

WHAT'S ON?



**Kent
Wildlife Trust**

Discover exciting family-friendly half-term events at **Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve**. Immerse yourselves in nature through interactive workshops and a spooky Halloween-themed pumpkin trail. Perfect for all ages, these adventures mean you can explore, learn, and create lasting memories at this beautiful reserve.

Pumpkin Trail

Running every weekend in October and throughout the October half-term

10am - 3pm

Explore the reserve and find the clues to win a great prize!



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Family Workshop: Amazing Arachnids

Check our website for details

They may not be cute and cuddly. We may find them disgusting or even scary! Join us at Sevenoaks Visitor Centre and find out why spiders are amazing too!

PLEASE NOTE

Fees or donations apply per person and booking is essential for all events.

Autumn Fayre

26 & 27 October

10am - 3pm

Explore a range of wonderful, local businesses. Treat yourself to some gifts from the Visitor Centre all set within our beautiful reserve.



The events on this page all take place at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve!

Family Workshop: Autumn Arts & Crafts

Check our website for details

Using a range of recycled and natural materials, let your imagination run wild as you create some amazing autumn themed works of art.

Youth Workshop: Wildlife Tracking & Monitoring

Check our website for details

Join this family workshop and learn how to track and monitor wildlife by identifying their footprints, scat and bones.

WILDER KENT SAFARIS

Our safaris offer exciting wildlife encounters and outdoor adventures. Explore Kent's diverse habitats, discover local wildlife, and learn about conservation efforts with our knowledgeable reserve wardens.

Scan this QR code to view all our safari events and book, or visit kwtg.uk/wilder-safaris



September 2024

Bats of Sevenoaks

18 September

7 - 9pm

Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, TN13 3DH

See Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve in a new light... head out after sunset and discover what creatures emerge at night.

October 2024

Autumn at Hothfield

26 October

10am - 1pm

Hothfield Heathlands, TN26 1HD

Celebrate what autumn has to offer at Hothfield Heathlands by meeting the reserve warden to discover the heath's flora and fauna.

History and Wildlife of Oare Marshes

31 October

10am - 1pm

Oare Marshes, ME13 0QA

Learn about Oare's special habitats and fascinating history as you explore with the reserve warden.

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Family Safaris

Bat Detecting

14 September

7 - 9pm

Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, TN13 3DH

Join us for a dusk adventure! Learn all about our local bat species and see how many you can spot as the sun sets and the bats start to fly.

Autumn at Cromers Wood

28 September

10am - 1pm

Cromers Wood, ME9 8AD

Enjoy wonderful autumn colours with us as we explore this magical woodland full of characterful trees and fabulous fungi.



Check out our family safaris too, perfect for young nature lovers!

Bison and Butterflies

2 November

10am - 12pm

West Blean and Thornden Woods, CT6 7NZ

Uncover the true story of 'The Bison and the Butterfly' as we explore how the behaviour of bison helps heath fritillary butterflies to thrive.



Experiences

Still looking for more ways to get stuck into nature? Discover new experiences you won't find anywhere else.

Spend time with our reserve wardens to learn all about moths, connect with nature at our weekend wellness wellbeing events, and even add a new skill to your repertoire by learning how to lay a hedge for wildlife!

Find all experiences
and book at
kwtg.uk/all-events



Hedge Laying Workshop

18 September

10am - 4pm

Lydden Temple Ewell

Learn the art of hedge laying from our experts and put your new skills to the test by joining the team to lay what will become a 500m stretch of planted hedge on the reserve.

Moth Masterclass

1 - 2 October

7 - 8.30pm and 8 - 9.30am

Tyland Barn, ME14 3BD

Meet some of the reserve wardens to discover the fascinating moths found around Tyland Barn. Come along in the evening to learn how to set up traps and return in the morning for identification.



Halloween Family Fun

31 October

Multiple sessions between
10am and 4pm

*Tyland Barn, ME14 3BD,
Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve,
TN13 3DH and West Blean &
Thornden Woods, CT6 7NZ*

Join the education team for Halloween crafts with natural materials, followed by hot chocolate around the campfire.

Weekend Wellness

Nature crafting and forest-bathing inspired sessions with the Wilder Wellbeing team continue through the autumn at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Tyland Barn and West Blean & Thornden Woods.

Check out our website for dates at kwtg.uk/all-events



EDUCATION

Explore our exciting opportunities for self-learning, exploration and discovery for the next generation of nature lovers in the enchanting surroundings of our nature reserves.



Nature Tots

Inspire a love of nature that lasts a lifetime. Nature Tots is a parent and toddler group which gives children (and their parents) the opportunity to explore, discover and learn from nature. With a variety of investigation, construction, art and craft activities on offer, children gain a sense of achievement, leading their own learning and sparking a love of the natural world. Join us this year to create memories with your little one!

Nature Tots is open for all pre-school aged children. 6-week programmes run alongside school term times at both our Tyland Barn Nature Park and Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve.

Book online: kwtg.uk/nature-tots-autumn

Home Education Forest School

This Forest School is den-building, stick-whittling, fire-making, marshmallow-toasting time outside, designed specifically for home educated families.

Forest School activities are more than just fun; they are proven to improve self-esteem, confidence and resilience. As your child develops key skills for independent learning, they will also gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world. This connection fosters a lifelong respect for the environment and a re-connection with nature. Parents and children will share unforgettable experiences and create special memories together.

Our sessions, held at Tyland Barn Nature Park in Maidstone and now also at our Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, offer endless opportunities for self-learning, exploration, and discovery. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to join us in the most exciting classroom of all—nature itself. Book your spot now and let the adventure begin!

kwtg.uk/home-ed-autumn



Wilder learning opportunities with Kent Wildlife Trust

We passionately believe in the benefits of outdoor learning and recognise the importance of equipping children with the tools and knowledge to thrive in a changing world.

Kent Wildlife Trust's education team offer outdoor learning opportunities for schools all year round, helping them experience nature and the great outdoors whilst still hitting their curriculum objectives. And, with our purpose-built teaching shelter and indoor classroom, we can accommodate groups throughout the autumn and winter terms, no matter the weather.



Why not join us this year to create the next generation of wildlife advocates?

- Discover the wonderful world of aquatic habitats in our Pond Dipping sessions.
- Investigate a range of habitats and ecosystems with a session on Minibeasts.
- Explore food chains and food webs with our Birds of Prey Discovery Lab.
- Learn about habitats and adaptations through our Beavers of Kent workshop.
- Geology rocks with our Rocks and Fossils session!
- Learning about plants? Then book one of our Perfect Plants sessions.

Plus much more!



Full and half day visits are available at our Tyland Barn Nature Park in Maidstone and our Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve. And if your school can't get to us, we can come to you with a range of outreach opportunities.

Visit our website to book today!
kwtg.uk/education-support

STUDY DAYS

Join a Study Day to dive into Kent's incredible wildlife and discover how you can make a difference.

Please note this is just a small selection of the Study Days we have available. Scan the QR code to view all Study Days and to book, or visit kwg.uk/study-days-autumn



October 2024

Fungi for Beginners

12 October

10am - 2pm

Tyland Barn and local sites

A simple guide to fungi groups and classifications and the features to look out for.



September 2024

Habitat Classification (UKHab) Online Training Course

23 September

10am - 3.30pm

Online

An online training day on the UK Habitat Classification, a new comprehensive classification system for vegetation habitats used in conservation and land management.



Botany Evening Classes

1 October to 10 December

6.30 - 8.30pm

Tyland Barn, Maidstone ME14 3BD

3 October to 12 December

6 - 8pm

Canterbury

Learn how to confidently identify and record plants using keys, specimens and descriptions.

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November 2024

Geology of Kent

1 November
10.30am – 4.30pm
Tyland Barn, Maidstone ME14 3BD

An illustrated review of the geology of the Kentish landscape from the oldest rocks to the youngest sediments.

Beaver ecology and field signs

16 November
9am – 4pm
Canterbury

Explore the world of European beavers in the UK and put into practice what you have learned in an outdoor beaver survey.



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Identifying Broad-leaved Trees in Winter

30 November
10am – 4pm
Tyland Barn, Maidstone ME14 3BD

Learn to how to identify native broad-leaved trees and shrubs by their twigs, buds and bark.

WILD ABOUT GARDENS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our open gardens over the summer. It was wonderful to see so many people enthusiastic about nature and planet-friendly gardening.

We were pleased to partner with Goodnestone Park Gardens for the first time, and we welcomed people to our Tyland Barn Nature Park and Gardens, as well as to our Wild About Gardens volunteers' gardens. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for their dedication and hard work!



Keep up to date with everything Wild About Gardens by scanning the QR code or visiting: kwtg.uk/nature-friendly-gardening



Did you know that after six months of being a member with us, we'll send you a free pack of wildflower seeds?

We have one more open garden this year, so if you didn't manage to make it to the others, don't miss out on this very special event!



Langdon Court nature-friendly open garden

14 September

1pm - 5pm

Langdon Court, Head Hill Road, Goodnestone, Faversham, ME13 9DA

Join us at this three-acre wildlife oasis. A highlight is the large fishpond which attracts birds, bats, dragonflies and damselflies. There is also a walled vegetable garden, native hedges and trees, cottage flower beds and plenty of wildlife habitats. The Wild About Gardens team will be on-hand to give advice, as well as specialists talking about hedgehogs, bats, bees, moths and more. There will be refreshments, homemade cakes and plants available to buy. Book online or pay on the day: adults £5, children free.

kwtg.uk/langdon-court