

26th May to 31st August

What's On!



GeoFest 2014

Guided Walks, Tours, Children's Activities, Field Trips, Talks, Exhibitions and much more - highlighting and celebrating the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark

www.Geopark.org.uk

Hosted by the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark Forum



Discover more about the Geopark at the Malvern Hills GeoCentre and Bewdley Museum - displays, leaflets, rock specimens and maps
(see inside for venue details)

For general enquires contact the Geopark Office:
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GeoFest June 2014

Monday 26th May: Family Event

'Rock On!'. Come and learn about rocks, building stones and minerals as part of the Brilliant Building Stones project with experts from the Earth Heritage Trust. Enjoy making your own dinosaurs and meet Vernon the Velociraptor.

Start: 11am at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, DY11 7XZ

Finish: 5pm **Cost:** Museum admission fee

17th May - 22nd June

Exhibition From the Mountains to the Sea

An exhibition of work by Textile artist Georgia Jacobs based upon geological locations in the British Isles.

Saturday 31st May & Sunday 1st June

Textile technique demonstrations by Georgia Jacobs

Bewdley Museum, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE
10am - 4pm daily. Free entry

Sunday 1st June: Geology and Landscape Walk

'The Northern Malvern Hills'. A study of the structures and rocks which define the landscape of Worcestershire and Herefordshire. Led by an Earth Heritage Trust Champion.

Start: 9.30am at Tank Quarry car park GR S0769470

Finish: 1pm **Cost:** £3

Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 7th June: Martley Geo Walks

9.45am - 1pm

A guided walk along Martley's 3 mile geology trail. The terrain is suitable for all, with only one fairly steep ascent.

1.45pm - 6pm

A guided walk along Martley's 6 mile geology trail. The terrain is quite rugged in places and this walk is not suitable for the less agile.

Meeting place: Crown Pub car park, Martley, WR6 6PA

Cost: £3 / free to those in education

Booking: 02033717647 / martleypfo@gmail.com

Where booking details are given, bookings are essential

Saturday 7th June: Family Event

'Building Stones Roadshow'. Lots of fun and family friendly geology and building stones activities to make and do. Displays and experts at the event throughout the day.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, DY12 2AE

Finish: 3pm **Cost:** Free to attend

Thursday 12th June: Illustrated Talk

'Minerals of the Malvern Hills'. A feast of photos and a sprinkling of history which reveal the hidden ingredients of the Malvern Hills.

Start: 7.30pm at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern, WR13 6PL

Finish: 8.30pm

Cost: £3 **Booking:** 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Monday 16th June: Painting Workshop

With local artist Diane Jennings, create your own beautiful oil or acrylic painting. You don't need any previous experience in painting or drawing. Diane provides all the equipment, paint, canvas and instructions.

Start: 10am at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 2pm **Cost:** £35 **Booking:** 01746 781192

Thursday 19th June: Building Stones Walk

A short guided walk around Bromyard to look at the different types of stone used in the construction of the town, learning a little about the geology that formed them. Part of the Herefordshire Walking Festival.

Start: 10.30am at Bromyard Library, 1 Cruxall Street,

Bromyard, HR7 4EB **Est finish:** 1pm

Cost: £5 adult, children free

Booking: www.walkingfestival.com

Shakespeare - Outdoor Theatre in the Geopark

The Merchant of Venice presented by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company: Wednesday 18th June at SVCP. Call 01746781192 for details and bookings

Macbeth presented by Heartbreak Productions: Friday 27th June at Hartlebury Castle. Call 01299 250416 for details and bookings

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Thursday 19th June: Wildflower Walk in SVCP

On this leisurely guided walk you will discover the various species of wild flowers which grow in the Severn Valley.

Start: 1.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 3.30pm

Cost: £3 adult / £1.50 child **Bookings:** 01746 781192

Saturday 21st June: Geology and Landscape Walk

‘Raggedstone Hill - Southern Malvern Hills’. On this guided walk we will see the rocks of the Hill and its immediate surroundings and discuss the geological aspects of the view from the hill top. The walk starts with a steep 100 metre climb but this is taken slowly and in stages.

Start: 10am at Hollybush car park (£3) GR S0759369

Est finish: 1pm **Cost:** £3

Bookings: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Sunday 22nd June: Walk and Steam Train Ride

Join SVCP’s ranger on a 9 mile guided walk along the River Severn to the historic market town of Bridgnorth. You will have time for refreshments in Bridgnorth before returning to the park via a Severn Valley Railway steam train.

Start: 9.15am at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 4.30pm **Cost:** £10 adult / £6 child

Booking: 01746 781192

Tuesday 24th June: Talk

‘The Good, The Bad and the Ugly’. A look at some of the bugs, beetles and other insects to be found on the Malvern Hills in the early summer. Suitable for all.

Start: 7.30pm at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern, WR13 6PL

Finish: 8.30pm **Cost:** Free to attend

Saturday 28th June: Family Event

‘Marvellous Mammals!’. Learn about the different mammals that live in the Severn Valley. See if you can identify them via their footprints, droppings and the other clues they leave behind!

Start: 9.30am at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 12 noon **Cost:** £3 adult / £1.50 child / free SMG

Booking: 01746 781192

GeoFest July 2014

Saturday 28th June - Sunday 3rd August

Exhibition

Ruskin Yesterday and Today - Drawing on Nature

An exhibition exploring nature through drawing using images from the Ruskin Collection as inspiration (with the support of the Guild of St George).

Bewdley Museum, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE

10am - 4pm daily. Free entry

“For a stone, when it is examined, will be found a mountain in miniature...” John Ruskin 1860

Saturday 28th June: Industrial Archaeology Walk

A guided walk around the former colliery workings near Mable. Bring a packed lunch.

Start: 10.30am at the A456 lay-by GR S0685713

Est finish: 5pm **Cost:** £5

Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Sunday 29th June: Building Stones & History Walk

‘The Building Stones of Great Malvern’. A guided walk through the town to see where geology, architecture and social history come together.

Start: 10am at the Priory Gatehouse in the middle of Malvern GR S0775458

Finish: 12 noon **Cost:** £3

Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 5th July: Geology and Landscape Walk

This guided walk will circumnavigate the GeoCentre to look at the Precambrian rocks of the Wyche Cutting, the Silurian foothills and the evidence of the Colwall fault.

Start: 10am at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern GR S0769436

Finish: 1pm

Cost: £3 **Booking:** 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Saturday 5th July: Geology and Landscape Walk

Departing from Wribbenhall by train to Arley, then walk back to Wribbenhall on the east side of the River Severn via Eymore Wood and Trimpey. Bring a packed lunch.

Start: 10.30am at Bewdley Railway Station

Finish: 5pm **Cost:** £5 plus train ticket

Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

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Sunday 6th July: Family Event

‘Orienteering’. Learn about how to read a map and navigate using natural clues. Orienteering competition and prize for the winning team.

Start: 11am at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 1pm **Cost:** £6 per team (max of 5 people)

Booking: 01746 781192

Thursday 10th July: Woodland and Riverside Walk

This guided walk passes through the parish of Alveley and onto the Dudmaston Estate via the ancient village of Quatt. Bring a packed lunch.

Start: 10am at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG

Finish: 4pm **Cost:** £3 adult / £1.50 child

Booking: 01746 781192

Thursday 10th July: Geology and Landscape Walk

A 5 mile guided walk along the Geopark Way. Looking at Alveley quarries, colliery site and building stones of the village. Crossing the river in SVCP and stopping for lunch in Highley before returning along the riverside path.

(Alternative return on the train TBC).

Start: 10.30am at Hampton Loade car park on the EAST side of the river GR S0758865

Finish: 4.30pm **Cost:** £2

Booking: 01938 820764 / andrew@scenesetters.co.uk

Saturday 12th July: History Walk

A 5 mile guided Wyre Forest history walk. Find out about the Forest’s connection to John Ruskin and explore the historical features of the Wyre Forest and Dowles.

Start/Finish: TBC at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE

Cost: £3 **Booking:** 0845 6035699

Wednesday 16th July: Illustrated Talk

Christine Penney, The Hurd Librarian, will give an talk on Bishop Hurd, the Hurd Library and some of the wonderful books it holds. Includes a private tour of the Castle State Rooms and Library, lunch and access to the Museum all day.

Start: 11am at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, DY11 7XZ

Cost: £16 **Booking:** 01299 250416

Summer School Holiday Children's Activities

Severn Valley Country Park: Wednesday Fun 10am -12 noon & 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Plus a fantastic exhibition of local fossils, on loan from the Lapworth Museum, displayed throughout GeoFest. For full details call 01746 781192 or visit their website.

Bewdley Museum: Various drop in activities Monday - Friday, includes fossil casting. For full details call 0845 6035699 or visit their website.

Hartlebury Museum: Creative fun craft activities Tuesdays - Fridays, archery Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For full details call 01299 250416 or visit their website.

Severn Valley Railway Engine House & Education Centre: Steam and Whistle Activity Club during August. For full details call 01562 757900 or visit their website.

Days Out

Self-guided Geology and Landscape Walks: For a comprehensive list of walks visit the Geopark website.

Wyre Forest (Forestry Commission): A fantastic place to enjoy the fresh air and have fun outdoors - walking and family cycling, Go Ape, learning and adventure play. For further details visit their website.

Cob House: Five miles north-west of Worcester the idyllic surroundings, café, beautiful lakes, parkland and activities offer a wide appeal with something for everyone to enjoy and makes an ideal family day. For further details visit their website.

Worcester Cathedral: Guided tours, exhibition, self-guided Building Stones Trail and the Three Choirs Festival. For full listings and details visit their website.

Museum On The Move Bus - Worcestershire Museums

'**Made Here**' is a travelling exhibition which uncovers the cogs and levers that make our counties great. Using objects and interactive activities you can delve deeper into the story of 'Made Here' from the building blocks of our counties to present day industries and people. For events, information and bookings visit their website.

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Wednesday 16th July: Behind the Scenes Tour

What happens behind the scenes of Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service? See their conservator in action, handle archaeological artefacts found in Worcestershire, and see documents such as the Vernon Map Book.
Start: 2pm at The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB **Finish:** 3.30pm
Cost: £5 **Booking:** 01905 766352

Saturday 19th July - Sunday 28th September

Exhibition - Bewdley Remembers . . .

Examining the impact of the First World War on people living in Bewdley.

Bewdley Museum, Load Street Bewdley, DY12 2AE
10am - 4pm daily. Free entry

Sunday 20th July: Geology and Landscape Walk

'Bromyard Downs and Bringsty Common'. This guided walk looks at the rocks laid down by rivers 400 million years ago and the spectacular scenery produced by earth movements in the area. Bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10am at Bromyard Downs Picnic Site GR S0671558
Finish: 3.30pm **Cost:** £3
Booking: 01905 855184 / eht@worc.ac.uk

Friday 25th July: Family Event

'Pond Dipping Session'. With the SVCP rangers, come and hunt for the many different creatures living in the ponds at the park. All equipment provided.
Start: 11am & 2pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG
Finish: 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Wednesday 30th July: Family Event

'Fun with Fossils'. Take part in an archaeological dig to see what fossils you can unearth in the SVCP. Get messy casting your own fossils to take home and help the rangers find the missing parts of the dinosaur which should be on display in the visitor centre!
Start: 10am & 1.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG **Finish:** 12 noon & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

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Friday 1st August: Family Event

'Minibeast Hunting Session'. With the SVCP rangers, use sweep nets to discover the minibeasts that live in the tall grasses and meadows of the park. All equipment provided.
Start: 11am & 2pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG
Finish: 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Friday 8th August: Family Event

'Tree-mendous Trees Session'. With the SVCP rangers, work out how tall a tree is by looking through your legs, how old a tree is by using a piece of string and make your own tree collage using natural items. All equipment provided.
Start: 11am & 2pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG
Finish: 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Saturday 9th August: Ask the Experts Session

'Hands-on Rocks and Minerals'. An informal session for you to learn about some of the fabulous rocks and minerals found in the Earth's crust. Bring along your own specimens for identification. Digitally explore the Geopark and Geopark Way on the iPad trees at the GeoCentre.
Start: 2pm at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern, WR13 6PL
Finish: 4pm **Cost:** Free to attend, donations welcomed

Saturday 9th August: Martley Guided Geo Walks

9.45am - 1pm

A walk along Martley's 3 mile geology trail. The terrain is suitable for all with only one fairly steep ascent.

1.45pm - 6pm

A walk along Martley's 6 mile geology trail. The terrain is quite rugged in places and this walk is not suitable for the less agile.

Meeting place: Crown Pub carpark, Martley, WR6 6PA
Cost: £3 / free to those in education
Booking: 02033717647 / martleypfo@gmail.com

Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th August Dinosaur Week

Want to know a bit more about the Jurassic period? Then join the Severn Valley Railways 'Steam and Whistle Activity Club'. Dinosaur dig, Jurassic trail, fossils, meet the owls and a free dinosaur cup.

Start: 11.30am at the Engine House Visitor and Education Centre, Station Road, Highley, WV16 6NZ
Finish: 4pm **Further information:** 01562 757900
Cost: Free with 'Freedom of the Line' tickets or annual Family Pass, otherwise admission charge to the Engine House is payable at the door.

Wednesday 13th August: Family Event

'Have a go at Geocaching'. Back by popular demand! Working in teams, use a handheld GPS unit to navigate around SVCP looking for hidden treasure! Let the satellite guide you! All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Start: 10am or 1.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG **Finish:** 12 noon and 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Friday 15th August: Family Event

'Pond Dipping Session'. With the SVCP rangers, come and hunt for the many different creatures living in the ponds at the park. All equipment provided.
Start: 11am or 2pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG **Finish:** 12.30pm and 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Saturday 16th August: Hands-On Illustrated Talk

Dr Mark O'Dell and colleagues will talk about their experiences collecting fossils in the Malverns and the Cotswolds. There will be a presentation showing the diversity of fossils that can be found in the local area ...from bug-eyed trilobites to the Woolly Mammoth. There will be an opportunity to handle real fossils and see the tools used in their preparation.
Start: 2pm at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern, WR13 6PL
Finish: 4pm **Cost:** Free to attend

Friday 22nd August: Family Event

'Minibeast Hunting Session'. With the SVCP rangers, use sweep nets to discover the minibeasts that live in the tall grasses and meadows of the park. All equipment provided.
Start: 11am & 2pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG
Finish: 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Saturday 23rd August: Talk and Demonstration

Michael Brooks of BrooksDesign will talk about how he creates 'Apps' for SMART phones and computers. Michael has created geology 'apps' for the whole of the Geopark Way and these have to be seen to be believed! After a brief talk Michael will take us outdoors to use his creations in earnest. This is a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes and to gain hands on practice.
Start: 2pm at Martley Village Hall, Martley, WR6 6PQ
Finish: 4pm **Cost:** £3 / free to those in education

Sunday 24th August: Geology and Landscape Walk

A 2.5 mile guided walk looking at red sandstone rocks laid down in a desert 200 million years ago and the formation of the Severn Valley as the river cut its new channel south of Bridgnorth during the last Ice Age.
Start: 10am at the layby outside the Dannery Inn on the A442 GR SO738906, 2 miles south of Bridgnorth
Finish: 1pm **Cost:** £2
Booking: 01938 820764 / andrew@scenesetters.co.uk

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th August Dig and Discover Week

Do you know about the Romans and archaeology? Come and join Severn Valley Railways 'Steam and Whistle Activity Club' and dig for real Roman artefacts, follow the archaeology trail and make a Roman shield.

Start: 11.30am at the Engine House Visitor and Education Centre, Station Road, Highley, WV16 6NZ
Finish: 4pm **Further information:** 01562 757900
Cost: Free with 'Freedom of the Line' tickets or annual Family Pass, otherwise admission charge to the Engine House is payable at the door.

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Finish: 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost: £3 child / adult free **Booking:** 01746 781192

Friday 29th August: Family Event

'Creatures of the Night'. A magical evening walk around SVCP. Learn about nocturnal wildlife, listen to the echolocation calls of bats as they hunt and look at some of our native moths in the moth trap.
Start: 7.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG
Finish: 9.30pm **Cost:** £5 adult / £3 child / £12 family (2 adults & up to 3 children) **Booking:** 01746 781192

Sunday 31st August: History and Landscape Walk

A guided 9 miles (approximately) exploratory and leisurely circular walk with outstanding views, visiting many points of interest including the hill forts of British Camp and Midsummer Hill, the historic Holy Well, Gullet quarry and Castlemorton Common. The route is moderately hilly but there are no long ascents. Refreshments available on the route, but please bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10am at Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall nr Malvern, WR13 6PL
Est finish: 4pm **Cost:** Free to attend

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

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