



MK Festival of Nature

6-15 July 2018

A special 10-day programme of activities
to celebrate the beautiful and inspiring nature
found in Milton Keynes' green space.



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MILTON KEYNES
NATURAL
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Discover the great outdoors in our green city

With over 6,000 acres of beautiful parks, woodlands and lakes to explore, you're never far from nature.

The Parks Trust is an independent, self-funded charity and we care for and maintain the green space across Milton Keynes. We ensure these spaces are expertly maintained and managed and we also plan, develop and invest for the future, so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors, now and forever.

- ☛ We organise and enable over 500 annual events from Festival of Nature to World Picnic, organised runs to led walks - there's something for everyone
- ☛ We offer outdoor learning and education opportunities for all ages
- ☛ We run parties and exploration activities for adventurers big and small
- ☛ Come and try a whole host of watersports activities at Willen Lake!



For more information please visit
www.theparkstrust.com

Welcome



Welcome to your guide to Milton Keynes' 2018 Festival of Nature.

Organised in partnership by The Parks Trust, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and Milton Keynes Natural History Society, the Festival of Nature is a celebration of the fascinating and varied nature that can be found across the city.

There is a wide-ranging programme of activities available for people of all ages, located in areas across the city. It's a great opportunity to find out more about the creatures and plants we may see every day, and those that are a little rarer.

Full details about each activity can be found within this booklet. For some events, booking will be essential and details for how to do this can be found in each event description. The activities in this booklet are subject to change – please visit www.mkfestivalofnature.org or www.theparkstrust.com for up to date information.

We hope you enjoy this year's Festival of Nature – do share your photos and feedback on our social media channels below, using #MKFoN

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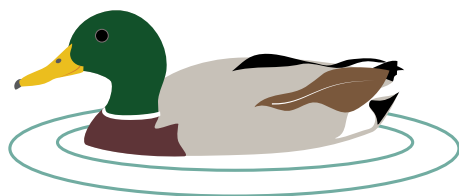
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Thank you to all the partners, volunteers and suppliers we have worked with for this year's Festival of Nature.



What's on



FAMILY BAT & MOTH WALK

Fri 6 July 9pm-11pm

Linford Lakes Nature Reserve

£2/person

Discover the nocturnal animals which fly in the skies above Linford Lakes. Suitable for families.

Meet in the education centre car park, off Wolverton Road, Great Linford, MK14 5AH.

Booking essential.

Book online at www.theparkstrust.com

For further information please contact: events@theparkstrust.com

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WOOF WALK

Sat 7 July 10am-12pm

Ouzel Valley Park £1/dog

Join The Parks Trust rangers for a led dog walk through Ouzel Valley Park.

Meet in the 'water garden' car park on Newport Road, Woughton on the Green.

Booking essential.

Book online at www.theparkstrust.com

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GET INTO NATURE

Sat 7 July 10am-4pm

INTU, Milton Keynes

FREE



Come and join our Wild Zone in intu Milton Keynes, meet the Festival of Nature team and find out what's on during the week. A selection of the entries from the 5 Days Wild scrapbook challenge will also be on display.

Car parking available around the shopping centre.

No booking required.

For further information please contact: katesheard@bbowt.org.uk

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INTRODUCTION TO MAMMAL SURVEYING

Sat 7 July 9.30am-1pm
Linford Lakes Nature Reserve
£10/person

Learn and explore various methods used to survey small mammals.

Meet in the education centre car park, off Wolverton Road, Great Linford, MK14 5AH.



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BAT & MOTH WALK

Mon 9 July 9pm-11pm
Linford Lakes Nature Reserve
£2/person

Discover the nocturnal animals which fly in the skies above Linford Lakes.

Meet in the education centre car park, off Wolverton Road, Great Linford, MK14 5AH.



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GARDEN LIFE

Tue 10 July 11am-3pm
Linford Lakes Nature Reserve
£2.50/person

Create your own mini garden with hands-on help from The Parks Trust rangers and Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust.

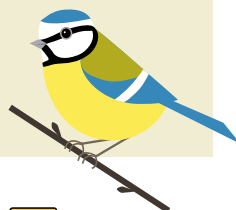
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MILTON KEYNES NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLIC WALK

Tue 10 July 7pm-9pm

Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve

FREE

No booking required.

For further information please use the contact form at: www.mknhs.org.uk/contact-us/

Join our society members for an evening walk around this beautiful new reserve.

*Meet in Manor Farm Court car park,
MK12 5NN.*



GUIDED WALKS

Wed 11 July 7pm-8.30pm

Thu 12 July 10.30am-12noon

Stony Stratford Nature Reserve

£2/person

Booking essential.

Book online at www.theparkstrust.com

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Join our Outdoor Learning Team and discover wildlife around Stony Stratford Nature Reserve.

*Meet in the car park on Queen Elizabeth Street,
Stony Stratford.*



TEENS GO WILD AT MKM

Thu 12 July 7pm-9pm

MK Museum

FREE



If you are 12-15 years old then come along to explore nature and create homes for mini-beasts at MK Museum.

MK Museum, McConnell Dr, Wolverton, MK12 5EL.

Booking essential.

Book online at www.theparkstrust.com

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LITTLE LINFORD WOODLAND WALK

Fri 13 July 10.30am-12.30pm

Little Linford Wood

FREE - donations welcome

Guided walk through the fantastic Little Linford Wood with experts from the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust looking at the wildflowers, butterflies and other wonderful wildlife.

Little Linford Wood, 4.5 miles north of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK16 8LU.

Booking essential, visit www.bbowl.org.uk/whats-on

For details contact: timread@bbowl.org.uk 01869 245864



NATURE DAY

Sat 14 July 11am-4pm

**Medbourne Pavilion and
Shenley Wood**

FREE



Join The Parks Trust, MK Natural History Society and Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust for a day dedicated to nature.

Park in the car park at Medbourne Pavilion, Pascal Drive, Medbourne.

No booking required.

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FRIENDS OF LINFORD LAKES NATURE RESERVE OPEN DAY

Sun 15 July 10am-4pm

Linford Lakes Nature Reserve

FREE. Refreshments available.

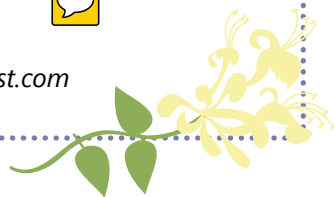
Join the Friends of Linford Lakes for Open Sunday at the Nature Reserve, (admission normally for permit holders only).

Park in the education centre car park, off Wolverton Road, Great Linford, MK14 5AH.



No booking required.

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Discover your perfect day out with the **Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.**

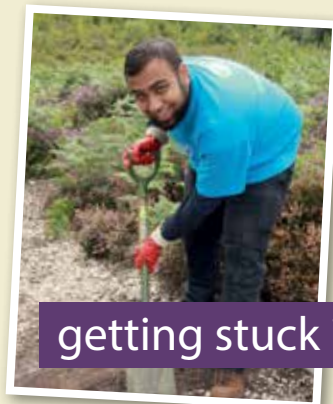
Take a look at our packed events programme, with everything from fascinating talks to family discovery days.

We've also got over 80 nature reserves to explore, from tranquil woodlands to colourful meadows.

wild events



Discover more at
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getting stuck in



breath-taking views



learning something new

Five Days Wild Scrapbook Challenge

**We're running a special competition for schools.
It's very easy to take part, simply:**

- 1** Complete five Random Acts of Wildness with your class.
- 2** Tell us what you did by creating a class scrapbook with photos, drawings and writing.
- 3** Send your scrapbook to us for a chance to win a fantastic prize for your school.

We all loved taking part in the Wildlife adventures. The children got so much out of the sensory explorative play.

The highlight was creating a spiderweb big enough to trap the children. The children and parents were so proud to see their work come together in a wonderful scrapbook.



Teacher
Middleton Primary School



The competition email and booklet should have already arrived at your school – please ask your teacher!





Youth Landscape: Sophie Bayliss



Parklife: Charlotte Green



Wildlife: Jo Angell

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Photography Competition



Capture wonderful views, wildlife, or a treasured family memory in our parks for your chance to win fantastic prizes.

The competition is open to both adults and children.
(Amateur photographers only.)
The three categories are:

Wildlife, Landscape, Parklife

For more information and to enter visit:
www.theparkstrust.com



Overall Winner 2017: Old Stumpy, Ouzel Valley Park by Peter Watson

Milton Keynes Natural History Society

Harry Appleyard



- Love nature?
- Interested in birds, butterflies, wildflowers?
- Enjoy talks on topics related to natural history?
- Like getting out and about on walks to see local wildlife sites?



Then why not join your local Natural History Society?

Founded in 1968, the Society is one of the most active of its kind in the country and this year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We have members interested in birds, flowers, butterflies, other insects, spiders, mammals, amphibians and reptiles, fungi, mosses and many other areas of natural history. Whatever aspect of nature you are interested in, you will find kindred spirits in our Society to share, and further, your interest. But you don't have to be an expert to come along and enjoy our events, everyone is welcome.

In the winter we hold weekly meetings almost every Tuesday in the medieval Cruck Barn at Bradwell Abbey, in the heart of Milton Keynes. These meetings are addressed by invited expert naturalists from around the country as well as some of our own members. In the summer we go out on Tuesday evenings for walks in local sites of special natural history and wildlife interest. These walks are not strenuous and offer you the chance to visit local wildlife sites and enjoy meeting like-minded individuals.

We are a friendly, welcoming bunch of people – why not join us!

To find out more and view the current programme visit www.mknhs.org.uk





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