



### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

• E • Essential to book • D • Drop in anytime

Call 01875 821716 - Fri-Mon

April 5-22

• D • All Ages

EASTER

#### VOGRIE EASTER ORIENTEERING TRAIL

Come along and navigate your way around our Vogrie animal orienteering trail, with fun facts on a Spring theme. This is self-led, so pick up a map from the info hut anytime between Fri-Mon or download at: [midlothiancouncil.gov.uk/vogrie](http://midlothiancouncil.gov.uk/vogrie)

Tuesday 9 April, 1 - 3pm

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#### SUNNY SPRING POND DIP

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
Join us and the frogspawn for a dip in the pond. We have all the nets, trays and bug boxes you need to take the plunge.

Wednesday April, 17 1 - 3pm

• E • All Ages

#### DEN BUILDING

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
Bushcraft skills at the ready...come and build a lovely cosy wee home in the woodlands fit for a night under the stars.

Friday 19 April, 1 - 3pm

• D • All Ages

#### GOOD FRIDAY CRAFTS AND EGG PAINTING

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
Come along and join us for a touch of glitter and gluing, double sided sticky tape and eggs to decorate for the great roll off on Sunday

Monday 22 April, 1 - 3pm

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#### EASTER MONDAY SPRING POND DIP

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie Country Park, Main pond in front of house, EH23 4NU

Join us and the frogspawn for a dip in the pond. We have all the nets, trays and bug boxes you need to take the plunge.

Saturday May 4, 8.30 - 10pm

E - Ages 6+

MAY

#### BAT WALK - VOGRIE

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
You will have the chance to see these amazing creatures and their aerial acrobatics as well as being able to identify them with our bat detectors as they swoop and chatter whilst hunting for their tea.

Monday May 6, 1 - 3pm

D - All Ages

#### MAY DAY POND DIP

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie Country Park, Main pond in front of house, EH23 4NU

Join us and the frogspawn for a dip in the pond. We have all the nets, trays and bug boxes you need to take the plunge.

Sunday 19 May, 1.30 - 4pm

D - All Ages

#### ANNUAL DUCK RACE AND MINI RIVER RAFTS AND CRAFTS

■ **Meeting point:** Roslin Glen Country Park, on B7003, Roslin, EH23 9PX

Join the Ranger Service and Friends of Roslin Glen for our annual parade of ducks down the River North Esk. It's 50p for a duck and mini river raft and craft making is free.

Saturday June 1, 2 - 4pm

• E • All Ages

JUNE

#### THE HISTORY, HERE & NOW OF SPRINGFIELD MILL AND MAVISBANK: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS

■ **Meeting point:** Springfield Mill Wildlife Site, Polton Bank, Polton EH18 1JZ

Join the Ranger Service and Friends of Springfield Mill for a little ramble of two miles around these two beautiful next-door neighbours set deep in the North Esk Valley

Sunday June 2, 1 - 3pm

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#### SUNNY SPRINGFIELD SUMMER POND DIP: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS

■ **Meeting point:** Springfield Mill Wildlife Site, Polton Bank, Polton EH18 1JZ

Follow the signs to the Ranger where you will take a dip into the deep for newts, fish and watery mini beasts. No need to bring any fishing clobber as we have nets, trays and magnifiers to explore for the afternoon.

Wednesday June 5, 1 - 2.30pm

E- Under 5's

#### MINI BEASTIE HUNTING TINY TODDLERS: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS

■ **Meeting point:** Straiton Pond, Opposite MacDonald's, Nr Loanhead, EH20 9NH

Join the Ranger Service to make a collection of the weird & wonderful bug and insect life in the woodlands and water at our Local Nature Re-serve.

Saturday June 15, 1 - 3pm

E - All Ages

#### STRAITON CAMPFIRE CAFÉ: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS

■ **Meeting point:** Straiton Pond, Opposite MacDonald's, Nr Loanhead, EH20 9NH

Marshmallows are on our menu, beautifully caramelised over some campfire flames, followed by hot choc' o'clock with Kelly kettles going full steam. Join us to test out your culinary skills in the great outdoors.

Saturday June 15, 10am-12 noon

D - All Ages

#### STRAITON POND LOCAL NATURE RESERVE LITTER PICK: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS

■ **Meeting point:** Straiton Pond, Opposite MacDonald's, Nr Loanhead, EH20 9NH

Help Please! We are looking for some kind helpers to join the Straiton Volunteers on our annual litter pick around the pond, to keep it looking clean and tidy. Everything you need to pick and spruce the place up is provided.

Sunday June 16, 12 - 4pm

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#### TEAS AND TUNES IN THE PARK

■ **Meeting point:** Roslin Glen Country Park, on B7003, EH25 9PX

Join the Ranger Service and The Friends of Roslin Glen for the annual tea and cake jamboree with live music from Time Bandits, river dipping in the River North Esk, train rides, crafts and stalls.

Wednesday July 3, 1.30 - 3pm

E - All Ages

JULY

#### SUMMERTIME SPECIAL - KELLY KETTLES & MARSHMALLOWS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
Set fire to the kettle, cook up a hot chocolate and caramelise a marshmallow to Master Chef perfection!

Wednesday July 10, 1.30 - 3pm

E - All Ages

#### SUMMERTIME SPECIAL - POND DIPPING

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie Country Park, main pond in front of park, EH23 4NU

Come along and dip in the pond for tadpoles, find the first frog and complete the pond bingo cards.

Wednesday July 17, 1.30 - 3pm

E - All Ages

#### SUMMERTIME SPECIAL - MINI BEASTS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU  
We will be roaming around the undergrowth, digging for worms and running after butterflies in search of the biggest mini beast in town.

Saturday July 20, 7 - 8.30pm

E - Adults

#### A SUPER SUNNY EVENING STROLL WITH THE RANGER WHO IS WILD ABOUT FLOWERS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Come along to Vogrie for a gentle wander through sunlit woodlands, alongside dappled riverbanks and around mirror-glazed ponds to explore what is in flower on this gorgeous July evening! Will the weather be with us?!

Sunday July 21, 1pm - 3pm

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#### VALLEYFIELD NATURE DETECTIVE DAY

■ **Meeting point:** Valleyfield Pond, at the end of the Penicuik to Dalkeith Walkway, Lower Valleyfield View, Penicuik, EH26 8NS

A fun afternoon of dipping in the water for bugs, hunting in the woodlands for beasties and detecting games to find hidden wildlife at this lovely little spot at the end of Midlothian's cycleway.

Wednesday July 24, 1.30 - 3pm

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#### SUMMERTIME SPECIAL - WATER AND BUBBLES

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Come along and play team games with water and bubbles. Plan to get rather wet and soapy.

Wednesday July 31, 1.30 - 3pm

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#### SUMMERTIME SPECIAL - WELLY WALK

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Dust off your wellies for a summer outing and join us for a walk on the wild side, through muddy puddles and trickling streams. To make a splash at this event, some old clothes would be the fashion of choice! Plan to get wet.

Wednesday Aug 7, 1 - 3.30pm

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AUGUST

#### LATE SUMMER POND DIPPING FOR GROWN UP FROGS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie main pond in front of Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Join us to discover if all the tadpoles have turned into frogs and if a frog can indeed turn into a prince?! We have everything you need to take to the deep...just bring yourselves for a dip.

Wednesday Aug 14, 1.30 - 3pm

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#### NATURE DETECTIVES: POND AND MINIBEAST

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Drop in to our natural museum to dip, dive and hunt for beasties to add to our collection. You will be part of our Citizen Science project to help record all living things that live, work and play here!

Saturday Aug 10 - Sunday Aug 18

#### MIDLOTHIAN OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

A week of fantastic outdoor activities for all throughout Midlothian's countryside. See leaflets / Midlothian council web pages from mid May on-wards for full programme.

Sat Sept 7, 1pm and 3pm

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SEPT

#### DOORS OPEN DAY TOURS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Tours of 45 mins. What is behind the door to Vogrie House? Come in for a nose around and guided tour to hear fascinating facts of how Vogrie has developed over the centuries from country estate to country park.

Saturday Sept 7, 7.30 - 9pm

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Sunday Sept 8, 1 - 3pm

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### AUTUMN POND DIP

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Come along take a peek into the pond nearby Vogrie House. It's an amazing bowl of nature's soup alive with all sorts of beasties living under a watery mansion with very muddy carpets. No need for any equipment, we have the lot to borrow for the afternoon.

Sunday Oct 6, 1 - 4pm

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OCT

### VOGRIE AUTUMN GEOCACHE

#### MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Geocache is the techno way to treasure hunt with GPS / phone in hand. There are over 2212 caches around Dalkeith alone and millions all over the world. Come along and see how it happens, find the cache of the day and head off into the sunset to find caches all around you wherever you go.

Tuesday Oct 15, 2 - 4pm

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### CAMPFIRE & KELLY KETTLE - MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NU

Join us in the woods and learn to turn sparks in to flames and fires into cups of tea. We will be using our best bushcraft skills to whistle up the Kelly kettle and toast marshmallows to perfection!

Wednesday Oct 16, 2 - 3.30pm

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### SCIENCE OF AUTUMN LEAVES - MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Callander Park, Crichton Drive, Pathhead, EH37 5QX

Ever wondered why leaves change colour in Autumn? And why do trees lose their leaves? Join us for fun experiments, leafy crafts and activities in Callander Park.

Saturday Oct 19, 2 - 4pm

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### RIVER DIPPING - MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Roslin Glen, Country Park, on B7003, EH25 9PX

Join the Ranger Service and the Friends as we explore the waters of the North Esk with nets, trays and magnifiers and discover the fish, bugs and beasties that live there.

Saturday Oct 19, 1.30 - 3.30pm

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### THE SCIENCE STUFF OF WALKING ON THE GO - MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Springfield Mill Wildlife Site, Polton Bank, Polton EH18 1JZ

Come along and join us for a fact filled plod, putting one foot in front of the other whilst learning about how we ended up on 2 feet, how we keep standing tall and what keeps us going around the bend.

Sunday Oct 19, 1.30 - 3.30pm

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### ART IN THE PARK - MIDLOTHIAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park EH23 4NU

Join us for some colourful fun, with paints, water, wood and dough, in an Autumn park full of colour too.

Saturday 2nd December, 2 - 4pm

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### CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

■ **Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park EH23 4NU

Get crafty for Christmas with wreath making, tree decorations and cards with our glue, sequins and holly galore.

### Bookings and Cancellations

Please call **01875 821716** to book a place on any of the 'essentials booking' events. **E**

If you are unable to attend an event you have booked, please call **01875 821716** to cancel your booking.

**Please note** any persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

# MIDLOTHIAN RANGER SERVICE

## Working with School Groups

We organise and lead free curriculum based education and outdoor conservation activities for schools and groups. We teach and inspire pupils about nature, their local environment and the world around them.

## Self Led Activities

We have 3 resource boxes which are free to borrow. These allow teachers to lead environmental activities themselves. They cover pond and river dipping, woodlands and mini-beasts, environmental games, and include bug boxes, nets, trays, ID keys books etc.

## Volunteering Opportunities

Vogrie Volunteers - Meet on the last Monday of every month at Vogrie from 10am to 3pm. This group carries out a variety of conservation and maintenance tasks throughout Vogrie estate.

Midlothian Paths Team - Meet on the first Tuesday of every month at various locations across Midlothian from 10am to 3pm. This group improves and creates paths and access opportunities across the whole county. Penicuik to Dalkeith Walkway Volunteers - Meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 10am-3pm. The group improves the 7 miles of former railway line, including access routes to and from it.

Straiton Pond Volunteers - Meet one Saturday every month (date is often arranged according to volunteer availability) from 10am to 1pm. This group carries out a variety of conservation and maintenance tasks at Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve.

If you would like any more information about any of these groups then please contact us on **01875 821990** or email **midlothianrangerservice@midlothian.gov.uk**.

**Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park EH23 4NU**



# MIDLOTHIAN RANGER SERVICE EVENTS 2019

Welcome to Midlothian Ranger Service Events 2019, taking place throughout our lovely county.

There's plenty for everyone to come along and join in.

To book a place please call **01875 821716** Fri-Mon. To speak to a Ranger call Vogrie House on: **01875 821990** or email: **midlothianrangerservice@midlothian.gov.uk**

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