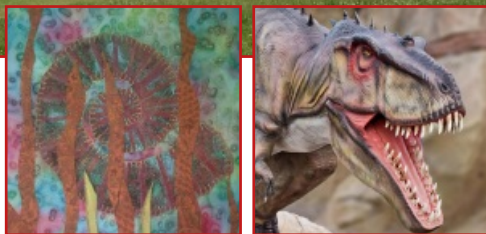


29th May to 31st August

What's On



GeoFest 2016

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

Events run & hosted by members of the Geopark Forum

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GeoFest May/June 2016

Monday 30th May: Let's Rock!

Join in the 'Building Stones Roadshow' and revel in our rock and stone activities. Make clay dinosaurs and snake mobiles, meet Vernon the life size Velociraptor and follow the 'building stones' trail.

Times: 11am- 4pm at County Museum, Hartlebury nr Kidderminster DY11 7XZ. **Cost:** £5 (adults), £2.50 (children and seniors), £13 family (2 adults & 2 children).

Tuesday 31st May - Thursday 2nd June: Let's Rock!

Enjoy craft activities exploring dinosaurs and fossils and follow the 'building stones' trail.

Times: 10.30am - 4pm at County Museum at Hartlebury
Cost: Admission price as above, plus £2 per child for craft activities.

Wednesday 1st June: Mammal Madness

Mammals make their home across the whole of the park. Our rangers will help you find signs of these small creatures. Make a sand trap to take home. Be with us when we open up our small mammal traps and get up close to mice and voles and shrews!

Times: 10am-12pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free
Bookings: Please call 01746 781 192 to book. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 2nd June: Chicks hatching @ Cob House Country Park.

Great experience for the kids to watch the chicks hatching in front of their eyes.

Start: Throughout the day **Finish:** 5pm

Thursday 2nd June: Face Painting

From 10.30am-5pm: Pop along for fun face painting during the day. The Mayfly Café @ Cob House Country Park, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YE 01886 888 517

Friday 3rd June: Birdsong and Bonfires

Have you ever wondered why birds are singing? Have you ever wanted to identify individual birds by their calls? Join our rangers to experience the bird song in Hall Close Coppice. The event finishes with jacket potatoes around a camp fire in the woods.

Start: 10.30am- 12.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NG. **Cost:** Child £5 Adult Free. **Bookings:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

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If no cost is stated the event is free to attend

Sunday 5th June: Unfinished Canal Business - A Broken Promise

Tracing part of Dadford's intended route for his Kington - Leominster - Stourport canal, which was never completed beyond Southnet. **A Woolhope Club event.**

Start: 10:30am at Rock Village Hall
Est. finish: 4:30pm **Cost:** £2 (Walk handout additional £3)
Bookings and more information: gandic@macace.net or phone (01989) 563740

Monday 6th June: Guided Walk: An evening walk at Eardington Nature Reserve

Start: 6.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre, Alveley WV15 6NG
Est. finish: 8:30pm **Cost:** £1 each (please note no dogs).

Wednesday 8th June: Guided Walk: Three Counties (11 miles)

Visit three counties in one day on this walk.
Start: 9.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre **Est. finish:** 4:30pm
Cost: Adult £3.50 Child £2 **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192

Monday 13th June: Guided Walk: Three Counties (11 miles)

Details as above.

Tuesday 14th June: Textile Sampling Workshop - Inspired by the river, landscape and woodland at Severn Valley Country Park.

Create your own beautiful designs inspired by the local landscape. **Times:** 10am-4pm at SVCP Visitor Centre.
Cost: £15 per person or 2 people for £25.00. All materials and lunch is included. Booking essential as places are limited. Please call 01746 781 192 to book.

20th-26th June: National Insect Week

Watch the caterpillars as they hatch into Painted Lady Butterflies Insect related activities to collect for the children.
Start: Throughout the day **Finish:** 5pm The Mayfly Café @ Cob House Country Park

Sunday 26th June: Rock and Fossil Hunt

Join our rangers and local experts from 'Geologists in the Geopark' and try to find your own Carboniferous fossil! This family friendly 2 hour session starts at the visitor centre with a brief introduction to the fascinating geology of the park. Please bring a small trowel and a plastic tub for fossil hunting. **Times:** 1.30pm - 3.30pm at SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50, Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

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Charity Car Boots at the Cob House

4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July, 6th & 20th August

The pitch fee is £5 per car and is donated to a nominated charity. (No food or drink sales)

Set up: From 7.30am Start: 10am Cob House Country Park, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YE 01886 888 517

27th June - 10th July: Wimbledon

Strawberries and Champagne are order of the day!

They will be served on Sat 2nd and 9th July and Sun 10th July.

We will be showing Wimbledon in the Mayfly Cafe

Times: Open daily 7.30am-5pm Cob House Country Park

Friday 24th June and Friday 1st July: Dusk Walk

Experience the forest as the light fades, listening for birds as they settle down for the night, and maybe owls calling. Listen for bats as they hunt for insects.

Start: 8.45pm Forestry Commission Car Park, Wyre Forest, just off the A456 at Callow Hill. **Est.finish:** 11pm

Cost: £5 per person

Booking and further information: Phone 0300 067 4855 or email learning.west@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

1st July - 31st July: Exhibition and Research project:One Grain An exciting project working with internationally renowned artist Joshua Sofaer. **Times:** 10.00am - 4.30pm Bewdley Museum

Saturday 2nd July: Guided walk : Ruskin and the Wyre Forest

A chance to find out about the history and natural history of the area, including the influence of John Ruskin.

approx 6 miles. **Start:** 10am Bewdley Museum. **Est.finish:**

3pm **Cost:** £4 per adult. **Booking:** Ring 0845 607 7819 or email bewdley.museum@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July: Coal Mining Heritage Weekend

Alveley Weighbridge Exhibition, Coal Mining Exhibits, presentations on the History Of Coal Mining, live music, Chris Arnot's presentation on Britain's Lost Mines, Geologists in the Geopark in the visitor centre, a Geology Trail and a Guided Heritage Walk. **Times:** 11am-4.30pm SVCP

4th-17th July: Fossils in the Geopark

The Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark covers 1250 square kilometres and takes in parts of the four counties of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire. It is one of 10 Geoparks in the United Kingdom. The Abberley and Malvern Hills form the backbone of an area illustrating over 500 million years of diverse Earth history. Stratigraphy from Precambrian to Quaternary is represented and this exhibition tells the story of that Earth history.

Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th July 'Ask the Expert'

Bring along your own specimens for discussion and identification by local geologists. Geology trails in and around the Hive. **Venue for both events:** The Hive, The Butts, Worcester WR1 3PD Open daily 8.30am-10pm

Thursday 14th July and Monday 18th July: Guided Walk: Sidbury Medieval Village (12 miles)

On this longer walk, venture out towards New England and Chorley before arriving at Sidbury to see the deserted medieval village. Complete your walk through Bilingsley and Highley.

Start: 9.30am SVCP Visitor Centre. **Est finish:** 4.45pm

Cost: Adult £3.50 Child £2. **Booking:** 01746 781 192

Saturday 16th July: Geology, landscape and wildlife walk to May Hill

The May Hill lies on the southernmost part of the GeoPark and can be considered as a part of the overall geological scenario of the Malverns. A 3 km walk to the top of May Hill to explore flora and fauna, view the Cotswold scarp, Severn Vale, Forest of Dean, Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons, South Shropshire Hills and the Malverns. **A Gloucestershire Geology Trust Event.**

Start: 10am May Hill Village Hall: Grid Ref. GR 708205

Est finish: 2pm **Cost:** Free

Booking: 01452 864 438 or email info@glosgeotrust.org.uk

Tuesday 19th July: Flint Workshop

Join archaeologist Rob Hedge to find out more about flint and flint tools

Times: 7pm-9pm The Hive, The Butts, Worcester WR1 3PD

Cost: £6 **Booking:** www.thehiveworcester.org/explore-the-past-events.html

Tuesday 19th July: Railway geology and history - a guided walk.

A heritage train ride to Bewdley and Arley looking at the rocks, landscape and buildings and bridges. Plus a three mile walk from Arley to Bewdley alongside the River Severn. Return to Kidderminster by train. **A Woolhope Club event**

Start: 10 am (train leaves at 10.30) Under the clock SVR Kidderminster Station **Est Finish:** 4pm

Cost: £2 per person plus rail fare

Monday 18th- Saturday 23rd July The Geopark at Severn Valley Railway.

An informal drop-in week where you can learn about the Geopark in the setting of this impressive heritage railway. Lots of displays about all the work, events and activities that take place within the Geopark. Look out for a guided geology and history train ride and walk on Tuesday 19th (see above).

Start and finish: All day each day at Kidderminster Station

Wednesday 13th July and Wednesday 10th August: Why do we cut down trees?

A general interest walk explaining the management of Wyre Forest. It will follow a circular route of 2 - 3 miles through the Forest along good paths. Sorry, no dogs.

Start: 11am Wyre Forest Community Discovery Centre

Est Finish: 1pm **Cost:** £4 per person

Booking: 0300 067 4855 or learning.west@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

23rd July-11th Sept: Exhibition: Georgia Jacobs - Geology at Different Scales

Textile Artist Georgia Jacobs displays work inspired by microscopic geology samples.

Times: 10.00am - 4.30pm Bewdley Museum

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July: Wine tasting

Try an award winning white wine called 'Triassic' made from grapes grown within the Geopark at Astley Vineyard. Also learn more about geology and landscape.

Times: 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm each day in Bewdley Tourist Information Centre, Load Street, DY12 2AE

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24th July: Textile Art Demonstrations

To link with the Exhibition 'Geology at Different Scales', Georgia Jacobs will demonstrate a variety of innovative techniques. Times: 10.00am - 4.30pm. Bewdley Museum.

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July: Cherry Fayre

A Summer event with food and drink, traditional crafts and activities.

Times: 10.00am - 4.30pm Bewdley Museum

Tuesday 26th July: Chicks hatching @ Cob House Country Park

For details refer to event on 2nd June.

Wednesday 27th July: Nature's Art Attack!

With our rangers collect leaves, plants, berries and minerals found on the park. Things will start to get messy as we pound, grind, mix and strain our ingredients to make special wild art paint.

Times: 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre

Cost: Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 29th July: Butterfly Bonanza

Learn all about these lovely insects. Track their life cycle and discover how they change from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly.

Times: 10am-12pm SVCP Visitor Centre Cost: Child £3.50

Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 29th July: Face Painting

For details refer to event on 2nd June.

Sunday 31st July: Guided walk and drawing session: The Wyre Forest

A guided walk of approx 6 miles, into the heart of the Wyre Forest. find out about the history and natural history of the area; includes an opportunity to sketch their forest finds.

Start: 10am Bewdley Museum. Est. finish: 3pm Cost: £4 per adult. **Booking and further information:** Ring 0845 607 7819 or email

bewdley.museum@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Summer School Holiday Children's Activities

Bewdley Museum: 'Holiday Craft Activities'

Monday to Friday A selection of daily craft activities including fossil painting, T shirt stenciling and more. 12 noon - 3pm. £4 per child. Bewdley Museum

Hartlebury Museum: Summer Skool

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays throughout August, 10.30am - 4pm

Week 1 - Learn to be a Pirate, Week 2 - Learn to be a King or Queen, Week 3 - Learn to be one of Robin Hood's merry men, Week 4 - Learn to be a Mad Scientist, Week 5 - Learn to be a Knight or Princess.

Each day will include a themed trail, craft activities and interactive fun. Museum admission fee plus £2 activity charge (archery charge varies).

www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk / 01299 250416

Severn Valley Country Park:

Self-led Dinosaur trail

Follow the clues on this prehistoric trail to see if you can find evidence that dinosaurs used to live in our woods! There will be questions to answer and puzzles to solve on the way. Available each day of the summer holidays between 11am-4pm from the visitor centre. The trail will follow woodland paths. Small prize (lolly or similar) for completing the trail.

'Land of the Living Dinosaurs' at West Midland Safari Park:

Daily 'Discover Dinosaur' talks

11:30am & 4:30pm every day from 23rd July to 4th November. Additional 6pm talks will be running through our late night 'Summer Nights' from 23rd July to 4th September. Usual entry charges to the Safari Park apply.

Cob House: 'Junior Angling Lessons'

1st and 3rd June, 27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August. An introduction to angling for ages 5 and over with our qualified coaches, all tackle and bait is supplied. 2 hr lessons starting at 10am & 12.30pm. £15 per session www.cobhouse.org / 01886 888517

Wyre Forest Discovery Centre throughout August:

Family WildPlay

10am-12 and 1pm-3pm Outside the Café at the Wyre Forest. Event for toddlers to tweenies. Join us to wobble, splash, jump, run and explore the wonderful Wyre Forest. Warm drink and snack included. £5 per child. Under 18months and adults free.

Go Wild in the Woods

10am-3pm Outside the Café at the Wyre Forest. Event for those aged 5 years old and over. Come and join us for a day for nature exploration, den building, campfire cooking and more! This is a drop off session for children. £15.00.

Toddler Wild Play

Alternate Fridays through term time. 10am-11.30 and 1pm-2.30pm Outside the Café at the Wyre Forest. Event for pre-schoolers. Join us to wobble, splash, jump, run and explore the wonderful Wyre Forest. Warm drink and snack included. £5 per child. Two or more children £3.50. Under 18months and adults free. For dates and booking for all above activities - www.abreathoffreshair.education 07970972271.

Trails for every taste this summer

- Try out the new Rock and Fossil Detective Trail for some family fun. You will find it on certain days at Severn Valley Country Park, Bewdley Museum, Bodenham Arboretum and Cob House Country Park.
- Self lead geology trails around The Hive, Hartlebury Museum, Severn Valley Railway, Severn Valley Country Park, Bewdley Museum, Bodenham Arboretum and Wyre Forest. Pick up a leaflet at each location or download them free from the website.
- Over slightly longer distances why not use the free leaflets covering trails around Stourport, Alveley, Bridgnorth and Ledbury. Download them from the website.
- There is a fascinating building stones trail of Worcester cathedral. It can be purchased in the cathedral shop. Another one around Bewdley town is available in Bewdley Museum shop.
- In Gloucestershire why not try these five self guided trails - May Hill, Huntley, Chase End Hill, Robinswood Hill and Wainlode. Leaflets available from glosgeotrust.org.uk or 01452 864438.

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Wednesday 3rd August: River Bugs!

Join the Severn Rivers Trust to find out more about river bugs and where they live.

Times: 10am-12pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 5th August: Camouflage Countdown

Camouflage yourself so that are un-spottable in the undergrowth! **Times:** 10am-12pm. **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book.

Friday 5th August: Textile Art Workshop

Georgia Jacobs will be passing on textile art techniques. **Times:** 10.30am-4pm Bewdley Museum **Cost:** £15 per adult, payable on the day. **Booking:** 0845 607 7819 or email bewdley.museum@wyreforestdc.gov

Monday 8th August: Rock and Fossil Hunt

For details refer to event on 26th June.

Wednesday 10th August: Back to the Iron Age

Go back in time and see how people lived over 1000 years ago! Make a mini fort using sticks and wattle and daub walls. Have a go at grinding wheat with stones, make a thumb pot from clay & help us paint a big picture to display in the visitor centre!
Times: 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 12th August: Family event. Fossil craft day. Learn about fossils as you make your own stencils. **Start:** 11am at Wyre Forest Discovery Centre. **Finish:** 3pm.

Friday 12 August: Rocket Day!

Join us for some explosive fun! **Times:** 10am-12pm SVCP Visitor Centre. **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place.

Please note that those attending GeoFest events do so at their own risk. On guided walks please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear and carry adequate refreshments. Thank you.

Wednesday 17th August: Mini Beast Olympics

With the Olympics in Rio well under way, come along and learn about minibeasts on the park. Find out which pond creature is the fastest swimmer, who can jump the highest, who would win at long jump. Collect snails and take part in the great Severn Valley Snail Race!
Times: 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 18th August: Ask The Expert

As part of Geofest, Geologists in the Geopark will be at Severn Valley Country Park for an informal drop-in session. It will be a great opportunity for the whole family to learn about some of the rocks, minerals and fossils found in the Earth's crust. Bring along your own specimens for discussion and identification by local geologists.
Times: 11am - 3pm The Visitor Centre SVCP.

Friday 19th August: River Meanders

Join us to find out how amazing the river Severn is! Have fun with paint creating meandering patterns and get outdoors to get hands on with our landscape! (You may get wet as we'll be playing with water!)
Start: 10am SVCP Visitor Centre **Est Finish:** 12pm **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 19th August: Drop-in Craft Session

Use marbling ink to create fantastic patterns on paper or fabric. **Times:** 1.30pm- 3.30pm The Visitor Centre SVCP **Cost:** Each card £1.50 . Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 19th and Wed 31st August: Face Painting

For details refer to event on 2nd June.

Wednesday 24th August: Dinosaur Day

Join us for another fabulous Severn Valley Dinosaur Day! There'll be chance to cast your own fossil and also excavate our sand pit to uncover new fossils.
Times: 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 25th August: Rock and Fossil Hunt

For details refer to event on 26th June.

Friday 26th August: 5k Ygca Y'CF]YbhYYf]b[

Our ranger will show you how to navigate around our permanent course using a specially drawn map.
Times: 10am- 12pm The Visitor Centre SVCP **Cost:** Child £3.50, Adult Free. Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 28th August: Mamble Colliery and Tramroad

Mamble Colliery supplied coal locally, but mostly served the Tenbury, Leominster and N Herefordshire districts via the loss-making Leominster Canal, which operated 1793 - 1858 without ever paying a dividend! All able-bodied walkers of any age, capable of walking 6 - 7 miles. Suitable footwear, waterproofs and packed lunches are essential. A **Woolhope Club event. Start:** 10.30am Layby on the A456-S of Mamble village - GR SO 686 713 - OS 'Explorer' 218. **Est Finish:** 5pm. **Cost:** £2 (Walk handout additional £3) **Bookings and more information:** gandic@macace.net or phone (01989) 563740.

Monday 29th Aug: Knights & Princesses

Visit Hartlebury Castle and learn how to be a Knight or a Princess. Make a sword, design a crown, learn to duel and meet historic characters around the Castle. 11am-4pm. Normal admission charges apply.

Wednesday 31st Aug: Journey Sticks and Tree Spirits

Join our ranger as he tells a tale which weaves through our woodland and meadows. Mark a journey stick to help you remember your day at the park. **Times:** 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. SVCP Visitor Centre **Cost:** Child £3.50 Adult Free. **Booking:** Please call 01746 781 192 to book your place. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

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