



# Events & activities

Take part in Delamere's fantastic events during 2012.

Join the experts to find out all about the fauna and flora of Delamere Forest. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Booking is essential for all events. To book call 01606 889792 or drop in to the Linnere Information Centre.

We are also running volunteer days throughout the year so come along and help your local forest.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Watercolour Course - £35 - 10.30am - 4pm**

Come and enjoy a one day water colour course with our resident artist Don Wilson. The course is aimed at complete beginners so absolutely no experience is needed and by the end of the day, you will be taking home your very first painting!

## February

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It is National Bird Box Week so why not come along and help our feathered friends get ready to start their family.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Bird Feeders - £2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**

A fun and messy event making bird feeders to take home and feed our birds ready for rearing their chicks. Please bring your own small yoghurt pots.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Bird Boxes - £4.50 per child - 10.30am - 12pm or 1.30pm - 3pm**

A practical session creating your very own bird box to put up at home ready for Spring when the birds start looking for somewhere to make their nest.



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## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Day - 10am - 4pm**

Come join in with some practical forest management led by a forest ranger. The day will involve using hand held tools out in the forest undertaking tasks such as fencing, birch removal, vegetation clearance, sign maintenance and general forest clean up.

## **March**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Day - 10am - 4pm**

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### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> - Watercolour Course - £35 - 10.30am - 4pm**

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## **April**

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Watercolour Course - £35 - 10.30am - 4pm**

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### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Fun Day - £3 per child - All day - 10am start, last entry 3pm**

Join in the Easter Hunt madness trying to complete the challenge. If you manage to do so you will receive an Easter egg. Craft activities will be running all day in the classroom.

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Willow Workshop - £35 per person, £10 per child (must be accompanied by a paying adult).**

This workshop is suitable for complete beginners or those wishing to enhance their skills. You will have your own sculpture to take away with you at the end of the day. Makes a great, unusual gift for someone! This course will only run with a minimum of 7 people.



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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer day - Free - 10am - 4pm - Meet at Information Centre**  
Join our rangers to help prepare a wildflower meadow in the education area. All tools and equipment will be provided.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wildlife Walk - Free - 10.30am-12.30pm - Meet at Information Centre.**

Join one of our rangers for a Spring wildlife walk around Old Pale and Blakemere looking at butterflies, birds and wildflowers that thrive in these rich habitats. Walk involves some steep inclines so suitable footwear is advised. Please bring binoculars if you have them. We can loan some pairs if needed. Suitable for all ages.

## May

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Chorus - £4 per person - 5.30am - 7.30am**

It is International Dawn Chorus Day today. Wake up early to enjoy the magical spring sound of the dawn chorus. An expert will be on hand to identify the individual bird's calls. 5-7 mile walk with some uneven ground and steep climbs so please wear suitable footwear. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We can loan some pairs if needed.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Day - 10am - 4pm**

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## June

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Minibeast Madness -£2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Investigate the minibeasts of our forest and discover why they are so important.



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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Den building -£2 per child - 10.30am - 12pm or 1.30 - 3pm**

Can you survive in the forest? Take part in our ever popular session creating natural dens.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Dragonfly Walk - Free - 12pm - 1pm**

Join one of our rangers for a walk around Black Lake, one of our SSSI sites, on the hunt for our beautiful dragonflies and damselflies. Suitable for all ages. This walk is weather dependant. Please meet at the Information Centre.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Day - 10am - 4pm**

Every year we hold open air concerts in the forest. Come along and join in with our concert set up.

## July

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wildflower Walk - Free - 2pm - 3pm**

Join our ranger for a wildflower walk. Meet at Information Centre. Suitable for all ages.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Minibeast Madness -£2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Den building -£2 per child - 10.30am - 12pm or 1.30 - 3pm**

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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Bat Walk £4.50 per person - 7.30 - 10pm**

Join an expert from Cheshire Bat Group as he explains all about these fascinating creatures. You will head out into the forest to discover the bats using detectors.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Forest Open Day - 11am - 3pm - Free entry - Charges may apply for some activities.**

Come to the forest, meet the rangers, find out what we do and take part in fun activities.



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## August

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - Minibeast Madness -£2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> - Den building -£2 per child - 10.30am - 12pm or 1.30 - 3pm**

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> - Bushcraft - £3 per child - 11am - 12.30pm**

Learn the ways of the forest. Make survival shelters and learn how to make a fire. Finish off by toasting marshmallows. Minimum age 6 years.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Day - 10am - 4pm**

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Bat Walk - £4.50 per child - 7.30 - 9.00pm**

Join a ranger as they explain all about these fascinating creatures. You will head out into the forest to discover the bats using detectors. Aimed at children.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Moth trapping - £4 per person - 7.45pm - approx 10.30pm**

Join an expert on this evening to investigate and understand the interesting world of moths. We will set up a trap and have a look at what we find.

## September

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Fungal Foray - £4.50 per person - 10am - 3pm**

Our annual search for the rich seasonal harvest of fungi with our local enthusiast, Fungalpunk Dave. A fun filled search around the forest to identify and understand the role of these innocuous little organisms in protecting the forest ecosystem. Early booking is recommended for this ever-popular event.



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## **December**

### **Saturday 1st - Astronomy - £4.50 per person - 7 - 9.30pm**

Meet up with our local astronomer to learn about the night sky. A short talk in the classroom first and then out into the forest for an opportunity to view constellations, planets, galaxies, star clusters and nebulae through telescopes on site.

**Look out for treasure hunts, picture trails and quizzes throughout the year that can be picked up from the Linnere Information Centre at a cost of £1 per sheet.**