

# Events & activities



Take part in Delamere's fantastic events during 2011.

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.

To book call 01606 889792 or drop in to the Linnere Visitor Centre.

## January

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Owl Adventure - 11am (1 hour) - £20 per person - Minimum of 8years old**

Working with Cheshire Falconry guests accompany an expert falconer as he exercises his owls in the forest. Chat about Britain's birds of prey and come face to face with largest species of owls in the world.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Hawk Walk - 11am (1 hour) - £20 per person - Minimum of 8years old**

Guests accompany an expert falconer from Cheshire Falconry around the forest on a walk with their hawk. Learn all about the hawk, its natural history and that of the UK's birds of prey. You will have the chance to handle and fly the hawk.

## February

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</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.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Bird Boxes - £4 per child - 10.30am - 12pm**

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.

## April

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Hunt - £3 per child - All day - 10am start**

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.



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## May

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Dawn Chorus - £4 per person - 5.30am - 7.30am**

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.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Dragonfly Walk - FREE - 10.30am 5-7miles**

Join a leader of the Ramblers Association and an expert on Dragonflies for what promises to be an extremely enjoyable walk around Delamere taking in our SSSI Meres and Lakes on the search for amazing Dragonflies. No booking necessary, just turn up at Linmere Visitor Centre. Please bring a packed lunch.

## June

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Meres and Mosses - Dragonflies -£2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**

A ranger will walk you to our SSSI site of Blakemere Moss and explain the importance of this fantastic habitat especially for dragonflies. Come back to the classroom for dragonfly craft events.

## July

**Thursday 28<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. Take part in making a luxury bug hotel for these fascinating creatures.

## August

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Woody Workshop -£5 per person - All day - 10.30am start**

Try your hand at creating a spoon or a mallet from wood using traditional woodcraft techniques. An expert will be on hand to help produce a masterpiece!

**Thursday 11<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.



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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Earthwalk - £2 per child - 10.30 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 2.30pm**  
Experience the wonders of the forest in a unique way through fun sensory games and activities.

**Thursday 25<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.

## September

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Owl Prowl £4.50 per person - 7.30 - 9.30pm**

Owls are extremely interesting creatures but owing to their shy elusive lifestyle can be unusual to see in the wild. You will be introduced to the owls found in the British Isles and also learn about their habits and habitats. Joined by an expert you will take a stroll through the forest putting your skills into practice.

**Saturday 10<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.

## October

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Bat Walk (for children) -£4 per person - 6.30 - 8pm**

Our education ranger will take you on a walk around the forest discovering the bats using detectors. Ideal for younger children.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Pumpkin Carving -£4.50 per person - 10.30am - 12pm or 1.30 - 3pm**

Our extremely popular Halloween event. Each child will receive a pumpkin to carve and take home ready to light up their path on Halloween. Other crafts and activities are also available.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Spooky Halloween Walk - £5 per person - 7.30pm - 9pm**

Dare to be scared???? A spooky, scary walk around the Forest working with The Ramblers Association. Booking is essential. Not suitable for under 10 year olds or those easily scared.

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## December

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 Visitor Centre at a cost of £1 per sheet.