



FREE EVENTS

Whitelee Countryside Ranger Events



Whitelee Stroller Striders

● Tuesdays 10am - 12noon approx. ● Meet at the notice board by the Main Entrance gate

Are you a new parent or about to become one? Do you want to get out into the fresh air with some healthy exercise? Then come along and join our friendly Strollers Striders group and stretch your legs while meeting new parents, chatting and trading useful tips. The group is open to all expectant and new parents and meets every week at 10am at the entrance to the windfarm (next to the map-board), before heading out.

Key and important information

Please contact the rangers for further information and to book events:

Address: Ranger Cabin, c/o Whitelee Visitor Centre, Whitelee Windfarm, Moor Road, Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire, G76 0QQ. **E-mail:** Whitelee-crs@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk
Phone: 0141 614 0962 **Website:** www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee

All events provided by the Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service are FREE.

- We would like to take photos during our events for use in promotional materials but you have a right to refuse. In accordance with general data protection regulations (GDPR) if we do wish to take photos we will request your permission and provide a photo consent form.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please wear/bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Prepare for changeable weather. Unless stated otherwise.
- If you book an event but then can't make it, please let us know ASAP so that we can fill your spaces.
- All published distances and finish times are approximate and subject to change.
- Dogs are welcome on most events, but some may not be suitable for them. Please contact the rangers about bringing your dog to the event.
- Please consult the WCRS web pages (www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee) for maps and directions to event meeting points or contact the rangers.
- Please aim to arrive at least 5 minutes before the published event start time.
- We are now Makaton Friendly service please get in touch to find out if the event you are interested in has Makaton elements too it.



Suitable for families



Children's event



Bring the dog



Waterproofs essential



Bring lunch

- Date
- Drop in event
- Booking essential
- Time
- Meeting point
- Makaton Friendly



Whitelee Countryside Rangers



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The Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service is available for evenings and weekend group visits for all ages including uniformed and interest groups for activity sessions, guided walks, talks and presentations.

Boost Your Roost

● Sat 8 Feb ● 1pm - 4pm
 ● Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 It's National Nest Box Week, so come along and help out your local bats and birds by building them their own cosy homes.



Walk the Seasons Step into Spring

● Sat 28 Mar ● 1pm - 3.30pm
 ● Booking essential ● Ardochrig
 Walk the Seasons is a series of shorter walks in different areas of the windfarm. Join us for some fresh air, exercise and a natter as we go. Walk approx. 5 miles.



Makaton Treasure Hunt

● Mon 6 Apr ● 11am - 3pm
 ● Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 Explore the world of Makaton in a treasure hunt! Bring your team along to find all the hidden symbols to open up the treasure chest. Ideal for both Makaton users and non-Makaton users.



Egg-straspecial Easter

● Sun 12 Apr ● 12noon - 4pm
 ● Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 It's time to get egg-cited about Easter egg-ain as we hunt for eggs, decorate eggs and... smash eggs to bits on our egg rolls! It's going to be egg-ceptional!



Test Your Tribe

● Fri 17 Apr ● 12.30pm - 4pm
 ● Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 Gather your tribe and head to Whitelee to take on our testing but fun series of survival skills challenges.



Cold Blooded Critters

● Sat 23 May ● 9am - 12noon & 8pm - 10pm
 ● Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 Special Offer - 2 activities in 1 day! Come with us to stalk the elusive Whitelee adders in the morning, then return in the evening as we peer in on our pond dwelling frogs, toads and newts.
 * Bring a torch.



Bug Hunters (Makaton Style)

● Mon 25 May ● 12noon - 3pm
 ● Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 Come along and see what you can find in the undergrowth in this creepy crawlie hunt.



Valley Walk Fest Wandering Into The Wind

● Sun 10 May ● 10.30am - 3pm
 ● Booking essential ● Darvel Parish Church Hall
 Stride up from the Irvine Valley to Whitelee windfarm, taking in some of the historical sites along the way. Stunning views, caves and monuments line the route, and there should be some wildlife too. Part of the route is off track so waterproof footwear essential. 10km/6.2miles.



Walk the Seasons Summer Solstice

● Sat 20 Jun ● 9pm - 11pm
 ● Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
 The sun is high in the sky so it's festival solstice time again. Join us on a walk to the Blackwood viewpoint to celebrate this magical time, chat and hear about the cultural significance of this time.



Orienteering Adventurer

● Sun 28 Jun ● 10.30am - 4pm
 ● Booking essential ● Ardochrig
 Test your map reading skills in our orienteering courses. See how long it takes your team to find all the control points. Trails between 6.4km /4 miles and 12.8km/8 miles. * No teams can set off after noon. Make sure you bring you phone with you.



BOGGY BEASTIES CLUB



Whitelee Countryside
Ranger Service



Boggy Beasties Club

Book your kids into our FREE fun-filled 'Boggy Beasties' summer club and keep them active through the summer.

The club is for 6 year olds and above and runs every Wednesday from 10.30am-12noon for 6 weeks during the summer holidays.

Children can be left for some activities at/ near the visitor centre but should otherwise be accompanied by an adult. **Spaces are limited.** To book places, please contact the Whitelee Countryside Rangers.

Frequent Fliers

● **Wed 1 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Explore flight by birds & humans, who's the best?

Map Masters

● **Wed 8 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Learn how to read a basic map and then find the location of the treasure.

Animal Antics

● **Wed 15 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Play our wild set of outdoor nature-themed games.

Camouflage Conquest

● **Wed 22 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Try out some different camouflage techniques, and see who's the best at hide and seek!

Pollinators Power

● **Wed 29 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Are pollinators important? Find out if they are through games.

Fire Fun

● **Wed 5 Aug** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**
Discover nature's fire helpers and learn the safe way to use fire.

Muddy Monsters Club



Muddy Monsters is our pre-school club for children between 2-5 years old and their adults.

The aim of the group is to get young children and their adults outside enjoying nature through games, stories and play. The group meet on the second Thursday of each month from 1pm-2pm at the Whitelee Visitor Centre. Each session covers a different theme.

● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**



Canine Capers



● **Sun 12 July** ● **1pm - 4pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Silly games, treats & prizes, and dogs doing what dogs want to do. If your dog could speak they'd say - 'take us to Whitelee Canine Capers event'!

Run the Blades

● **Fri 17 & Sat 18 July** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Entering its sixth year and fully supported by WCRS, Run the Blades is a unique event incorporating 3 distances: 10k, half marathon & 50K ultra. See Breaking Strain events www.breakingstrain.co.uk for more information.

Peacocks and Peppers



● **Fri 24 July** ● **1pm - 3.30pm & 9pm - 11pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Ardochrig**

Join us as we explore the world of butterflies and moths in this 2 for 1 event! In the afternoon help us find and record butterflies and in the evening why not come back and see what moths we can find. **You can come on both parts of the event or just 1 part of the event.*

3 Reservoirs and Dogs!



● **Fri 31 July** ● **10am - 3pm**
● **Booking essential** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Grab your shades, don your (rain) suit and bring the dog for a hearty hike to the 3 reservoirs at the windfarm. We'll be covering ~15km/9.3miles both on and off track so this ones for the adventurers. There wont be any shootouts but hopefully we'll see some interesting wildlife along the way.

Crafty Rocks



● **Sun 9 Aug** ● **11am - 3pm**
● **Drop-in** ● **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Get crafty by painting your own rocks and story cookies with Makaton symbols or drawings that you can hide around Whitelee or take home. Ideal for Makaton users and non-Makaton users.



Crafty Campfire Stories



- Fri 14 Aug ● 7pm - 9pm
- Booking essential ● Meeting point TBC

Help us get a cosy campfire going, and huddle round with marshmallows and your imagination as we create some campfire stories.

Find it, Fry it or Fire it



- Sat 29 Aug ● 11am - 2.30pm
- Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

While the kids get the fires started for everyone to cook lunch on with a Ranger, the adults will head out on a foraging walk with another ranger to collect food to eat at lunch.

Walk the Seasons Twilight Stroll



- Fri 11 Sep ● 6.30pm - 9.30pm
- Booking essential ● Ardochrig

Join us in this twilight walk through the windfarm. What night time creatures will we see? Walk approx. 8.8km/5.5 miles. *Bring a torch.

Whittling Whitelee



- Sun 20 Sep ● 10am - 4pm
- Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Calling all want-to-be whittlers - come and see how time accelerates as you get engrossed in crafting your own spoon from green wood using traditional tools and skills. Limited spaces so book fast. 15 years and older must be accompanied by an adult.

Bonkers about Conkers



- Mon 12 Oct ● 1pm - 3pm
- Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Prepare your own conker and put it to the test at the first ever Whitelee Conker Contest.

Looking for somewhere to run a charity or sponsored event? Have you considered the unique setting of Whitelee? Contact the Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service for more information.

For events updates and photos, as well as news from Whitelee, follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and visit us at: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee

Makaton Map Masters



- Fri 16 Oct ● 12noon - 3.30pm
- Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Learn how to read a basic map and explore the windfarm with your team on this Makaton orienteering course. Ideal for Makaton users and non-Makaton users. May not be suitable for all wheel chairs, phone for more details.

Halloween The Burning Man



- Fri 23 Oct ● 6.30pm - 8.45pm
- Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Join us for a frightening evening where we'll be immersing ourselves with the Wicker Man! Games and activities for all at the visitor centre, with a spooky scary walk on site. (Limited spaces on walks, first come first served). *Bring a torch.

Nae Fireworks Nights



- Tue 3 - Thu 5 Nov ● 5pm - midnight
- Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Escape the fireworks with the dog(s) and head to Whitelee for our huge firework free nights. Check social media closer to the time for updates. There will be a Ranger led walk from 7.30pm on the 5th. *Bring a torch.

Walk the Seasons Winter is Coming!



- Sun 29 Nov ● 1pm - 3.30pm
- Booking essential ● Meeting point TBC

The last in our Walk the Seasons series of shorter walks. Join us for some fresh air, exercise and a natter as we go. Approx. 3 miles over rough ground in places.

Wonderful Wreaths



- Sat 5 Dec ● 11am - 2pm
- Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Join us to make your very own Christmas wreath from natural materials.