



Flowers of the Dales Festival 2009



Event details @ 2 June

Below you'll find details of a wide range of fantastic events and activities to help you discover and celebrate the wonderful wildflower habitats that can be found in the Yorkshire Dales. Wildflowers and other plants can be found all over - in the flowery Dales meadows; on the wild, heather-clad 'tops'; in cool, shady woodlands and in the 'grikes' of otherworldly limestone pavement. From the common to the not-so-common to the rare, the Festival aims to celebrate them all!

A wide range of organisations and individuals are running the events and the Festival is being co-ordinated by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), a charity that works to support the environmental, social and economic well-being of this special area. For further information visit www.ydmt.org.

Whatever you choose to do, have a great time and enjoy the Festival!

Festival information

Below is information that will help you choose which events are for you and to help you get the most out of your visit. This programme includes details of any events and activities not included in the printed programme and also any details that have changed – new events and changes are listed below with full details **highlighted** on the relevant page. Please note that event details are believed to be correct at time of going to press but readers are strongly advised to contact the individual event provider to confirm the information given.

New event: Sunday 7 June The Wildflowers in Swaledale

Booking and paying for an event

For some events you can simply turn up on the day but for most events you need to book places beforehand. Contact details to make bookings are given for each event. Many events are free but for those events where there is a charge, details of how to pay will be provided to you by the event organiser when you book. If an event has to be cancelled or altered for any reason, such as poor weather, the event organiser will try to let you know.

Children

Most of the events are suitable for children, usually accompanied by an adult, but please check with the event organiser.

Dogs

Please check in the event details or by contacting the event organiser whether dogs are allowed. If you can take your dog, please clean up after it and keep it on a short lead.

Guided walks

All of the walks have been graded so you can decide which routes you feel happy to tackle and to ensure you're properly prepared.

Easy - suitable for most people: short walks on well marked, even paths that may have stiles. Sturdy shoes with good grip necessary.

Moderate - longer walks with some hills, stiles and uneven paths. Boots advised.

Strenuous - long hill walks with steep climbs on uneven or boggy paths. Boots essential.

What should you bring?

The weather in the Dales, as any farmer will tell you, can be unpredictable. Even on sunny days, when you will need sun protection and a hat, it can quickly turn chilly on an exposed fellside so please be prepared. Depending on the event and its location you may need to bring a drink and snacks for short events and drinks and a packed lunch for longer events. The walk leader may not allow you on the walk if you are not properly prepared. If in doubt please ask the event organiser beforehand.

Flower identification guides

The National Park Centres and other outlets stock a wide range of excellent and affordable guides to the wildflowers and plants in the Dales, including a beautifully illustrated and water-proof leaflet showing the flowers and grasses of hay meadows, produced as part of the Hay Time project. These normally cost £1 (or £2 including p&p from YDMT) but please note that a free copy will be given to everyone who goes on a guided walk that includes a visit to a hay meadow (subject to availability).

Public transport

Many events are accessible by public transport so why not beat the traffic and be kinder to the environment by leaving the car at home and using other means to get to the Dales. Or you could leave your car on the edge of the Dales and use the bus or train to get to your destination. From Easter until the end of October extra summer bus services are run especially for visitors to the Dales. Please go to www.traveldales.org.uk for transport information. Event organisers may also be able to provide information.

What did you think?

It would be very helpful if you would let us know what you thought of the Festival, so at most events the event leader will hand out 'feedback forms'. These will be short and simple and can be completed after the event. The form will have a Freepost address so it won't cost you anything to post it back to YDMT. At the end of the Festival, all returned forms will be entered into a draw and the first five pulled out will win a 'goody bag' of lots of fun and interesting things. If you're not given a form but would like to let us know your thoughts then please contact Tanya St Pierre, Flowers of the Dales Project Officer, on 015242 51002 or email tanya.stpierre@ydmtd.org.

Accommodation

Accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets is available in the Dales. Details of those accommodation providers that directly support the work of YDMT are listed on our website at www.ydmtd.org. Others can be found on www.yorkshiredales.org.

Supporting the Dales

The Dales' landscape depends heavily on the local communities that live and work here. You can do your bit to help by staying locally and supporting local shops, restaurants, pubs and businesses as much as you can. You could also participate in the Donate to the Dales programme. This is our Visitor Payback Scheme, where you can pass on a donation to support the vital conservation work that ensures the Dales remain a special place for your next visit. If you want to help, look out for the Donate to the Dales collection boxes in National Park Centres and some businesses within the area. You could also pay for a tree to be planted in one of our native woodland restoration schemes - please contact YDMT to find out more.

Have a great time but...

Please don't pick any wildflowers - apart from spoiling it for other visitors, many wildflowers are sadly becoming rare and are legally protected, with heavy fines for those caught picking them. Also please walk in single file through hay meadows, as the crop is important as winter fodder for the farmer's livestock. Finally, please follow the Countryside Code: be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs; leave gates and property as you find them; protect plants and animals and take your litter home; keep dogs under close control; and consider other people. For more information please see www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/things_to_know/countryside_code.

May - June

Photographic Wild Flower Competition

Leyburn TIC

Pick up your entry form from Leyburn TIC. Two groups - adults and under 16s. There are prizes for the best picture in each group, as judged by Wensleydale Camera Club. Cost £1 per picture entered (max 2 pictures per person)

Leyburn TIC, 4 Central Chambers, Railway Street, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5BB
01748 828747

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'Colour the Wild Flower' Children's Competition

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Cost £1

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May - June

Hay Meadows and Wild Flowers Display

Leyburn TIC

Cost Free

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May - June

Hay Meadows and Wild Flowers Display

Richmond TIC

Cost Free

Richmond TIC, Friary Gardens, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4AJ
01748 828742

May - June

Wild Flower Quiz

Richmond TIC

Pick up a copy of our Wild Flower Quiz and hand in your completed forms at Richmond TIC. There will be a prize.

Cost Donation

Richmond TIC, Friary Gardens, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4AJ

01748 828742

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Sunday 3 May

10.30am - 4.30pm

The High Limestone Plateau

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk over Open Access land, with great views and spring woodland flowers.

Accessible by the Settle-Carlisle railway line.

Meet Horton-in-Ribblesdale Station

Distance 10.5 miles / 17km

Duration 6 hours

Grade Strenuous

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Settle TIC 01729 825192 or settle@ybtbic.co.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Friday 8 - Sunday 10 May

Sketch to Stitch

Jan Hicks / Field Studies Council

Explore the wonderful landscape around the Centre and interpret it in stitch to produce a wall hanging, picture, or a piece of stitched fabric that can be made into an item such as a cushion or bag.

Venue Malham Tarn Field Centre

Cost £156 - £225

Booking essential through the Centre 01729 830331

Website www.field-studies-council

Sunday 10 May

10.30am - 3pm

Wild Flower Walk, Austwick

Dr Chris Wright and Dr Judith Allinson / Yorkshire Dales Society

A guided walk over Oxenber Woods to Feizor (with refreshments at Home Barn if desired) and back to the Dalesbridge Centre. A fabulous riot of wild flowers will be seen on this truly superb walk.

Park and meet at Dalesbridge Outdoor Centre (on A65), Austwick, Settle

Distance 6 miles / 10km

Duration 4 and a half hours

Grade Easy

Cost Free

Further details Anne Webster, Yorkshire Dales Society, 01729 825600

Website www.yds.org.uk

Sunday 10 May

1.30pm - 4.45pm

The Kings Highway and Cleatop Wood

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk exploring the historical collection of lanes and the work of the National Park in a natural woodland. Accessible by public transport.

Meet Settle Tourist Information Centre

Distance 6 miles / 9.5km

Duration 3 and a quarter hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Settle TIC 01729 825192 or settle@ybtbic.co.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Wednesday 13 May

7.30pm - 9pm

Hay Meadows of the Dales (The Hay Time Project)

North Craven Heritage Trust / Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

An illustrated talk by Dr Pippa Rayner on the species-rich hay meadows of the Yorkshire Dales and how the Hay Time project is working with farmers to restore and enhance this valuable wildflower habitat.

Venue Eldroth Village Hall, near Settle

Cost £2 to non-members

For further details contact Mrs Slater on 01729 823205 or

mandmslater@mypostoffice.co.uk

Website www.northcravenheritage.org.uk or www.ydmt.org

Tuesday 19 May

10am - 3pm

High Brae and Sulber

Natural England

A guided walk to explore the cattle-grazed limestone pastures of High Brae and Sulber. One of a series of four walks looking at the variety of habitats and wild flowers on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve. No dogs allowed.

Distance 6 miles / 10km

Duration 5 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Free

Booking essential through NE 015242 42021 or colin.newlands@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.naturalengland.org.uk

Sunday 24 May

2pm - 4pm

Herbs: Discovery walk

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A walk in Freeholders' Wood with a local medical herbalist, looking at woodland plants and trees used as herbal remedies. No dogs allowed.

Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free but must be accompanied by an adult)

Booking advisable through Aysgarth Falls NPC 01969 662910 or
aysgarth@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Monday 25 May

7pm - 9pm

Spring Flowers Woodland Walk

Craven Conservation Group

Enjoy the spring flowers with Roger Neale along the Nature Trail through Clapham Woods. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Clapham National Park car park

Distance 2.5 miles / 4km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Donation to CCG plus entry fee for Clapham Nature Trail - adults 60p, children 30p

No need to book but for further details contact Roger Neale on 015242 41155

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Monday 25 May - Saturday 6 June

Hay Meadows and Wild Flowers Display

Richmond Library (closed Sundays and Wednesdays)

Cost Free

Richmond Library, Queen's Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4AE

0845 034 9508

Wednesday 27 May

11am - 1.30pm

Nature: Discovery Walk

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Bring your children to join in a stroll in and around Freeholders' Wood to discover the trees and plants and the animal, bird and insect inhabitants. No dogs allowed.

Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

Distance 2 miles / 3km

Duration 2 and a half hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Aysgarth Falls NPC 01969 662910 or
aysgarth@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Wednesday 27 May

2pm - 5pm

Flowers of Clapdale

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk exploring Clapdale Wood and its spring flowers. Suitable for young families. Accessible by public transport - Clapham Station is 1.5 miles from village. No dogs allowed.

Meet Clapham National Park car park

Distance 5 miles / 8km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free) plus entry fee for Clapham Nature Trail - adults 60p, children 30p

Booking advisable through Settle TIC 01729 825192 or settle@ybtbic.co.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Saturday 30 May

4pm - 5pm

Temple Lodge Wild Flower Walk

Richmond TIC

A guided walk through Temple Lodge Meadow. No dogs allowed.

Meet in York Square car park

Distance less than 1 mile

Duration 1 hour

Grade Easy

Cost £2 adults / £1 children

Booking advisable through Richmond TIC 01748 828742 or email

RichmondTIC@Richmondshire.gov.uk

Sunday 31 May

4pm - 5pm

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Monday 1 - Friday 5 June

Wild Flowers for Beginners

Judith Allinson / Field Studies Council

Visit a wide variety of habitats close to Malham Tarn Field Centre with a wonderful diversity of wild flowers. This course includes a gentle but thorough introduction to using keys and to flower families which will help participants enjoy identifying flowers later in the year.

Venue Malham Tarn Field Centre

Cost £300 - £440

Booking essential through the Centre 01729 830331

Website www.field-studies-council

Wednesday 3 June

2pm - 5pm

Spring Flowers of Grass Wood: Discovery Walk

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Discover the amazing variety of flowers in this ancient limestone woodland. Accessible by public transport to Grassington. No dogs allowed.

Meet at quarry car park by Grass Wood, 1 mile west of Grassington (SD 986 652)

(parking limited)

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01756 751690 or

grassington@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Thursday 4 June

10am - 3pm

Meadows at Muker

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

A guided walk through the superb meadows around Muker in Swaledale. The walk will be led by YDMT staff including Pippa Rayner, the Hay Time project officer, who will help you identify the wildflowers and talk about her work to restore meadows in the Dales. The event includes lunch at a local pub. No dogs allowed.

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 3 hours (for the walk)

Grade Easy

Cost £25 (including lunch)

Booking essential through YDMT 015242 51004 or anne.bullough@ydmtd.org

Website www.ydmtd.org

Saturday 6 June

10am - 1pm

Boozy Flowers of Kettlewell

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Join our Yorkshire Wildlife Trust guide on a great walk up and down Wharfedale looking at the wildflowers to be found around Kettlewell. We will be looking at flowers growing in road verges, managed as part of the Yorkshire Dales Road Verge Project (an exciting new scheme working with local communities and NYCC Highways Dept to conserve Special Interest Verges), as well as those found on the open meadows and hillsides. Best of all - the walk will finish in an appropriately named flowery pub! Dogs on short leads only please (note there are some stiles).

Meet in Kettlewell National Park car park

Distance 5 miles / 8km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Donation to YWT

No need to book but for further details about the event or the project phone James Ferguson on 01756 751603 or james.ferguson@ywt.org.uk

Website www.ywt.org.uk

Sunday 7 June

11.30am - 3pm

The Wildflowers in Swaledale

Yorkshire Dales Society

A guided walk through the wildflower meadows of Upper Swaledale to enjoy one of its finest features! Suitable for children (must be accompanied by an adult).

Meet in Thwaite village (nr Kearton Guest House)

Distance 5.5 miles / 9km

Duration 4.5 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Free

No need to book but for further details contact Duncan Ward on 07969 512743

Website www.yds.org.uk

Tuesday 9 June

10am - 3pm

Scar Close

Natural England

A guided walk to explore the superb limestone pavement of Scar Close. One of a series of four walks looking at the variety of habitats and wild flowers on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve. No dogs allowed.

Distance 5 miles / 5km

Duration 5 hours

Grade Moderate (but special care needed on limestone pavement)

Cost Free

Booking essential through NE 015242 42021 or colin.newlands@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.naturalengland.org.uk

Thursday 11 June

1pm - 3pm

Wild Flower Meadow Walk

National Trust

Join us for this glorious wild flower walk in Malhamdale. Sturdy footwear essential as surfaces are uneven and gradients steep. No dogs allowed.

Distance 2 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £2

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 12 - Monday 15 June

Limestone Flora

Ian Powell / Field Studies Council

A weekend for botanists to concentrate on the specialist flora of limestone habitats amidst the magnificent scenery of the National Park.

Venue Malham Tarn Field Centre

Cost £218 - £320

Booking essential through the Centre 01729 830331

Website www.field-studies-council

Saturday 13 June

1pm - 3pm

Wildflower walk at Foxglove Covert LNR

Foxglove Covert LNR

A guided walk around this local nature reserve whilst we identify all the flowers that are blooming, learning about each one and enjoying the beautiful location.

Duration 2 hours

Cost Donation

Booking essential through the Reserve Managers 01748 831113 or foxgloveInr@btinternet.com

Website www.foxglovecovert.org.uk

Sunday 14 June

11am - 4.30pm

Redmire Force and High Lane

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk through lower Bishopdale meadows returning overlooking three valleys.

Accessible by public transport.

Meet at West Burton village green

Distance 9.5 miles / 15.3 km

Duration 5 and a half hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Aysgarth Falls NPC 01969 662910 or

aysgarth@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Thursday 18 June

1pm - 3pm

Malhamdale Wild Flower Walk

National Trust

Join us for a walk around Great Close Mire Field and enjoy the beautiful wild flowers of Malhamdale. Sturdy footwear essential as surfaces are uneven and gradients steep.

No dogs allowed.

Distance 2 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £2

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 19 June - Saturday 4 July

A Flight of Fancy - public art project

Grassington Festival of Music and Arts

The beautiful curlew, symbolic of the meadows of the Dales, is to be celebrated in a public exhibition of over twenty larger than life sized sculptures. Each sculpture will be given its own unique character by a professional artist - so no two will be the same. Bird spotting guides will be available from the festival office! The Grassington Festival (19 June to 4 July) is a celebration of music and arts.

Venue Grassington village and other venues in Wharfedale and Craven

Cost Free

Further details 01756 752691 or boxoffice@grassington-festival.org.uk

Website www.grassington-festival.org.uk

Saturday 20 June

10.30am - 4pm

Open Access Guided Walk with a Ranger: Ingleborough

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A circular walk on Open Access land and public footpaths, looking at access management and nature conservation on Ingleborough. Steep ascent and descent.

Accessible by Settle-Carlisle railway line to Ribbleshead Station. Please do not park at Ribbleshead Station - rail users and museum visitors only.

Meet at Ribbleshead Quarry (SD 765 789)

Distance 7.5 miles / 12 km

Duration 5.5 hours

Grade Strenuous

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

For further details contact Malham NPC 01969 652380 or

malham@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Saturday 20 June

2pm - 5pm

Meadows, Woodland and Riverside: Discovery Walk

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A varied walk to discover the floral delights in an ancient limestone woodland and beside the River Wharfe. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed. Part of the Grassington Festival (19 June to 4 July) - a celebration of music and arts.

Meet at Grassington National Park Centre

Distance 5.5 mile / 9km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Fairly easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking essential through Grassington Festival Box Office 01756 752691 or grassington-festival.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Saturday 20 June

10am - 4pm

Moughton Meander

Craven Conservation Group

Join Mike Canaway to explore the delights of this quiet corner of Crummackdale. Dogs on leads only please.

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 6 hours

Grade Moderate/strenuous

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through Mike Canaway on 01729 823808 or mike@mcanaway.ndonet.com

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Sunday 21 June

11am - 3pm

West Burton Circular

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A circular guided walk viewing the upper falls, past Sorrelsykes and West Burton, returning through meadows.

Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

Distance 6 miles / 9.7km

Duration 4 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Aysgarth Falls NPC 01969 662910 or aysgarth@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Monday 22 June

2pm - 4pm

Festival Flora - Parcevall Hall Gardens Walk

Grassington Festival of Music and Arts

A guided walk through the beautiful gardens of Parcevall Hall, near Appletreewick, which lie on a steep dales hillside and are the only RHS and English Heritage registered gardens open to the public in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The sixteen acres of formal and woodland gardens rise up the hillside and command impressive views of Simons Seat and Wharfedale. No dogs allowed. The Grassington Festival (19 June to 4 July) is a celebration of music and arts.

Duration approx 2 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £10 - includes tea and a scone at the hall tearooms

Booking essential through Grassington Festival Box Office 01756 752691 or

boxoffice@grassington-festival.org.uk

Website www.grassington-festival.org.uk

Monday 22 June

7pm - 8.30pm

Flower rich grasslands in the Pennine and Yorkshire Dales: pot and plot experiments to create attractive traditional grasslands

Dr Roger Smith / YDMT

Managing grasslands to maintain or enhance their flowers is a common feature of prescriptions for nature reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and agri-environment schemes. These prescriptions need to be justified with evidence to support the proposed management. This often comes from ecological experiments to test the effect of, for instance, fertiliser use and hay cut dates; as well as experiments to further our understanding of the ecological mechanisms operating in grasslands. This illustrated talk, by one of the leading experts, will consider some of these field and pot experiments in the Pennine and Yorkshire Dales.

Venue Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Cost Free

Booking advisable through the Flowers of the Dales Project Officer on 015242 51002

Website www.ydmt.org

Wednesday 24 June

7pm - 9pm

Malham Tarn NNR

National Trust

A guided flower walk around Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve, not normally open to the public. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Malham Tarn Estate Office

Distance 1.5 miles / 2.4km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £2

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 24 June

11.30am - 4pm

Haymeadows and Waterfalls

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A delightful guided walk through lowland and upland flower-strewn meadows, passing small waterfalls and with superb views of Wharfedale. Accessible by public transport.

No dogs allowed.

Meet at Buckden National Park car park

Distance 7 miles / 11km

Duration 4.5 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01756 751690 or

grassington@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Thursday 25 June

2pm - 4pm

Wildflowers in a Wharfedale Lane

Wharfedale Naturalists' Society

A gentle guided walk to see and identify the wildflowers in the limestone verges along Scot Gate Lane, Conistone. Dogs on leads only please.

Distance 1.5 miles / 2.5km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Free (children under 12 must be accompanied)

Booking essential through Nicky Vernon on 01943 831871

Website www.wharfedale-nats.org.uk

Saturday 27 June

10.30am - 4.00pm

Photographing Wild Flowers

Dales Photos

The area around Colt Park, Ribbleshead is full of interest for photographers, with restored flower-rich hay meadows and a stretch of ancient woodland. Learn about camera controls and techniques needed to make really effective pictures along with expert hints and tips to make your pictures stand out from the crowd. Suitable for all ages (under 16 accompanied by an adult).

Duration 5 and a half hours

Cost £25

Booking essential through Rod Smith 01729 860520 or email

margaretandrod@dalesphotos.co.uk

Website www.dalesphotos.co.uk

Saturday 27 June

4.30am - 6.30am

Sunrise walk and concert

Grassington Festival of Music and Arts

A guided walk through the beautiful meadows and fields bordering the River Wharfe as the sun rises over the dale and ending with an open air concert of suitably uplifting music, then back to Grassington for a cup of tea at the Yorkshire Lass Cafe. Please book ahead with the cafe (01756 751835) if you require a full breakfast. No dogs allowed. The Grassington Festival (19 June to 4 July) is a celebration of music and arts.

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £10 (excluding any refreshments)

Booking essential through Grassington Festival Box Office 01756 752691 or

boxoffice@grassington-festival.org.uk

Website www.grassington-festival.org.uk

Sunday 28 June

11am - 3pm

Wild Flower Meadows and Woods

National Trust

A walk from Yockenthwaite through woodlands and flower-filled meadows with one of our regular volunteers. Dogs on leads only please.

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 4 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £2

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 1 July

2pm - 6pm

Askrigg Circular

Yoredale Natural History Society

A guided walk from Worton Bridge in Wensleydale, beside the River Ure to the hay meadows at Askrigg Bottoms and back via Askrigg.

Meet at Worton Bridge (SD 955 903)

Distance 5 miles / 8 km

Duration up to 4 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Free (over 16s only)

Booking advisable through Charles Helm 01969 623031

Friday 3 July

2pm - 4pm

Dent Hay Meadows

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk through the riverside hay meadows to discover the meadow flora. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Dent car park

Distance 2.5 miles / 4 km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Hawes NPC 01969 666210 or hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Saturday 4 July

11am - 3pm

Boozy Yorkshire Roses

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

A guided walk led by the local Yorkshire Wildlife Trust guide around the fields and meadows of Wensleydale near the village of Bainbridge. We will be looking at flowers growing in road verges, managed as part of the Yorkshire Dales Road Verge Project (an exciting new scheme working with local communities and NYCC Highways Dept to conserve Special Interest Verges), as well as those found on the open meadows and hillsides. Best of all - the walk will finish in an appropriately named flowery pub (and we may even call in on one halfway round)! Dogs on short leads only please (note there are some stiles).

Meet in National Park Offices car park (Yoredale)

Distance 5 miles / 8km

Duration 4 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Donation to YWT

No need to book but for further details about the event or the project phone James Ferguson on 01756 751603 or james.ferguson@ywt.org.uk

Website www.ywt.org.uk

Sunday 5 July

11am - 3.30pm

Open Farm Day

National Trust

Visit Tennant Gill Farm for the day and find out what life is really like on an upland hill farm - part of our Food Glorious Food campaign. Meadow walks, machinery displays, story teller, face painter. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Tennant Gill Farm, Malham Moor, BD24 9PR (SD 905 790)

Cost Free

No need to book but for further details phone 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Monday 6 July

6.30pm - 9pm

Traditional Hay Meadows Walk

Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group

A guided walk looking at species-rich hay meadows and other grassland with lots of orchids on a Magnesian limestone SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) near Staveley, Knaresborough. Discussions on wildflower seed harvesting and meadow management and creation. Light refreshments served for donation. Dogs allowed on leads. Suitable for children if accompanied.

Distance 1 -2 miles

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Free

Booking essential through FWAG 01609 783632 or northyorks@fwag.org.uk

Website www.fwag.org.uk/northyorks

Tuesday 7 July

10am - 3pm

Colt Park Meadows

Natural England

A guided walk to explore the meadows and their surroundings at Colt Park. One of a series of four walks looking at the variety of habitats and wild flowers on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve. No dogs allowed.

Distance 6 miles / 10km

Duration 5 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Free

Booking essential through NE 015242 42021 or colin.newlands@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.naturalengland.org.uk

Wednesday 8 July

7pm - 9pm

Malham Tarn NNR

National Trust

A guided flower walk around Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve, not normally open to the public. No dogs allowed.

Distance 1.5 miles / 2.4km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £2

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 8 July

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Wildflower Walk

Nidderdale AONB

Join Marian Wilby, AONB Farm Conservation Advisor, on this short, guided walk in search of beautiful wild flowers in Upper Nidderdale. Please wear stout footwear and bring waterproof clothing.

Meet in the lay-by on the roadside between Lofthouse and Middlesmoor (SE 099 735)

Distance 2.5 miles / 4km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost £3 on the day or £2 if pre-booked (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through the Nidderdale AONB office on 01423 712950 or visit

www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk

Saturday 11 July

10am - 4pm

Flora and landscape of Malham Moor

Craven Conservation Group

Join Dave Tayler to explore the rich diversity of this classic limestone locality. Dogs on leads only please.

Meet at Settle Swimming Pool to share transport

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 6 hours

Grade Moderate/strenuous

Cost Donation to CCG

No need to book but for further details contact Dave Tayler on 01729 825953 or david.tayler@ydmtd.org

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Mid-July

Date, time and location to be confirmed

Hay Time meadow restoration scheme

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

As part of the Hay Time project, every year Dr Pippa Rayner and a team of contractors harvest and spread green hay to initiate the restoration of meadows. This is an opportunity to see the machinery in operation and find out more. Please note that places are very limited. The exact date and location of the event will be decided at short notice and is subject to weather conditions. No dogs allowed.

Cost Free

To register your interest contact Don Gamble 015242 51002 or don.gamble@ydmtd.org

Website www.ydmtd.org

Saturday 18 July - Thursday 3 September

Climate Change

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

This summer's family exhibition is focusing on Climate Change and will include a look at the potential impact on the wildflowers of the Dales.

Venue Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes (open daily 10am to 5pm)

Cost Free

For further details phone 01969 666210

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Sunday 19 July

11am - 4.30pm

Limestone Upland and Ancient Woodland

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk, rising through old settlements and leadmining areas before descending to Conistone via The Dib, rising again through Dib Wood and finally walking through Grass Wood. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Grassington National Park car park

Distance 7 miles / 11 km

Duration 5.5 hours

Grade Strenuous

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01756 751690 or

grassington@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

20 July -14 August

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

10am - 3pm

Wildflower Art Exhibition

In The Same Boat

In the Same Boat is a support group for people with cancer (and other long-term conditions), their family and friends. It meets weekly for an arts session. The exhibition will be of work developed over the course of five weeks in sessions led by Philippa Troutman.

Venue The South Gallery, Looking Well, Bentham (open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)

Cost Free

For further details contact Linda Kellaway on 01524 262672

Tuesday 21 July

10am - 12pm

Wildlife and conservation at Ribbleshead Quarry

Craven Conservation Group and Natural England

Join Natural England's Colin Newlands in exploring the increasing diversity of this fascinating site on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve.

Meet outside the quarry entrance at SD 765788

Distance 1.5 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Donation to CCG

No need to book but for further details contact Colin at the NNR office on 015242 42021

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Wednesday 22 July

2pm - 4pm

Discover and do

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Making paper flowers - a craft afternoon for children aged over 8.

Venue Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Cost £3

Booking essential through DCM on 01969 666210 or hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Friday 24 - Monday 27 July

Drawing and Painting the Flora at Malham Tarn

Kate Houghton / Field Studies Council

Immerse yourself in a close study of the plant world and learn how to record it in a watercolour drawing. A course for anyone with an interest in native flora, Malham Tarn offers a very special habitat with a huge range of plants.

Venue Malham Tarn Field Centre

Cost £206 - £305

Booking essential through the Centre 01729 830331

Website www.field-studies-council

Tuesday 28 July

11am - 3pm

"We plough the fields and scatter"

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A guided walk to see the impact and consider the consequences of human activity on the landscape of the Dales. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Grassington National Park car park

Distance 6 miles / 10 km

Duration 4 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £3 (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01756 751690 or grassington@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Wednesday 29 July

10.30am - 4pm

Woodland and Grassland Creatures

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Come and join us to find out more about the minibeasts that live in Strid Wood and surrounding grasslands. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey

Cost Free

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01756 751690 or

grassington@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Wednesday 29 July

2pm - 4pm

Discover and do

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Making felt badge flowers - a craft afternoon for children aged over 8.

Venue Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Cost £3

Booking essential through DCM on 01969 666210 or hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Wednesday 29 July

7pm - 9pm

Fern Frolic

Craven Conservation Group

Join Mike Canaway in seeking out and identifying some of the more easily recognised ferns around Settle.

Distance 1.5 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through Mike Canaway on 01729 823808 or

mike@mcanaway.ndonet.com

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Friday 31 July

10.30am - 4pm

Woodland and Grassland Creatures

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Come and join us to find out more about the minibeasts that live in the grassland and woodland areas around Malham. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Malham National Park Centre

Cost Free

Booking advisable through Malham NPC 01969 652380 or

malham@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Sunday 2 August

2pm - 5pm

Flowers and wetland plants on Long Preston Deepes

Craven Conservation Group

Join Dr Judith Allinson exploring the wetland plants at Wigglesworth Hall Farm on this Site of Special Scientific Interest. The area is part of an ongoing project aiming to develop the wildlife value of this part of the Ribble valley. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Settle Swimming Pool (at 1.30pm) to share transport to the starting point at Cow Bridge, Long Preston (SD 827 569)

Distance 3 miles / 5km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Easy but waterproof footwear required

Cost Donation to CCG

No need to book but for further details contact Judith Allinson 01729 822138

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Thursday 6 August

10am - 3pm

Exploring Malham Tarn

National Trust

Come and discover the hidden natural world at Malham Tarn - part of our Wild Child campaign. See the flowers of the National Nature Reserve, watch the birds from the bird hide, and do some pond-dipping to see what lives in the water. Bring a packed lunch and wear appropriate clothing. No dogs allowed.

Cost £1

Booking essential through NT 01729 830416 or malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Thursday 6 August

6pm - 8pm

Managing Moorland

Nidderdale AONB

Join Marian Wilby, AONB Farm Conservation Advisor, on this moorland tour and find out how moorlands are managed and the type of flora and fauna these valuable landscape features support. Please wear stout footwear and bring waterproof clothing.

Meet at the Drovers Inn, Dallowgill

Distance 2.5 miles / 4km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost £3 on the day or £2 if pre-booked (under 16s free)

Booking advisable through the Nidderdale AONB office on 01423 712950 or visit www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk

Saturday 15 August

10am - 5pm

Upland alpine flora

Craven Conservation Group

Join Mike Canaway exploring Great Shunner Fell in Swaledale. Dogs on leads only please.

Distance 3 miles / 6km

Duration 7 hours

Grade Moderate/strenuous

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through Mike Canaway on 01729 823808 or mike@mcanaway.ndonet.com

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Saturday 15 August

10am - 1pm

Boozy Flowers of Kettlewell

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Join our Yorkshire Wildlife Trust guide on a great walk up and down Wharfedale looking at the wildflowers to be found around Kettlewell. We will be looking at flowers growing in road verges, managed as part of the Yorkshire Dales Road Verge Project (an exciting new scheme working with local communities and NYCC Highways Dept to conserve Special Interest Verges), as well as those found on the open meadows and hillsides. Best of all - the walk will finish in an appropriately named flowery pub! Dogs on short leads only please (note there are some stiles).

Meet in Kettlewell National Park car park

Distance 5 miles / 8km

Duration 3 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Donation to YWT

No need to book but for further details about the event or the project phone James Ferguson on 01756 751603 or james.ferguson@ywt.org.uk

Website www.ywt.org.uk

Thursday 20 August

10am - 4pm

Practical management at Lords Pasture SSSI

Craven Conservation Group

Help out Natural England's John Osborne in controlling the ragwort and brambles at this special site. No dogs allowed.

Duration 6 hours

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through John Osborne on 07967 971523 or

john.osborne@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Friday 21 - Monday 24 August

Designing and Making Rag Rugs

Karen Griffiths / Field Studies Council

A weekend in the beautiful surroundings of Malham Tarn Field Centre learning a variety of rag rug techniques and using the colourful flowers of the limestone pastures to inspire you.

Venue Malham Tarn Field Centre

Cost £158 - £225

Booking essential through the Centre 01729 830331

Website www.field-studies-council

Tuesday 25 August

10am - 3pm

South House Moor

Natural England

A guided walk to explore South House Moor and the 're-wilding' project. One of a series of four walks looking at the variety of habitats and wild flowers on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve. No dogs allowed.

Distance 6 miles / 10km

Duration 5 hours

Grade Strenuous

Cost Free

Booking essential through NE 015242 42021 or colin.newlands@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.naturalengland.org.uk

Thursday 27 August

10am - 4pm

Make hay while the sun shines!

Craven Conservation Group

Help out Natural England's John Osborne in hay-making at Lords Pasture SSSI. No dogs allowed.

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through John Osborne on 07967 971523 or

john.osborne@naturalengland.org.uk

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Thursday 27 August

10.30am - 4pm

Woodland and Grassland Creatures

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Come and join us to find out more about the minibeasts that live in the grassland and woodland areas around Malham. Suitable for young families. Accessible by public transport. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Malham National Park Centre

Cost Free

Booking advisable through Grassington NPC 01969 652380 or

malham@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Saturday 29 August - Sunday 6 September

Buckden Art Group Annual Exhibition

Over 200 mixed subject and media paintings for sale, with a special section for the Flowers of the Dales Festival.

Venue Buckden Village Institute (open 10am - 5.30pm daily)

Cost Donation (to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance)

For further details contact Patricia Francis on 01274 546032

Saturday 29 August

2pm - 4pm

Seata Quarry

Deborah Millward

A guided walk looking at the wide variety of plants in the disused limestone quarry near Aysgarth. Dogs allowed but only on leads please.

Distance 2 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy (one awkward stile)

Cost Free

Booking essential through Deborah Millward 01969 663379 or

millwardtr@dsl.pipex.com

Monday 31 August

8pm - 9.30pm

Hay Meadows of the Dales (The Hay Time Project)

Fremington Slideshows / Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

An illustrated talk by Dr Pippa Rayner on the species-rich hay meadows of the Yorkshire Dales and how the Hay Time project is working with farmers to restore and enhance this valuable wildflower habitat.

Venue Fremington Sunday School, near Reeth

Cost £3 adults, £1 children

For further details contact Susan Allison 01748 884366

Website www.swaleview.me.uk/fss.htm or www.ydmt.org

Wednesday 2 September

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Trees around Settle

Craven Conservation Group

Join Mike Canaway discovering and learning how to identify trees around the town.

Will any of them qualify as 'Veteran trees'? Dogs on leads only please.

Distance 1.5 miles / 3km

Duration 2 hours

Grade Easy

Cost Donation to CCG

Booking essential through Mike Canaway on 01729 823808 or

mike@mcanaway.ndonet.com

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Saturday 19 September

10am - 3pm

Algae and lichens walk

Craven Conservation Group

Join Dr Allan Pentecost on an excellent opportunity to learn about two new groups of plants... for example, the black streaks on Malham Cove are not soot (left by Tom in The Water Babies) or lichens, but a special type of ancient organism called blue-green bacteria or blue-green algae. Dogs on leads only please.

Meet at Settle Swimming Pool to share transport to Malham or meet at Malham

National Park Centre at 10.30am to start walk

Distance 4 miles / 6km

Duration 4 hours

Grade Moderate

Cost Donation to CCG

No need to book but for further details contact Judith Allinson on 01729 822138

Website www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk