

EVENTS: NOV - DEC 2011

Dorset Countryside is the Countryside Service of Dorset County Council.

Our Ranger and Access teams help to secure the sustainable use and management of Dorset's unique coast and countryside.

Working with a range of partners, we manage country parks, sites, footpaths, trails and other facilities to promote greater awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the countryside.

The service supports the local community in practical projects, educational work and the provision of a varied countryside events' programme.

Here is a list of events being organised by the Rangers over the next couple of months...

get in touch...

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visit us...

www.dorsetforyou.com/countryside

more events...

www.visit-dorset.com



Important information

- Some events require booking - please read event details carefully;
- Ensure you provide us with a daytime telephone number in case we need to contact you;
- We reserve the right to cancel, alter or reschedule our events - please ring to check it is going ahead before you set out;
- Some events have a charge - your money helps to support our work;
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.



... and don't forget!

- Always wear suitable footwear and clothing for the events and weather conditions;
- Bring waterproof clothing, a hat and sun cream;
- For volunteering events, wear old clothes as they may get dirty or damaged;
- Bring plenty to drink and any other refreshments you will need, especially for longer walks;
- Do not leave valuables on view in cars.

VOLUNTEERING

There are various ways for you to get involved with your local countryside - from attending a volunteering event to becoming a fully-fledged Volunteer Ranger. There are activities for all ages and abilities. Get in touch and we can help you get involved.



ONGOING

Every Wednesday, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
 Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
 Join our large and friendly volunteer group to help conserve this incredible wildlife site - dry-stone walling, hedgelaying, scrub clearance, gates, stiles, paths, tea, coffee & more! All welcome; no experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

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Every Thursday, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
 Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
 Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

ONGOING

Thursdays
Volunteering at Avon Heath
 Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)
 For details call 01425 478082

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2 November, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

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Thursday 3 November, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

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Wednesday 9 November, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

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Thursday 10 November, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Saturday 12 November, between 10am and 3.30pm
Volunteer Work Party
Castleman Trailway

Join this volunteering event with the Eastern Area Rangers. We often work on wet, uneven terrain. Tools and gloves provided. For details, times and location, please call Paul Jones or Will Holland on 01425 483809

Saturday 12 November, 10am-4pm
CBBC Live & Deadly: Deadly Scene Investigation

Sandford Heath National Nature Reserve

Become a Detective for the day. Get outside and solve a wildlife crime with our special activity. Find the clues, solve the puzzle and enjoy nature! Pop in any time. Access from Station Road.

Sunday 13 November, between 10am and 3.30pm

Volunteer Work Party
Castleman Trailway

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Sunday 13 November, 10.30am
Lichens, Mosses and Fungi
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Join naturalist Jim White on a stroll to discover this little known group of lower plants and fungi. £3. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Monday 14 November, 10-11.30am
Mini Explorers

Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)
Ignite your toddler's interest in nature with Avon Heath's rangers through inspiring activities, games and trails such as wildlife cookery, animal hide and seek, etc. For 3-5 year olds (with an adult). £3.50. To book call 01425 478470

Wednesday 16 November, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Join our large and friendly volunteer group to help conserve this incredible wildlife site - dry-stone walling, hedgelaying, scrub clearance, gates, stiles, paths, tea, coffee & more! All welcome; no experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Thursday 17 November, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

DURLSTON CASTLE re-opens its doors on Friday 18 November



artists' impression

The completely refurbished Castle now offers rooftop views, interactive displays, changing exhibitions and seventhwave – a stunning new café and restaurant.

For more information, visit www.durlston.co.uk or call 01929 424443

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Friday 18 November, 8pm
Doudou Sisokou
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
To open Durlston Castle, enjoy live music with Doudou Sisokou, a sparkling fusion of ancestral instruments from diverse cultures, blended with a modern vibe. Tickets £8. To book or for more info call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 November, 10.30am – 4pm
WaterAid Charity sale
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Come to the newly opened Castle for the WaterAid sale, a range of hand painted & dyed silks and unusual jewellery. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Sunday 20 November, 10.30am - 3pm
Volunteering Task
Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)
Today's task - pine clearance and bonfire. Family groups are welcome to most tasks, but all children must bring an adult. Bring drinks/picnic lunch if staying all day. Tools and gloves provided. To book and find out where we are going to meet, please call 01425 478082/478470.

Wednesday 23 November, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
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Thursday 24 November, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Friday 25 November - Wednesday 14 December, 11am – 4pm
'Beginnings' Art Exhibition by the Purbeck Collective
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
An exhibition of work by Purbeck based painters, sculptors and photographers and makers, celebrating Purbeck and the rich elemental pallet of the Jurassic Coast. In the Fine Foundation Gallery. Work available to purchase. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk



Sunday 27 November, 10am - 1pm
Volunteer Work Party
Slop Bog, near Ferndown
Meet new people, learn new skills. Help conserve this important reserve and see parts of it you've never seen before! We often work on wet, uneven terrain. To find out more, including meeting points and task specific details, please contact Will Holland on 01425 483809

Wednesday 30 November, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
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DECEMBER

Thursday 1 December 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Thursday 1 December, 7pm
Stargazing - The Moon, Jupiter, Galaxies, Star Clusters and Winter Constellations
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
Join experts from the Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and a chance to use telescopes to view the night sky and the winter constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day (after 4pm) to confirm. Adults £3, children/FoDs £2



Sunday 4 December, 10.30am
Lichens, Mosses and Fungi
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Join naturalist Jim White on a stroll to discover this little known group of lower plants and fungi. Adults £3, children/FoDs £2. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

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Sunday 4 December, 10.30am - 3pm
Volunteering Task

Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)

Today's task - a special Christmas tree event. Family groups are welcome to most tasks, but all children must bring an adult. Bring drinks/picnic lunch if staying all day. Tools and gloves provided. To book and find out where we are going to meet, please call 01425 478082/478470

Sunday 4 December, 1.30 - 4.30pm

Photography Workshop with Richard Jeffery from Purbeck Light Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

If your camera is in control rather than you, this short hands-on workshop, set in and around Durlston Country Park, will put you back in the driving seat. Learn to control focus and exposure, and improve your sense of composition. Suitable for all levels - just bring a digital camera, a notepad and pen, and outdoor clothing. £10. To book call 01929 424443

Wednesday 7 December, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party

Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

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Thursday 8 December, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party

Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk



Thursday 8 December, until 10.00pm
Late Night Christmas Shopping at Durlston Castle

Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)

Come along and buy some unusual and beautiful Christmas presents and enjoy a glass of mulled cider. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Sunday 11 December, 10am - 1pm
Photography Workshop with Richard Jeffery from Purbeck Light Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)

Learn to control focus and exposure, and improve your sense of composition. Suitable for all levels - just bring a digital camera, a notepad and pen, and outdoor clothing. £10. To book call 01929 424443

Sunday 11 December, between 10am and 3.30pm

Volunteer Work Party

Join this volunteering event with the Eastern Area Rangers; location tbc. We often work on wet, uneven terrain. Tools and gloves provided. For details, times and location, please call Paul Jones or Will Holland on 01425 483809

Sunday 11 December, 2pm
George Burt's Grand Plans Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)

Discover Durlston's curious Victorian history with a walk and talk around the Park and Castle. £3. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Monday 12 December, 10-11.30am
Mini Explorers

Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)

Ignite your toddler's interest in nature with Avon Heath's rangers through inspiring activities, games and trails such as wildlife cookery, animal hide and seek, etc. For 3-5 year olds (with an adult). £3.50. To book call 01425 478470

Tuesday 13 December, 2pm
Jurassic Coast - 10th Anniversary Walk

Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Join a Ranger for a rough guide to discover why Durlston is one of the jewels in the crown of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

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Durlston Conservation Work Party Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

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Thursday 15 December, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Come along and learn this traditional craft with our friendly weekly work-party. No experience needed. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Saturday 17 December - Monday 2 January, anytime between 11am and 3pm
Winter Treasure Trail

Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)

Wrap up warm and venture out into the winter wonderland of Avon Heath. Hunt for the clues hidden around the park, decipher the riddles and claim your chocolate prize at the end of your adventure. £2.60. For details call 01425 478470

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Saturday 17 December - Sunday 8 January, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Explorer's Rucksacks
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Jam packed with things to do along the woodland trail, hire an Explorer's bag (£4) any day during the school holidays. To book call 01929 424443



Sunday 18 December - 17 January, 11am - 4pm
Victorian Durlston Exhibition
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Discover the curious Victorian history of Durlston, with this free exhibition in the Fine Foundation Gallery. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Sunday 18 December, 10.30am
Two Turtle Doves - Christmas Birdwatch
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Join expert birder Hamish Murray for a seasonal birdwatching walk. Adults £3, children/FoDs £2. To book or for more info call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Sunday 18 December, 10.30am - 3pm
Volunteering Task
Avon Heath Country Park (SU 122 029)
Today's task - pine clearance and bonfire. Family groups are welcome to most tasks, but all children must bring an adult. Wear old clothes and bring drinks/picnic lunch if staying all day. Tools, and gloves provided. To book and find out where we are going to meet, please call 01425 478082/478470

Sunday 18 December, 2pm
Layers in the Landscape
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Discover how thousands of years of history have shaped the landscape at Durlston today on this guided walk. Followed by warming mulled wine and mince pies. Adults £3, children/FoDs £2. For more info call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk

Wednesday 21 December, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
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Thursday 22 December, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
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Wednesday 28 December, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
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Thursday 29 December, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
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Thursday 29 December, 2pm
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Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
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COMING UP...

Wednesday 4 January, 10am - 1pm
Durlston Conservation Work Party
Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Thursday 5 January, 10am - 1pm
Dry-stone Walling Work Party
Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)

Saturday 7 January, 9.30am - 4pm
Hedgelaying course
Learning Centre, Durlston Country Park (SZ 031 773)
Join Ben Wallbridge on a 3-day course to learn or improve your skills in this traditional craft. £77 for 3 days. In partnership with WEA, for details or to book call 0845 4582758 or visit www.wea.org.uk

Saturday 7 January, 11am - 3.30pm
Victorian Craft Day
Durlston Castle (SZ 031 773)
Victorian Craft day at Durlston Castle with the Dorset Coppice Group, Green-wood Workshop, Victorian food, sea shanties and more - come and take part in craft activities with a Victorian theme. For details call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk