

**Big Loch Bird Watch** **January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Join us for an afternoon bird watching and bird feeder making for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. Bring warm clothes and binoculars if you have them  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 1.00pm **Booking:** Please Book  
Suitable for families.

**Nature Detectives** **March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** EASTER, NESTS AND EGGS  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Sleepers and Sun Seekers** **March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Join the Rangers to learn about which creatures have been sleeping through the winter, and which left us for sunnier lands. What birds and animals can we expect to see now Spring is here? What were their tricks for avoiding the cold, and how we can help them. Bring warm clothes and sturdy shoes.  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 1.00pm **Booking:** Recommended  
Suitable for families.

**Nature Detectives** **April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** APRIL FOOL: TRICKS AND CAMOUFLAGE  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Spring Railway Trip & Walks** **April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Come along with a Ranger to see some of the sights of spring on a train ride and historical walk calling in at Kinneil House grounds, the Antonine Wall and Kinneil Nature Reserve. TWO different walk times  
**Meet:** Bo'ness Train Station, 12.10 & 1.40pm starts (2.45 & 5pm finishes)  
**Price:** £1 **Suitable for adults and older children. Booking:** Essential

**Burgh Beautiful Fun Dog Show** **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
A fun packed afternoon for all the family, with rides, stalls, displays, obedience teaching, Dog MOT and classes such as waggiest tail, best junior handler, cutest puppy, sit and stay, etc.  
(Joint event with Linlithgow Burgh Beautiful)  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 1.30pm onwards **Booking:** None  
**Price:** A small charge per dog entered into each class, other activities free.

**Song For A Spring Morning** **May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Join a Ranger to enjoy the dawn chorus at Linlithgow Loch, and hopefully learn to recognise some birds by their song  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 6.00am (until 8.00am) **Booking:** Essential  
**Bring:** Warm clothes and binoculars if you have them.

**Butterfly Day & Big Bug Hunt** **June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Spend an afternoon chasing or drawing butterflies, as well as hunting for other minibeasts amongst the greenery of Linlithgow Peel. And learn what mini creatures come out in the hours of darkness  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 1.00pm **Booking:** Recommended  
Suitable for families.

**Nature Detectives** **July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** MINI-BEAST HUNT  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Nature Detectives** **July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** MAKE AND FLY A KITE ON THE BEACH  
**Meet:** Blackness Castle, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Nature Detectives** **July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** MINI-BEAST HUNT  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Nature Detectives** **July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** LOCH DIPPING  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Nature Detectives** **July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** LOCH DIPPING  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

**Love your Loch** **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Learn about the underwater world, go "Loch Dipping" for water creatures, Discover the Loch's natural history and the problems it faces today.  
**Meet:** Linlithgow Palace, 1.00pm to 4.00pm **Booking:** None  
Suitable for all.

**Nature Detectives** **August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.  
**Activity:** BLACKNESS SEASHORE: ART & ADVENTURE  
**Meet:** Blackness Castle, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

# Linlithgow Peel

## Events 2008

### Nature Detectives

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Aimed at children aged eight and upwards, and younger children accompanied by an adult.

Activity: **ORIENT"TREE"ING**

Meet: Linlithgow Palace, 10.00am to 12.00 **Booking:** Recommended

### Join the Dark Side: Kids fun Batty Activities

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Fly in to hang out with a real batty expert to find out the true facts about bats, and why they don't go bump in the night! Activities, art and crafts, and a chance to see our royal bats in the palace.

Meet: Linlithgow Palace, 8.00pm **Booking:** Please Book

### Bat Walk and Talk

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn about the bats that live with us in Linlithgow Palace, learn to use a bat detector and find out how they hunt and where they go.

Meet: Linlithgow Palace, 8.00pm **Booking:** Please Book

### Linlithgow Archaeology Day

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Discover how people lived hundreds or even thousands of years ago, meet characters from the past and try out various historical activities.

Meet: Linlithgow palace, 11.00am to 4.00pm **Booking:** None  
Suitable for all.

### Autumn Walk: Hedgerows, Houses & Heritage

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Joint Event with Hopetoun House Ranger Service

Join a double bill of Rangers on a walk between Historic Blackness Castle & the spectacular designed landscape of Hopetoun House, seeing fine coastal views on the way. Bring a packed lunch if you want to eat at Hopetoun.

Meet: Blackness Castle, 1.00pm (finish 4.00pm) **Booking:** Essential  
Price: £2 Suitable for adults and older children.

### Volunteer Day

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Help the Ranger with a number of important tasks such as path building, grassland management or survey work.

Meet: Linlithgow palace, 1.00pm **Booking:** Recommended  
Suitable for adults and older children.

### Forth Estuary Walk - Bo'ness to Blackness Castle

November 16<sup>th</sup>

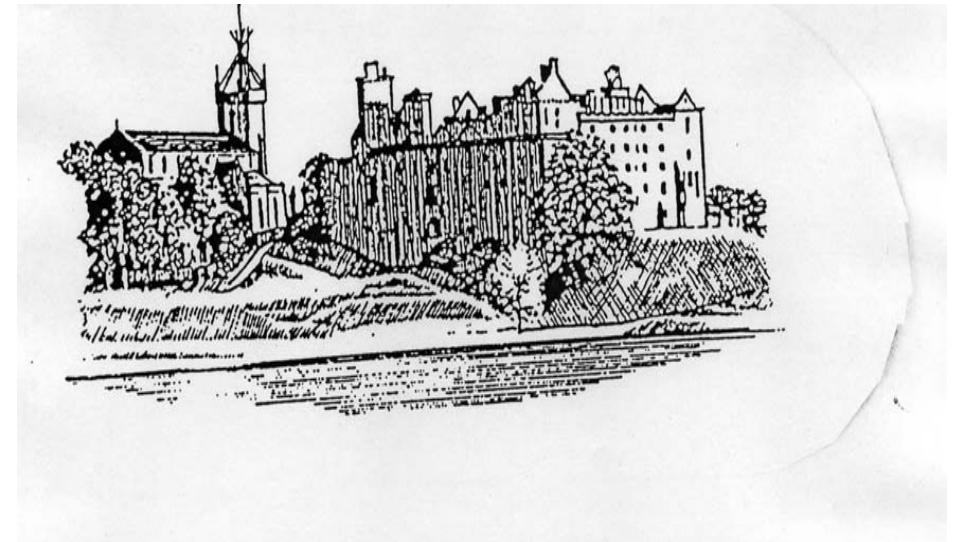
Joint Event with Falkirk Council Ranger Service. Contact us for details.

### Seasonal Stories and Decorations

December 7<sup>th</sup>

Why do we use holly for decoration at Christmas time? Come along and hear some winter tales while making seasonal decorations from natural materials

Meet: Linlithgow Palace, 1.00pm **Booking:** Recommended  
Suitable for families.



Contact us to discuss ideas for tailor-made walks / activities  
Most events are FREE (unless otherwise stated)  
Wear sensible shoes and clothing suitable for the weather  
We also have a program of events at Holyrood Park

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