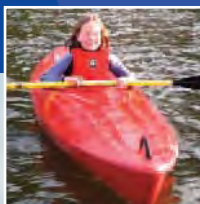
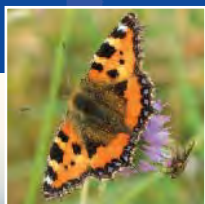


Ranger Service **Events Diary**
2012 – 13

**ANGUS GLENS CROMBIE
MONIKIE FORFAR LOCH
MONTROSE BASIN**



How to get there...





Crombie

From the A92, exit via Muirdrum onto the B9128, signposted to Forfar. After about 2½ miles turn left at the Crombie crossroads onto the B961, signposted to Newbigging. The entrance to the Park is about ½ mile on your right.

From Forfar take the B9128 signposted to Carnoustie and after about 10 miles turn right at the Crombie crossroads onto the B961, signposted to Newbigging. The entrance to the Park is about ½ mile on your right.

Forfar Loch

The Country Park is located to the west of the town and is accessed from Craig O' Loch Road.

Monikie

Take the A92 and exit at the Ardestie slip road onto the B962 signposted to Monikie Country Park. About a mile beyond Newbigging, turn left onto the unclassified road then follow the signs to the Park.

From Forfar take the B9128 signposted to Carnoustie. After about 10 miles turn right at the Crombie crossroads onto the B961, then follow the signs to the Park.

Glen Doll

At Kirriemuir take the B955 road to the Glens.

Montrose Basin

The Scottish Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre is located one mile south of Montrose on the A92 and is well signposted. Angus Council works in partnership at the Basin with Scottish Wildlife Trust.

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Angus Council Ranger Service operates from 9am throughout the year.

Angus Council Ranger Service can assist your Nursery, School, Community Group or Organisation by:

- Providing environmental education within your school grounds, classroom environment, the country parks & other local green spaces
- Providing Outdoor Adventure Activities at Monikie and Crombie Country Parks
- Raising your awareness of the impact of litter on the natural environment
- Promoting the Scottish Outdoor Access Code thus enabling individuals to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible manner
- Providing a variety of ranger led walks & talks & environmental activities (Evenings by arrangement)
- Volunteer opportunities

Topics we can cover include: lifecycles; food chains/ food webs; habitats; seasonal changes; hibernation; migration; land changes; landforms; river systems; map reading; orienteering; recycling/reusing materials.

We can also assist with:

- Grant applications for improving your green spaces
- Wildlife garden planning
- Plant & animal surveys
- Organising eco events & activities
- Practical workshops creating items for enterprise & the enhancement of green spaces e.g. fat balls, rustic bird feeders & nest boxes

Angus Council Ranger Service can work with the community of Angus & Tayside to contribute towards a Healthier, Smarter, Greener Scotland

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

In addition to our own programme of events, throughout the year the Ranger Service is invited to participate in initiatives promoted by Angus Council and other outside agencies.

For up to date details please visit www.angus.gov.uk/leisure/rangerservice.htm

For more information or bookings contact:

Angus Glens Ranger Service

Glen Doll
By Kirriemuir
DD8 4RD
Tel: 01575 550233

Forfar Loch Country Park

Craig O'Loch Road
Forfar. DD8 1BT
Tel: 01307 461118

Crombie Country Park

Monikie, Broughty Ferry
DD5 3QL
Tel: 01241 860360

Monikie Country Park

Monikie, Angus
DD5 3QN
Tel: 01382 370202

Montrose Basin

Rossie Braes
Montrose
DD10 9TJ
Tel: 01674 676336

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

The Ranger Service aims to provide an excellent services to all its customers. We welcome all your comments and suggestions on how these could be improved.

A Points of View Questionnaire is available from all Ranger Centres or alternatively please visit www.angus.gov.uk/leisure/rangerservice.htm to complete our online survey.

YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

The Angus countryside with its variety of landscapes, including mountains, lochs, woodlands and seashore, provides opportunities for visitors of all ages to enjoy the outdoors. Environmental activities are a feature of the programme and range from guided walks and self-led trails to the more active pursuits of walking, orienteering and watersports. Construction of bird boxes and woodland management for nature conservation are also a feature.

Other activities include crafts, illustrated presentations and displays.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

During the school holidays the Ranger Service run exciting activity days for children of all ages.

The programme can include games, trails, modelling, kite making, raft building, crafts, conservation projects and exploration. There are even special under 18s watersports weeks to learn windsurfing, kayaking or sailing. All watersports participants must be able to swim.

WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

Windsurfing, sailing and kayaking equipment is available for hire between May and September at Monikie. In addition, taster sessions and RYA/BCU certified courses are arranged for beginners throughout the season. Come along and learn the skills you need to progress and improve in your chosen sport.

FACILITIES

The facilities at Monikie conform fully to the requirements of the Adventure Activities Licensing Service and have been inspected.

Crombie, Forfar and Monikie have adventure play areas and picnic facilities. At Crombie and Monikie barbecue facilities are available for hire. Two marquees are available at Crombie, and one at Monikie from April to September – book early


to avoid disappointment. A booking fee is in operation (see under Country Park charges) – contact the Park direct for details. All picnic and barbecue groups must be ready to leave the Parks 30 minutes before closing. At Monikie refreshments, including meals, are available at Café Byzantium. Telephone: 01382 370970 for opening times.

At Monikie and Crombie there are well laid out orienteering courses. Available all year round they are suitable for groups and individuals. All three country parks have orienteering trails designed for younger children. Groups wishing to use these facilities should book in advance.

For any Ranger-led activities it is necessary to book in advance. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

HIGH ROPES FACILITY AT MONIKIE COUNTRY PARK

This spectacular facility built high in the treetops provides an exciting challenge for young and old alike and is ideal for birthday parties and social events. Participants are provided with climbing harnesses and helmets and are protected by belay ropes. The facility includes: a 12 metre climbing tower with two climbing walls, abseil points, parachute jump, and an exhilarating 160 metre zip wire. Other elements include: leap of faith, Jacobs ladder, balance beams, high wire, crate stack and high all aboard. There is also a low ropes course set 0.6 metres above the ground for young children or for those not wanting the height element. Trained and qualified instructors run all the activities. Minimum age for participating is 9 years old.



Angus Glens

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To avoid disappointment **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**
Contact the Base for further information.

April

Sun 1st 11am – 3pm

Tartan Day Angus 2012. Peregrine Watch Part 1.

Join the Ranger on a guided walk in Glen Doll to view the world's fastest flying bird as they set up their breeding territory. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and a packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

May

Sat 5th 10am – 2pm

Out of Africa. Join the Ranger in his search for the Ring Ousel or Mountain Blackbird on the slopes above Loch Lee in Glen Esk and beyond.

This bird spends the winter in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco and returns to the Angus Glens to breed in early April. Meet at the Invermark car park. Stout shoes and a packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them. Grid Ref: NO448804.

Scottish Biodiversity Week 19th – 27th May

Sun 27th 11am – 3pm

Peregrine Watch Part 2. Another chance to see the falcons as they bring in prey to the nest to feed their young. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and a packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

June

Thurs 31st May – Sun 3rd June

Angus Glens Walking Festival. This award winning, 4 day Festival, now in its 10th year, is an important date in the walking calendar. As well as walks to suit all ages and abilities there are special evening events that capture the essence of Scotland. Pick up a programme at any Ranger Centre or visit.

www.angusahead.com/walkingfestival

Sun 17th 11am – 2pm

Flora of the Forest and their medicinal uses. Join the Ranger for a stroll in Glen Doll forest and discover the medicinal plants that grow here. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes and packed lunch required.

Sat 30th 11am – 3pm

Upper Glen Clova Eagle Watch. An exciting opportunity to get excellent views of breeding Golden Eagles as they bring in prey to the nest to feed their young. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes and packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

July

Sun 1st – Sat 21st

From the Glens to the Sea. Botanical Exhibition at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Why are some of our wildflowers so rare? To celebrate three years work at University of Dundee Botanic Garden looking at the cultivation of difficult alpinists in Angus and Tayside, this exhibition of original artwork shows some of our native plants in beautiful detail. Funded by the Gannochy Trust and Friends of the Botanic Garden.

Sun 1st 11am – 3pm

Upper Glen Clova Eagle Watch. Another opportunity to view the breeding Golden Eagles. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes and packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

Sun 15th 11am – 4pm

Corrie Fee – A Focus For Nature And Landscape.

Join SNH's award winning, professional wildlife photographer Lorne Gill and the Reserve Manager in a photo walk into the spectacular Corrie Fee. There will be many stops to take photos and pick up tips for taking better photos with Lorne's guidance. A camera is essential, a tripod would be ideal but enthusiasm is the most important thing. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger base. Stout shoes and packed lunch required. Maximum of **12 places available.** Please book early.



August

Sun 19th 11am – 2pm

Future of the Forest. Join the Ranger and the Local Tayside Beat Forester on a walk through Glen Doll forest to discuss its future planning and development to enhance the amenity and biodiversity value of the area. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes and packed lunch required.

September

Sun 30th 10am – 4pm

Navigation Skills for Beginners. Join the Rangers to develop your navigation skills. A classroom session in the morning to look at maps and compass work followed by practical work in the glen to practise the skills learned. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required. **Cost £25.00.** Please book early as only 10 spaces available.

October

Sat 20th 11am – 3pm

Clash of the Titans. Join the Ranger and a professional deer stalker on a walk along the Dounalt loop path to watch and listen to the roaring of the rutting red deer stags in the Glen as they round up their harem of hinds and warm off other rival stags. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and a packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

November

Sun 18th 11am – 3pm

Red Squirrels. Come along and watch the antics of the red squirrels at our feeders in the Glen Doll forest and discover the variety of methods used to estimate their numbers. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

December

Sun 9th 11am – 2pm

Parrot of the Woods. Join the Ranger to search for Crossbills in the Glen Doll forest. This special bird is often difficult to find but may be located by its diagnostic flight call. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Packed lunch required. A telescope will be available for use but please bring binoculars if you have them.

A Merry Christmas to all our visitors! There will be no Countryside Rangers on duty on the 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January

January 2013

Sun 20th 11am – 2pm

A Winter Wonderland. A walk with the Ranger and a professional geologist to discover and discuss the formation of Corrie Fee and its physical features since the last ice age. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required.

February

Sun 24th 11am – 2pm

Tracks Trails and Signs. Learn animal tracking and identification skills. An indoor and outdoor event. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required.

March

Sun 24th 11am – 2pm

Walk and Talk. Join the Ranger for a general natural history walk through Glen Doll forest. Meet at the Glen Doll Ranger Base. Stout shoes, warm clothing and packed lunch required.

To avoid disappointment **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**
Contact the Centre for further information.

May

Wed 16th 9.30am – 12noon approx.

Spring along Seaton Cliffs. Guided walk for Scottish Biodiversity Festival following the Angus coastal path along the 400 million year old Red Sandstone cliffs starting and finishing at Victoria Park, Arbroath. These cliffs are undoubtedly the glory of the Angus coastline both for their striking geological formations like sea caves, natural arches and stacks and their wealth of coastal wildlife. Meet at car park at the Whiting Ness end of Victoria Park, Arbroath. Grid Ref: NO658412.

Sun 20th 9.30am – 12.00noon approx.

Family Walk for Scottish Biodiversity Week.

Guided walk during the Scottish Biodiversity Festival to help identify some of the plants and wildlife found on and around the Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve. Meet at the Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun. Grid Ref: NO669592.

June

Wed 27th 9.30am – 11am approx.

Baywatch. Guided nature walk from Ferryden to Scurdie Ness Lighthouse. Looking for elusive Bottlenose Dolphins and the other birds and animals that use the estuary of the River South Esk and Montrose Bay. Meet at William Street car park, Ferryden. Grid Ref: NO716567.

July

Wed 25th 9.30am – 11am approx.

Baywatch. Guided nature walk from Ferryden to Scurdie Ness Lighthouse. Looking for elusive Bottlenose Dolphins and the other birds and animals that use the estuary of the River South Esk and Montrose Bay. Meet at William Street car park, Ferryden. Grid Ref: NO716567.





August

Sun 5th 10am – 2.30pm approx.

Journey to the Centre of the Mud. Journey to the centre of Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve and see Montrose from an unusual angle on a guided walk across the MUD! On the return journey we will stop for lunch at the Shelduck hide to watch the birds and wildlife that use the River South Esk. Wear wellies and old clothes. **PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH.** Cost: Non-SWT members Adults £5.00; Children £3.00. SWT Members Adults £3.00; Children £2.00. Meet at Old Mill car park, Mains of Dun. Grid Ref: NO669592. **ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

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October

Sun 7th 7.00am – 10.00am

Goose Breakfast. Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of Pink-footed geese leaving Montrose Basin at dawn. Then back to the Visitor centre for porridge and toast. Breakfast will be followed by an optional presentation by the SWT. Wear warm clothing. Cost £8.00 per person. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre.

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

November

Sun 18th 7.00am – 10.00am

The People's Postcode Lottery – Goose Breakfast. Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of Pink-footed geese leaving Montrose Basin at dawn. Then back to the Visitor centre for porridge and toast. Breakfast will be followed by an optional presentation by the SWT. Wear warm clothing. Cost £8.00 per person. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre.

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL.



EVENTS April 2012

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CROMBIE 01241 860360

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Mon 2nd 2pm – 3pm

Tartan Teddies.

Celebrate Tartan Day Angus by decorating an egg for Easter. All teddies must wear tartan and be accompanied by a child and adult on this ranger-led activity and picnic.

Tues 3rd 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Wed 11th – Thurs 12th 2pm – 4pm

Active Outdoors for 5 – 8 years.

Charge £5.80 per session.

Sat 14th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Orienteering.

Use maps to explore the Country Park. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 28th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Rockpooling.

Investigate the jewels of the intertidal zone. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Contact the Park for meeting arrangements.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Sun 1st – Sun 15th inclusive

As part of **Tartan Day Angus 2012** come along and take part in the **Hairy Haggis Hunt**, a self-led trail to find the haggis around Forfar Loch before they head to the hills for the summer. Find the haggis and solve the clues. Drop into the Visitor Centre any day between 1pm and 4pm to pick up a leaflet.

Fri 6th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 7th 10.30am – 12.30pm **Junior Rangers.**

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

The **Wetland Bird Survey** is scheduled to take place on or around the 8th April. If you would like to accompany the Countryside Rangers please contact them on 01307 461118 for arrangements.

Sat 14th 10.30am – 12.30pm **Junior Rangers.**

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Fri 20th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

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Sun 22nd 1pm – 3pm **Queen Bee's Jubilee.**

She's awake after her winter sleep. Hunt down and identify this busiest of bees.

Sun 29th 2pm – 4pm **Origin of Faeces.**

Be a dung detective as we hunt out the droppings left by the park's wildlife and work out who has been eating what.



MONIKIE 01382 370202
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The High and Low Ropes Course is available for hire until 31st October. Booking Essential. (Minimum 1 week in advance).

Sun 1st

Tartan Day Angus 2012. Free Wullie.

Climb the dizzy heights of the tower, descend the leap of faith then escape to FREEDOM across the moat via 160mtr zip line. Not for the faint hearted. £5.00 entry. Anyone wearing traditional Scottish dress will be entered into a prize draw for a bottle of single malt whisky. Conditions apply, booking essential.

Tues 3rd 1.30pm – 3.30pm

High Ropes Course. Open to all age groups. Numbers limited to 8 per day.

Thurs 5th 1.30pm – 3.30pm daily

Canadian Canoeing Activities for 9 – 14 year-olds.

Cost: £9.15 per person. Numbers limited to 8 per day.

Fri 6th – Mon 9th 10am – 4pm

Easter Trail.

Entry £1.00. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes!

An easy self-led trail for all the family. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday 10th. Limited to 1 entry per person.

Tues 10th – Thurs 12th 1.30pm – 3.30pm daily.

Outdoor Activities Club. High Ropes Activities, Rafting and Kayaking/Canoeing Activities for 10 – 15 year-olds. Cost: £20.50 per person for all three days. Numbers limited to 8 per day.

Sun 15th 1pm – 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

First meeting of the 2012 season. All new members must contact the park for details.

Nick Hardy Road Race

11am Time Trails 2pm 80K Cycle

Sun 22nd 1pm – 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

10.30am **ANGUS HAM**

(Half Marathon). Run 13.1 miles.

T: 0845 204 2009 for race information.

E: halfmarathon@eventfull.biz

W: www.eventfull.biz

Sun 29th 1pm – 3pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.



Sat 19th 9pm – 11pm

Flying Tonight!

Go bat detecting and find out all about these endearing but misunderstood beasts. Event as part of International Year of the Bat.

Sun 20th 2pm – 4pm

The Nature of Nechtansmere.

Explore the flora and fauna along the edge of the site of the Battle of Nechtansmere on its 1327th Anniversary.

Mon 21st 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Afternoon Tree.

Learn how to tell which tree is which on this afternoon saunter. **All walks meet in The Square.**

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Sat 5th 1pm

START OF WATERSPORTS HIRE SEASON.

Hire and Instruction available until Sunday 30th September. Contact the Park for Bookings and Information.

Mon 7th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Thurs 10th 6pm – 7.30pm **Kayak Taster.**

Sun 13th 11am **Monikie 10km Run.**

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

E: enquiries@eventfull.biz

W: www.eventfull.biz

Mon 14th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Thurs 17th 6pm – 8pm **Dinghy Taster.**

Mon 21st 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Thurs 24th 6pm – 8pm **Windsurfing Taster.**

Sun 27th 10am – 4pm

The Plight of the 'Hushwing' and 'Windhover'

Meet Eric Rennie from Perthshire Sporting Plus. Static Hawk Displays. Nestbox Workshops £5.00 per box. Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised.

10am – 4pm

To 'Bee or not to Bee' – That really is the question!

Meet NE Scotland Bee Keepers Association members. Demonstration hive. Displays. Beebox Workshops £5.00 per box. Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised.

Mon 28th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 30th 6pm – 7.30pm **Kayak Taster.**

Events June 2012

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CROMBIE 01241 860360

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Tues 5th 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 9th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Land Art.

Create a natural sculpture. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 23rd 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Walk for Health.

Find out more about the bug, birds and trees in Fallaws Wood. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 24th 1pm – 3pm

Nestbox Survey.

Discover what birds inhabit the nestboxes at Crombie.

Sat 30th & Sun 1st July 11am – 4pm

Navigation Skills for Beginners.

Have fun developing your navigation skills. Day 1 – based in Crombie Park. Day 2 – more map and compass practise in the nearby hills. Please bring a packed lunch. Own transport essential. Cost £50.



FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Fri 1st 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 2nd 10.30am – 12.30pm **Junior Rangers.**

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

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Sun 10th 1pm – 4pm **Taste Buds.**

Identify and taste the edible plants of summer.

Fri 15th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 24th 2pm – 4pm

Don't tell them your name Pike!

They won't tell us so we'll have to catch them and find out what they are. Join the ranger for a pond dip in Forfar Loch hunting out its underwater residents. Meet at St. Margaret's Inch and bring wellies if you have them.

The **Wetland Bird Survey** is scheduled to take place on or around the 24th June. If you would like to accompany the Countryside Rangers please contact them on 01307 461118 for arrangements.

Fri 29th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

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Mon 4th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 6th 6.30pm

Summer Sprint Series. Race 1

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

E: enquiries@eventfull.biz

W: www.eventfull.biz

Thurs 7th 6pm – 8pm **Windsurfing Taster.**

Mon 11th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 13th 6pm – 8pm **Treasure Island**

Places limited to 12.

Thurs 14th 6pm – 7.30pm **Kayak Taster.**

Sat 16th 2pm – 4pm

160mtr Zip line.

Climb a vertical wall then scream down a 160mtr Zip line. £5.25 for two runs.

Mon 18th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 20th 6pm – 8pm **Windsurfing Taster.**

6.30pm **Summer Sprint Series. Race 2**

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

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W: www.eventfull.biz

Thurs 21st 6pm – 8pm **Dinghy Taster.**

Thurs 23rd 2pm – 4pm **Windsurfing Taster.**

Mon 25th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.



Events July 2012

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Tues 3rd 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Wed 4th – Fri 6th 11am – 3pm

Adventure Activities for 9 – 15 years.

Learn to Navigate on Day one. Navigate the group to a local place of interest on Day 2. Team building exercises and BBQ Day 3. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks. Stout footwear & waterproofs essential. Meet at the car park cabin. Charge £18.80 per day. Places limited to 10.

Sat 7th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Butterflies and Moths.

Take a closer look at these flying insects. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Wed 11th – Fri 13th 2pm – 4pm

Wild Activities for 5 – 8 years.

Please bring drinks & snacks. Meet at the car park cabin. Charge £5.80 per session.

Sat 21st 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Water Monsters.

What fearsome creatures are lurking in Peddieston ponds? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 22nd 1pm – 3pm **Easthaven Rattle.**

Explore the beach area on a ranger led walk. Contact the Park for meeting arrangements.

Wed 25th 2pm – 4pm **Buggy Trek at Crombie.**

A ranger led walk in Crombie for adults and toddlers.

Sat 28th 10am – 12noon **Moths for Beginners.**

Night Flyers. The traps were set last night. Have we caught any moths?

Sun 29th & Mon 30th 11am – 4pm

Navigation Skills for Beginners.

Have fun developing your navigation skills. Day 1 – based in Crombie Park. Day 2 – more map and compass practise in the nearby hills. Please bring a packed lunch. Own transport essential. Cost £50.

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Fri 13th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

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Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 15th 2pm – 5pm **Life on the Edge.**

View the nesting sea birds around Auchmithie from the beach and the cliff tops. Please contact the Park for meeting arrangements.

Sat 21st – Mon 23rd

Up your Street – Restenneth / Pitreuchie / Gowanbank. This weekend the rangers will be in the Restenneth/Pitreuchie/Gowanbank area of Forfar running a series of guided walks. You'll also have the chance to book a ranger to visit your patch and advise you on how you can improve it for wildlife.



Sat 21st 9pm – 11pm
The Moth Munchers.

Go bat detecting and find out all about these endearing but misunderstood beasts. Event as part of International Year of the Bat.

Sun 22nd 2pm – 4pm
Ice Age Builders Yard.

Your house is built on the scrapings of glaciers. Come along and explore the ice age features around Pitreuchie and Gowanbank.

Mon 23rd 2pm – 4.30pm
Reeds and Rubbish.

The source of the Lunan, an ancient drained loch and a landfill site, together at last! Explore the nature of these very different habitats.

All walks meet outside Lilybank Resource Centre.

Fri 27th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm
Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE 01382 370202
E: monikiepark@angus.gov.uk

Mon 2nd 6pm – 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 4th 2pm – 4pm
Junior Windsurfing Taster (10+).

6.30pm – **Summer Sprint Series. Race 3**
T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.
E: enquiries@eventfull.biz
W: www.eventfull.biz

Sat 7th 10am – 12noon
Outdoor Activities Summer Club (8+). Numbers Limited to 12.

(Bookings taken from 07/06/12).

Sun 8th 10am – 4pm
RYA 1 Day Sailing Course.
10 – 16 year olds.

6pm – 8pm **Bats Before Bedtime.**
Take a closer look at these secretive misunderstood creatures before they fly off into the night. Event as part of International Year of the Bat 2011 – 2012.

Mon 9th 6pm – 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Tues 10th – Fri 13th 10am – 3pm
Adventure Activity Week for 9 – 15 year-olds. Numbers limited to 12.
Possible activities: windsurfing, sailing, kayaking/canoeing, rafting, team-building, high ropes course, 160mtr Zip line. (Bookings taken from 10/06/12).

Thurs 12th 6pm – 8pm **Dinghy Taster.**

Sat 14th 10am – 12noon
Outdoor Activities Summer Club (8+).

Mon 16th 6pm – 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Tue 17th 2pm – 3.30pm **Junior Kayak Taster (10+).**

Wed 18th 6pm – 8pm **Windsurfing Taster.**

Thurs 19th 6pm – 7.30pm **Kayak Taster.**

Sat 21st 10am – 12noon
Outdoor Activities Summer Club (8+).

Mon 23rd 6pm – 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Tue 24th 2pm – 4pm **Junior Dinghy Taster (10+).**

Fri 27th 10am – 4pm **RYA 1 Day Windsurfing Course.**
10 – 16 year olds.

Sat 28th 10am – 12noon
Outdoor Activities Summer Club (8+).

Mon 30th 6pm – 8pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Tue 31st 2pm – 4pm **Junior Dinghy Taster (10+).**

Events August 2012

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

CROMBIE 01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Wed 1st – Fri 3rd 11am – 4pm

Adventure Activities for 9 – 15 years.

Learn to Navigate on Day one. Navigate the group to a local place of interest on Day 2. Team building exercises and BBQ on Day 3. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks. Stout footwear & waterproofs essential. Meet at the car park cabin. Charge £18.80 per day. Places limited to 10.

Sat 4th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Fun with Flora.

Plants and flowers as Art. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Tues 7th 10am – 12noon **Conservation Action.**

Join the volunteers Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sun 12th 1pm – 3pm **Butterfly Survey.**

Peacock, Red Admiral, Painted Lady – can you spot the difference?

Sat 18th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Discover Crombie.

A fact finding walk around the Discovery Trail. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 26th 8pm – 9.30pm

Bat Watch.

Please bring a torch. Event as part of International Year of the Bat 2011 – 2012.

Fri 31st – Sun Sept 2nd

Visit Angus Council's Countryside Rangers

at their stall in the Children's Tent at Dundee Flower and Food Festival in Camperdown park.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Sat 4th 10.30pm – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 10th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome.

Sat 11th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 18th & Sun 19th 1pm – 4pm

The Drug Garden.

Drop in to the Ranger Centre and explore the herbs that heal in our Physic Garden.

Fri 24th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome.

Sat 25th & Sun 26th 1pm – 2pm & 3pm – 4pm

Buzzers and Flappers.

Catch and identify the flying insects around the Ranger Centre garden.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

E: moniekiepark@angus.gov.uk

Wed 1st 6pm – 8pm **Dinghy Taster.**

Thurs 2nd 6pm – 8pm

Treasure Island Rafting. Places limited to 12.

Sat 4th 10am – 12noon

Outdoor Activities Summer Club (8).

11am E-venture Duathlon/Triathlon.

This is a ground-breaking venture, running 2 separate events in parallel together.

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

E: enquiries@eventfull.biz

W: www.eventfull.biz

Mon 6th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Tues 7th – Fri 10th 10am – 3pm

Adventure Activity Week for 9 – 15 year-olds.

Numbers limited to 12. Possible activities: windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, rafting, team-building, ropes course, 160mtr Zip line. (Bookings taken from 07/07/12).

Wed 8th 6pm– 8pm Windsurfing Taster.

Thurs 9th 6pm – 8pm

Treasure Island Rafting. Places limited to 12.

Sat 11th 2pm – 3.30pm Junior Kayak Taster (10+).

Mon 13th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Tues 14th 2pm – 4pm

Junior Windsurfing Taster (10+).

Wed 15th 6pm – 7.30pm Kayak Taster.

Thurs 16th 6pm – 8pm Dinghy Taster.

Sat 18th & Sun 19th 10am – 4pm

RYA Dinghy 2 Day Course (16+), (Level 1/2).

All the skills you need to sail competently.

Mon 20th 6pm – 8pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 22nd 6pm – 8pm Windsurfing Taster.

Thurs 23rd 6pm – 7.30pm Kayak Taster.

Sat 25th & Sun 26th 10am – 4pm RYA Windsurfing

2 Day Course (16+), (Level 1/2)

All the skills you need to windsurf competently.



Events September 2012

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 5pm

CROMBIE 01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 1st 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Seeds, Spores and Shiny Berries.

Find out how some plants start off in life. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Tues 4th 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 8th 12noon

Geocaching.

Bring your GPS and explore the geocaches hidden in Crombie. Visit www.geocaching.com for locations or contact the Ranger Service for more information. Meet 12 noon at the marquee. Bring food for the BBQ which will be ready for cooking from 1pm.

Sun 9th 2pm – 4pm

Fungi – Mushrooms for Beginners.

Sat 15th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Forage in the Forest.

A scavenger hunt for colours, shapes and textures. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 23rd 2pm – 4pm

Discover the Biodiversity of Newtyle Railway Nature Trail.

Contact the Ranger for meeting arrangements.

Sat 29th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Woodland Survival.

Could you build a shelter to keep you warm and dry? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Sat 1st 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 1st – Mon 3rd Up your Street – Gallowshade

This weekend the rangers will be in the Gallowshade area of Forfar running a series of guided walks. You'll also have the chance to book a ranger to visit your patch and advise you on how you can improve it for wildlife.

Sat 1st 8pm – 10pm

Bats in the Park.

Go bat detecting and find out all about these endearing but misunderstood beasts. Event as part of International Year of the Bat.

Sun 2nd 2pm – 4pm

Tree-sure Hunt.

Find the trees, work out what they are and solve the clues.

Mon 3rd 2pm – 4pm

Rooms with a view.

Take in the views and hunt for signs of the wildlife that lives among the quarries of Balmashanner Hill.

All walks meet at Reid Park Road entrance to Reid Park.

Fri 7th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.



Sat 8th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 15th & Sun 16th **Weekend of the Living Dead**

Sat 15th 2pm – 4pm

The Deadwood Stages.

Explore the life of rotting timber and compost.

Sun 16th 2pm – 4pm

Life After Death.

Find out what happens to a dead body and meet the corpse eaters.

Fri 21st 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

E: monikiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 1st 2pm – 4pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Sun 2nd 2pm **Food for Free.**

A chance to join the Ranger to learn about Nature's abundant larder.

Sat 8th 2pm – 4pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Sat 15th 2pm – 4pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Sat 22nd 2pm – 4pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Sat 29th 2pm – 4pm

T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).

All new members must contact the park for details.

Sun 30th **LAST DAY OF WATERSPORTS HIRE.**

Private craft can launch all year round – weather permitting. Day and seasonal permits available from Reception.

Events October 2012

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 5pm

CROMBIE 01241 860360

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Tues 2nd 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Wed 3rd – Thurs 4th 2pm – 4pm

Wild Activities for 5 – 8 years.

Charge £5.80 per session. Please bring a drink & snack. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 13th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Mrs Tiggywinkle.

Learn more about hedgehogs and what you can do to help them hibernate. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 20th & Sun 21st 10am – 3pm

Navigation Skills for Beginners.

Have fun developing your navigation skills. Day 1 – based in Crombie Park. Day 2 – more map and compass practise in the nearby hills. Please bring a packed lunch. Own transport essential. Cost £50.

Sat 27th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Bonfires and Besoms.

Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night are approaching – some fun ideas. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 28th 1pm – 3pm

Broomstick Workshop for High Fliers.

See Country Park Charges.

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Fri 5th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 6th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 7th 1pm – 4.30pm

Salmon Rush Day.

A walk upstream along the North Esk looking for leaping salmon. Contact the Park for meeting arrangements.

Sat 13th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

The **Wetland Bird Survey** is scheduled to take place on or around the 14th October. If you would like to accompany the Countryside Rangers please contact them on 01307 461118 for arrangements.

Fri 19th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 28th 2pm – 4pm

Wee Furry Beasties.

Go tracking and get nose to muzzle with the park's most numerous mammals, mice and voles.



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Mon 1st – Wed 3rd 1.30pm – 3.30pm daily
Outdoor Activities Club. High Ropes Activities, Rafting and Kayaking/Canoeing
for 10 – 15 year olds. Cost £20.50 per person for all three days. **Numbers limited to 8 per day.**

Sat 6th 2pm – 4pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Wed 10th – Friday 12th 1.30pm – 3.30pm daily
Outdoor Activities Club. High Ropes Activities, Rafting and Kayaking/Canoeing
for 10 – 15 year olds. Cost £20.50 per person for all three days. **Numbers limited to 8 per day.**

Sat 13th 2pm – 4pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Mon 15th, Thu 18th & Fri 19th 1.30pm – 3.30pm daily
Outdoor Activities Club. High Ropes Activities, Rafting and Kayaking/Canoeing
for 10 – 15 year olds. Cost £20.50 per person for all three days. **Numbers limited to 8 per day.**

Sat 20th 2pm – 4pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Sat 27th 2pm – 4pm
T15 Windsurfing Club (under 15s).
All new members must contact the park for details.

Sun 28th 10am – 12noon
Sub Zero Open Day.
An Introduction to Bushcraft Skills. An opportunity to discuss what's on offer with the Ranger. This session only is free of charge. See Country Park charges.

Events November 2012

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 4.30pm from November 1st .

CROMBIE 01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Mon 5th 1pm – 3pm

St. Vigeans Nature Walk.

Discover what winter wildlife are living here. Phone 01241 860360 for meeting arrangements.

Tues 6th 10am – 12noon

Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 10th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Birdies and Binos.

Learn to use binoculars for a fantastic view of birdlife. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 24th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Conservation Action.

Help the rangers with a practical task in the forest. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Wed 28th 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Discover the Biodiversity of Craigmill Den (nr Carnoustie).

Tel: 01241 860360 for meeting details.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Fri 2nd 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 3rd 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 9th 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Dark Skies – Geometry Night Class.

Catch the last of the Summer Triangle and then explore around the Square of Pegasus. Call 01307 461118 for meeting arrangements.

Sat 10th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 16th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

The **Wetland Bird Survey** is scheduled to take place on or around the 18th November. If you would like to accompany the Countryside Rangers please contact them on 01307 461118 for arrangements.

Sat 24th & Sun 25th 10am – 4pm

Eco Swap Shop.

Bring in your unwanted stuff to the Ranger Centre and swap it for something else. Sorry no electrical goods.

Fri 30th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm
Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

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Sun 4th 11am
Winter Duathlon Series.
Run and cycle.

Sat 10th 10am – 12noon
SUB ZERO.

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds. See Country Park Charges. New members welcome but must book in advance.

Sun 18th 10.30am – 3.30pm
Model Float Plane Display by the Monikie Ducks.

Sat 24th 10am – 12noon
SUB ZERO.
Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.



Events December 2012

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centre but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 4.30pm.

CROMBIE COUNTRY PARK

01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Tues 4th 10am – 12noon **Conservation Action.**

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our visitors!

NB There will be no Countryside Rangers on duty on 25th and 26th December 2012 and 1st and 2nd January 2013. The Ranger Centres will reopen on 27th December and 3rd January respectively at 9am.



Sat 8th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Seasonal Fun.

Make some festive delights for Christmas. Make your own decorations using natural materials. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sat 15th & Sun 16th

10am – 12noon and/or 1.30 pm – 3.30pm.

Christmas Decorations.

Make your own decorations using natural materials from the park. Booking essential. See Country Park charges.

Sat 22nd 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Festive Trails.

New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Sat 1st 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 8th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 14th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Mon 17th 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Jolly Holly Days.

Christmas decoration workshop using natural materials. See Country Park charges.

ADVANCED BOOKING REQUIRED.

Fri 21st 7pm – 9pm

Summer's Coming.

Bring a torch and join the ranger for a walk in the dark around the loch on the longest night of the year.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

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Sun 2nd 11am

Winter Duathlon Series. Run and cycle.

Sat 8th 10am – 12noon

SUB ZERO.

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Sat 8th & Sun 9th 1pm – 4pm

Xmas Decoration Workshop.

Make your own decorations from natural materials. See Country Park Charges.

Sun 9th 11am

Santa Run.

A chance to run around the park and visit Santa's Grotto.

T: 0845 2020 143 for race information.

enquiries@eventfull.biz

www.eventfull.biz

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd, Sat 8th & Sun 9th, Sat 15th & Sun 16th, Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd 10am – 4pm

Christmas Trail.

Entry £1.00. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes! An easy, self-led trail for all the family. Winners will be drawn on Sunday 23rd. Limited to 1 entry per person.

Sun 16th 10.30am – 3.30pm **Model Float Plane**

Display by the Monikie Ducks.

Events January 2013



To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 4.30pm.

CROMBIE 01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 5th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Print Workshop.

Create an Art Masterpiece from nature. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Tues 8th 10am – 12noon **Conservation Action.**

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 19th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Tuppence a bag.

Feed the birds by making fatballs and tasty treat. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 27th 2pm – 3pm **Big Garden Birdwatch.**

Find out how you can record the nation's garden bird population.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

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Sat 5th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 11th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 12th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 13th 2pm – 4pm

Boxing Day.

Build a home for your garden's feathered friends. See Country Park charges.

Fri 18th 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Dark Skies – Bullseye.

Exploring Taurus the Bull which is playing host this winter to the planet Jupiter. Call 01307 461118 for meeting arrangements.

Fri 25th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

MONIKIE 01382 370202

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Sat 5th 10am – 12noon

SUB ZERO.

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Sun 6th 11am

Winter Series Duathlon.

Run, cycle and run.

Sat 19th 10am – 12noon

SUB ZERO.

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Sun 20th 10.30am – 3.30pm

Model Float Plane Display by the Monikie Ducks.

Events February 2013



To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 4.30pm

CROMBIE 01241 860360

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Sat 2nd 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Animal Homes.

Help build boxes for birds and bats. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 3rd 1pm – 3pm

Homes for Birds and Bats.

Make simple nest and bat boxes to help our wildlife. £5.00 per box if taken away.

Tues 5th 10am – 12noon **Conservation Action.**

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 16th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Young Naturalists' Club. Poles Apart.

What do you know about our icy regions? New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 24th 1pm – 3pm

St. Vigeans Nature Walk.

Discover what winter wildlife are living here. Phone 01241 860360 for meeting arrangements.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

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Sat 2nd 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 8th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 9th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Junior Rangers.

Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 17th 1pm – 3.30pm

Duck and Dive.

Take a look at the water birds that are spending the winter at balmy Forfar Loch.

Fri 22nd 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm

Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome.

Sun 24th 2pm – 4pm

Let's Go Fox Hunting.

Get your nose ready to uncover the habits of the park's foxes by checking out their poo and pee.

MONIKIE 01382 370202 E:

monikiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 2nd 10am – 12noon **SUB ZERO.**

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Sun 3rd 11am **Winter Series Duathlon.**

Run, cycle and run.

Sat 16th 10am – 12noon **SUB ZERO.**

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Sun 17th 10.30am – 3.30pm

Model Float Plane Display by the Monikie Ducks.

Events March 2013

To avoid disappointment booking is essential. Contact the Centre for further information. All land-based activities normally begin at the Ranger Centres but check when booking.

Please note – The Ranger Centres close at 5pm

CROMBIE 01241 860360

E: crombiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 2nd 10.30am – 12.30pm
Young Naturalists' Club. Minibeast Hotel.

Even our tiniest creatures need shelter – help create a luxurious invertebrate mansion. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Tues 5th 10am – 12noon
Conservation Action.

Join the volunteers every Tuesday morning throughout the month on a practical conservation task to improve woodland biodiversity. Hot drinks included. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Sat 16th 10.30am – 12.30pm
Young Naturalists' Club. Nature on a Plate.

Build your own miniature country park. New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

Sun 24th 2pm – 3pm
Newtyle Railway – Signs of Spring.

Tel: 01241 860360 for meeting details.

Sat 30th 10.30am – 12.30pm
Young Naturalists' Club. Decorate an Easter Egg.

New members welcome. Meet at the car park cabin.

FORFAR LOCH 01307 461118

E: forfarloch@angus.gov.uk

Sat 2nd 10.30am – 12.30pm **Junior Rangers.**
Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Fri 8th 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm
Little Acorns.

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sat 9th 10.30am – 12.30pm
Junior Rangers.
Environmental Volunteer Group for 5 – 14 years – learn about the natural environment whilst experiencing the role of the countryside ranger. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.



Be Water Safe

Sun 10th 2pm – 4pm **Woodland Stake Out.**

Wrap up warm and join the ranger sitting in the early spring woodland waiting to see what wildlife drops by. Hot drinks will be served.

Fri 22nd 10.30am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3pm **Little Acorns.**

Environmental activities for pre-school children and their guardians. New members welcome but please contact the Park in advance.

Sun 24th 1pm – 4pm **Sea Caves.**

Bring a torch and let's go exploring the sea caves north of Arbroath. Call 01307 461118 for meeting arrangements.

MONIKIE 01382 370202 E:

monikiepark@angus.gov.uk

Sat 2nd 10am – 12noon **SUB ZERO.**

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds. New members welcome but must book in advance.

Sun 10th 10.30am – 3.30pm **Model Float Plane Display** by the Monikie Ducks.

Wed 13th Monikie Angling Club – 1st day of 2013 Fishing Season. Contact the Bailiff on 01382 370300 for bookings and details.

Sat 16th 10am – 12noon **SUB ZERO.**

Bushcraft Survival Skills for 10 – 14 year olds.

Fri 29th – Mon 4th April 10am – 4pm **Easter Trail.**

Entry £1.00. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes! An easy self-led trail for all the family. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday 2nd April. Limited to 1 entry per person.

Be aware of the risks – Respect Water

- Keep away from the banks of the reservoir except where special provision has been made.
- The banks of the reservoir are very steep and in many places continue into very deep and cold water. If you fall in you might easily be overcome. Please take every precaution to remain water safe – children and senior citizens are particularly at risk.
- Be able to assist in an emergency.
- Be aware of the location of the life-rings, the First Aid point and the Ranger Centre. Summon the Ranger or others who are close at hand. We have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure your safety – please help us to keep everybody water safe.
- During hot weather heavy plankton growth in the water may cause skin irritation for some people.
- Swimming is not permitted at Crombie, Forfar Loch or Monikie Country Parks.



Watersports

Hours of Operation

Country Park Charges

2012 – 2013

See table below for hours of operation

	First Hire	Last Hire	Craft Off Water
May 5 – June 30	1pm (weekends)	4pm	5pm
	5pm (weekdays– Mon, Wed and Thurs)	7pm	8pm
July 1 – Aug 17	1pm (weekends)	4pm	5pm
	1pm (weekdays)	7pm	8pm
Aug 18 – Sept 30	1pm (WEEKENDS ONLY)	3pm	4pm

NB: Groups wishing to book outwith these periods MUST contact the Park for details.

All details are correct at the time of going to press, but be sure to check with the Park before planning a visit.

Private craft can launch all year round – weather permitting. Day and seasonal permits available from Reception.

YOU MUST BE A COMPETENT SWIMMER OVER 25 metres.



Watersports - May to September at Monikie Country Park

(ALL WATERSPORTS USERS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM).

Anyone wishing to hire windsurfing equipment, kayaks or sailing dinghies at Monikie should book in advance to make sure places are available. Telephone: 01382 370202.

CUSTOMERS HIRING EQUIPMENT MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE HIRE PERIOD. Hire is on the hour. Instruction can be arranged outwith stated times for groups. Phone for details.

Windsurfing Charges	Adult	Conc.
Windsurfing Hire - 1 hour	£9.80	£4.90
Windsurfing Hire - 2 hours	£16.70	£8.35
Book 6x1 hour hire windsurfing tickets	£49.00	£24.50
Windsurfing Taster	£23.10	£11.55
Book of six windsurfing Taster tickets	£115.50	£57.75
RYA 1 Day Course	N/A	£22.50
RYA 2 Day Course	£76.70	£38.35
T15 Windsurfing Club (10-15 year olds)	N/A	£7.70

Kayaking Charges	Adult	Conc.
Kayak Hire - 1 hour	£9.80	£4.90
Kayak Hire - 2 hours	£16.70	£8.35
Book 6x1 hour Kayak hire tickets	£49.00	£24.50
Kayak Taster	£18.30	£9.15
Book of six Kayak Taster tickets	£91.50	£45.75
Rainbow Red Award	N/A	£14.80
Canadian Canoe Hire per hour	£16.00	£8.00

Sailing Charges	Adult	Conc.
Wayfarer Hire - 1 hour	£16.00	£8.00
Wayfarer Hire per half day	£16.70	£8.35
Dinghy Hire - 1 hour	£9.80	£4.90
Dinghy Hire - 2 hours	£16.70	£8.35
Book 6x1 hour Dinghy hire tickets	£49.00	£24.50
Dinghy Taster	£23.10	£11.55
Book of six Dinghy Taster tickets	£115.50	£57.75
RYA 1 Day Course	N/A	£22.50
RYA 2 Day Course	£76.70	£38.35

Others	Adult	Conc.
Equipment Hire (life jackets, wet suits etc)	£2.30	£1.15
Improvised Rafting (per 2 hrs)		
Min Group size 4 persons	£13.50	£6.75
Team Building (per 2 hours)	£13.50	£6.75
Adventure Week (4 days)	N/A	£75.25
Sub Zero Club	N/A	£56.20
Outdoor Activities Club (per 6 sessions)	N/A	£41.00
Activity Club 9 - 15 Years (per session)	N/A	£18.80
Activity Club 5 - 8 Years (per session)	N/A	£5.80
Navigation Skill Workshop (per day)	£25.00	£25.00
Guided Minibus Trips (transport costs)	£3.00	£3.00
One off events	POA	

Hire of Towdabout & Mobile Half Pipe Contact Monikie C.P. for details and bookings.

Hire of Towdabout	£30.00	N/A
External Hire of Towdabout (Community)	£75.00	N/A
External Hire of Towdabout (Commercial)	£150.00	N/A
External Hire of Mobile Half Pipe (Community)	£150.00	N/A
External Hire of Mobile Half Pipe (Commercial)	£300.00	N/A

Private craft can launch all year round – weather permitting. Day and seasonal permits available from Reception.

Day Launch	£5.50	£2.75
Season Launch	£48.70	£24.35
Season Storage (Own craft)	£30.00	£15.00

High and Low Ropes

High and Low Ropes Course (per 2 hours)	£23.10	£11.55
Book of six Ropes Course tickets	£115.50	£57.75
Aerial runway (2 runs)	£5.25	£5.25

Monikie & Crombie Country Parks

Marquee & BBQ Hire		
Marquee - Weekdays (per hour)	£9.35	Minimum 4 hours hire
Marquee - Weekends (per hour)	£18.70	Minimum 4 hours hire
BBQ or Urn (per day) (No Concession)	£9.35	
Classroom Hire per hour (Monikie & Crombie)	£10.50	

Wildfowling Permits (Montrose Basin)

Locals per season	£16.20
Visitors per day	£16.20

Parking (per car) (First weekend in April or Easter weekend whichever is the earliest. Monikie & Crombie only)

Parking Daily	£2.50
Parking Weekly	£8.75
Parking Seasonal Pass	£57.00
Parking Charge (Glen Doll) Applies to Glen Doll (All year round)	£2.00

All sites (where offered)

Bird, Bat and Hedgehog boxes	£5.00	£5.00
Christmas Decoration Workshops	£5.00	£2.50
Broomstick Workshop	£2.50	£2.50

NB: Cash or Cheque payments only.
(Made payable to Angus Council) No credit or debit cards can be accepted.

Payments for marquee hire cannot be refunded.

Charges will be levied at a concessionary rate for:

- School Groups - Community Education
- Under 18 year olds
- Students
- OAPs
- People with Disabilities
- Unemployed (on production of evidence).

PROOF OF STATUS MAY BE REQUIRED



Monikie Angling Club

Fly Fishing (Monikie and Crombie)

Monikie Angling Club provides Fly Fishing for stocked Brown and Rainbow Trout within Monikie and Crombie Country Parks. The Club has 21 boats to let for both members of Monikie Angling Club and visitors.

In Monikie Country Park fishing is available on Island Pond for both brown and rainbow trout. On North Pond the fishing is for rainbow trout only whilst the fishing at Crombie Country Park is for brown trout only.

Last season fish from Island Pond averaged 11lb 15ozs, North Pond averaged 2lb 1oz. The largest fish was caught by a member and weighed 5lb 1ozs. At Crombie the average was 11lb 14oz.

The fishing season starts on 14th March 2012 (13th March 2013) to 17th November at Monikie and runs from 14th March 2012 (13th March 2013) to Friday 6th October 2012 at Crombie. The cost of boat hire (2012) for a 10 fish limit is as follows:

£21.00 per session one or two OAP members (10 fish limit)

£24.00 per session one or two members (10 fish limit)

£26.00 per session for a member and a guest (10 fish limit)

£30.00 per session per boat

(maximum of 2 anglers) for club bookings (10 fish limit)

£34.00 per session for one or two visitors (10 fish limit)

£16.00 per session for one member (5 fish limit)

£22.00 per session for one visitor (5 fish limit)

Bookings can only be made by telephoning the Duty Bailiff throughout the fishing season at the following times:

9.00am until 10.30am

1.00pm until 1.30pm

5.00pm until 6.30pm

The telephone number for booking is 01382 370300.

For further information please visit our website www.monikie-angling-club.org.uk

Please note that bookings cannot be made through the Country Park Offices.





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Café Byzantium Opening Hours

April – May

Open 3 days Friday to Sunday 11.30am – Late

June – September

Open 6 days Tuesday to Thursday 11.30am – 5pm.
Friday to Sunday 11.30am – Late Closed Monday

October to December

Open 3 days, Friday 5pm – Late. Saturday & Sunday
11.30am – Late Closed Monday to Thursday

Also opened for private functions of 20+ people.



For Reservations

Tel: 01382 370970 Mob: 07730578228

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. These access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The key things are:

When you're in the outdoors:

- take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely
- respect people's privacy and peace of mind
- help land managers and others to work safely and effectively
- care for your environment and take your litter home
- keep your dog under proper control
- take extra care if you're organising an event or running a business.

If you're managing the outdoors:

- respect access rights
- act reasonably when asking people to avoid land management operations
- work with your local authority and other bodies to help integrate access and land management
- respect rights of way and customary access.

Visit outdooraccess-scotland.com or contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



**KNOW THE CODE
BEFORE YOU GO**

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Ranger Services
work in partnership
with the
following agencies

BASC
The British Association for Shooting & Conservation



Cairngorms
NATIONAL PARK



Forestry Commission
Scotland



the National Trust
for Scotland
a place for everyone



Scottish Natural Heritage
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All of nature for all of Scotland
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