VOGRIE EASTERS ORIENTEERING TRAIL
Come along and navigate your way around our Vogra 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

EASTER

April 8-22  
**+ D - All Ages**
**EASTER MONDAY SPRING POND DIP**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
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 8, 1 - 3pm  
**D - All Ages**
**MAY DAY POND DIP**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie Country Park, Main pond in front of house, EH23 4NJ
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 May 9, 1.30 - 4pm  
**D - All Ages**
**ANNUAL RUCHE AND RIVER RAFTS AND CRAFTS**
**Meeting point:** Roslin Glen Country Park, on B7003, Roslin, EH23 4PF
Join the Ranger Service and Friends of Roslin Glen for our annual parade of ducks down the River North Esk. It’s SoP for a duck and mini river raft, craft making is free.

Saturday June 1, 2 - 4pm  
**E - All Ages**
**THE HISTORY, HERE & NOW OF SPRINGFIELD MILL AND MAVISBANK: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS**
**Meeting point:** Springfield Mill Wildlife Site, Polton Bank, Polton EH18 1LU
Join the Ranger Service and Friends of Springfield Mill for a little ramble of two miles around those two beautiful next-door neighbours set deep in the North Esk Valley

Sunday June 2, 1 - 3pm  
**D - All Ages**
**SUNNY SPRING 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 beasties. No need to bring any fishing equipment.

Wednesday June 5, 1 - 2.30pm  
**E - Under 5's**
**MINI BEASTIE HUNTING TINY TODDLERS: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS**
**Meeting point:** Stratton Pond, Opposite MacDonald’s, Nr Loanhead, EH23 4PH
Join the Ranger Service to make a collection of the weird & wonderful bug life in the woodlands and water at our Local Nature Reserve.

Saturday June 15, 10am - 12noon  
**D - All Ages**
**STRAWTON POND LOCAL NATURE RESERVE LITTER PICK: PART OF LOANHEAD 350 CELEBRATIONS**
**Meeting point:** Stratton Pond, Opposite MacDonalds, Nr Loanhead, EH23 4PH
Help Please! We are looking for some kind helpers to join the Stratton 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.

Wednesday June 14, 12 - 6pm  
**E - All Ages**
**TEAS AND TUNES IN THE PARK**
**Meeting point:** Roslin Glen Country Park, on B7003, EH23 9PF
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**
**SUMMERTIME SPECIAL – KELLY KETTLES & MARSHMALLOWS**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
Set fire to the kettle, cook up a hot chocolate and caramelise a marshmallow to Master Chef perfection!

Wednesday July 10, 1 - 3pm  
**E - All Ages**
**SUMMERTIME SPECIAL – POND DIPPING**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie Country Park, main pond in front of park, EH23 4NJ
Come along and dip in the pond for tadpoles, find the first frog and complete the pond bingo cards.

Wednesday July 17, 1 - 3pm  
**E - All Ages**
**SUMMERTIME SPECIAL – MINI BEASTS**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
We will be taking you under the ground, 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 4NJ
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?!”

Saturday July 21, 7pm - 9pm  
**E - Adults**
**VALLEYSIDE NATURE DETECTIVE DAY**
**Meeting point:** Field Meadow Pond, at the end of the Penicuik to Dallarth Walkway, Lower Valleyfield View, Penicuik, EH26 8NS
A fun afternoon of dipping in the water for bugs, hunting in the woodlands for beasts and detecting games to find hidden wildlife at this lovely little spot at the end of Midlothian’s countryside.

Wednesday July 24, 1 - 3pm  
**E - All Ages**
**SUMMERTIME SPECIAL – WATER AND BUBBLES**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
Come along and play team games with water and bubbles. Plan to get rather wet and soapy.

Wednesday July 21, 7 - 3.30pm  
**D - All Ages**
**LATE SUMMER POND DIPPING FOR GROWN UP FROGS**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie main pond in front of Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
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 August 1, 7 - 9pm  
**D - All Ages**
**NATURE DETECTIVES: POND AND MINIBEAST**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
Drop in to our natural museum and pond 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 August 10 - Sunday August 18  
**D - All Ages**
**MIDLOTHIAN OUTDOOR FESTIVAL**
A week of fantastic outdoor activities for all throughout Midlothian’s countryside. See leaflets / Midlothian council web pages from mid May onwards for full programme.

Saturday August 17, 1 - 3pm  
**D - All Ages**
**DOORS OPEN DAY TOURS**
**Meeting point:** Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, EH23 4NJ
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.
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

www.midlothian.gov.uk/rangers-events

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.

Stratton Pond Volunteers – Meet one Saturday every month from 10am-3pm. This group carries out a variety of pond and river dipping, woodlands and mini-beasts, environmental games, and include bug boxes, nets, trays, ID keys books etc.

Visit Vogrie House to book a place on any of the ‘essentials booking’ events.

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.