddler.

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and learn about practical country park management in the best way possible – by getting stuck in! Meeting one Saturday a month we will undertake a variety of practical work tasks such as pond clearance, fence repairs and hedge laying. No experience necessary as full training is given. Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: FREE event.

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

A fun session of environmental games and activities, exploring what's in and around the park – held monthly throughout the year. Suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.00 per child.

Volunteer Work Party at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join us for an afternoon of practical woodland management. Come and learn about why we manage our woodland the way we do, get stuck in, and have a go at a range of jobs that need doing in the wood. No experience necessary as full training is given. Please bring sturdy footwear and suitable clothes for the weather conditions.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: Fox Covert Gateway.

Cost: FREE event.

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

Build A Bird Box at Kingsbury Water Park

Come along and build yourself a bird box to take home and put up in your garden. A family event but not suitable for children under 7 years. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per bird box.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

Walk4Life Warwickshire at Pooley Country Park

A series of monthly walks aimed at encouraging people to walk more often, and at the same time enjoy the fresh air in the local countryside. Join a Ranger on this short walk of approximately one mile.

Time: 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: FREE (usual parking fee)

Butterfly Conservation and Soup at Ryton Pools Country Park

In recent years Ryton Pools has become an increasingly important site for a number of rarer butterfly species in Warwickshire. This session will be aimed at enhancing habitat and egg-laying sites for the park's important populations of Dingy and Grizzled Skippers, both of which are priority species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Do your bit for nature conservation!

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.50 per person
(to cover soup and hot drinks at end of session)

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Coppicing at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Learn how to coppice – one of the oldest forms of woodland management using traditional methods.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Big Park Bird Watch and Box Build at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and join in with the world's biggest bird survey. If, like us, you love birds and want to help them, then the big 'garden' bird watch is your chance to do something that really counts. Build a bird box for your garden and see how many different bird species we can spot in the park. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per bird box.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

February...

At weekends and school holidays in February at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Winter Dens at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a winter den using branches and twigs – a great way to keep warm! Bring a snack to have in your den once the hard work is done. A family event but not recommended for children under the age of 5.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Robin Boxes at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a nest box for this year's nesting Robins. Find out some fascinating facts about these birds and where's the best place to put up your nest box. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per box.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Winter Art at Kingsbury Water Park

Wrap up warm, come on a walk to discover the faces trees make, have a go at building a twig tower and make a winter badge. Suitable for children over the age of 6 who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Natural Valentine Cards at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join us on a short walk to find some natural materials and use them with some of our home grown willow to create a special card for someone you love. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Cheery Tree Bugs at Kingsbury Water Park

Drop in and create brightly coloured tree bugs using natural objects and some sparkles. Hang them in the winter trees in the park or take them home to cheer up the trees in your garden. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Fantastic Frogs at Ryton Pools Country Park

Have some froggy fun – hunt for frogs and make a flycatching frog to take home. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Bird Box Building at The Stratford Greenway

Make a bird box to take home with you to give the birds in your garden somewhere to build their nest. A family event. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Carriages Café, Stratford end of The Greenway.

Cost: £5.00 per box.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

A regular event, with local birds of prey experts. Learn about these amazing creatures, meet the birds and see them fly.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: FREE (apart from usual parking charge).

Stargazing at Kingsbury Water Park

An evening talk then view the night-time sky (weather permitting) with local experts - in conjunction with the Heart of England Astronomical Society. A family event but not suitable for children under the age of 4.

Time: 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: Adults £4.50 (includes a hot drink and biscuits), accompanying children free of charge.

Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660.

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Winter Survival Dens at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and discover how to design and build your own camouflaged woodland shelter, big enough for your team and waterproof (ish!). The Ranger will be on hand to give tips. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential - telephone 024 7630 5592.

Kite Making at Pooley Country Park

Make your own kite from everyday materials and then fly it in the park - let's hope for a windy day.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Bird Log Feeders at Ryton Pools Country Park

Create your own log feeder to take home and help the birds in your garden survive the cold winter months. An event suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential - telephone 024 7630 5592.

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Snow and Soup Walk at Pooley Country Park

A 4-mile walk with a Ranger passing through nearby villages of Alvecote, Shuttington and Amington, followed by hot soup and a roll – perhaps in the snow!

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £4.50, Concessions £3.00 (includes soup).

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Badge Making Bonanza at Kingsbury Water Park

Design and make your own nature badge. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: 50p per badge.

Butterfly Conservation and Soup at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 22 January for details, but session will be aimed at improving habitat and egg laying sites for the Hairstreak populations., i.e. Green and White-letter Hairstreak and Warwickshire's rarest butterfly, the Brown Hairstreak.

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

Build A Bird Box at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Come along and build a home to put up in your garden for our feathered friends to use in the Spring. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per bird box.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

March...

At weekends in March at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SATURDAY 3 MARCH

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

THURSDAY 8 MARCH

Moonlight Walk Pooley Country Park

Experience a wild wood at night and listen for the ghostly hoot of the Tawny Owl on this short night-time walk around the park. Please bring a torch.

Time: 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

SATURDAY 10 MARCH

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

Woodland Survival Day at Pooley Country Park

Come along and try to survive in the woodland. Have a go at shelter building, fire lighting, cooking and navigation. Then relax on a hammock or play on the rope swing and woodland seesaw. Learn new skills, laugh a lot and spend a day in the great outdoors! A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £7.00 per person

(includes jacket potato, bring your own filling)

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

Boat Building Bonanza at Kingsbury Water Park

Come along and build your own pop bottle model boat ready for a maiden voyage across the pond. Will it sail or sink? Please bring 2 x 500ml plastic fizzy drinks bottles. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Buds, Twigs, Bark and Soup Walk at Ryton Pools Country Park

Trees and shrubs provide a wealth of interest and heritage in Britain, especially in our woodlands and parks. As Winter relinquishes its grip, come and learn about trees as Spring arouses them from torpor. Warm up with soup at the end of the walk.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £4.50, Concessions £3.00 (includes soup).

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

Let's Go Fly A Kite at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Come and make a kite, or bring along your own kite, fly it on the meadow and have some fun. A family event.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

Make A Bird Box at Pooley Country Park

Build a bird box to put up in your garden ready for the Spring. An ideal family event. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per box.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 31 MARCH

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

SATURDAY 31 MARCH TO SUNDAY 15 APRIL

Easter Trail at Kingsbury Water Park

Collect your trail sheet from the Information Centre, then follow the clues to complete the quiz.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

SATURDAY 31 MARCH TO SUNDAY 15 APRIL

Baby Animal Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Do you know what different baby animals are called? Follow the trail around the park, complete the challenge and collect your prize. Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

April...

At weekends and school holidays in April at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

MONDAY 2 APRIL

Fishy Windsocks at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a sparkly windsock to catch the Spring breeze. An event for children aged 4 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Chicks On Sticks at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and make an Easter chick on a stick. A fun drop in with lots to get stuck into for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

TUESDAY 3 APRIL

Spring Spotters and Trailers at Kingsbury Water Park

See if you can spot the signs of Spring on our trail and then make your own Spring medallion to take home. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Sun Catchers and Lanterns at Ryton Pools Country Park

Use glass paints, pens and recycled materials to make hanging stained glass windows and sparkling lanterns. Please bring a clean jam jar with label removed. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Spring Minibeasts at Pooley Country Park

Come on a minibeast hunt to see what's living around the park this Springtime. A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL

Green Easter Crowns at Kingsbury Water Park

Collect some lovely greenery and make a crown using your finds and our sparkly card. Suitable for children over 3 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Blue Tit Boxes at Ryton Pools Country Park

Build a home for our feathered friends and learn all you need to know about making sure your box becomes home to a clutch of tiny chicks. Please bring a hammer. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per box.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Easter Eggstravaganza at Pooley Country Park

Join us for some Easter fun! Decorate your own egg (bring a very hard boiled egg, we'll provide spares) then take part in the egg roll, egg and spoon obstacle course and more besides. A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park

Two angling tuition sessions to be held on Wednesdays during the Easter school holidays for children aged 8 to 14 years in conjunction with Leamington Angling Club. Come along to learn the essentials of good angling and a little about the species of fish in Ryton Pool. Suitable for beginners and those with a little experience; no equipment required.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: Ryton Pool car park.

Cost: £6.00 per child per session.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Family Learning Adventure at Ryton Pools Country Park

Get closer to nature, have fun with your children and get active at this family learning event organised by The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom. Join our learning adventure to help your family explore creativity, heritage and the natural world through hands on experiences. The event is suitable for all ages and abilities. One mile circuit – walk, scoot or ride. No booking required, just drop in on the day.

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per family

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

THURSDAY 5 APRIL

Easter Baskets at Kingsbury Water Park

Join us to make a basket from natural materials, then take it home to fill with treats! For children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Easter Baskets at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a basket from natural materials found in the park, then take it home to fill with whatever you like. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

FRIDAY 6 TO MONDAY 9 APRIL

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Easter weekend sees the start of the Summer timetable. Trains will be running every Sunday and Bank Holiday to the end of September, including Wednesdays and Fridays during school holidays – subject to weather.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person, children under 2 travel free.

SATURDAY 7 APRIL

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

Angling tuition sessions to be held on one Saturday afternoon a month in April, May, June, September and October, for children aged 8 to 14 years – come along as many times as you wish and learn the essentials of good angling. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience; no equipment required.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: Information Centre.

Cost: £6.00 per child, per session.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

TUESDAY 10 APRIL

Easter Dens at Kingsbury Water Park

Make an Easter den using branches and twigs. Bring a snack to have in your den once the hard work is done. A family event but not recommended for children under the age of 5.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Fairy Wands at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join us to transform plain Hazel and Willow sticks into glitzy fairy wands and fiery wizard staffs using natural treasures found in the park and sparkly bits of materials. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Chicks On Sticks at Pooley Country Park

Make your own Springtime chick, fluffy bunny or spikey hedgehog out of recycled materials and sparkly bits. Suitable for children aged 5 to 10, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL

Kite Making at Kingsbury Water Park

Make your own kite from everyday materials and then fly it – hope for a windy day! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Woodland Minibeast Hunt at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join a Ranger on a hunt, using nets, pots and shaker sheets, to discover what's jumping, crawling and flying around the woodland. For children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Jellyfish Windsocks at Pooley Country Park

Make a jellyfish windsock from recycled materials, then fly it in the park – let's hope for a windy day! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Ryton Young Anglers at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 April for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

THURSDAY 12 APRIL

Spring Minibeasts at Kingsbury Water Park

Come on a minibeast hunt to see what is living in the park this Spring. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Ranger's Rocket Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

Design, build, decorate and launch your own record breaking pop bottle rocket. Will it beat the Ranger's rocket? Please bring a 2-litre plastic fizzy drinks bottle. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Kite Making at Pooley Country Park

Make a kite from recycled materials, then fly it in the park – let's hope for a windy day! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

FRIDAY 13 APRIL

Spring Swimmers at Kingsbury Water Park

Come pond dipping to find out what's swimming beneath the surface of the water, then make a watery hat to take home. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Wild Woods Survival at Ryton Pools Country Park

Can your team complete the challenges set by the Rangers and survive? Go through the sticky web, get over the piranha infested river and collect your survival kit, and build a snazzy shelter before the time is up. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

SATURDAY 14 APRIL

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

Orienteering at Pooley Country Park

Learn how to find your way around the park using a map and compass. A family event for all ages. Please bring a compass if you have one.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

SUNDAY 15 APRIL

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

Spring-time Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Join a Ranger on this 2-mile journey of discovery to look for plants, insects, birds and animals. You never know what you might see.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 28 APRIL

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

SATURDAY 28 APRIL TO SUNDAY 13 MAY

Bluebell Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and explore the spectacular sight of the bluebells of Ryton Wood. This self-led trail starts at the Visitor Centre, from where you purchase your trail sheet, and leads you into Ryton Wood to see and learn about the bluebells. An accompanying children's trail ensures this is the perfect way for all the family to enjoy this natural wonder. Please wear sturdy footwear and long trousers (no flipflops or sandals).

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Willow Craft Creatures at Kingsbury Water Park

Use willow from the park to weave an animal to take home – will it be a butterfly, snail or something else?

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

May...

At weekends and school holidays in May at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 5 TO MONDAY 7 MAY

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Trains running daily 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person, children under 2 travel free.

SUNDAY 6 MAY

Dawn Chorus Walk at Kingsbury Water Park

Wake up with the birds and hear their amazing chorus. Take a stroll around the park with a Ranger at this delightful time of day.

Time: 4.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Dawn Chorus at Ryton Pools Country Park

From early Spring through to Summer, as day breaks, song birds live up to their name and fill the air with music. Get up early on International Dawn Chorus Day to learn about birds and bird song, and you'll be home in time for breakfast! Bring your binoculars. Hot drinks and croissants to warm you up at the end of the walk.

Time: 4.30 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £4.50, Concessions £3.00 (includes hot drink and croissant).

Booking essential - telephone 024 7630 5592.

MONDAY 7 MAY

Children's Wildflower Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the wildflower clues around the park, unjumble the facts to crack the code, and complete the challenge. Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 12 MAY

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 7 April for details.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

SUNDAY 13 MAY

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

Woodland Collage at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Join a Ranger on this woodland walk to look for and collect leaves, feathers, cones, twigs, etc. to make a woodland collage to take home or leave on display in the Visitor Centre.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 19 MAY

Willow Plant Obelisk at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and weave yourself a willow plant obelisk, ideal for your sweet peas, runner beans or any climbing plants.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per obelisk.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 MAY

Miniature Traction Engine Gathering at Kingsbury Water Park

Miniature steam road vehicles will be operating in the park, giving visitors the unique opportunity to ride on them and to talk to the owners, builders and drivers. An event organised by Echills Wood Railway.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. each day.

Meet: Far Leys car park.

Cost: FREE event (donations to a local charity).

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 26 MAY

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Beginners Bat Night at Kingsbury Water Park

A fun family night to learn all about bats! A short introduction to bats followed by a wander around the park to find some local residents. Please bring a torch.

Time: 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person (includes hot drink and biscuits)

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Moth Night at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and find out all about moths! An introductory presentation about these fascinating insects will be followed by live demonstrations of trapping techniques with a local expert out in the park. Will we beat last year's species total of 54? Come along and find out!

Time: 7.30 p.m. to late.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person (includes hot drinks and biscuits)

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

June...

At weekends and school holidays in June at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SATURDAY 2 TO TUESDAY 5 JUNE

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Trains running daily 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. to celebrate the Spring Bank Holiday and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person, children under 2 travel free.

SATURDAY 2 TO SUNDAY 10 JUNE

Summer Spotter Sheet at Kingsbury Water Park

Collect a sheet from the Information Centre and see if you can spot everything!

Cost: 50p per sheet.

SATURDAY 2 TO SUNDAY 10 JUNE

Children's Springwatch Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the clues and signs of Spring around the park to crack the code and complete the Springwatch challenge. Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

MONDAY 4 JUNE

Green Man Masks at Pooley Country Park

No, not aliens but green woodland masks! Join us for a short collecting walk and look at our trees, then make your own green man mask. Suitable for children aged 5 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

TUESDAY 5 JUNE

Outdoor Art at Pooley Country Park

Explore the park and make a wild woodland face on the trees, natural collages or your own nature badge. Suitable for children aged 5 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE

Green Men at Kingsbury Water Park

No, not aliens but woodland green men! Come along to look at some of our trees and then make a fantastic green man mask of your own. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Small Mammals Close Up at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and learn about small mammal fauna at Ryton Pools. Will our mammal traps have caught some live specimens the night before? The results of our trapping will be sent to the mammal society for analysis. A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Ladybird Hats at Pooley Country Park

Make a lovely ladybird hat – suitable for children up the age of 8, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

Beetle Mania at Kingsbury Water Park

Join us to see how many different beetles we can find and then create a beetle hat, model or card to show the world how great beetles are! A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Jellyfish Windsocks at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a jelly fish windsock from recycled materials then fly it in the park – let's hope for a windy day! An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Bugs on Sticks at Pooley Country Park

Come along and make your own bug on a stick using recycled materials. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

Summer Swimmers at Kingsbury Water Park

Come pond dipping to find out what's swimming around beneath the surface of the water. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Fishy Underwater World at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join us to see what swims beneath the surface of Ryton Pool! Do you know your Perch from your Pike? You will by the end of this event. See if the Rangers were successful in catching live specimens to look at. A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 7 April for details.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

SUNDAY 10 JUNE

Spring Watch Walk at Ryton Pools Country Park

Be part of Spring Watch and help us spot the signs of Spring at Ryton. Our observations of these natural events will be fed into a national database.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

'A Walk In An Untrodden World' at Pooley Country Park

A story of one of the last 'old style' expeditions into an unexplored area of the Himalayas that took place over 50 years ago. A talk and slide show by Coventry born David Haffner, the only surviving member of the 5-man team.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 16 INTO SUNDAY 17 JUNE

Summer Solstice & Glowworm Walk at The Stratford Greenway

Come and see what's out and about along The Stratford Greenway and adjoining countryside at night on this 8-mile walk. Look out for glowworms and other night-time wildlife. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Carriages Café after witnessing the dawn and the wonderful sound of the dawn chorus. Please bring a torch and suitable waterproof clothing.

Time: 12.00 midnight on 16 June to 5.00 a.m. on 17 June.

Meet: The Greenway car park, Stratford end.

Cost: £10.00 per person (includes breakfast).

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

SATURDAY 16 & SUNDAY 17 JUNE

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Standard gauge steam and diesel event – all locomotives and rolling stock will be operated by members and visitors from various clubs and societies in the UK.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person,
children under 2 travel free.

SUNDAY 17 JUNE

Water Rockets at Kingsbury Water Park

Design and construct a water powered rocket ready to launch on the main events field. A simple and safe event which will blow your mind away!

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Daddy's Den at Ryton Pools Country Park

Bring your dad along on Father's Day to design and build a den in our wood! Which team will manage to gain the most survival points to win the day? A family event.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per Dad and one child
additional children £1.00 each

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 23 JUNE

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Den Building at Pooley Country Park

Bring a picnic lunch to eat in your den which you will make beforehand using branches and twigs collected from around the park. A family event but not recommended for children under 5.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

SUNDAY 24 JUNE

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

Bugs and Birds at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Learn, look, listen. Roll over logs to look for bugs, listen and look for birds on this Ranger-led walk around the park.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 30 JUNE/SUNDAY 1 JULY

Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park

Following last season's successful night fishing sessions, we are offering anglers the opportunity to fish Pine Pool or Swann Pool from the morning of Saturday 30 June through to the evening of Sunday 1 July. Pegs also available on Canal Pool for carp permit holders only. Pegs will be allocated at the time of booking. Three further sessions will be held on the weekends of 28/29 July, 18/19 August and 29/30 September.

Time: 5.30 a.m. on Saturday through to 8.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Cost: £40.00 (£20.00 for permit holders), payable at time of booking.

Booking essential - telephone 01827 872660 – limited places, first-come-first-served basis.

July...

At weekends and school holidays in July at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SUNDAY 1 JULY

Butterfly Walk at Pooley Country Park

Join a Ranger on this short walk around the park to learn about and identify the many species of butterfly and their habitat.

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

This event is weather dependent – if it is raining, the walk will not take place. Please telephone 01827 897438 before setting out

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 7 JULY

An Orchid Odyssey at Ryton Pools Country Park

Orchids are among the most ancient, enigmatic and beautiful flowers. At Ryton we are fortunate to have several species in residence, including the amazing Bee orchid which has evolved petals that mimic the appearance of a bumble bee. These flowers are notoriously fickle in their habits and do not appear every year, but even if they are elusive we have Pyramidal orchids and their Common Spotted cousins in reserve!

Come along on this walk to enjoy these seldom seen gems of the natural world. Please wear stout walking footwear as Ryton Wood can be muddy – even in Summer!

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 14 JULY

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

SUNDAY 15 JULY

Beginners Guide to Geocaching at Kingsbury Water Park

Come and find out all about geocaching from a beginners indoor presentation to a hands-on geocaching trek.

This event will give you a complete understanding of the global craze!

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Three Villages Evening Walk from Pooley Country Park

A 5-mile circular walk from the park taking in the villages of Alvecote, Shuttington and Amington, with superb views of the SSSI at Alvecote Pools.

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

WEDNESDAY 18 JULY

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 21 JULY

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Beginners Bat Night at Kingsbury Water Park

See 26 May for details but note change of times: 9.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 21 JULY TO SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Summer Spotter Sheet at Kingsbury Water Park

Collect a sheet from the Information Centre and see if you can spot everything!

Cost: 50p per sheet.

SUNDAY 22 JULY

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

MONDAY 23 JULY

Willow Suncatchers at Kingsbury Water Park

Make hanging "stained glass" windows from willow, tissue and natural treasures - they catch the light beautifully! An event for children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Pond Dipping – Spotting Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

Have a go with the dipping nets and see what fascinating creatures you can discover living in the ponds. For children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Cheery Tree Bugs at Pooley Country Park

Create a brightly coloured tree bug using natural materials and sparkly bits. Suitable for children up to the age of 8, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

TUESDAY 24 JULY

Fluttery Friends at Kingsbury Water Park

Make your own beautiful butterfly, put it on a stick and watch it fly. An event for children aged up to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Krazy Kites at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and make a kite out of plastic, sticks and sparkly bits. See how high it will fly – let's hope for a windy day. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Kite Making at Pooley Country Park

See 16 February for details.

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

The first of a series of 6 sessions to be held every Wednesday during the school summer holidays for children aged 8 to 14 years to have a go at angling and learn the essentials of good angling. Come along as many times as you wish. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience; no equipment required.

Time: 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £6.00 per child, per session.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Summer Meadow Minibeasts at Kingsbury Water Park

A Summer hunt in our lovely meadow to discover the small beasties who abound at this time of year. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Giant Butterflies and Moths at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make some giant butterflies or mad moths out of paper, card and sparkly bits, then attach them to sticks and watch them fly. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Den Building at Pooley Country Park

Build a den using twigs and branches from around the park – bring a snack to enjoy inside your den after all the hard work is done. A family event but not suitable for children under 5.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

THURSDAY 26 JULY

Summer Swimmers at Kingsbury Water Park

See 8 June for details.

Meadow Minibeast Hunt at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along, join a Ranger and use nets, pots and shaker sheets to discover what's jumping, crawling and flying around the meadow. For children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

FRIDAY 27 JULY

Summer Dens at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a Summer den using branches and twigs, bring a snack to have in your den after the hard work is done!

A family event but not recommended for children under 5.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Small Mammals Close Up at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 6 June for details.

FRIDAY 27 TO SUNDAY 29 JULY

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Steam and Beer Festival to celebrate the opening of Kingsbury 7 ¼" Gauge Week. Trains will run from 12.00 noon until 8.30 p.m. each day.

Details from booking office or online: www.ewr.org.uk.

Event supported by Church End Brewery.

SATURDAY 28 /SUNDAY 29 JULY

Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park

See 30 June for details.

MONDAY 30 JULY

Jellyfish Windsocks at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a jellyfish windsock from recycled materials, then fly it in the park – let's hope for a windy day! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Minibeast Hunt at Pooley Country Park

Join a Ranger to explore what is jumping, crawling and flying around the park this Summer. Suitable for children aged 3 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Rounders with a Ranger at Ryton Pools Country Park

Have fun playing rounders with an environmental twist! For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

TUESDAY 31 JULY

Wizard Wands and Fairy Sparklers at Kingsbury Water Park

Join us to transform plain sticks into glitzy wands and sparklers. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Groovy Grasshoppers at Ryton Pools Country Park

Hop along and enter the fascinating world of these springy invertebrates. Join the hunt as we try to find as many as possible, and learn what makes them spring and sing. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Clay Creatures at Pooley Country Park

Make a cool clay creature – hedgehog, duck or spider, you decide! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

August...

At weekends and school holidays in August at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST

Willow God's Eyes at Kingsbury Water Park

Use willow and simple weaving techniques to create a hanging masterpiece. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 25 July for details.

Wild Woods Survival at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 13 April for details.

Orienteering at Pooley Country Park

Learn how to find your way around the park using a map and compass. Please bring a compass if you have one. Suitable for children aged 5 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST

Summer Outdoor Art at Kingsbury Water Park

Create some fabulous outdoor art and then make a beautiful bookmark to take home. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Krazy Kites at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 24 July for details.

Butterflies and Dragonflies at Pooley Country Park

Make a beautiful butterfly or dragonfly from recycled materials and sparkly bits. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST

Summery Hats at Kingsbury Water Park

Choose your favourite design from a variety of animal hats, customise it and then wear it all day. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Fairy Wands and Wizard Staffs at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 10 April for details.

MONDAY 6 AUGUST

Bugs On Sticks at Kingsbury Water Park

Come along and make a big bug on a stick from recycled materials and sparkly bits. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Pond Dipping – Spotting Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 23 July for details.

Den Building at Pooley Country Park

See 25 July for details.

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

Groovy Grasshoppers at Kingsbury Water Park

Hop along and enter the fascinating world of these springy invertebrates. Join the hunt as we try to find as many as possible. Suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Ranger's Rocket Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 12 April for details.

Monster Frogs at Pooley Country Park

Hop along and make a fabulous moving monster frog! Suitable for children over 3 years of age, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

WEDNESDAY 8 TO FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

Pirates Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the clues around the park to crack the code, then use it to find the great lost treasure of Ryton!

Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost £1.50 per trail sheet.

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST

Lovely Ladybirds at Kingsbury Water Park

See how many ladybirds you can spot and then make a ladybird hat to take home. An event for children up to 8 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 25 July for details.

Pirates In The Park at Ryton Pools Country Park

Calling all tatty pirates! Come on board our ship 'The Ranger' and make your way to the pirate kit deck. Make a snazzy new pirate hat with a parrot on, and your very own hook and eye patch, in preparation for the great lost treasure hunt. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Butterflies on Sticks at Pooley Country Park

Make your own beautiful butterfly or day flying moth, put it on a stick and watch it flutter by! Suitable for children over 3 years of age, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST

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Make A Wormery at Kingsbury Water Park

Have you ever thought about how amazing worms are? Discover some interesting facts about worms, go on a worm finding mission and make a mini-wormery to take home. Please bring an empty 2-litre clear plastic drink bottle. Suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Giant Butterflies and Moths at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 25 July for details.

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

Summer Meadow Minibeasts at Kingsbury Water Park

See 25 July for details.

Small Mammals Close Up at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 6 June for details.

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

Bat Night at Kingsbury Water Park

An evening to find out all about bats. A short talk with a hot drink and biscuits, followed by a night-time stroll to spot the bats of Kingsbury! Please bring a torch.

Time: 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person (includes hot drink and biscuits)

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST

Summer Wildlife Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Join a Ranger to look for plants, insects, birds and animals around the park on this 2-mile summer walk.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

MONDAY 13 AUGUST

Stick Fish at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a sparkly fish out of card, recycled materials and sparkly bits! A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Junk Bugs at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and rummage in our junk pile and take on the challenge to make a funky junk bug to take home. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Pond Skaters at Pooley Country Park

Join us to make a model of a pond skater that will float in the bath! Suitable for children aged 3 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST

Jazzy Skates and Sparkly Octopi at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a sea puppet out of everyday materials and sparkly bits. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Dream Catchers at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a dream catcher out of willow and wool, and decorate it with natural treasures that you have found in the park. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Recycled Monsters at Pooley Country Park

Bring along a 2 or 4 pint plastic milk bottle and recycle it into your own magic monster! A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Dragonfly Trail at Kingsbury Water Park

Swoop in and take part in the fact finding discovery trail around the park. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 25 July for details.

Pond Dipping – Spotting Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 23 July for details.

Den Building at Pooley Country Park

See 25 July for details.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details

Recycled Kites at Burton Dassett Hills Country Park

Come along and make recycled kites and see how high they can fly up on the hills. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST

Dazzling Dragonflies at Kingsbury Water Park

A short pond dip to see if we can catch dragonfly nymphs and spot adult dragonflies around the pond, then we'll make a sparkly dragonfly to take home. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Jellyfish Windsocks at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 June for details.

Model Bats at Pooley Country Park

Bats don't just come out for Halloween – make your own model to take home. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

Summer Meadow Minibeasts at Kingsbury Water Park

See 25 July for details.

Rounders with a Ranger at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 30 July for details.

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Bat and Moth Night at Ryton Pools Country Park

An evening slide show introducing you to the fascinating lives of these two nocturnal creatures. We will then venture out on a night-time stroll to spot the bats of Ryton, followed by inspection of our moth traps. This event may go on beyond midnight but you may leave whenever you wish! Please wear sturdy footwear and bring a torch.

Time: 8.30 p.m. to late (depending on weather)

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person (includes hot drink and biscuits).

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Three Villages Walk from Pooley Country Park

A 4-mile circular walk from the park taking in the villages of Alvecote, Shuttington and Amington, and the surrounding countryside.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

SATURDAY 18/SUNDAY 19 AUGUST

Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park

See 30 June for details but note change of times:
6.30 a.m. on Saturday to 7.30 p.m. on Sunday.

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

MONDAY 20 AUGUST

Summer Swimmers at Kingsbury Water Park

See 8 June for details.

Ladybird Hats at Ryton Pools Country Park

See how many different types of ladybirds you can spot and make a lovely ladybird hat to take home. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Minibeast Hunt at Pooley Country Park

See 30 July for details.

TUESDAY 21 AUGUST

Silly Challenge Morning at Kingsbury Water Park

Take on the silly Ranger's challenges! What's in the bin bag, can you save the pond, and will you catch the fish? Come along and have some fun! A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Krazy Kites at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 24 July for details.

Wizard Wands and Fairy Sparklers at Pooley Country Park

Join us to transform plain sticks into glitzy wands and sparklers. Suitable for children aged 3 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

Willow Magic at Kingsbury Water Park

Use willow to weave an insect or animal to take home – will it be a butterfly, snail or something else? A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Sun Catchers and Lanterns at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 3 April for details.

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 25 July for details.

Orienteering at Pooley Country Park

See 1 August for details.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

Jellyfish Windsocks at The Stratford Greenway

Come along and make a jellyfish windsock and see it flutter along The Greenway. For children aged 3 to 12 years who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop by anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: Outside the Carriages Café, Stratford end of The Greenway.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST

Animal Masks at Kingsbury Water Park

Make an animal mask to surprise your friends with. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Dream Catchers at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 August for details.

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

Monster Frogs at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a moving monster frog and a fun jumping frog. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Small Mammals Close Up at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 6 June for details.

FRIDAY 24 TO MONDAY 27 AUGUST

Echills Wood Railway at Kingsbury Water Park

Trains running daily 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Special events will be held on Saturday around the railway area, with a cavalcade of locomotives in the afternoon, to celebrate EWR's 40th anniversary.

Cost: Return ticket £1.50 per person, children under 2 travel free.

MONDAY 27 AUGUST

Children's Minibeast Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the minibeast clues around the park, unjumble the facts to crack the code, and complete the challenge. Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

Badge Making Bonanza at Pooley Country Park

Join us this bank holiday and design your own brilliant badge. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: 50p per badge.

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST

Paint Natural at Kingsbury Water Park

We will get messy trying to make paints from natural materials like berries and mud! Will it work? Come and find out.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Ranger's Rocket Challenge at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 12 April for details.

Den Building at Pooley Country Park

See 25 July for details.

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 25 July for details.

Environmental Games at Kingsbury Water Park

Join the Rangers for a morning of fun playing games. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Ladybird Hibernators at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and build an autumn home for the ladybirds in your garden. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Woolly Wildlife at Pooley Country Park

Why not come along and make some wonderful woolly wildlife. Suitable for children aged 5 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

Ladybird Hibernators at Kingsbury Water Park

Build a winter home for all the ladybirds in your garden. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Wild Woods Survival at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 13 April for details.

Minibeast Safari at Pooley Country Park

Join a Ranger on this trek around the park to see what minibeasts are about at this time of year. An event suitable for children aged 3 years and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

Pond Skaters at Kingsbury Water Park

Join us to make a model of a pond skater that will float in the bath! An event for children up to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Junk Bugs at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 13 August for details.

September...

At weekends and school holidays in September at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Beginners Bat Night at Kingsbury Water Park

See 26 May for details but note change of times:
8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

SEE 7 APRIL FOR DETAILS.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Creatures of the Night at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Discover what creatures come out at night. An evening stroll to listen for bats and search for owls, then back to the Visitor Centre to marvel at the moths. Please wear warm clothing and bring a torch.

Time: 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Food For Free at Ryton Pools Country Park

The hedgerows can be edible! For centuries they acted as a wild larder for the rural poor. Join a Ranger on this guided walk and learn some of the remarkable ways our ancestors made use of Nature's harvest. There will also be a presentation and tasting session at the end.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per person.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Birds of Prey at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 15 February for details.

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Beginners Bats at Ryton Pools Country Park

An evening slide show explaining the fascinating lives of these enigmatic creatures, followed by a night-time stroll with the Rangers to spot the bats of Ryton. Take part in our 3-bat challenge! Pippistrelle, Daubenton's and Noctule – will we be lucky enough to hear/see them all? Please wear sturdy footwear and bring a torch.

Time: 8.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. (depending on weather)

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person (includes a hot drink and biscuits).

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

SATURDAY 29/SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Night Fishing Sessions at Kingsbury Water Park

See 30 June for details but note change of times:

7.00 a.m. on Saturday to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday.

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Food For Free at The Stratford Greenway

The hedgerows can be edible! For centuries they acted as a wild larder for the rural poor. Join a Ranger on this guided walk and learn some of the remarkable ways our ancestors made use of Nature's harvest. There will also be a tasting session at the end.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: Outside The Carriages Café, Stratford end of The Greenway.

Cost: £5.00 per person.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

October...

At weekends and school holidays in October at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Kingsbury Water Park Young Anglers

See 7 April for details.

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER

Fungi Walk at Pooley Country Park

A short walk with a Ranger to look for fungi and learn the basics of fungi identification.

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER

Autumnwatch Walk at Ryton Pools Country Park

As the leaves begin to change colour and a chill creeps into the air, come along and be part of Autumnwatch! Help us to spot and record signs of Autumn wildlife around the park which will be sent to the UK Phenology Group for analysis.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential - telephone 024 7630 5592.

Woodland Survival Day at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Come along and try to survive in the woodland. Have a go at shelter building, fire lighting, cooking and navigation. Then relax on a hammock or play on the rope swing and woodland seesaw. Learn new skills, laugh a lot and spend a day in the great outdoors! A family event.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £7.00 per person
(includes jacket potato, bring your own filling)

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER

Fungi Walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

A short guided walk to look for fungi and learn the basics of fungi identification.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Children's Spooky Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the trail of spooky clues around the park, unjumble the facts to crack the code, and chase the ghouls away. Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

Orienteering at Pooley Country Park

See 14 April for details.

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER

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Halloween Lanterns at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a lantern using willow cut from the park and tissue paper. They cast an eerie light – perfect for Halloween! A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Witch and Wizard Wands at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a magic wand for Halloween using willow and sparkly treasures. An event for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Batty Halloween at Kingsbury Water Park

Accessorise your Halloween costume with some brilliant batty creations – choose from masks, hats or flying bat whirlies. A family event.

Time: Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Meet: The Information Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Halloween Masks at Ryton Pools Country Park

Make a Halloween horror mask, using a variety of natural and man-made materials, to frighten the ghosts away! For children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £2.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER

Scary Halloween Masks at Kingsbury Water Park

Come along and make a witch, skeleton or pumpkin mask – perfect for Halloween. A family event.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

Halloween Train at Kingsbury Water Park

Dress up and make yourself look really scary for a spooky train ride in the park. Look out for witches and zombies, who only come out after dark! A prize for the best costume – judging at 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Trains will run from 2.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m.
(last train at 8.00 p.m.)

Meet: The Harvester Station.

Halloween Fright Night at Ryton Pools Country Park

Watch out for witches, wizards and ghostly gatherings whilst joining in with spooky games. Do you dare to meet old warty down dead end? Have you seen the ghostly night train? Hot drinks and squash provided. An event for children aged 5 and upwards, who must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a torch.

Time: 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.50 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

November...

At weekends in November at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Junior Birdy Masterchef at Kingsbury Water Park

Create your own log and pine cone feeders to take home and help the birds in your garden survive the cold winter months. For children aged 3 to 12 years who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Autumn Willow Lanterns at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come and make a willow and tissue lantern to brighten up the Autumn nights. For children aged 5 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: Session 1 – 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Session 2 – 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Ladybird Hibernators at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 29 August for details.

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Make a Guy Fawkes at Kingsbury Water Park

Design and make a Guy Fawkes in preparation for your bonfire or for keeping if you like. Straw and props provided, please bring along old clothes to dress your model.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per guy.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Bird Feeders at Pooley Country Park

Come along and build your own bird feeder to take home and help the birds in your garden survive the harsh winter months. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.50 per feeder (to include nuts).

Booking essential – telephone 01827 897438 or 872660.

Bird Feeders at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Come along and build your own bird feeder to take home and help the birds in your garden survive the harsh winter months. Please bring a hammer.

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.50 per feeder (includes nuts).

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Night Walk at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join a Ranger for a night-time tour of the country park and see what wildlife comes out after dark. Warm up afterwards with a hot drink. Please bring a torch and wear warm winter clothes.

Time: 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person. (includes a hot drink).

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Night Walk at Burton Dassett Hills Country Park

A 2-mile guided walk around the Hills under the cover of darkness to see what wildlife is up and about. Please bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Time: 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Meet: Below the beacon.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Willow Christmas Crafts at Kingsbury Water Park

Weave some Christmas magic with willow stars, angels and Christmas trees. An event suitable for everyone from 7 to 70!

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Woodland Survival Day at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and try to survive in the woodland. Have a go at shelter building, fire lighting, cooking and navigation. Then relax on a hammock or play on the rope swing and woodland seesaw. Learn new skills, laugh a lot and spend a day in the great outdoors! A family event.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £7.00 per person (includes jacket potato, bring your own filling, and a hot drink)

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

December...

At weekends and school holidays in December at Pooley Country Park

Our popular craft table will be set up with seasonal materials for children to make something to take home with them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per item.

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Bugs at Ryton Pools Country Park

Join in with the tradition of Christmas tree dressing and cheer up your Christmas trees by decorating them with brightly coloured tree bugs you've created yourself. Suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per child.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

WEEKENDS 8/9 AND 15/16 DECEMBER

Santa Specials at Kingsbury Water Park

Echills Wood Railway will be operating a special train to visit Santa in his Grotto. All tickets must be booked before 15 November, further details and application forms available from the booking office or online www.ewr.org.uk.

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

Volunteering at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 7 January for details.

Creepy Crawly Kids Club at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 14 January for details.

Make A Christmas Table Decoration at Pooley Country Park

Using natural materials from the park, make a centre piece for your Christmas table.

Time: Drop in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £3.00 per table decoration.

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

Natural Christmas at Kingsbury Water Park

Make a variety of festive decorations from natural materials in time to hang on your Christmas tree or brighten up your door.

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Meet: The Education Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person.

Booking essential – telephone 01827 872660.

Wooden Reindeer at Ryton Pools Country Park

As Christmas approaches, join us to make your very own wooden reindeer from Birch, Willow and Spruce previously gathered by the Rangers in the park. These reindeer make amazing festive decorations for your home. A family event.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £5.00 per reindeer.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

Walk4Life at Pooley Country Park

See 22 January for details.

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

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Natural Christmas at Kingsbury Water Park

See 9 December for details.

Natural Christmas at Ryton Pools Country Park

Come along and make natural materials into wonderful decorations for your Christmas tree, home or to put on your front door just in time for Christmas. A family event.

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: £4.50 per person.

Booking essential – telephone 024 7630 5592.

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

Toddlers Trundle at Ryton Pools Country Park

See 4 January for details.

SATURDAY 22 TO SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

Children's Festive Fun Trail at Ryton Pools Country Park

Follow the festive fun trail around the park and answer the clues as you go. A treat awaits all correct entries.

Trail sheets available from the Visitor Centre.

Cost: £1.50 per trail sheet.

WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER

BOXING DAY WALKS IN WARWICKSHIRE'S COUNTRY PARKS

Join a Ranger at one of the following parks to walk off all that festive food and see what wildlife is around at this time of year.

Kingsbury Water Park

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Meet: Information Centre

Hartshill Hayes Country Park

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Ryton Pools Country Park

Time: 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meet: The Visitor Centre.

Cost: Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.50, Family £7.50.

Booking essential for the walk at Hartshill Hayes Country Park – telephone 01827 872660.

KINGSBURY WATER PARK

Dunton Stables

Horse and pony trekking around Kingsbury Water Park. Children's donkey rides during Summer months (subject to weather).

Tel: 01675 470330

www.duntonstables.co.uk



Kingsbury Jet Bike Centre

Membership available Public training days by arrangement.

Tel: 01827 874815 / 07968 748734

www.jetsport.co.uk



Tamworth Sailing Club

Tamworth Sailing Club welcomes new members, whether experienced sailors or those wanting to learn the sport.



There are a number of 'Learn to Sail' courses throughout the year for both adults and children. The first course starts in the Spring (April) and the final course runs in October. We also offer more advanced courses, plus Powerboat and Safety Boat courses for members. Watch out for dates of public Open Days (April, June and September).

www.tamworthsc.co.uk

Kingsbury Water Park Model Boat Club



A dedicated group of model boat enthusiasts interested in all forms of this hobby - yachts, fast electrics, nitro, tethered hydroplane, scale boats, and steam.

The club has been based at Kingsbury Water Park since 1975, holding a variety of events throughout the year ranging from club events to outside regattas. If you are interested in knowing more, please come and see us at the pool side, annual membership available for enthusiasts and beginners.

www.kwpmc.co.uk

Midlands Powerboat Racing Club

Power boating, water skiing and wake boarding. Membership available.



www.midlandwatersports.co.uk

Echills Wood Railway

Trains run every Sunday from Easter to September, Bank Holiday weekends, and Wednesdays and Fridays during school holidays (all weather permitting). www.ewr.org.uk



ProBike Cycle Hire

Cycle hire available at weekends from April to October and weekdays during school holidays.

Tel: 07578 013047



BROOMEY CROFT

Children's Farm

Bodymoor Heath Lane,
Bodymoor Heath, Kingsbury, B76 0EE
(Broomey Croft entrance Kingsbury Water Park)

Tel: 01827 873844

www.broomeycroffarm.co.uk



RYTON POOLS COUNTRY PARK

Ryton Pools Miniature Railway

(Coventry Model Engineering Society)



Train rides available on Sunday afternoons from Easter to end of September.

In addition to building and enhancing the miniature railway, members are actively involved in the making of model locomotives (both steam and battery powered), traction and stationary engines, and also the making of specialised workshop equipment.

www.coventrymes.co.uk

THE STRATFORD GREENWAY

Stratford Bike Hire

Cycle hire available from the Cycle Centre at The Stratford Greenway

Tel: 07711 776340

www.stratfordbikehire.com



