

FREE



Whitelee



Countryside 2023 Ranger Events

How to book

Bookings for each event (unless listed as a drop-in event) will only open 1 month in advance of each event. To book, please contact the Whitelee Ranger Service:

Email: Whitelee-crs@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk Tel: 0141 614 0962

Website: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee

Key information

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

- We occasionally 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, unless stated otherwise.
- Please wear/bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Prepare for changeable weather.
- If you book an event but then can't make it, please let us know ASAP so that we can fill your space(s).
- Dogs are welcome on most events, but some may not be suitable for them. Please contact the rangers about bringing your dog to an event which isn't marked as 'dog friendly'.
- All published distances and finish times are approximate and subject to change.
- Please consult the WCRS web pages (www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee) for maps and directions to meeting points or contact the rangers.
- Please aim to arrive at least 5 minutes before the published event start time.



Suitable for families 🍎 **Bring lunch**



Children's event 🔦 **Bring a torch**



Waterproofs essential 🐕 **Bring the dog**



Date



Drop in event



Booking essential



Time



Meeting point



Whitelee Countryside Rangers



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Egg 'n' Roll

● Sun 9 April

● Drop-in



● 1pm - 4pm

● Whitelee Visitor Centre

Get hopping to Whitelee for an afternoon of Easter madness. This is your chance to show off your eggspert rolling skills in our annual egg roll and smash! Bring a boiled egg if you can!

Take a Hike Through History

● Sun 30 April

● Booking essential

● 1pm - 4pm

● Whitelee Visitor Centre



Explore beautiful Lochgoin and its surrounds and learn some local history too. From Bronze age artefacts to hillfort defences and from persecuted witches to hunted covenanters, there's much more to Whitelee than just wind! Approx. 7 miles.

Valley WalkFest Return to Whitelee's Secret Forest

● Sun 14 May

● Booking essential

● 10am - 12noon

● Ardochrig



Join the Whitelee Countryside Rangers to explore one of their favourite walks in the windfarm, taking in the sights and sounds of the peaceful and picturesque Cleughearn Forest. If we're quiet enough, we might even see some of our more elusive wildlife along the way. This walk will be a mix of windfarm tracks, and some off-track sections over some soft ground. Approx. 3 miles.

Free The Trees Action Day

● Sat 20 May

● Booking essential

● 10am - 3pm

● Ardochrig



Join the Rangers for a day of action, freeing now-mature trees from their tree tubes. All tools, gloves and refreshments provided. Task will involve a walk to and from the site, uneven ground conditions, and there will be no toilet access.

Summer Solstice Saunter

● Wed 21 June

● Booking essential

● 9pm - 11pm

● Whitelee Visitor Centre



Watch the last rays of the sun disappear on the longest day from Blackwood Hill Viewpoint. Hot drinks and goodies provided. Approx. 3 miles.

Run the Blades

● Fri 14 - Sun 16 July

● Whitelee Visitor Centre



Entering its eighth year and fully supported by WCRS, Run the Blades is a unique event incorporating 3 distances: 10k, half marathon and 50K ultra. Junior RTB Mile too! Breaking Strain events www.breakingstrain.co.uk/run-the-blades/ for more information.

Big Butterfly Count

● Fri 28 July

● Booking essential

● 1pm - 3pm

● TBC



Join the Rangers and get involved in the Big Butterfly Count to help us record our winged visitors, whilst brushing up on your ID skills.

Ranger Day Ramble

● Mon 31 July

● Booking essential

● 9.30am - 3pm

● TBC



Celebrate World Ranger Day by exploring the Windfarm with the Whitelee Ranger crew. Approx. 11 miles.

Put Pedal to the Metal

● Sat 12 August

● Booking essential

● 11am - 2pm

● Ardochrig



Feeling inspired by the UCI Cycling World Champs? Sign up for some wheelie good fun with a Ranger-led cycle through the Windfarm. We'll start at Ardochrig, tackle some wee hills and stop for lunch to admire the views and our hard work!



Whitelee Walkers Health Walk

- **Tuesdays 10am–11am approx.**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre (outside)**

Walking is one of the best ways that we can keep fit and it's fun too! Join the Whitelee Rangers for a short health walk on the windfarm - stretch your legs, have a natter and maybe even spot some local wildlife.

This health walk covers a distance of up to 2 miles, and lasts 45mins – 1hr at a gentle pace, with a couple of small hills to get the heart-rate up a bit. The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities, and new walkers are always welcome. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, but must be kept on a short lead for this walk.



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 (March-December). Each session covers a different theme.

- **Monthly**
- **1pm - 2pm**
- **Booking essential**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

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 6-12 year olds and runs every Wednesday for 4 weeks, during the summer holidays. We have morning sessions 10.30am-12noon for 6-8 year olds, and afternoon sessions 1.30pm-3.00pm for 9-12 year olds.

Children can be left for some activities, but some sessions may require adult accompaniment – full details will be given at time of booking or closer to the event. **Spaces are limited.**

BOOKINGS OPEN FROM 1ST JUNE 2023. To book places, please contact the Whitelee Countryside Rangers.

Wildlife Detectives

- **Wed 12 July**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Calling all wildlife sleuths – can you help the rangers solve the mysterious wildlife crime using your detective skills?

Map Masters

- **Wed 19 July**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Learn how to read a basic map and then find the location of the treasure.

6-8 years: Creepy Crawlies

- **Wed 26 July**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Get your nets and magnifying glasses at the ready as we get up close and personal with the creepy crawlies of Whitelee.

9-12 years: Bird Box Build

- **Wed 26 July**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Give nature a helping hand and test your woodwork skills at the same time, by building your very own bird box.

Fire Fun

- **Wed 2 August**
- **Whitelee Visitor Centre**

Ignite your inner explorer and learn how to safely use fire. Marshmallow toasting afterwards for all intrepid fire starters!



Willow Wonders



- Sun 17 Sept ● TBC
 - Booking essential ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
- Get crafty with us and a professional willow weaver. More details closer to the time.

Autumn Equinox Amble



- Sat 23 Sept ● 6pm - 9pm
 - Booking essential ● Ardochrig
- When daytime equals night-time – a good walk to Corse Hill to see the sunset on the first day of Autumn. Grab a cuppa before heading back again. Approx. 6 miles.

Orienteering Quest



- Mon 16 Oct ● 11am - 3pm
 - Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
- Assemble your team and test your map skills on one of our orienteering challenges this October Break.

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.

Auld Hallows Eve



- Fri 27 Oct ● 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 - Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
- Prepare to be scared at Whitelee this Halloween. Take part in our gruesome games and dare to join us for a walk on the dark side... who knows what might be lurking there?!

Nae Fireworks Night



- Sun 5 Nov ● 5pm - 11pm
 - 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.

Feed the Birds



- Sun 19 Nov ● 1pm - 3pm
 - Drop-in ● Whitelee Visitor Centre
- Have a hoot whilst getting the birds in your garden ready for winter. Make your very own bird feeder for your feathery friends. Im-peck-able!

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

Whitelee Visitor Centre

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Ardochrig

Whitelee East Windfarm Parking, Ardochrig Road, G75 0QN (nearest postcode)
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