

2nd June to 31st August 2012

What's On!



GeoFest 2012

Guided Walks, Exhibitions, Rock and Fossil Roadshows, Children's Activities and much more highlighting and celebrating the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark

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GeoFest June 2012

Saturday 2nd June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'On and around Bromyard Down and Bringsty Common'. The scenery of the surrounding area will be explained in terms of its underlying geology. Bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10.00am at Bromyard Downs picnic site SO671588
Est finish: 3.00pm Booking: 01684 892289 Cost: £3.00

Saturday 2nd June - Sunday 10th June

Self Guided Walk in the Wyre Forest

Follow the Dragonfly Trail to the Carboniferous rocks exposed in the Callow Hill Quarry. On the way you will find out about the plants, animals and insects that lived in the area 350 million years ago. On Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th June Rock and Fossil themed activity for children between 11am -3pm in the Community Discovery Centre, a small charge applies.

Sunday 3rd June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'The Geology of North Hill'. Exploring the variety of rocks and geological structures of Tank Quarry and North Hill and the landscape seen from the hill.
Start: 10.00am at North Quarry car park (£3) SO771470
Est finish: 1.00pm Booking: 01684 892289 Cost: £3.00

Wednesday 6th June: Children's Activity 'Creatures of the Deep'. Come along to find out what mysterious creatures live beneath the water in our pond. Try and catch water scorpions, freshwater leech and colourful bloodworms in our pond dipping session.
Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO753840
Finish: 3.30pm Cost: £3.00

Saturday 9th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'An Ice Age River though an Ancient Desert'. Exploring how the geologically recent River Severn carved its deep valley during and after the Ice Age through the fossilised sand-dunes of a 280 million year-old desert.
Start: 2.00pm at Bridgnorth Castle SO717927
Est finish: 4.30pm Booking: 01746 764189
Cost: £1.00 adult. Free to SGS members and under 15s

Activities are free to attend unless otherwise stated
SVCP = Severn Valley Country Park.

Sunday 10th June: Geology Field Trip
A walk around a disused limestone quarry on Abberley Hill, including ample opportunity for fossil hunting.
Start: 10.30am at Shavers End Quarry SO770682
Finish: 12.30pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Sunday 10th June: Family Event - Celebration!
The Abberley Hills Preservation Society hosts a relaxed afternoon of displays, chat, a hog roast and traditional dancing at the Manor Arms pub, Abberley village.
Start: 1pm at the Manor Arms pub SO753679
Finish: 5pm Cost: refreshments

Friday 15th June - Sunday 17th June

The Three Counties Show - Family Event

Gloucestershire Geology Trust and H&W Earth Heritage Trust will have a marquee at the show exhibiting geology and landscape displays, rock specimens, and information about local projects.
Times: 9.00am - 6.00pm at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW
Cost: Entrance fee to the showground

Tuesday 19th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'The Mathon River'. A ramble across the rock outcrops to Mathon to see and understand some of the glacial influences on the evolution of the Mathon River.
Start: 10.00am at the car park meter at the northern end of West of England carpark, Malvern Hills (£3) SO765450
Est finish: 5.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Saturday 23rd June: Guided Industrial Archaeology and landscape Walk
'The Broken Promise - the canal that was never completed'. The walk explores the landscape and archaeology of the proposed route of the Leominster to Stouport canal from the Rock /Abberley area to Stouport, via Astley.
Start: 10.30am in Stouport-on-Severn, DY13 - further details upon booking
Finish: 5pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £5.00

For general enquires contact the Geopark Secretariat:
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust
Tel: 01905 855184 Email: eht@worc.ac.uk

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GeoFest June - July 2012

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Saturday 23rd June

Family Event - Celebrations!

'Marking the 20th anniversary of Severn Valley Country Park'

10.00am-12.30pm: History walk with Edward Andrews of Shropshire Council and local historian David Poyner. Join a 2.5 mile guided walk around the park looking at the fascinating history and mining heritage. Cost: £3.00 adults, £1.50 children.

2.30pm-4.30pm: Minibeast Safari for children. Join a Ranger to learn about the amazing invertebrates that now live on the park from froghoppers to beetles, water scorpions to rat-tailed maggots! Explore the pond, creep through the long grass and search the woodlands on our great Bug Hunt! Cost: £3.00 per child.

12pm-5pm: Photographic Exhibition in the Visitor Centre. Display of old photographs from the mining days and a selection of the best entries from this year's Spring photographic competition.

2pm-4pm Highley Colliery Band playing in the Visitor Centre.

Sunday 24th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'Herefordshire Beacon and Broad Down'. The walk will discover the volcanic and intrusive igneous rocks of the hills. The rocks and geological structures underlying the surrounding landscape will be described in terms of the extensive and spectacular views from the Malvern Hills. *Start:* 10.00am at British Camp car park (£3) SO763404 *Finish:* 1.00pm Bookings: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Friday 29th June: Guided Walk

Dusk walk in the forest for adults.

Start: 7.00pm at the Wyre Forest Discovery SO749740 *Finish:* 9.00pm Bookings: 01299 266929 Cost: £7.00

Saturday 30th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'Huntley, Longhope and Hobbs Ridge'. A walk to include the folded and faulted volcanoclastic rocks of Huntley Quarry Geology Reserve, wonderful views over the Severn Vale, and the stunning reef mounds in Hobbs Quarry Nature Reserve. A good walk, with great geology. *Start:* 10am at Huntley Church, off the A40 SO713196 *Est finish:* 1pm

Saturday 30th June - Sunday 12th August

Building Stones Exhibition

A photographic exhibition highlighting the Stone Built Heritage of the Bewdley area and the relationship between local building stones and the geology of the immediate area.

Venue: Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE

Opening Times: 10.00am - 4.30pm daily

Sunday 1st July - Friday 20th July

Lets Rock Trail

Discover the rocks of the Geopark on a rock quiz trail around the Cob House site, set in the heart of the wonderful landscape of the Teme Valley. Complete the quiz sheet about these fascinating rocks dating back to 700 million years ago and you will automatically be entered into a prize draw. Part of the Cob House Earth Heritage education programme.

Venue: Cob House Fisheries, Worcester Road, Wichenford, WR6 6YE www.cobhouse.org

Opening Times: 9.00am - 5.00pm daily

Tuesday 3rd July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk 'Colwall Parish'. Embracing a variety of rocks, including not only the more obvious harder lithologies, but also superficial deposits laid down in the Quaternary - the day's walk will look at ways in which geological variations have strongly influenced the landscape. *Start:* 10.15am, Colwall train station SO756424 *Est finish:* 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Saturday 7th July: Geology Field Trip

'Blackstone Rock'. A short walk along the River Severn to reach Blackstone Rock and cutting to examine Permian and Triassic aged sedimentary rocks and structures.

Start: 2.30pm Blackstone picnic site car park SO796744

Finish: 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Tuesday 10th July: Geology Field Trip

'Malvern Hills Quarries'. The trip starts with the ancient rocks of Gullet Quarry. Lunch will be had in Great Malvern before visiting quarries in West Malvern and around the Wyche Cutting. Car share between quarries

Start: 10.00am at Swinyard car park (£3) SO766382

Est finish: 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Sunday 14th July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk

'Geology of the southern Malvern Hills'. A great walk around a little known gem of the Malvern Hills with rocks ranging from Precambrian to Triassic in age.

Start: 10.00am at Bromsberrow Village Hall SO754339

Est finish: 1.00pm

Friday 20th July Geology Field Trip

'Wilderness Quarry, Mitcheldean'. A chance to visit a working quarry to see a stunning sequence of fluvial sandstones showing some wonderful sedimentary structures and variation in grade and colour. The quarry manager aims to have an historic bone bed containing fish bones, teeth, scales and spines for us to see.

Start: 10.00am at Wilderness Quarry - details on booking

Finish: 1.00pm Booking: 01452 864438

Saturday 21st July: Family Events

Fossil Casting and Fossil Painting

Start: Midday *Finish:* 3.00pm Cost: £2

Stone Mason Demonstration

Derek Martin of DJM Stonemasonry Ltd

Demonstration times: start at 10.30am and 2.00pm

Venue: Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE

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Sunday 22nd July: Geology Field Trip
'The Wyche and Purlieu'. Explore the geology and landscape to the immediate west of the Malvern Hills. Includes a fossil forray!
Start: 2.00pm at Beacon Road car park (£3) SO768438
Finish: 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Sunday 22nd July: Family Event
'Out and about in Storrige parish' exploring geology, landscape and man's use of these natural resources. Further details available from the event organiser - Andrew Gaster - andrewgaster1@googlemail.com
Start: 11.00am *Est finish:* 3.00pm
Bookings: email Andrew Gaster Cost: £2.00

Monday 23rd July: Children's Activity
Fossil Casting and Fossil Painting
Start: Midday at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £2

Wednesday 25th July: Children's Activity
'The Minibeast Olympics!' With the Olympics about to begin, come along and learn about minibeasts on the park and incredible feats of endurance. Collect snails and take part in the great Severn Valley Snail Race!
Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO753840
Finish: 3.30pm Cost: £3.00

Sunday 29th July: Guided Building Stones Walk
A guided tour looking at the natural stones of buildings and other structures in Bewdley
Start: 2.00pm at the entrance to Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE
Finish: 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Monday 30th July: Children's Activity
Fossil Painting
Start: Midday at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE
Finish: 3.00pm Cost: £2.00

Monday 30th July - Tuesday 31st July

Rock and Fossil Roadshow

Lots of fun and activities from fossil plaster casts to Ask the Experts. A great family event. Stay for the day and explore the grounds and attractions at the Dean Heritage Centre, Camp Mill, Soudley, GL14 2UB
Roadshow times: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost: none for roadshow, admission charges to the Heritage Centre apply

Monday 30th July - Wednesday 1st August

Wild in Wyre

Three full days of fun and adventure in the forest for 8-11 year olds. Activities will include building shelters, camp cookery, making bows and arrows.
Times: 9.00am - 3pm each day at the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre, DY14 9XQ
Booking: 01299 266929 Cost: £60.00

Wednesday 1st August: Children's Activity

'Blooms and Butterflies'. Learn all about our wonderful native wildflowers and all the benefits that they bring to wildlife. Collect some seed and plant some flowers to have in the garden. Bring a plant pot!
Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO753840
Finish: 3.30pm Cost: £3.00

Wednesday 1st August - Thursday 2nd August

Rock and Fossil Roadshow

Fun fossil activities including dig for your own fossil and fossil casting, together with a rock display. Part of the 'Steam and Whistle Activity Club' at the Engine House, Severn Valley Railway.
Roadshow times: 11.00am - 5.00pm at the Engine House, Station Road, Highley, WV16 6NZ
Cost: Admission charges to the Engine House apply. For further details visit: www.svr.co.uk/EngineHouse.aspx

Thursday 2nd August: Geology Field Trip

'The Severn Valley'. A day exploring the varied geology and landscape in the Severn Valley between Bridgnorth and Bewdley. Car share between sites.
Start: 9.30am Blackstone picnic site car park SO796744
Est finish: 4.00pm Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Saturday 4th: Photography Workshop

Introducing the geology of the Bewdley area as seen through your camera lens. An introductory talk followed by a practical geo/photographic tour of selected sites within the town. Bring your own camera.
Start: 10.00am at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE
Finish: 1.00pm Bookings: 01905 855184 Cost: £5.00

Tuesday 7th August: Guided Geology and Landscape walk

'Dudmaston Estate'. Explore how the local geology was exploited in the construction of a Picturesque Dingle in the late 18th century'. Includes quarry visit.
Start: 11.00am at the picnic area in front of Dudmaston Hall, Quatt nr Bridgnorth SO747887
Finish: 1.00pm Bookings: 01952 510463
Cost: £1.00 adult. Free to SGS members and under 15s

Wednesday 8th August: Children's Activity

'Tree-mendous Trees'. Learn about the wonderful trees of SVCP. Did you know that a yew tree in Wales is said to be over 4000 years old? Or that in the summer a single oak tree can support up to 400,000 caterpillars at any one time! Learn all about the wonders of trees by playing tree bingo and help to make a giant tree collage.
Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO753840
Finish: 3.30pm Cost: £3.00

Friday 10th August - Sunday 12th August

Rock and Fossil Roadshow

Fun activities encompassing the 700 million years of the Geopark's geological history!
Roadshow times: 11.00am - 3.00pm at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE

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Saturday 11th August - Friday 24th August

Dinosaur Detective trail

Find eight posters about Dinosaurs and answer questions on your worksheet about these fascinating creatures that roamed the Earth millions of years ago. Dinosaur Detective certificates for all participants. Vernon, a wooden Velociraptor, will be visiting each day (exc 18th Aug). Part of the Cob House Earth Heritage education programme.

Venue: Cob House Fisheries, Worcester Road,

Wichenford, WR6 6YE www.cobhouse.org

Opening Times: 9.00am - 5.00pm daily



Worcester City Museum and Art Gallery

Changes to the Museum Gallery ... In a new display, you will see many stars of our stored collections! Discover more about the Victorian pioneers and practitioners of the emerging sciences of archaeology, geology and natural history. The new display includes a ray finned bony Jurassic fish, Devil's toe nails, Devil's bullets, a fantastic fragment of giant club moss, sea ferns and horsetails! There are trace fossils, and the mysterious 'Hand beast'. And last, but not least ... the footprint of Iguanodon! Opening times: Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm. For further information call 01905 25371 or visit www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk.

Hereford Museum Resource & Learning Centre

Meet the experts, see the Collections from 10am-1pm on 14th & 19th June, 12th & 17th July, 9th & 21st August.

'Ready Steady Dig' - Romans and Community Games on the 24th July from 11am - 3pm. Come and take part in an archaeological excavation and learn how to plot an excavation site like an real archaeologist, lots of fun hands on things to do for all the family. Activities £1 each. For more details please call 01432 383383 or visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums

Wyre Forest Community Discovery Centre

FREE events "Treetastic Tuesdays" and "Forest Fridays" will take place every Tuesday and Friday throughout the Summer Holidays, from 24th July until 31st August. Come and explore the Community Discovery Centre anytime between 11am and 3pm. Follow several different trails around the centre, including the new Sensory Trail, the Earth's Story Timeline, Texture Tunnels, etc. There will be a different children's activity on each day available too, for a small charge. For more details please call 01299 266929 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/wyreforest

Saturday 18th August: Family Event

'Martley Village Fayre'. Lots of events and activities all day including local geology displays and visits to Martley Rock, a site of extraordinary geology! Fayre held at Martley Playing Fields SO751597

Monday 27th August: Children's Activity

'Rock and Fossil Roadshow'. Come and learn more about rocks, fossils and dinosaurs. Make a trilobite mask, cast a fossil, design your own ancient swamp or seascape, follow the Dino Detective Trail and meet Vernon the Velociraptor!

Start: 11.00 am at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, DY11 7XZ

Finish: 5.00pm Cost: admission charge to the museum For details of all the museums summer activities call 01299 250416 or visit www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk

Friday 31st: Family Event

'Family Dusk Walk'. Explore the forest as night falls. Wear warm clothes and bring a torch. For families with children aged 7 and over.

Start: 7.00pm at Wyre Forest Discovery Centre DY14 9XQ

Finish: 9.00pm Bookings: 01299 266929 Cost: £6.00 per person/£20.00 per family of four

Please note that GeoFest events will not necessarily be led by trained medical staff; those attending do so at their own risk. For guided walks and geology field trips please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear and carry adequate refreshments. Thank you.

Explore the Geopark this summer on a self guided walk

There are over 25 geology and landscape themed walks in the Geopark, including the 109 mile long Geopark Way. For further details on self guided walks and information about the local geology visit:

Gloucestershire Geology Trust: www.glosgeotrust.org

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust: www.EarthHeritageTrust.org

Shropshire Geological Society: www.shropshiregeology.org.uk

Saturday 11th August: Guided Building Stones Walk

A guided tour looking at the natural stones of buildings and other structures in Bewdley

Start: 10.00am at the entrance to Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE

Finish: Middy

Booking: 01905 855184 Cost: £2.00

Sunday 12th August: Guided Industrial Archaeology and landscape walk

'Arley to Bewdley'. Starting with a journey on the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) from Bewdley to Arley, followed by a walk back to Bewdley.

Start: 10.15am at Bewdley SVR station café, DY12 1BG

Est finish: 4.00pm

Bookings: 01905 855184

Cost: £2.00 plus train fare

Wednesday 15th August: Children's Activity

'A Magical Tour of the Woods' Join a ranger-led walk through the weird and wonderful woodlands. Learn about folklore, make a magical stinky potion and build a shelter for the elves to live in!

Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO753840

Finish: 3.30pm

Cost: £3.00