

Free guide

# Wild East Devon events

Includes guide to our free  
always-open nature reserves



East Devon – an outstanding place

# Hello

This guide is organised by East Devon District Council's Wild East Devon team and our many partners. It includes events for all ages, practical volunteering, festivals, information about our nature reserves and more.

[wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)



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# Find your wild place: map of free to visit Wild East Devon nature reserves



There's lots of ways to explore the ten Local Nature Reserves managed by Wild East Devon. Change up your exercise routine, unearth some local culture or enjoy an evening walk. Free and open at all times.

[wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

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🏆 Voted England's best Nature Reserve 2019

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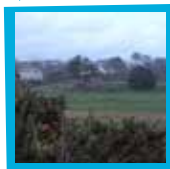
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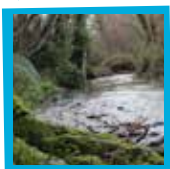


## Our Community Nature Reserves

An oasis for nature nestled among the bustling towns of East Devon. These small sanctuaries are important to provide wildlife havens in our urban environments.

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# Events by date








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-  Cost
-  50% discount for housing tenants of East Devon District Council
-  Information about dogs
-  Location

## March





### Whose Egg? Garden Trail

Sat 28 Mar to Sun 12 Apr,  
drop in 10am to 4pm

There are all sorts of different eggs across the animal kingdom. Find the clues in the garden and see if you can work out who the egg belongs to and win a prize!

 No booking required

 £1 per trail sheet  Seaton Jurassic



## Easter Holidays at the Lookout

Sat 28 Mar to Mon 13 Apr,  
drop in weekdays 2pm to 4pm,  
weekends 11am to 1pm and  
2pm to 4pm

Visit the Lookout for seasonal nature crafts, activities and adventure trails.

🚫 No booking required

£ Donations welcome

🐕 Dogs welcome in hide, but not  
visitor room 📍 The Lookout, RSPB

Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG

## April



## Sensational Science with Explorer Dome

Mon 30 Mar, 11am, 12.30pm  
and 2.30pm

To celebrate our Sensational Science theme for the Easter holidays, we are welcoming back our friends from Explorer Dome to show us the magic of science! Workshops are an hour long. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £5 per person 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Wild Wednesdays: Weird Science

Wed 1 and Wed 8 Apr,  
10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Make an Easter Bonnet

Wed 1 Apr, 4pm to 5pm

Get creative adorning an Easter bonnet. How elaborate will you make yours?

🚫 Booking required with

Cranbrook Town Council £ £4

📍 Cranbrook Country Park



## Photography Walk

Wed 1 Apr, 11am to 3pm

Join photographers Paul Blakemore and Karen Dews on a walk to investigate photographing the landscape. If you have any accessibility concerns please contact the Thelma Hulbert Gallery.

📅 Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ £20, £18 students and THG Friends 📍 Check website



## Axe Estuary Clean-Up

Fri 3 Apr, 10am to 12pm

Help us look after our environment by joining our clean-up along the Axe. Wear suitable clothing.

📅 No booking required £ Free  
📍 Meet at the Tram Shed, Seaton (SY 2519 9024)



## What's That Bird?

Sat 4 Apr, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

📅 No booking required  
£ Free (donations welcome)  
📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 5 Apr, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Tramway  
£ £14.95 🚫 Sorry, no dogs  
📍 Seaton Tramway Station



## LEGO® Workshops

Mon 6 Apr, 10am,  
11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm

Join us this Easter to build Jurassic gardens and dinosaurs! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for children aged 4 and over.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic  
£ £5 per person 📍 Seaton Jurassic





### Family Explorer Day

Mon 6 Apr, 2pm to 4pm

Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society and Wild East Devon's Education Ranger to explore, spot wildlife and get creative. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ Suggested donation £5 per family group

📍 Trinity Hill



### Seed Bomb Workshop

Tue 7 Apr, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Make your garden pro-pollinators by creating your own wildflower seed bombs.

🚫 No booking required £ £1 per child

📍 Cranbrook Country Park



### Family Easter Fun

Wed 8 Apr, 10am to 1pm

Join the Education Rangers for a morning of Easter and springtime themed crafts and activities. Cook treats over the campfire.

🚫 No booking required

£ £4 per child (under 4s free)

🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Spring Toddle

Wed 8 Apr, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Explore woodland, gathering natural props for wild storytelling. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ Free 📍 Hillcrest



### Easter Egg Trail and Crafts

Wed 8 Apr, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Follow the clues around Cranbrook Country Park to discover which bird lays which egg in order to claim your prize. Return to the tent for some Easter inspired wild crafts.

🚫 No booking required £ £1 per person

📍 Cranbrook Country Park

# Is it time to get out, explore the countryside, refresh your inner self?

## Try walking with East Devon Ramblers

Join us on a half-day stroll or on a more strenuous, all day walk.

We get to places with views that can only be seen on foot.

Six or more walks to choose from most weeks. You will soon make new friends and see life from a new angle.

Walking can improve fitness and raise spirits.

Ramblers also work to protect the places where people love to walk.

Find us online at  
[ramblers.org/east-devon](http://ramblers.org/east-devon)  
Text or phone William  
on 07866 047793 about  
joining a walk





### Art Kit Workshop

Wed 8 Apr, 11am to 1pm and  
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Come to see the Richard Long exhibition and discover one of our new art kits to find ways of being creative yourself and with your family.

🎫 Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ £30 per family (including kit)

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



### Mud Walk

Thu 9 Apr, 1pm to 3pm

Discover what is living in the mud of the Exe Estuary. Dig for worms, search for crabs and shells and fish for shrimps. Wear suitable footwear.

🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £3 per person 🟡 50% off for EDDC

tenants 📍 Meet at Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth, EX8 1DG (opposite toilet block)



### Fairies in the Garden

Fri 10 Apr, 11am to 4pm

Great for kids, find and release all of the conservation fairies hidden in our wildlife garden. Craft a magic wand and free each fairy and help save nature! Fancy dress encouraged.

🎫 No booking required

£ Suggested donation £3 per child

📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG



Pebblebed Heaths  
CONSERVATION TRUST

### Waggy Walk

Sat 11 Apr, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Four Firs Car Park, Woodbury Common (SY 0320 8637)



### What's That Bird?

Thu 16 Apr, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands

CHRIS HOLLAND

**Wild Forage and Cook Up****Thu 16 Apr, 6pm to 8.30pm**

Learn about the traditional edible, medicinal and practical use of native plants. Sample tempura and soup with noodles on a walk, talk and cook-up with Chris Holland. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sensible footwear. Bring a light picnic.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Holyford Woods. Meeting place and parking opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA.

**Free****Bluebell day  
at Holyford  
Woods****Sun 26 Apr, 10am to 4pm**

A free day of walks, activities and celebrations of the history, wildlife and trees of Holyford Woods.

Shuttle bus service from Colyford.  
For details see [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).



## Wildlife and Landscape Photography Tram

Fri 17 Apr, 8am to 10am

You are joined on board the Seaton Tramway's Wildlife and Photography tram by a photography specialist who will give you advice on how to get the best images from your camera. All whilst being given exclusive access to otherwise unreachable views on our open top tram.

- 🎫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway
- £ £14.95 🚫 Sorry, no dogs
- 📍 Seaton Tramway Station



## Bird Ringing Demonstration

Sat 18 Apr, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

- 🎫 No booking required
- £ Free (donations welcome)
- 📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## Willow Weaving Edging Hurdles

Sat 18 Apr, 10am to 4pm

Make a 21" long by 6" high garden fence 'edging hurdle' with expert Richard and take it home with you in a day! Suitable for beginners. Bring a packed lunch.

- 🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon
- £ £45 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants
- 📍 Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands



## Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 19 Apr, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

- 🎫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway
- £ £14.95 🚫 Sorry, no dogs
- 📍 Seaton Tramway Station





## Sand, Snow, Mud, Stone and Chalk

Tue 21 Apr, 2pm to 4pm

A workshop series unpicking the work and process of British Land Art with curator/producer Tessa Fitzjohn.

🎫 Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ £15, £12 students and THG Friends 📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## Tidelines

Sat 25 and Sun 26 Apr

Walks, activities, experiments and stories creatively exploring the past, present and future of the estuary and coast via learning space Chrysalis.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Saturday: Strand, Exmouth.

Sunday: Queen's Drive Space, Exmouth.



## Early Years

### Creative Session

Thu 30 Apr, 1.30pm to 3pm

Drop in for a fun creative session for babies and toddlers, looking at themes in the Richard Long exhibition.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery

# May



## Seaton Eats Boutique

Fri 1 May, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar on the cliffs or a short walk down to the beach.

🎫 No booking required £ Free entry

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Cliff Field Gardens, Seaton, EX12 2PH



## Waggy Walk

Sat 2 May, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Park outside Dalditch Farm, EX9 7AS (near Knowle, Budleigh Salterton)





## What's That Bird?

Sat 2 May, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

✋ No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## Dawn Chorus

Sun 3 May, 5.30am to 8am

Discover the magical dawn chorus and celebrate nature's greatest symphony. Rise early and take a stroll with the rangers. You'll pass through steep, uneven terrain, stiles and steps, which may be challenging for some.

✋ Booking required with National Trust

£ Free 🐕 Well-behaved dogs on leads

📍 Branscombe National Trust car park



## Discover the Dawn Chorus

Sun 3 May, 6am to 8.30am

Join our expert on International Dawn Chorus Day to discover the rich ensemble of spring birdsong including Skylark, Chiffchaff and Cetti's Warbler. From Darts Farm to our Bowling Green Marsh visitor room where a complimentary hot drink waits for you. 1.5 mile walk, mostly flat and dry.

✋ Booking required with RSPB

£ £8 RSPB members, £10 non-members

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Meet at Darts Farm.

Finish at RSPB Bowling Green Marsh



## Canoe Safari

Mon 4 May, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering the unique riverside wildlife. Led by Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger. Refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

✋ Booking required with Wild East Devon

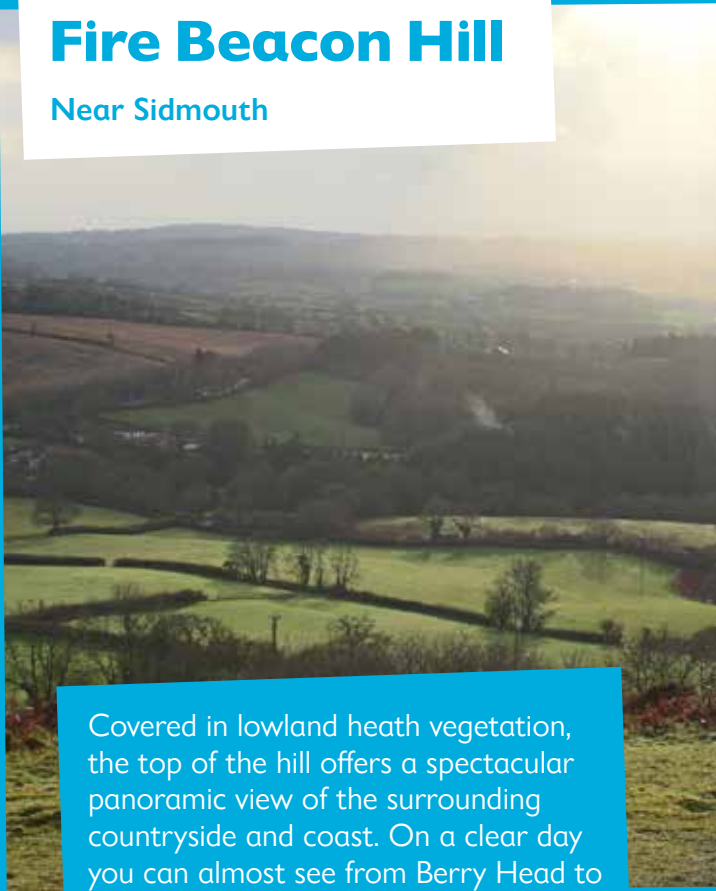
£ £26 adult, £16 under 16s 🟡 50% off for

EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands

## Find your wild place ...

# Fire Beacon Hill

Near Sidmouth



Covered in lowland heath vegetation, the top of the hill offers a spectacular panoramic view of the surrounding countryside and coast. On a clear day you can almost see from Berry Head to Portland, the entire length of Lyme Bay, and on a windy day you are on an eye level with soaring buzzards and ravens.

Owned by Sidmouth Town Council and managed in partnership with RSPB.

**Nearest postcode: EX10 0ND**  
**Grid ref: SY 1095 9123**

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Share your #firebeaconhill story  
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### **Best time to visit**

Great for an autumn walk. The site is criss-crossed with bridleways, footpaths, fire-breaks and the East Devon Way, so exploring on foot is easy.



### **Access**

The steep gradients and uneven nature of the footpaths and bridleways make it unsuitable for wheelchair access.



### **Parking**

White Cross car park is a long flat walk away. Core Hill Road car park (opposite Waitrose & Partners) is a shorter steep walk away.



## **Bird Ringing Demonstration**

**Tue 5 May, From 9am**

Regular event – see page 75.

✖ No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## **From One Place to Another**

**Tue 5 May, 2pm to 4pm**

A special workshop series unpicking the work and process of British Land Art with curator/producer Tessa Fitzjohn.

✖ Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ £10, £8 students and THG Friends 📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## **Outdoor Meditation**

**Wed 6 May, 6.30pm to 8pm**

Come and learn to relax and meditate at the outdoor dipping pond. Ideal for the beginner or more advanced. Full guided instruction given and a chance to let your mind unwind and turn 'stress into serenity'. Wear loose comfortable clothing, and bring a mat and/or blanket and some water to drink. Wet weather classroom on standby if needed.

✖ Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands



## **Wild Forage and Cook Up**

**Thu 7 May, 6pm to 8.30pm**

Learn about the traditional edible, medicinal and practical use of native plants. Enjoy sampling tempura and a soup with noodles on a walk, talk and cook-up with Chris Holland, a leading inspiration in the field of nature connection. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sensible footwear. Participants are encouraged to bring a light picnic.

✖ Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 The Knapp, Sidmouth, EX10 9ND





## Seaton VE Day 75th Anniversary

Fri 8 to Sun 10 May

Three days of exciting events around Seaton including: street party, film screening, tea dance, live music and theatre performance. Shops will help bring the 1940s back to life with costumes and special commemorative window dressing and you can judge the best. Get dressed up and enjoy the fun and games. Further details on Facebook and in the Seaton VE75 brochure.

🎫 Some events require booking

£ Some events ticketed 📍 Seaton



## Spring Forage and Cook Up

Tue 12 May, 11am to 2pm

Learn about and cook with some of the edible spring plants growing in Cranbrook Country Park.

🎫 Booking required with Cranbrook Town Council £ £20 🐕 Sorry, no dogs  
📍 Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook



## University of Exeter presents Creative Dialogues with Richard Long

Wed 13 May, 7pm

Part of the Arts and Culture University of Exeter programme, an 'in-conversation' event offering the audience an opportunity to join renowned professionals in person and learn firsthand about their inspirational careers and life works.

🎫 Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## What's That Bird?

Thu 14 May, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## Sidmouth Eats Boutique

Fri 15 May, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar with a cool vibe in the garden. Spectacular views of the Jurassic Coast and a short walk down to the beach.

🚫 No booking required ⚡ Free entry  
🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RU



## Windrush Willow Trugs and Trays

Sat 16 May, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Make willow companions to the kitchen such as cheese trays and take them home with you. Suitable for beginners. Bring a packed lunch.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
⚡ £45 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants  
📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Bumblebee Talk

Sat 16 May, 10.30am to 2pm

Ecologist, artist and naturalist, John Walters, leads us in a celebration of bumblebees. Join a walk to find and identify bees and explore their habitat. Please bring a light lunch.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
⚡ Free 📍 Bidmead Community Centre



## Plant Medicine Walk

Sun 17 May, 10.30am to 12pm

Join Medicinal Herbalist Maggie Haworth to explore the medicinal plants of the woodland. Hear traditional stories and learn about plants' historical use as medicines, as well as their current day applications, backed up by scientific research.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
⚡ £5 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants  
📍 Holyford Woods. Meeting place and parking opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA.



## Butterfly and Insect Walk

Sun 17 May, 1pm to 5pm

Walk with Paul Butter from Butterfly Conservation and Martin Drake to Goat Island in search of butterflies and other insects. Bring lunch.

📅 Booking required with Paul Butter on 01297 442290 ₤ Suggested donation £2

📍 Meet at top of Stepps Lane, Axmouth (SY 2657 9028)



## Sidmouth Arboretum Tree Week

Mon 18 to Sat 23 May

A week-long celebration of trees. Includes guided walks, talks, children's activities and garden open days.

📅 No booking required ₤ Free

📍 Sidmouth



## RSPB Nightjar Walk

Tue 19 May, 9pm

Join the RSPB wardens for an evening of looking and listening for the evocative nightjar. A chance to see them early in the year, forging homes for the summer. Wear stout footwear, warm clothes and bring a torch. Ninety minutes of walking, stopping, watching, listening and chatting.

📅 Booking required with RSPB

₤ £5.20 RSPB member, £6.50

non-members, £2 child 📍 Joney's cross car park, Aylesbeare Common, EX10 0JA (by kind permission of Clinton Devon Estates)



## Nature and Mindfulness Walk

Wed 20 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Take some time for you and enjoy our outdoor spaces with an introduction to mindfulness followed by a walk in nature. Explore Liverton Copse for a mindful session, calming the mind and body, ready to enjoy a wild woodland exploration. Some uneven ground.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon

₤ Free 📍 Liverton Copse, Exmouth (SY 0258 8217)

Find your wild place ...

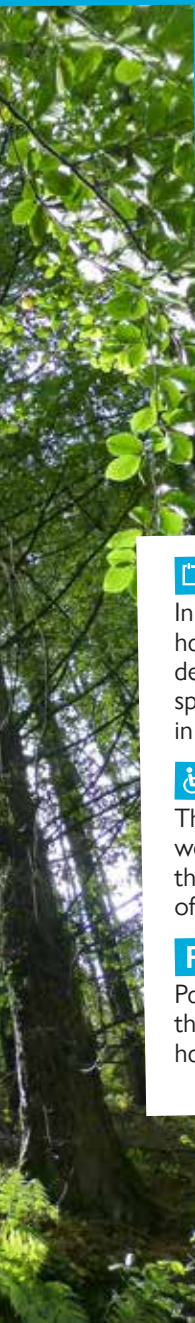
# Holyford Woods

Near Colyford





Share your #holyfordwoods story  
@wildeastdevon



A tranquil woodland teeming with wildlife, ideal for a walk throughout the year. Birds nest in abundant oak and hazel, bats roost in handy crevices and tangled roots can provide nest sites for weasels and wood mice. Partly ancient woodland, a sunken stream runs through the heart of Holyford Woods.



#### **Best time to visit**

In spring the heady scent of wild garlic hangs in the air. A liberal sprinkling of delicate white wood anemones in early spring is followed by carpets of bluebells in late April/early May.



#### **Access**

There is a steep footpath down to the woods and some steep paths within the woods. Footpaths are narrow and often staggered.



#### **Parking**

Parking is available at the picnic site at the top of Seaton Down Hill. A road has to be crossed to access the reserve.

Nearest postcode: EX12 2TF  
Grid ref: SY 2305 9202

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# SIDMOUTH ARBORETUM TREE WEEK

## Mon 18 to Sat 23 May

**Join us for walks, talks and visits  
throughout the week including:**

### Monday 18 May

2pm: Guided Walk led by Kevin Croucher  
*Meet at Sidbury Village Car Park, dogs on leads  
please*

### Tuesday 19 May

3pm: Talk by Pete Burgess from Devon Wildlife  
Trust, "Woodland Development for Wildlife"  
*Cellar Bar, Kennaway House*

### Wednesday 20 May

2pm: Guided Walk Bickwell Valley led by  
Ed Dolphin, Arboretum Treasurer  
*Meet at Museum, Church Street*

### Thursday 21 May

10am to 4pm: Schools Day  
*Primary schools' activities based at Sidholme  
Hotel Gardens with marquee and folk choir*  
7pm: Talk by Julian Hight "Britain's Ancient Forest"  
*Cellar Bar, Kennaway House*

### Friday 22 May

10am: Guided Walk of Byes led by Jon Ball,  
Arboretum Chairman  
*Meet At Museum, Church Street*

### Saturday 23

10.30am to 5pm: Meet The Trees  
*Private gardens open to public across Sidmouth*

**All events free. Donations welcome.**

**sidmoutharboretum.org.uk or  
info@sidmoutharboretum.org.uk**



## Plant Sale

**Fri 22 May, 11am to 3pm**

Pick-up a variety of bargains, nurtured by our volunteers. Enjoy tea and cake in the heart of Seaton Wetlands.

🚫 No booking required £ Donations for plants and refreshments

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## Exmouth Festival

**Fri 22 to Mon 25 May**

The biggest free four-day festival in the South West. Live music, arts, crafts, family activities, food, fairground and more.

🚫 No booking required £ Donations welcome 📍 Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth, EX8 1DG



## Nature Detectives Trail

**Sat 23 to Sun 31 May**

Help us to solve all the wildlife mysteries on this self-led treasure hunt trail around our spectacular nature reserves. Pick up your clue sheet and collect your prize from the RSPB Darts Farm or the Lookout, Bowling Green Marsh, during opening hours.

🚫 No booking required £ £5 per family  
📍 RSPB Darts Farm shop, EX3 0QH, or the Lookout, Bowling Green Marsh, EX3 0BG



## Beneficial Bugs Garden Trail

**Sat 23 May to Sun 31 May,  
drop in 10am to 4pm**

Beatles and bugs are amazing creatures and help our environment. Find different bug facts in our garden, answer the questions and win a prize.

🚫 No booking required  
£ £1 per trail sheet 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Mon 25 May

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location



## Fun in the Stream at Honiton Bottom

Tue 26 May, 2pm to 4pm

Join the Education Rangers for an afternoon of splashing about in the stream. Go stream dipping, build a mini-raft and construct a dam. Wear wellies or water shoes.

🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £4 per child 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Honiton Bottom



## Wild Wednesdays: Looking After Nature

Wed 27 May, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic

Promotion

# Exmouth Festival 2020

[exmouthfestival.co.uk](http://exmouthfestival.co.uk)

The biggest free  
festival in the  
Southwest

Facebook Instagram /exmouthfestival

May  
22-25  
2020

Imperial  
Recreation  
Ground

2020



### Family Bushcraft

Wed 27 May, 10am to 3pm

Families working and playing together and learning outdoor skills. Shelter building, fire lighting, cooking and crafts. Children must be accompanied.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £5 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Liverton Copse, Exmouth (SY 0258 8217)



### Spring Nature Quest and Crafts

Wed 27 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Join us for a spring trail around Cranbrook Country Park followed by some nature inspired wild crafts.

📅 No booking required £ £1 per child

📍 Cranbrook Country Park



### Art in the Woods

Wed 27 May, 11am to 3pm

Find our art animators in the woods to help you find hidden activity jars. Terrain not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

📅 No booking required £ Free

🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 East entrance to Harpfood Woods near The Bowd Inn, parking available in a layby on the A3052 just west of The Bowd Inn



### Wildlife at Twilight

Wed 27 May, 8.30pm to 10pm

An evening stroll. Look for wildlife which our donkeys share their home with. Listen to bats through our bat detectors. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Weather permitting.

📅 Booking required with The Donkey Sanctuary £ Free

📍 The Donkey Sanctuary



## Nightjar Walk

Thu 28 May, 9pm to 11pm

Join the Site Ranger and learn about these mystical nocturnal birds. Bring a torch and warm clothes. We also plan to set a moth trap at the start of the event to check at the end. Uneven ground, potentially muddy.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £5 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Trinity Hill



## Early Years Creative Session

Thu 28 May, 1.30pm to 3pm

Creative session for babies and toddlers.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## Family Explorer Day at Colyton Community Woods

Thu 28 May, 2pm to 4pm

Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation society along with Wild East Devon's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ Suggested donation £5 per family group

📍 Colyton picnic site (SY 2452 9347)



## Creepy Crawlies with Dartmoor Zoo

Fri 29 May, 11.30am and 1pm

Learn about why we need our creepy crawlies. Our friends at Dartmoor Zoo are bringing along some amazing creatures for you to meet and handle – if you dare! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £5 per person 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Expedition to the Plateau and search for the Early Gentian

Sun 31 May, 10am to 4pm

Join local experts on a walk to visit the Plateau, a spectacular open area of chalk grassland hidden within the Undercliffs overlooking Lyme Bay. We'll also visit the spectacular Sheepwash and the Slabs fossil area. Strenuous walking in a remote and isolated natural environment including rough terrain, steep slopes and uneven steps. Bring a packed lunch and declare any medical conditions when booking.

🚫 Booking required with Jurassic Coast Trust £ £7 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Details available on booking

## June



## 30 Days Wild

Mon 1 to Tue 30 Jun

We're challenging you to do something a little bit wild every day this month: that's 30 days of fun, exciting and simple random acts of wildness. Sign up online or come in to the centre and get a free pack to help you plan your wild month.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Outdoor Meditation

Wed 3 Jun, 6.30pm to 8pm

Come and learn to relax and meditate at the outdoor dipping pond. Ideal for the beginner or more advanced. Full guided instruction given and a chance to let your mind unwind and turn 'stress into serenity'. Wear loose comfortable clothing, and bring a mat and/or blanket and some water to drink. Wet weather classroom on standby if needed.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

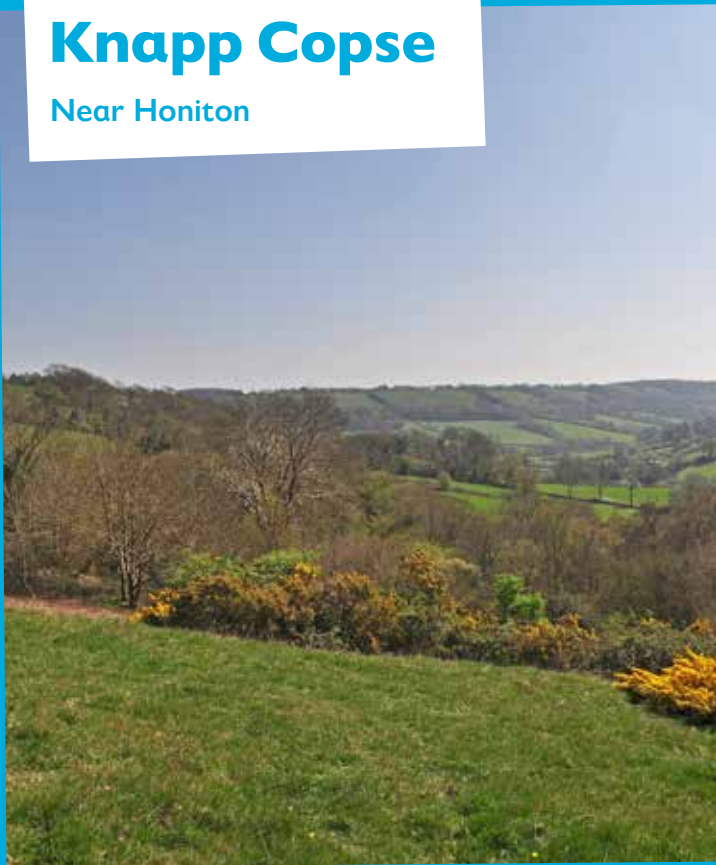
📍 Seaton Wetlands



Find your wild place ...

# Knapp Copse

Near Honiton



A perfect mix of woodland, meadows, a stream and spectacular views set in a hidden valley in the heart of East Devon. There are a number of attractive walking routes through and around the reserve, including the East Devon Way.

Nearest postcode: EX10 0QG  
Grid ref: SY 1549 9572

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Share your #knappcopse story  
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### **Best time to visit**

Springtime with your walking boots!  
See the blossom on the trees and follow  
our selection of circular walking routes  
on site linking with the East Devon Way.



### **Access**

Limited access for wheelchairs close  
to the car park.



### **Parking**

Free car park.



### Triassic Coast Cruise

Thu 4 Jun, 6pm to 9pm

A cruise through the western section of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site with Stuart Line Cruises, accompanied by expert commentary from Jurassic Coast Ambassadors. Suitable for all ages. Beginning and ending at Exmouth and taking in Orcombe Point, Ladram Bay and Sidmouth. Drinks and snacks available to purchase on board.

🚢 Booking required with Jurassic Coast Trust ₤ £10 per person, half price for JCT members 📍 Exmouth Marina, EX8 1DU



### Seaton Eats Boutique

Fri 5 Jun, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar on the cliffs or a short walk down to the beach.

🚢 No booking required ₤ Free entry 🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Cliff Field Gardens, Seaton, EX12 2PH



### RSPB Nightjar Walk

Fri 5 Jun, 9.15pm

Join the RSPB wardens on the strawberry full moon for an evening of looking and listening for the evocative nightjar. A fantastic chance to see the birds displaying and roosting in their summer homes. Wear stout footwear, warm clothes and bring a torch. Ninety minutes of walking, stopping, watching, listening and chatting.

🚢 Booking required with RSPB ₤ £5.20 RSPB member, £6.50 non-member, £2 child 📍 Joney's cross Car Park, Aylesbeare Common, EX10 0JA (by kind permission of Clinton Devon Estates)



### Wildflower Walk

Sat 6 Jun, 10am to 12pm

Learn about the wildflowers growing in Cranbrook Country Park.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

🐕 Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome

📍 Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook



### What's That Bird?

Sat 6 Jun, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



### Nightjar Walk

Tue 9 Jun, 9pm to 11pm

Join the Site Ranger and learn about these mystical nocturnal birds. Bring a torch and warm clothes. We also plan to set a moth trap at the start of the event to check at the end.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £5 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Trinity Hill



### Coly and Axe Valleys Walk

Wed 10 Jun, 10am to 2pm

Picturesque walk down the River Coly and up the Axe. This long but slow walk will be guided by Graham Jones.

🚫 No booking required

£ Suggested donation £2

📍 Meet by the Umborne Bridge end of Station Rd, Colyton (SY 2488 9419)



Pebblebed Heaths  
CONSERVATION TRUST

### Waggy Walk

Thu 11 Jun, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Warren car park (SY 0410 8818)

**FREE KIDS PLAY AREA | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD**



**QUEEN'S  
DRIVE  
SPACE**  
EXMOUTH  
SEAFRONT

[queensdrivespace.co.uk](http://queensdrivespace.co.uk)  
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**7 June, 11am**

## **EXMOUTH COLOUR BOMB**

Walk, run or dance your way round the 4km course and support the Deaf Academy. Open to individuals, families and corporate teams. Family-friendly live music and entertainment afterwards. ■ **Book and more info:** email [fundraising@exeterdeafacademy.ac.uk](mailto:fundraising@exeterdeafacademy.ac.uk) or visit [thedeafacademy.ac.uk](http://thedeafacademy.ac.uk)

**4 July, from 4pm**

## **HOSPISCARE TWILIGHT WALK**

Hospiscare event bringing the girls together for a 6.5 or 13.1 mile walk through the stunning Exmouth landscape. All levels of fitness. ■ **Book and more info:** phone 01392 688020 or email [fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk)

**25 July, 2pm to 11pm**

## **RNLI MAER ROCKS**

Free music festival in aid of Exmouth RNLI. Local live bands performing throughout the event, suitable for all ages.

**OPEN AIR**

# **CINEMA**

**7, 14, 21, 28 AUGUST**

**2.30PM AND 7.30PM**

Check our website for films being shown and more info or call 01395 571699



## Bird Ringing Demonstration

Mon 15 Jun, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

✖ No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## Goat Island and The Chasm

Wed 17 Jun, 10am to 3pm

Visit a famous part of the Undercliffs.

In 1839 the 'Great Landslip' caused a chasm to form behind the landslide block, now known as Goat Island.

Strenuous walking in a remote and isolated natural environment including rough terrain, steep slopes and uneven steps. Bring lunch and declare any medical conditions when booking.

✖ Booking required with Jurassic

Coast Trust £ £7 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Details available on booking



## Culture and Climate Symposium

Thu 18 Jun and Fri 19 Jun

A two-day series of field trips across East Devon including Exmouth,

Seaton and THG. Speakers include a range of environmentalists, artists and thinkers including Simon Terrill, Mike Perry and Fourthland. Camping/glamping available at the School of Art and Wellbeing, Honiton.

✖ Booking required with Thelma Hulbert

Gallery £ Check website 📍 Various locations starting from Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## What's That Bird?

Thu 18 Jun, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

✖ No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## Find your wild place ...

# Trinity Hill

Near Axminster



A heathland oasis in the midst of conifer plantations. The site offers breath-taking views across the Axe Valley and its network of footpaths allow for easy exploration.

Nearest postcode: **EX13 5SS**  
Grid ref: **SY 3073 9591**

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### **Best time to visit**

Great in the day and also at night! Trinity Hill was awarded Dark Skies Discovery Site status, meaning that its absence of light pollution makes it a great place to go for stargazing.



### **Access**

Paths are even and wide, but not surfaced and are unsuitable for wheelchairs. The site is expansive and open, and is good for people with a nervous or anxious disposition.



### **Parking**

Free car park.



## Canoe Safari

Thu 18 Jun, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering the unique riverside wildlife. Led by Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger. Riverside hot drink and refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

🚣 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ £26 adult, £16 under 16s 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Sidmouth Eats Boutique

Fri 19 Jun, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar with a cool vibe in the garden. Spectacular views of the Jurassic Coast and a short walk down to the beach.

🚣 No booking required £ Free entry  
 🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RU



## Wildlife and Landscape Photography Tram

Fri 19 Jun, 6pm to 8pm

Board the Seaton Tramway's Wildlife and Photography tram with a photography specialist who will give advice on how to get the best images from your camera. Get exclusive access to otherwise unreachable views on our open top tram.

🚣 Booking required with Seaton Tramway  
 £ £14.95 per person 📍 Seaton Tramway Station



## Waggy Walk

Tue 23 Jun, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free

📍 Car park off Stoke Road, EX4 5BS  
(SX 9188 9592)



## Botanical Stroll at Beer Head

Wed 24 Jun, 10am to 12.30pm

A seasonal botanical stroll with Mike Lock in search of chalk grassland plants at beautiful Beer Head. Please note there is a charge at the car park.

🚫 No booking required

£ Suggested donation £2 📍 Meet at Beer Clifftop car park (SY 2273 8883)



## Wildflower and Grasses Walk

Thu 25 Jun, 10am to 2pm

Join the ecology and conservation team on a relaxed walk around the sanctuary to survey some of their grassland and wildflower areas. Please bring a packed lunch and drink, and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

🚫 Booking required with The Donkey Sanctuary 🆓 Free

📍 The Donkey Sanctuary



## Early Years Creative Session

Thu 25 Jun, 1.30pm to 3pm

Drop in for a fun creative session for babies and toddlers.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## Windrush Willow Fun Things for the Garden

Sat 27 Jun, 10am to 4pm

Weave a willow bird feeder, dragonfly, sunflower and snail for your garden in one day. Suitable for beginners. Bring a packed lunch.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £45 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Wildlife Day at Seaton Wetlands

Sun 28 Jun, 11am to 4pm

Family festival day for all ages celebrating the wildlife of the Axe Vale. Fun things for children to do including moth catching, birdwatching, guided walks, displays, food and drink and lots of other wildlife-based excitement!

✖ No booking required

£ Free, donations for parking

📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Seaton Coast Cruise

Sun 28 Jun, from 3pm

Setting sail off the beach at Seaton, discover the landscape of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site from the water. With live and informative commentary, this leisurely cruise highlights the unique and natural environment around Seaton, the Axe Valley and the surrounding coastline. There will be a one-hour and a two-hour cruise.

✖ Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location

📍 Fisherman's Gap, Seaton, EX12 2LN

# July



## Outdoor Meditation

Wed 1 Jul, 6.30pm to 8pm

Learn to relax and meditate. Ideal for beginners and advanced. Guided instruction given. Let your mind unwind and turn 'stress into serenity'. Wear loose comfortable clothing, and bring a mat and/or blanket and some water to drink. Wet weather classroom on standby if needed.

✖ Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Canoe Safari

Thu 2 Jul, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering the unique riverside wildlife. Led by Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger. Riverside hot drink and refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ £26 adult, £16 under 16s 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Exmouth's Wild Night Life

Thu 2 Jul, 8.30pm to 10.30pm

Explore Exmouth's wild nightlife with a focus on bats, using bat detectors to hear the sounds of our flying friends as they navigate their favourite seaside town.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ Free 📍 Meet Outside Exmouth Town Hall



### Seaton Eats Boutique

Fri 3 Jul, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar on the cliffs or a short walk down to the beach.

📅 No booking required £ Free entry  
 🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Cliff Field Gardens, Seaton, EX12 2PH



### National Meadows Day Walk

Sat 4 Jul, 10am to 12pm

Celebrate National Meadows day with a ranger-guided walk around the Highlands of Orcombe. Find out about the amazing wildflowers species growing in the area in a moderate 2km walk through the fields and the South West Coast Path. Uneven route unsuitable for pushchairs.

📅 Booking required with National Trust  
 £ Free 📍 Meet the rangers by the Geoneedle (SY 0206 7953). Parking is available along the Exmouth seafront. Take the stairs up onto the cliffs.





Pebbled Heaths  
CONSERVATION TRUST

## Waggy Walk

Sat 4 Jul, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free

📍 Park in Otterton Village, meet at The Green, EX9 7HQ



## Windrush Willow Random Weave Balls Hearts and Baskets

Sat 4 Jul, 10am to 4pm

Learn the art of willow weaving with expert Richard by making and taking home a basket in one day. Suitable for beginners. Bring a packed lunch.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

💷 £45 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands



## What's That Bird?

Sat 4 Jul, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

💷 Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## RSPB Nightjar Walk

Sun 5 Jul, 9.30pm

Join the RSPB wardens on the buck full moon for an evening of looking and listening for the evocative nightjar. A fantastic chance to see the birds displaying and roosting in their summer homes. Wear stout footwear, warm clothes and bring a torch. Ninety minutes of walking, stopping, watching, listening and chatting.

🚫 Booking required with RSPB

💷 £5.20 RSPB member, £6.50 non-member, £2 child 📍 Joney's cross Car Park, Aylesbeare Common, EX10 0JA (by kind permission of Clinton Devon Estates)



## Fun in the Stream at Cranbrook

Sat 11 Jul, 10.30am to 12pm

Come and make a splash in the Crannybrook and see what creatures might be lurking in the water.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Standing dead trees by Post Coach Way, Cranbrook



## Natural Seaton Festival Cruise

Sun 12 Jul, from 3pm

Setting sail off the beach at Seaton as part of the festival, we take our time in discovering the landscape of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site from the water. With live and informative commentary, this leisurely cruise highlights the unique and natural environment around Seaton, the Axe Valley and the surrounding coastline. There will be a one-hour cruise and a two-hour cruise.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location

📍 Fisherman's Gap, Seaton, EX12 2LN



## Bird Ringing Demonstration

Tue 14 Jul, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## What's That Bird?

Thu 16 Jul, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands

Find your wild place ...

## Seaton Wetlands



 **Multi-award winning and voted England's best Nature Reserve in 2019.** There are five bird hides and nearly 4km of level trails and boardwalks framed by beautiful marshland and reedbeds alongside the River Axe.

**Nearest postcode: EX12 2SP**  
**Grid ref: SY 2489 9148**

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Share your #seatonwetlands story  
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## New for 2020: Seaton Tramway halt at Seaton Wetlands



### Best time to visit

See an array of different birds all year round. We run many events and activities in school holidays. A weekend visit lets you get the best from the site. Visit the Discovery Hut, staffed between 10am and 4pm, where you can learn about the wetlands, hire pond-dipping equipment and buy drinks and snacks.



### Access

- Accessible toilet.
- An off-road mobility scooter (Tramper) is available for hire when trained staff or volunteers are on duty.
- The Seaton Wetlands visual story on our website can be used to help visitors (including those on the autistic spectrum) prepare for their visit.
- We have volunteers trained to guide visitors with a visual impairment around the wetlands. We offer a British Sign Language (BSL) guided tour via a series of videos viewed on a tablet.
- Seaton Marshes is accessible via a gravel track. No steps to access the bird hide. The circular Borrow Pit pond walk is accessible via wheelchair and pushchair.

**Please contact the Wild East Devon team to arrange any of the accessible facilities before your visit.**



### Parking

Available through Seaton Cemetery to access Black Hole Marsh, Colyford Common and Stafford Marsh. A smaller parking area is available through Hillymead at the entrance to Seaton Marshes.



## Sidmouth Eats Boutique

Fri 17 Jul, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar with a cool vibe in the garden. Spectacular views of the Jurassic Coast and a short walk down to the beach.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free entry  
🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RU



## Natural Seaton Festival and Bioblitz

Sat 18 Jul

Join us for activities, games, bug hunts and rockpooling to celebrate Seaton's natural heritage. A festival atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy a wide variety of wildlife and conservation organisations and activities with local arts and crafts.

🚫 No booking required 🆓 Free  
📍 Seaton



## Scything Day

Thu 23 Jul, 10am to 3pm

Help mow one of our flower-rich meadows using scythes. Suitable for over-18s only. Please bring a packed lunch and drink. Wear suitable clothing and shoes.

🚫 Booking required with The Donkey Sanctuary 🆓 Free  
📍 The Donkey Sanctuary



## Magnificent Marine Garden Trail

Fri 24 Jul to Sun 6 Sep, 10am to 4pm

The oceans cover 71 per cent of the planet's surface and are home to millions of Earth's plants and animals. Find out some more magnificent marine facts in our garden trail, answer the questions and win a prize.

🚫 No booking required  
🆓 £1 per trail sheet 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Summer Holidays at the Lookout

Fri 24 Jul to Sun 6 Sep,  
weekdays 2pm to 4pm, weekends  
11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm

Nature crafts, activities and adventure trails. Take part in our summer events to fill your 'wildlife passport', earning prizes and even more fun.

🚫 No booking required

£ Donations welcome 🐕 Dogs welcome in hide, but not visitor room

📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG



## Art Kit Workshop

Fri 24 Jul, 11am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Come to see the Mike Perry exhibition and discover one of our new art kits to find ways of being creative yourself and with your family.

🚫 Booking required with Thelma Hulbert Gallery £ £30 per family (including kit)

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## Bugs and Beasties Beneath

Sat 25 Jul, drop in 2pm to 4pm

All manner of creepy crawlies and minibeasts explore our wildlife garden. Learn all about them and the mysterious lives they lead with our knowledgeable volunteers. Earn a stamp in your wildlife passport. Wear suitable clothing and walking shoes.

🚫 No booking required

£ Suggested donation £3 per child

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG



## Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 26 Jul, 6pm to 8pm

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

£ £14.95 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Seaton Tramway Station





# HEATH WEEK



2020

## 25 TO 31 JULY

Celebrate the amazing heaths – Exmouth's natural playground! A week of activities catering for wildlife, sport and history enthusiasts.



Come to the  
**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
on Sunday 26 July, 11am to 4pm at  
Model Airfield site, Woodbury Common  
near Yettington (SY 0377 8642)

Performance stage | Mountain biking | Natural crafts  
Guided walks | Stalls from wildlife organisations  
Refreshments + much more

Visit [heathweek.org](https://heathweek.org) for more details or follow  
us at [facebook.com/heathweek](https://facebook.com/heathweek)

Organised by East Devon District Council's  
Wild East Devon team, Devon Wildlife Trust,  
RSPB, Clinton Devon Estates and  
Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust



## Family Activity Programme

Mon 27 Jul to Fri 28 Aug (see [cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk](http://cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk) for dates and times)

A programme of indoor and outdoor active, mindful and crafty family activities running every weekday throughout the school summer holidays.

🎫 Booking required with Cranbrook Town Council £ 50p per family

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook



## Wild Wednesdays

Wed 29 Jul, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Waggy Walk

Thu 30 Jul, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Model Air car park (SY 0377 8642)



## Early Years Creative Session

Thu 30 Jul, 1.30pm to 3pm

Drop in for a fun creative session for babies and toddlers.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



## AV&DCS Family Explorer Day at Seaton Marshes

Thu 30 Jul, 2pm to 4pm

Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society along with Wild East Devon's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ Suggested donation £5 per family group

📍 Seaton Marshes, Hillymead, Seaton, nearest postcode EX12 2DF (SY 2473 9078)

# August



## What's That Bird?

Sat 1 Aug, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

✖ No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



## Goat Island to the Plateau

Sun 2 Aug, 10am to 4pm

A varied and interesting walk giving an introduction to the Undercliffs, off the main coastal footpath. Taking in remarkable sights and locations, explore Goat Island, the Sheepwash, fossil slabs and the Plateau. Strenuous walking in a remote and isolated natural environment including rough terrain, steep slopes and uneven steps. Bring a packed lunch and declare any medical conditions when booking.

✖ Booking required with Jurassic

Coast Trust £ £7 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Details available on booking

Promotion



## Join Devon Loves Dogs. Become a member today.

It's free to join and you'll receive a free welcome pack of dog goodies and information on where to walk. Join us on our social dog walks – for details, see website.



🐦 📺 📷 [devonlovesdogs.co.uk](https://www.devonlovesdogs.co.uk)





## Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Sun 2 Aug

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location



## Canoe Safari

Mon 3 Aug, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering riverside wildlife. Led by Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger. Refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £26 adult, £16 under 16s 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Pond-Dip Like a Pro

Tue 4 Aug, drop in 2pm to 4pm

Discover pondlife of all shapes and sizes that make their home in waterways. Find strange creatures and earn a stamp in your wildlife passport. Bring suitable clothing.

🎫 No booking required

£ Suggested donation £3 per child

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Meet at RSPB Exminster Marsh car park, EX6 8DZ

## Outdoor Yoga

Wed 5 Aug, 9.30am to 11am

Enjoy breathing, stretching and relaxing exercised in a peaceful environment. Bring a mat and blanket.

🎫 Booking required with Yvonne's Yoga

£ £8 per person 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Wild Wednesdays

Wed 5 Aug, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic

Find your wild place ...

## Exmouth Local Nature Reserve



A massive area of tidal sand and mud at the southern end of the Exe Estuary. Walking out over the sandbanks at low water offers you the chance to get away from the bustle of the town and explore a wilderness in the middle of the estuary, a globally important area of overwintering waders and waterfowl.

**Nearest postcode: EX8 1DG**  
**Grid ref: SX 9977 8117**

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### **Best time to visit**

The spectacle of thousands of birds feeding on the estuary during the winter is a truly special sight. There is a flower-rich bankside in the summer which is important for invertebrates.



### **Access**

The weasel run pathway is part of the East Devon Way and runs alongside the nature reserve, offering far-reaching views across the estuary. Accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs.



### **Parking**

The closest car park is Imperial Road pay and display car park located next to Exmouth swimming pool.



## Botanical Stroll at Aylesbeare Common

Wed 5 Aug, 10am to 12.30pm

Botanical Stroll with Mike Lock in search of heathland and bog plants.

🚫 No booking required ⚡ Suggested donation £2 📍 Meet at Joney's Cross car park (SY 0569 8973)



## Fun in the Stream

Wed 5 Aug, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Join the Education Rangers for an afternoon of stream dipping, build a mini-raft and construct a dam. Wear wellies or water shoes.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon ⚡ £4 per child 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Thu 6 Aug

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic ⚡ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location



## Seaton Eats Boutique

Fri 7 Aug, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar on the cliffs or a short walk down to the beach.

🚫 No booking required ⚡ Free entry 🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Cliff Field Gardens, Seaton, EX12 2PH



## Exmouth Rockpool Ramble

Fri 7 Aug, 2pm to 4pm

Explore the mysterious world of Exmouth's rockpools with the Wild East Devon rangers. Learn where to look and what to look out for.

🚫 No booking required ⚡ £3 per child 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Meet on the beach to the left of the lifeboat station (when facing the sea), Queens Drive, EX8 2AY





### Waggy Walk

Sat 8 Aug, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Fire Beacon Hill. Park at White Cross car park (SY 1157 9241).



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sat 8 Aug, 6pm to 8pm

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

£ £14.95 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Bird Ringing Demonstration

Mon 10 Aug, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



### Wild Wednesdays

Wed 12 Aug, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic



### Bee Walk and Cob Bricks

Thu 13 Aug, 10am to 2pm

Join a walk to survey bees and other pollinators, then make cob bricks for bees to nest in. Suitable for over 18s. Bring lunch and suitable clothing.

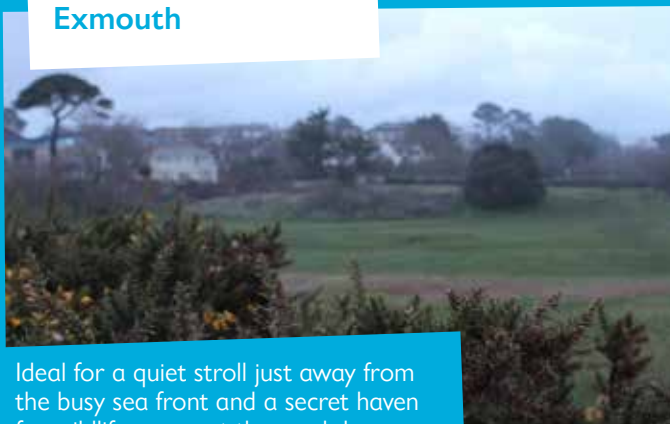
🚫 Booking required £ Free

📍 The Donkey Sanctuary, Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, EX10 0NU

## Find your wild place ...

# The Maer

Exmouth



Ideal for a quiet stroll just away from the busy sea front and a secret haven for wildlife amongst the sand dunes. The warm, sandy soil provides a haven for insects and allows specialised and rare plants to grow on this site.

 Share your #themaer story  
@wildeastdevon



**Best time to visit** In early summer you can watch the blooms of the Evening Primrose opening (as its name suggests) in the evening.



**Access** The Maer has a wide, even and surfaced path which makes access through the site easy. The site is open and smooth meaning it is great for people with a nervous or anxious disposition.



**Parking** Pay and display car park opposite.

Nearest postcode: EX8 2DA  
Grid ref: SY 0089 8014

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### Family Bushcraft at Offwell Woods

Thu 13 Aug, 10am to 3pm

Work and play together as a family to learn outdoor skills. Shelter building, fire lighting, cooking and crafts. Children must be accompanied.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ £13 per child 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Offwell Village Hall, EX14 9SA



### What's That Bird?

Thu 13 Aug, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

📅 No booking required  
 £ Free (donations welcome)  
 📍 Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands



### Windrush Willow Breton-Style Round Basket

Sat 15 Aug, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Make a traditional willow weaved basket and take it home with you. Suitable for beginners. Bring lunch.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ £45 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants  
 📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sat 15 Aug, 6pm to 8pm

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Tramway  
 £ £14.95 🐕 Sorry, no dogs  
 📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Mon 17 Aug

Regular event – see page 75.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic  
 £ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location



## Exmouth Rockpool Ramble

Mon 17 Aug, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Explore Exmouth's rockpools with the Wild East Devon rangers. Learn where to look and what to look for.

🚫 No booking required ₤ £3 per child

👉 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Meet on the beach to the left of the lifeboat station (when facing the sea), Queens Drive, EX8 2AY



## Canoe Safari

Mon 17 Aug, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering the riverside wildlife. Led by Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger. Refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

₤ £26 adult, £16 under 16s

👉 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands

## Holiday Club at Seaton Wetlands

Tue 18 to Fri 21 Aug,  
10am to 4pm

Adventurous outdoor holiday club for 7 to 11 year olds. Each day will be different: learn about wildlife, make natural crafts, use tools, cook on campfires and play. Morning fruit snack and campfire cooked afternoon snack provided.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon ₤ £30 per child, per day

👉 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Seaton Wetlands





### Wildlife Detective

Tue 18 Aug, 10.30am to 12pm

Join us for a gentle exploration of the sanctuary, searching for evidence of the many different animals, large and small, that live amongst the donkeys. We will be outdoors and walking over rough terrain and slopes, so please wear suitable outdoor clothing and walking shoes. Please note that this event is weather permitting.

🎫 Booking required with  
The Donkey Sanctuary £ Free  
📍 The Donkey Sanctuary



### Art in the Woods

Tue 18 Aug, 11am to 3pm

Come and find our art animators in the woods to help you find the new activity jars hidden there. Terrain not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

🎫 No booking required £ Free  
🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 East entrance to Harpfood Woods near The Bowd Inn, parking available in a layby on the A3052 just west of The Bowd Inn



### Wild Wednesdays

Wed 19 Aug, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic  
£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic



### Exmouth Bug Hunt

Wed 19 Aug, 10am to 1pm

Hunt for bugs, sweep through the long grass and see what you can find. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied.

🎫 No booking required £ £3 per child  
👉 50% off for EDDC tenants  
🐕 Dogs on leads please 📍 The Maer



### Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Fri 21 Aug

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic  
£ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org)



## Mud Walk

Fri 21 Aug, 1pm to 3pm

Discover what is living in the mud of the Exe Estuary. Dig for worms, search for crabs and shells and fish for shrimps. Wear suitable footwear.

🎫 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
 £ £3 per person 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants  
 📍 Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth, Opposite Toilet Block, EX8 1DG



## Sidmouth Rockpool Ramble

Fri 21 Aug, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Explore Sidmouth's rockpools with the Wild East Devon rangers.

🎫 No booking required £ £3 per child  
 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants  
 📍 Meet at the bottom of Jacobs Ladder, nearest post code EX10 8RZ



## Sidmouth Eats Boutique

Fri 21 Aug, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar with a cool vibe in the garden. Spectacular views of the Jurassic Coast and a short walk down to the beach.

🎫 No booking required £ Free entry  
 🐕 Dogs welcome 📍 Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RU



## Wildlife and Landscape Photography Tram

Fri 19 Jun, 6pm to 8pm

Board the Seaton Tramway's Wildlife and Photography tram with a photography specialist who will give advice on how to get the best images from your camera. Get exclusive access to otherwise unreachable views on our open top tram.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway  
 £ £14.95 per person 📍 Seaton Tramway Station



## Bowling Green After Dark

Fri 21 Aug, 7pm to 9pm

Experience the reserve like never before and discover the wildlife that comes alive in the nighttime, with moth sheets, bug hunting and a thermal scope. Free hot drink or juice. Earn a stamp in your wildlife passport. Bring a torch and warm clothing.

🎫 Booking required with RSPB

£ £5 child member, £4 child non-member. Accompanying adult free.

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG



## Bug Hunt

Tue 25 Aug, 10am to 1pm

Hunt for the bugs which call the wetlands home. Dip in the pond and sweep net through the meadows and see what you can find.

🎫 No booking required £ £3 per child

👉 50% off for EDDC tenants

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Seaton Wetlands

## Outdoor Yoga

Wed 26 Aug, 9.30am to 11am

Enjoy breathing, stretching and relaxing exercised in a peaceful environment. Bring a mat and blanket.

🎫 Booking required with Yvonne's Yoga

£ £8 per person 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Wild Wednesdays

Wed 26 Aug, 10am to 12pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £4 per child 📍 Seaton Jurassic



## Find your wild place ...

### Honiton Bottom



Offers close-up views of enthralling species of common wildlife. Birds feed on seeds and the insects thriving in the rough grassland. Dippers, grey wagtails and kingfishers can be spotted on the River Gissage which runs through the reserve.



Share your #honitonbottom story  
@wildeastdevon



**Best time to visit** Summer reveals the buzz of life in the grass and on the river. Tawny owls hunt over the nature reserve at dusk and in the early morning.



**Access** There is a surfaced path to the picnic benches. Accessible for people with limited mobility and buggies.



**Parking** No car park. Roadside parking nearby.

Nearest postcode: EX10 0ND  
Grid ref: SY 1607 9932



### AV&DCS Family Explorer Day at Holyford Woods

Wed 26 Aug, 2pm to 4pm

Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society along with Wild East Devon's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ Suggested donation £5 per family group

📍 Holyford Woods. Meeting place and parking opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA.



### Bindon Landslip Cruise

Wed 26 Aug, 3pm to 5pm

Set sail and discover the Bindon Landslip from the water. With live music, this two-hour cruise highlights the unique and natural environment around the Jurassic Coast Heritage Sites around Seaton, the Axe Valley and the surrounding coastline.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for cost

📍 Fisherman's Gap, Seaton, EX12 2LN



### Early Years Creative Session

Thu 27 Aug, 1.30pm to 3pm

Drop in for a fun creative session for babies and toddlers.

📅 No booking required £ Free

📍 Thelma Hulbert Gallery



### Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Sun 30 Aug

Regular event – see page 75.

📅 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

£ £3 per person 📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for location

Join in the fun at our kids'

Seaton Wetlands Holiday Club: page 58

# September



Pebbled Heaths  
CONSERVATION TRUST

## Waggy Walk

Thu 3 Sep, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Meet at Wheathill car park  
(SY 0404 8480)



## Seaton Eats Boutique

Fri 4 Sep, 4pm to 9pm

New venue. An evening street food market by the sea. Great reasonably priced food and bar on the cliffs or a short walk down to the beach.

🚫 No booking required £ Free entry

🐕 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Cliff Field Gardens,  
Seaton, EX12 2PH



## Chapel Rock and The Crimean Seat

Sat 5 Sep, 10am to 3pm

Visit the spectacular and historically significant Chapel Rock within the Undercliffs. The walk will take in the Crimean Seat, offering wonderful views over Lyme Bay. Strenuous walking in a remote and isolated natural environment including rough terrain, steep slopes and uneven steps. Bring a packed lunch and declare any medical conditions when booking.

🚫 Booking required with Jurassic

Coast Trust £ £7 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Details available on booking



## What's That Bird?

Sat 5 Sep, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



### Birdwatching for Kids

Sun 6 Sep, 10am to 12pm

A perfect first step into the world of birds. Learn about different species and what makes them special. Free hot drink or juice. Earn a stamp in your wildlife passport. Binoculars and scopes provided.

📅 Booking required

£ £5 child member, £4 child non-member. Accompanying adult free.

📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham EX3 0BG



### Bird Ringing Demonstration

Tue 8 Sep, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

📅 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



### Bat Walk

Thu 10 Sep, 8pm to late

Join the Site Ranger and the Devon Bat Conservation and Research Group for a twilight walk. Listen out for bats using sonic detectors before the chance to meet them as they're ringed. Warm up with hot drinks in the Discovery Hut.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £10 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Family Forage and Cook Up

Sat 12 Sep, 10am to 12.30pm

Join the Education Ranger for a foraging walk in the woods followed by a cook-up including seasonal wild foods. Children must be accompanied.

📅 Booking required £ £6 per person

🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants

📍 Holyford Woods. Meeting place and parking opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA.



# WALKING FESTIVAL

Discover glorious East Devon

**19 to 25 September**

Join us for a week of free guided walks where you can discover the villages, rivers, countryside and the Jurassic Coast of beautiful East Devon. Over 20 scheduled walks offer a varied selection. Choose from countryside walks, coastal walks, town walks, or special interest walks led by experts and experienced leaders.

## For those wanting a challenge:

- Over three days, walk the South West Coast Path between Exmouth and Lyme Regis along this dramatic section of the Jurassic Coast
- Or why not complete the 40 miles East Devon Way? This inland route takes us through a diverse variety of habitats and rural hamlets. With daily coach transport (£) from Sidmouth we will walk the 40 miles in five daily stages starting at Exmouth (Mon 21 Sep) and finishing at Lyme Regis (Fri 25 Sep)

## Daily expert walks include:

- History
- Wildlife
- Flowers and trees
- Heritage

**Free walks**

**EDC Walking Certificate**

**Booking essential. Email [tic@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:tic@sidmouth.gov.uk) or phone 01395 516441.**

Pick up the full programme of walks from the Tourist Office or download from [visitsidmouth.co.uk](http://visitsidmouth.co.uk). Find all our walks on Facebook @SidmouthWalkingFestival



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 13 Sep, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

£ £14.95 🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Bark in the Park

Sun 13 Sep, 1pm to 4pm

Dogs, bring your owners! Event with animal-related stalls and a two-mile dog walk. All proceeds go towards Cranbrook community groups.

🚫 No booking required £ £1 per person

📍 Cranbrook Country Park



### Goat Island Grass Cut

Tue 15 to Thu 17 Sep, 10am to 4pm

Help us cut and rake Goat Island at the Undercliffs to help conserve rich grassland on the reserve. Steep steps and uneven ground. Rough terrain. Walking boots essential. Bring lunch.

🚫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Stepps Lane, EX12 4AS (SY 2657 9028)



### What's That Bird?

Thu 17 Sep, 11am to 1pm

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free (donations welcome)

📍 Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands



### Canoe Safari

Thu 17 Sep, 6pm to 8.30pm

A guided paddle on the River Axe discovering the unique riverside wildlife. Led by qualified instructors from the Axe Vale Canoe Club and a Wild East Devon ranger wildlife guide. Riverside hot drink and refreshments provided. No experience necessary, must be 8+ and able to swim 25m.

🚫 Booking required with Wild East Devon

£ £26 adult, £16 under 16s 🟡 50% off for

EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands

## Find your wild place ...

# Delderfield

Near Sidmouth



Just a stone's throw from the coastal path, Delderfield is a tranquil wildflower meadow with breathtaking views over Sidmouth and across the bay to Portland on a clear day. While away a quiet hour on a sunny day, enjoy the wild flowers in the meadow and the hum of insects in the air.



Share your #delderfield story  
@wildeastdevon



**Best time to visit** Spring and summer for a picnic with an unrivalled view of Sidmouth's coastline.



**Access** The path into Delderfield is tight and uneven, making access unsuitable for wheelchairs.



**Parking** Roadside parking opposite, coming up Peak Hill out of Sidmouth.

Nearest postcode: EX10 0NW  
Grid ref: SY 1143 8691



CHRIS HOLLAND

### Wild Forage and Cook Up

Thu 17 Sep, 6pm to 8.30pm

Learn about the traditional edible, medicinal and practical use of native plants. Enjoy sampling tempura and a soup with noodles on a walk, talk and cook-up with Chris Holland, a leading inspiration in the field of nature connection. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Participants are encouraged to bring a light picnic.

📅 Booking required with Wild East Devon  
£ £10 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants  
📍 Knapp Copse



### Autumn Forage and Cook Up

Fri 18 Sep, 10.30am to 1.30pm

Learn about and cook with some of the edible autumn plants growing in Cranbrook Country Park.

📅 Booking required £ £20  
🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook, EX5 7DR



### Bat Walk

Sat 19 Sep, 8pm to late

Join the Site Ranger and the Devon Bat Conservation and Research Group for a twilight walk. Listen out for bats using sonic detectors before the chance to meet them as they're ringed. Warm up with hot drinks.

📅 Booking required £ £10  
🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants  
🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Windrush Willow Two-day Log Basket Course

Sat 19 and Sun 20 Sep,  
9.30am to 4.30pm

Upgrade your fireside log basket by making one yourself using traditional willow weaving methods. Expert Richard will take you through the process step-by-step. Suitable for beginners, bring a packed lunch.

📅 Booking required £ £90 🏠 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



## Sidmouth and East Devon Walking Festival

Sat 19 to Fri 25 Sep

Join us for a week of free guided walks where you can discover the villages, rivers, countryside and the Jurassic Coast of beautiful East Devon.

✖ Booking required with Sidmouth and East Devon Walking Festival £ Free

🐕 Assistance dogs only 📍 See brochure/website for daily programme



## Seaton Big Beach Clean

Sun 20 Sep, 10am to 12pm

Join us for our contribution to the Great British Beach Clean.

✖ No booking required £ Free

📍 Meet at Fisherman's Gap, Seaton seafront (SY 2447 8985)



## Undercliffs Plateau Grass Cut

Wed 23 Sep, 10am to 4pm

Help us cut and rake the Plateau grassland at the Undercliffs nature reserve. The one-mile walk along the coast path to get to the Plateau is a remote area of chalk grassland with uneven ground and rough terrain. Walking boots essential. Bring lunch.

✖ No booking required £ Free

📍 Stepps Lane, EX12 4AS (SY 2657 9028)



## Night-Time Nature Walk

Wed 23 Sep, 6.45pm to 8.15pm

Join us for an evening stroll around the sanctuary and look for wildlife our donkeys share their home with. Listen to bat calls with our detectors. Wear suitable clothing. Please note that this event is weather permitting.

✖ Booking required with The Donkey Sanctuary £ Free

📍 The Donkey Sanctuary



### Seaton Wetlands Walk

Fri 25 Sep, 10.30am to 12.30pm

As part of the Sidmouth Walking Festival, Doug Rudge will lead an informative walk. Learn about the reserve's history and development.

🚫 No booking required 📞 Free

📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sat 26 Sep, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📞 £14.95

📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Plant Medicine Walk

Sun 27 Sep, 10.30am to 12pm

Join Medicinal Herbalist Maggie Haworth to explore the medicinal plants of the woodland. Hear traditional stories and learn about their historical use as medicines, as well as their current day applications.

🚫 Booking required 📞 £5 🟡 50% off for EDDC tenants 📍 Holyford Woods.

Meeting place and parking opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA.

## October



### Waggy Walk

Thu 1 Oct, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required 📞 Free

📍 Warren car park (SY 0410 8818)



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sat 3 Oct, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

🚫 Sorry, no dogs 📞 £14.95

📍 Seaton Tramway Station

## Find your wild place ...

### Hillcrest

Exmouth



A woodland reserve covering 1.3 hectares in the heart of Exmouth. Take in the bare, frost-covered branches during a winter walk and enjoy the quiet stillness that only comes when there's a chill in the air.



Share your #hillcrest story  
@wildeastdevon



**Best time to visit** Great for walks in autumn and winter. See trees blossom and wildlife re-emerging in spring.



**Access** Easily navigable by foot, but like all woodlands, has its challenges for accessibility.



**Parking** No car park. Residential parking along and around St John's Road, Exmouth.

Nearest postcode: EX14 2FP  
Grid ref: SY 0214 8227

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## Sidmouth Science Festival

Fri 9 to Sun 18 Oct

Over a week of events in and around Sidmouth and at the Norman Lockyer Observatory with serious talks, fun events and exciting hands-on activities for all ages and abilities, which include drama, music and art as well as all the STEM subjects, and mostly free.

🚫 No booking required £ Mostly free  
📍 Sidmouth



## Bird Ringing Demonstration

Sat 10 Oct, from 9am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required  
£ Free (donations welcome)  
📍 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 11 Oct, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway  
£ £14.95 🐕 Sorry, no dogs  
📍 Seaton Tramway Station



## Waggy Walk

Tue 13 Oct, 10am

Regular event – see page 75.

🚫 No booking required £ Free  
📍 Offwell Village Hall car park



## Birdwatching for Beginners

Tue 13 Oct, 10am

Learn your curlew from your kestrel, your brent goose from your blackcap. With lots of tips and insights, our experts have something to offer for all abilities. Hot drink included. Bring your own binoculars if possible.

🚫 Booking required with RSPB  
£ £8 RSPB members, £10 non-members  
📍 The Lookout, RSPB Bowling Green Marsh, Topsham, EX3 0BG



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sun 18 Oct, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

£ £14.95 🚫 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Bird Hide on Wheels

Sat 24 Oct, 9am to 11am

Seaton Tramway's birdwatching trips give you exclusive access to remote parts of the beautiful Axe Valley.

🎫 Booking required with Seaton Tramway

£ £14.95 🚫 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Seaton Tramway Station



### Cranbrook Apple Pressing

Mon 26 Oct, 10.30am to 1.30pm

Join our ranger to help pick and juice the apples in Cranbrook Country Park's orchard. Bring containers and more apples if you have them.

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Cranbrook Community Orchard



### Autumn Crafts

Tue 27 Oct, 10am to 1pm

Use natural materials to create autumn and halloween-themed crafts. Cook treats over the campfire.

🎫 No booking required £ £4 per child (under 4s free) 🍷 50% off for EDDC

tenants 📍 Seaton Wetlands



### Pumpkin Carving Workshop

Wed 28 Oct, 4pm to 5pm

Bring a pumpkin and get creative!

🎫 No booking required £ Free

📍 Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook



### Halloween Trail

Fri 30 Oct, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Join us for a spooky trail around Cranbrook Country Park.

🎫 No booking required £ £1 per child

📍 Cranbrook Country Park

# Regular events



**Includes the regular events found in 'events by month'**  
See key on page 6





## **Bird Ringing Demonstrations**

Sat 18 Apr, Tue 5 May, Mon 15 Jun,  
Tue 14 Jul, Mon 10 Aug,  
Tue 8 Sep, Sat 10 Oct  
From 9am

A rare chance to see birds as they are ringed for monitoring. These are highly weather dependant and there are some sessions not listed in the guide. Visit website for more events and updates. Refreshments are available from the Discovery Hut during bird ringing sessions.

 No booking required

 Free, donations welcome



 Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands



## **Bumblebee Survey Walk**

Once a month from  
March to October – see  
[cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk](http://cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk)  
for dates

Bumblebees are in decline across the country. Join us for our regular bumblebee walks to spot and help identify our fluffy little friends!

 No booking required  Free

 Sorry, no dogs  Meet at Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook, EX5 7DR





### Saturday Crafts

Every Saturday, 10am to 12.30pm

Join us for our Saturday Crafts, where we make crafts with a different theme each week. A different craft each week, celebrating Devon's wildlife and heritage, past and present. Suitable for ages 3+.

🚫 No booking required 💷 £3 per child

📍 Seaton Jurassic



### Seaton Rockpool Ramble

Mon 25 May, Sun 2 Aug,

Thu 6 Aug, Mon 17 Aug,

Fri 21 Aug, Sun 30 Aug

See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for times

Discover the fascinating creatures on our shore by joining one of our guided events. Did you know that starfish can turn their stomachs inside out? Find out more gruesome facts on our Rockpool Rambles. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for children aged 3 and older.

🚫 Booking required with Seaton Jurassic

💷 £3 per person

📍 See [seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org) for locations



### Waggy Walk

Sat 11 Apr, Sat 2 May, Thu 11 Jun,

Tue 23 Jun, Sat 4 Jul, Thu 30 Jul,

Sat 8 Aug, Thu 3 Sep, Thu 1 Oct,

Thu 13 Oct

10am

Join Devon Loves Dogs and Forestry England for a sociable, guided dog walk in various locations. These friendly walks start at 10am and last up to 1.5 hours. We will be following paths and tracks. Please dress for the weather. Everyone is welcome!

🚫 No booking required 💷 Free

📍 Various locations – see listings in 'events by month'



### What's That Bird?

Sat 4 Apr, Thu 16 Apr, Sat 2 May,  
Thu 14 May, Sat 6 Jun, Thu 18 Jun,  
Sat 4 Jul, Thu 16 Jul, Sat 1 Aug,  
Thu 13 Aug, Sat 5 Sep, Thu 17 Sep  
11am to 1pm

Whatever your level of experience,  
come and improve your bird  
identification skills with an  
experienced volunteer guide.  
Binoculars available to borrow.

🚫 No booking required

£ Free, donations welcome

📍 Tower Hide or Island Hide at Seaton  
Wetlands – see listings in 'events by month'



### Pre-school Explorers

Once a month – see  
[cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk](http://cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk)  
for dates

10am to 11.30am

Come along for a morning of wild  
crafting and outdoor exploration!  
See our website for more details  
about each session.

🚫 Booking required £ £2.50 per child

🐕 Sorry, no dogs

📍 Cranbrook Country Park



### Wild Wednesdays

Wed 27 May, Wed 29 Jul,  
Wed 5 Aug, Wed 12 Aug,  
Wed 19 Aug, Wed 26 Aug  
10am to 12pm

Embrace your wild side and join us in  
the Seaton Jurassic garden for wild  
and wonderful activities. Perfect for  
little adventurers, with a different  
theme each week! Please note that  
children must be accompanied by an  
adult. Suitable for ages 3 to 13.

🚫 Booking required £ £4 per child

📍 Seaton Jurassic

# How to book events and get more info



The Wild East Devon team work with lots of partners to bring you events. Use this information to make your booking or get through to the right person if you have any questions.

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**Axe Estuary Ringing Group**  
[axeestuaryringinggroup.blogspot.co.uk](http://axeestuaryringinggroup.blogspot.co.uk)  
**Enquiries:** phone 01297 34958  
**Event location:** Discovery Hut, Seaton Wetlands. **Parking:** Seaton Wetlands car park, through Seaton Cemetery, EX12 2SP. **Access:** Seaton Wetlands is wheelchair and pushchair friendly, Discovery Hut accessible by all.



**Axe Vale and District Conservation Society**  
[axevaleconservation.org.uk](http://axevaleconservation.org.uk)  
**Enquiries:** phone 07804 835905 or email [fransinclair6@gmail.com](mailto:fransinclair6@gmail.com).



### Axe Vale Canoe Club

[axevalecc.co.uk](http://axevalecc.co.uk)

**Booking:** phone 01395 517557  
or visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).

**Enquiries:** phone 01297 34958.

**Event location:** meet at Seaton Wetlands car park. **Parking:** Seaton Wetlands car park, through Seaton Cemetery, EX12 2SP. **Access:** steps to Tower Hide and River Axe.

## C



### Chris Holland

[wholeland.org.uk](http://wholeland.org.uk)

**Booking:** phone 01395 517557  
or visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).

**Enquiries:** phone 07980 601830.

**Access:** nature reserves can be steep and uneven. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sensible footwear. Participants are encouraged to bring a light picnic.



### Cranbrook Country Park

[cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk/country-park](http://cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk/country-park)

**Booking and enquiries:** phone 01404 514552 or email [ranger@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ranger@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk).

**Event location:** Cranbrook Country Park, unless stated otherwise.

**Parking:** free parking available at the train station and on local roads.

## D



### Devon Loves Dogs

[devonlovesdogs.co.uk](http://devonlovesdogs.co.uk)

**Enquiries:** email [woof@devonlovesdogs.co.uk](mailto:woof@devonlovesdogs.co.uk).

**Event location:** see listings.

**Parking:** see listings. **Access:** following paths and tracks, so dress for the weather.



### The Donkey Sanctuary

[thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk](http://thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk)

#### **Booking and enquiries:**

phone 01395 573162 or email [conservation@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk](mailto:conservation@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk).

**Event location:** The Donkey Sanctuary, Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, EX10 0NU. **Parking:** free parking at the Donkey Sanctuary.

**Access:** events are outdoors and walking over rough terrain and slopes, so please wear suitable outdoor clothing and walking shoes.

## E



### East Devon Ramblers

[ramblers.org.uk/east-devon](http://ramblers.org.uk/east-devon)

**Booking and enquiries:** phone 07866 047793.



### East Devon District Council

See Wild East Devon



### Exmouth Festival

[exmouthfestival.co.uk](http://exmouthfestival.co.uk)

**Booking and enquiries:** email [festival@exmouth.gov.uk](mailto:festival@exmouth.gov.uk). **Event location:** at Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth, EX8 1DG.

## J



### Jurassic Coast Trust

[jurassiccoast.org](http://jurassiccoast.org)

**Booking:** online at [jurassiccoast.org/shop](http://jurassiccoast.org/shop). **Enquiries:** email

[info@jurassiccoast.org](mailto:info@jurassiccoast.org) or phone 01308 807000. **Event location:**

at Exmouth Marina, EX8 1DU.

**Parking:** closest car park is Camperdown Terrace. **Access:** open to and suitable for all.

## M

### **Maggie Haworth's Plant Medicine**

**Booking:** phone 01395 517557

or visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).

**Enquiries:** phone 01308 422591.

**Event location:** Holyford Woods.

**Parking:** Seaton Down picnic site opposite the Seaton Tower Garage, EX12 2JA. **Access:** There is a steep footpath down to the woods

and some steep paths within the woods. These may be muddy after rain, so stout boots or wellies are recommended.

## N



National  
Trust

### **National Trust**

[nationaltrust.org.uk/branscombe](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/branscombe)

**Booking and enquiries:** phone 01752 346585. **Event location:** Manor

Mill Farm, EX12 3DE, unless stated otherwise. **Parking:** small car park next to Old Forge in Branscombe, car park next to Village Hall (not National Trust). Donations welcome.

**Access:** limited wheelchair access to the Forge and Manor Mill.



### **Natural England**

[naturalengland.com](http://naturalengland.com)

**Booking and enquiries:** online at [jurassiccoast.org/shop](http://jurassiccoast.org/shop), unless stated otherwise. **Event Location:** Stepps Lane, EX12 4AS (grid ref. SY 2657 9028), unless stated otherwise.

**Access:** Strenuous walking in a remote and isolated natural environment including rough terrain, steep slopes and uneven steps. You must be fit and able for most events. Please declare any medical conditions when booking.

## P

**Pebblemoon**

facebook.com/pebblemoon2016

**Booking:** phone 01395 517557

or visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).

**Enquiries:** phone 07834 954993.

**Event location:** Pond Dipping Shelter

at Seaton Wetlands. **Parking:** Seaton

Wetlands car park, through Seaton

Cemetery, EX12 2SP. **Access:** wear

loose comfortable clothing, bring a

mat and/or blanket and some water

to drink. A wet weather classroom

is on standby if needed.

## R

**RSPB**

[rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

**Booking:** email [exe.estuary@rspb](mailto:exe.estuary@rspb.org.uk)

.org.uk or check RSPB Exe Estuary

Eventbrite. **Enquiries:** Aylesbeare:

phone 01395 233655. Bowling Green

Marsh: phone 01392 833311.

**Event location:** RSPB Bowling

Green Marsh: The Lookout, Topsham,

EX3 0BG RSPB. Aylesbeare: Joney's

cross Car Park, Aylesbeare Common,

EX10 0JA (by kind permission of

Clinton Devon Estates). **Parking:**

Aylesbeare: Aylesbeare Common

Car Park, EX10 0DF. Bowling Green

Marsh: no verge side parking, please

use Topsham's Holman Way or The

Quay car parks. **Access:** Aylesbeare

can be uneven in places. Bowling

Green Marsh is designed to be

accessible to wheelchairs.

# S



## Seaton Tramway

tram.co.uk

**Booking:** email [info@tram.co.uk](mailto:info@tram.co.uk).

Enquiries: phone 01297 20375.

**Event location:** Seaton Tramway Station, EX12 2WD. **Parking:** closest car park is The Underfleet, Seaton.

**Access:** the tramway is accessible to wheelchairs.



## Seaton Jurassic

[seatonjurassic.org](http://seatonjurassic.org)

**Booking and enquiries:**

phone 01297 300390 or email [info@seatonjurassic.org](mailto:info@seatonjurassic.org).

**Event location:** Seaton Jurassic, EX12 2WD, unless stated otherwise.

**Parking:** closest car park is The Underfleet, Seaton.



## Sidmouth and East Devon Walking Festival

[facebook.com/sidmouthwalkingfestival](https://facebook.com/sidmouthwalkingfestival)

**Booking and enquiries:**

phone 01395 516441 or email [tic@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:tic@sidmouth.gov.uk). **Access:** all walks will go ahead regardless of weather. Please bring suitable clothing and footwear and bring your own drinks and snacks.



## Sidmouth Arboretum

[sidmoutharboretum.org.uk](http://sidmoutharboretum.org.uk)

**Enquiries:** phone 01395 519275 or email [info@sidmoutharboretum.org](mailto:info@sidmoutharboretum.org).



## Sidmouth Science Festival

[sidmouthsciencefestival.org](http://sidmouthsciencefestival.org)

**Booking and enquiries:** phone 07542 083749 or email [info@sidmouthsciencefestival.org](mailto:info@sidmouthsciencefestival.org).



## T



### Thelma Hulbert Gallery

thelmahulbert.com

#### **Booking and enquiries:**

phone 01404 45006 or email  
info@thelmahulbert.com.

**Event location:** Thelma Hulbert  
Gallery, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1LX.

**Parking:** Lace Walk car park.  
Accessible parking bay in front of  
the gallery. **Access:** Thelma Hulbert  
Gallery welcomes families and  
visitors with disabilities.



### Tidelines

tidelines.uk

**Enquiries:** phone 07849 073394  
or email mail@tidelines.uk.

## U



### Unique Boutique Events

uniqueboutiqueevents.co.uk

**Enquiries:** phone 07970 857696 or  
email chat@uniqueboutiqueevents

.co.uk. **Event location:** Seaton: Cliff  
Field Gardens, Seaton, EX12 2PH.  
Sidmouth: Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth,  
EX10 8RU. **Parking:** Seaton: closest  
car park at Orchard Road. Sidmouth:  
closest car park Manor Road.

**Access:** accessible to all and everyone  
welcome. Cards accepted by most  
traders. Sorry, no dogs at Seaton.  
Check website or Facebook for  
further information.

## W



### Wild Exmouth

See Wild East Devon

Wild Exmouth is a three-year project to enhance green spaces for nature and inspire residents to enjoy the great outdoors through events and campaigns.



### Wild East Devon team, East Devon District Council

[wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

**Booking and enquiries:** phone 01395 517557, visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk) or email [wild@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:wild@eastdevon.gov.uk).



### Windrush Willow

[windrushwillow.com](http://windrushwillow.com)

**Booking:** phone 01395 517557 or visit [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk).

**Enquiries:** phone 01395 233669.

**Event location:** Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands. **Parking:** Seaton Wetlands Car Park, through Seaton Cemetery, EX12 2SP. **Access:** our expert will take you through the process step-by-step. All courses suitable for beginners.

## Y

### Yvonne's Yoga

[relaxatseaton.co.uk](http://relaxatseaton.co.uk)

**Booking and enquiries:**

phone 01297 20326 or email [waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk](mailto:waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk). **Event**

**location:** Pond Dipping Shelter at Seaton Wetlands. **Parking:** Seaton Wetlands Car Park, through Seaton Cemetery, EX12 2SP. **Access:** bring a mat and blanket. Some mats are available. Wet weather classroom on standby if needed.

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East Devon District Council,  
Blackdown House, Border Road,  
Heathpark Industrial Estate,  
Honiton, EX14 1EJ



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