

GeoFest 2021

What's On in The Geopark

29th May to 29th August

Lots of Family Activities, Tours, Exhibitions, Workshops and online events across parts of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire – Fun for all the family.

More events and details on our website www.geopark.org.uk



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For more details check with the venue. Events are free unless stated, although normal admission charges (if applicable) may apply. Keep checking the calendar on www.geopark.org.uk and our Facebook page for lots more events and latest news.

Throughout GeoFest

Nordic Walking at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)

Our Nordic Walking group meets every Wednesday 10am-11am.

If you are interested in joining, please call 01746 781 192 for more details.

Family Fun at [Worcester Cathedral](#)

If you are visiting the Cathedral as a family you can download and print these activities to do while you are going round.

[Treasure Hunt](#)

[Safari Trail](#)

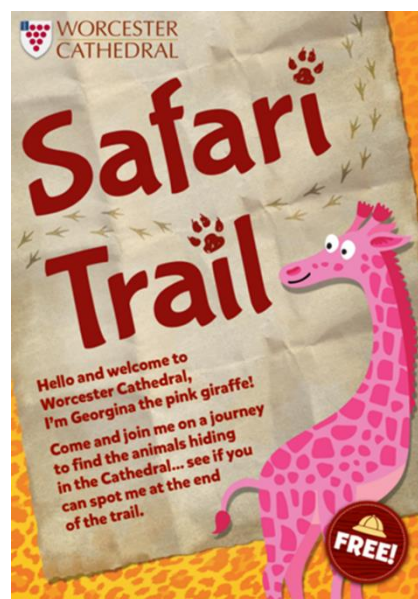
Tours of [Worcester Cathedral](#)

Turn up for a Socially Distanced Tour

Mon to Sat 11am or 2.30pm, Monday to Saturday. These Historical Tours of the Cathedral start from the Welcome area near the Cathedral entrance.

Tickets will cost £7 per adult (accompanied children free).

visits@worstercathedral.org.uk



Events



Terrific Teddies & Toys at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Mon 31st May 11am-4pm, Tue 1st June to Fri 4th June 10am-5pm

Bring your favourite teddy bear along for a picnic! Join our teddy bear friends for some fun and games around Hartlebury Castle! Explore the Castle's beautiful grounds, and enjoy the Castle and Museum's amazing exhibitions and displays.

Usual admission charges.

[Bewdley Museum](#) Half term Activities

Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June, various timeslots

Monday - Cotton Summer Caps; Tuesday - Ceramic Dog Planters; Wednesday - Set of 3 Wooden Coasters; Thursday - Dinosaur Sand Art; Friday - Fabric Waist Aprons

£5 per activity per child, limited spaces available.

Worcester Cathedral Family Fun

Mon 31st May – Sun 6th June 10am-5pm

Drop in and meet King John! There will also be crafts available from 10:30am – 3pm Tuesday – Friday, where families can have a go at creating their own stained-glass window or brass rubbing. Other trails and activities available too

Free, although donations are welcome to cover the costs.

Archaeology Quest - Family Half Term Activities

Tue 1st – Fri 4th June 10am-1pm

Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service are going around Worcestershire with a family Archaeology Quest. Come and have a go at being an archaeologist and see what you can discover! Tue 1st Alvechurch Library, Wed 2nd Malvern Library, Thu 3rd Rubery library, Fri 4th The Hive, Worcester

[Booking required.](#)

[Lapworth Museum Family Event](#) - AlgoRHYTHM From Home: Rock (& Roll!) Cycle

Online

Wed 2nd June 11am-2pm

Performance company Lynnebec will lead a fun and engaging online dance workshop for families to explore the Rock n Roll Rock cycle!

Free, booking required

Alpaca Experience at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)

Wed 2nd June 2021 and Wednesday 23rd June 2021

We have teamed up with Severn Valley Railway and Wildwood Alpacas to bring you this exciting experience. Get up close and personal as you learn all about Alpacas whilst you walk with them and explore the pathways in the beautiful Severn Valley. The experience lasts for approximately 45 minutes.

For a combined train and alpaca experience, you can book online with Severn Valley Railway. [Click here.](#)

If you would prefer just to walk with the alpacas without the train journey, you can do! On each date at 10am and 11am, you can book to walk with alpacas by calling the team at Severn Valley Country Park on 01746 781 192. £25 to walk with an alpaca. Each walker can be accompanied by 2 additional people at no extra cost.

Macbeth – Outdoor Theatre at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)

Sat 19 June

Adult £17, Child £11. For more information and to book your ticket, please visit theatresevern.co.uk



Gnome on the Roam at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Sat 26th & Sun 27th June 11am-4pm

Based on Anne Armstrong's wonderful and inspiring children's book, My Gnome on the Roam, Hartlebury Castle are hosting a brand new, gnome-filled, family event! Adopt and decorate your own ceramic gnome, before taking them on mini adventures around the Castle as you follow the gnome trail and listen to

exciting tales from Gustav the gnome.

Usual admission charges.

Step Back to the 1940s at [Severn Valley Railway](#)

26th - 27th June & 3rd - 4th July

After a two-year gap because of the cancellation of 2020's event, we'll meet again in 2021 for Step Back to the 1940s.

A full 1940s day on the Severn Valley Railway – with the opportunity for the fun to continue into the evening.

Thrown into the midst of the Second World War home-front, every mile of the Railway will burst into life with weddings, comedy shows, music, parties, dances, army training camps and an illicit black market deal or two happening at every single station.

Keep an eye out for our outstanding re-enactors across the line, including Winston Churchill himself – they'll have a surprise or two for you.

Charges apply



Mr Stink – Open Air Theatre at [Bewdley Museum](#)

Sun 27th June 5:30-8pm

Join Heartbreak Productions for David Walliams' best-seller Mr Stink on the outdoor stage.

Pack a picnic, grab a chair and dress for the weather.

£14 & £9 (children). Tickets are available to book online or by calling 0845 607 7819

Bluebird Belles – Songs from the fantastic 50s at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Sun 4th July 6pm

Celebrate classic sounds of the fantastic 50s with the amazing Bluebird Belles. Relax in the picturesque Carriage Circle and be transported back to the 1950s as you listen to popular hits of the decade. Come along with family & friends, bring a picnic, chair and blanket and enjoy iconic songs. 1950s outfits welcome!

Tickets: £5.00 (+ £1 booking fee)

Alice in Wonderland – Outdoor Theatre at Hartlebury Castle

Fri 9th July 7:30pm

this beloved children's tale. Take a trip down the rabbit hole this summer as Chapterhouse Theatre Company present this brand new production of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

£12.10 – £53.50 Outdoor Theatre: Alice in Wonderland - Hartlebury Castle

Cherry Fair and 1940s weekend at [Bewdley Museum](#)

Sat 24th & Sun 25th July 10am-4pm

Children's activities including a cherry hunt! 1940s re-enactors, classic cars, craft stalls, cherries for sale, live entertainment 1-3pm

A free family event with something for everyone!



Crafted in Time: Clay Tile Workshop at [Lapworth Museum of Geology](#)

Online

Thu 29th July 6:30pm-7:30pm

Artist Rachel Akers will lead an engaging online workshop in which you will create a beautiful clay tile inspired by the Lapworth Museum.

Free – booking required



The FURTHER Adventures of Dr Dolittle – Outdoor Theatre at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Fri 30th July 7:30pm

Illyria are delving back into Hugh Lofting's amazing stories to bring you a brand-new musical adaptation of the Doctor's FURTHER adventures with Jip the Dog, Dab Dab the Duck, Gub the Pig, Polynesia the Parrot.

Get Tickets £10.54 – £50.59



Bat walk at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Sat 31st July 8pm

Encounter our night-time flying friends as you enjoy a pleasant evening stroll in the beautiful grounds of Hartlebury Castle to learn about bats! Visitors will be introduced to habitats where bats can be found.

Get Tickets £5.50

Rock & Fossil Roadshow at [Bewdley Museum](#)

Sat 31st July & Sun 1st August

Come and meet geologists, who'll bring their displays, rocks and fossils
Free

Rock and Fossil Roadshow at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)

Sat 7th and 8th August

Come and meet geologists, who'll bring their displays, rocks and fossils
Free

Vintage Transport Extravaganza at [Severn Valley Railway](#)

Sat 7th and Sun 8th Aug

The Great Gatsby – Open Air Theatre at [Bewdley Museum](#)

Sun 8th August 5:30-8:30pm

Get your glad rags on, work up your best Charleston, and get your cocktail glass at the ready. £14 & £9 (children). Tickets are available to book online or by calling 0845 607 7819

She Stoops to Conquer – Outdoor Theatre at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)

Fri 13 Aug

An 18th century farce for all the family!

£15, £14, & £7. For more information or to book your ticket, please visit rainorshine.co.uk

Rock and Fossil Roadshow at The Engine House, Highley, [Severn Valley Railway](#)

Sat 14th & Sun 15th August

Come and meet geologists, who'll bring their displays, rocks and fossils
Usual Admission Charges

Treasure Island – Outdoor Theatre at [Hartlebury Castle](#)

Sun 29th Aug 7:30pm

Come along for swashbuckling fun in this classic exciting adventure. From the moment young Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a treasure map at the Admiral Benbow Inn he finds himself embroiled in the murky underworld of pirates.

Get Tickets £10 – £18

Rock, Fossil & Geology Displays and Trails throughout GeoFest

Museum Geology Trail - Bewdley Museum

Rock and Fossil Displays - Bewdley Museum

Dinosaur Hunt – Bewdley Museum

Country Park Geology Trail download from Severn Valley Country Park website

History trail download from Severn Valley Country Park website

July and August - **Rock and Fossil Hunt** (booking required) - Severn Valley Country Park

Train Ride Geology Trail (purchase of train ticket required) - Severn Valley Railway

Rock and Fossil Displays - Malvern Hills GeoCentre

All about the Geopark Way - Malvern Hills GeoCentre

Geopark Geology and Landscape Trails leaflets for sale - Malvern Hills GeoCentre

Stable Yard Geology Trail - National Trust, Dudmaston (entry charge)

Dinosaur Detective Trail - Cob House Country Park

Building Stones Geology Trail - Hartlebury Castle (entry charge)

Forest Geology Trail - Forestry England at Wyre Forest

Building Stones Trail – Worcester Cathedral (purchase at Cathedral shop)

Exhibitions

Anthony Twentyman: Art Meets Nature at [NT Dudmaston](#)

Ongoing

'Art meets nature', features paintings and sculptures by Anthony Twentyman and highlights his role as one of Dudmaston's closest artistic influencers. As well as Twentyman's works from our own collection, the exhibition features some of Twentyman's paintings, kindly loaned to us by Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

Entry to the Galleries is by timed ticket. Collect your tickets when you arrive. Please note, pre-booked tickets to the property do not automatically guarantee you entry to the Galleries.

Macdonald Sisters at [Bewdley Museum, Wyre Forest Gallery](#)

17th May to 15th August 11am-4pm

This exhibition explores the lives of four extraordinary women, including the mothers of author Rudyard Kipling and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, and the wives of artists Edward Burne-Jones and Edward Poynter. who found their place at the heart of Victorian artistic and intellectual life and will include works of art on loan from Tate and the V&A.

Entrance fee: £4 (free for under 16s and Friends of Bewdley Museum)

Round the Year from Stonewall Hill: A Journey in Time and Space at [Hereford Museum](#)

3rd June – 21st August

An exhibition of paintings by Mary Rennell and Richard Gilbert and photographs by Brian Griffiths, celebrating the panorama of the Marches from Stonewall Hill near Presteigne.



Alfred Watkins at [Hereford Museum](#)

19th June – 11th September

Alfred Watkins - Victorian antiquarian, photographer, and local business entrepreneur, known for his invention of the photographic exposure meter, interest in bee keeping, and his theory of Ley lines.

The Leaves of the Trees – Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral 5 -31 Aug 10am-4:30pm

Worcester Cathedral will host The Leaves of the Trees, an installation of 5,000 steel 'Hope' leaves, as a reflective memorial to the effects of the pandemic. The installation is designed to honour those who have lost their lives, but also to allow everyone to take a moment to contemplate what we have been through and to think about loved ones.

The leaves will be laid out on the Cathedral floor, creating a beautiful impression of autumn leaves fallen from the trees.



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Out and About in GeoFest at Geopark Visitor centres

Our partner venues are well worth visiting throughout the summer. Latest details are below, but this may change in response to Government guidelines. For general enquiries please email amhg@outlook.com

Bewdley Museum, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk

Open 10am-4:30pm

Free

Cob House Country Park, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YD www.cobhouse.org

Under new ownership

The Mayfly Cafe – Open 8am to 4pm everyday.

Fishing – Open EVERY day for pleasure fishing 8am to 4pm (7:30am on weekends)

The Park grounds and Animals – Open

Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, DY11 7XZ

Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun & Bank Holidays 11am-5pm

Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire County Museum and Old Moat Coppice nature trail.

Admission charges apply <https://hartleburycastle.com/>

Hereford Museum & Art Gallery, Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AU

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums

Tue-Fri 10-4 & Sat 10-12:30

Free

Land of Living Dinosaurs at West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley, Worcs, DY12 1LF

www.wmsp.co.uk

Lapworth Museum of Geology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2TT

www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx

Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 12-5pm, Booking required

Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Rd, Upper Colwall, Malvern WR13 6PL

www.geocentre.co.uk

The Centre is currently closed to visits, but Cafe H2O is providing take-away refreshments.

Cafe H2O: Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 10am - 3pm

National Trust

- **Croome**, near High Green, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR8 9DW
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome
- **Dudmaston**, Quatt, nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5QN
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dudmaston
- **Brockhampton Estate**, near Bromyard, Herefordshire, WR6 5TB
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brockhampton-estate

National Trust properties are open, although some facilities may still be closed. Booking is usually advisable. Check the website for latest guidance

Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley, Bridgnorth WV15 6NG

www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/severn-valley-country-park

The park, and play areas are open but the visitor centre remains closed

The refreshment kiosk is now open 10am-4pm. The bird hides are also now open.

At Alveley, the toilets are open daily, 10am-4pm, the toilets at Highley will remain closed

Severn Valley Railway www.svr.co.uk

The Engine House is open and trains are running

Worcester Cathedral, Worcester WR1 2LA www.worcestercathedral.co.uk

Mon – Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 1-3pm for visitors

Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service, The Hive, Worcester, WR1 3PD

www.explorethepast.co.uk

Archives Tues, Wed, Thu 10:30am-3:30pm, book a week in advance

HER Desk Tue & Wed afternoon, book 24 hours in advance

Wyre Forest Centre, DY14 9XQ www.forestryengland.uk/wyre-forest

Car park, toilets, walking & cycling trails, care and bike hire open.

8am-9pm