



Friends of Anderton and Marbury FoAM & Rangers Events Programme 2017

Sunday 8th October

Autumn Bird Walk, Northwich Woodlands

See Migrating and Wintering Birds at Haydn's Pool, Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes.

From: 10.00 am – 12.00 Meet: Cumberland Car Park, Northwich

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

Wednesday 11th October

Hedgelaying for Beginners

Try your hand at this traditional craft, all equipment will be provided.

Meet: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park. Booking essential.

For information contact: Chris Moseley on 01606 77741 or email:

chris.moseley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October

Green Woodworking

Spend the weekend making small items of furniture out of natural materials, such as hazel. Items will include small tables, stools and chairs. No previous woodworking experience required.

Booking Only. For information contact: Dave James on 01606 77741 or email:

david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Sunday 29th October

Trees in the Park

A guided walk looking at the wide variety of trees in Marbury Country Park, including the Arboretum.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

Saturday 25th November

Mammal Trapping

Join Marbury Ranger Chris Moseley to open the mammal traps set in Marbury Country Park.

Meet: 9.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Sunday 17th December

FoAM's Christmas Decorations Workshop

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands.

From: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm by the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

Saturday 21st January

Bird Walk in Big Wood, Marbury Country Park

How many birds can you identify in the park? Full details and checklist on www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk

Meet: 2.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

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Sunday 19th February

Homes for Wildlife

Make and take away a nestbox to put up in your garden, as part of National Nest Box Week, or perhaps a bughome. No charge but donations welcome.

Meet: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Anna Cooper 01606 891683

Saturday 11th March

Photographic Exhibition

Come and see the Exhibition of Photographs submitted for FoAM's Competition in 2016.

At: Comberbach Memorial Hall 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Monday 13th March

Butterflies of Cheshire

An illustrated talk by Rupert Adams, Conservation and Education Officer for Butterfly Conservation's Cheshire and Peak District Branch.

At: Comberbach Memorial Hall 7.45 pm

For information contact: Alan Redley

Sunday 16th April

Bodge Chip and Whittle

Come and join the Rangers and volunteers around the Lodge by the Rangers' office. See demonstrations or even have a go at traditional crafts including Besom Making, Wood Turning, Willow Weaving, Whittling and other similar activities.

Meet anytime between 10am and 3pm at the Lodge

For information contact: Dave James on 01606 77741 or email:

david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Saturday 22nd April

Spring Time in Marbury Country Park

A guided walk at this wonderful time in the park to see the early woodland flowers.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

Mondays 24th April, 22nd May, 3rd July

Northwich Woodlands Wildlife Walks

In conjunction with the Workers' Educational Association, a series of three 2-hr walks throughout the seasons. We will visit some areas in Northwich Woodlands, normally inaccessible to the public, enabling patient wildlife enthusiasts to look at the flora and fauna.

Meet: 10.00 am Rangers Cabin / Marbury Lodge. We will then travel using our own transport to other areas. Bring boots or stout shoes and wet weather clothing.

For information contact: Dave James on 01606 77741 or email:

david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Saturday 13th May

Dawn Chorus Walk, Marbury Country Park

Join FoAM's birding experts for this popular event for everyone interested in birds.

Meet: 5.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

Monday 15th May

FoAM AGM, Quiz and Supper

Meet: 7.45 pm Comberbach Memorial Hall. There will be a charge for supper.

To book for the Quiz and Supper contact: Anna Cooper 01606 891683

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May

Bring and Buy Plant Sale, Marbury Country Park

Come and find something for house or garden at FoAM's amazing plant sale. All surplus plants will be welcome.

From: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Thursday 8th June

Art in the Park

An evening of sketching outdoors with local artist and tutor Rebecca Yoxall, using charcoal produced at Marbury. In the event of bad weather, we will work in the shelter of Marbury Lodge. You will need to bring something to sit on! Numbers limited, so booking essential.

6.00 pm – 9pm. Meet at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

Saturday 17th June

Breakfast with Moths, Marbury Country Park

Join FoAM's regular moth trappers to see the range of beautiful moths attracted to the traps on the previous night.

Croissants and orange juice available for breakfast. Donations welcome.

Meet: 9.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

Sunday 18th June

Pond Dipping for 'Grown-ups'

A new event for parents, grandparents, and the young at heart. Experience what youngsters find when looking for the 'Wonders of Pond Life'. Booking essential.

Meet: Marbury Lodge at 10.00am.

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Photographic Workshops (June and July)

Two workshops, content and dates to be confirmed, led by Simon Davies in Marbury Country Park.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for each workshop. Booking essential.

Meet: at 6.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

To find out more and to book a place contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Saturday 1st July

Wildflower Walk in Anderton Nature Park

A guided walk to view the many summer wildflowers.

Meet: 10.00 am Anderton Nature Park car park

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

Saturday 8th July

FoAM Music in the Park

FoAM's celebration of Summer in the Park. Bring your own picnic or food to barbecue.

From: 5.00 pm Marbury Country Park

For information contact: Sandra Head 01606 212264

Holiday Pond Dipping and Bug Hunting

Pond Dipping: 28th July, 1st, 11th, 15th, 25th and 29th August

Bug Hunting: 25th July, 4th, 8th, 18th, 22nd August and 1st September

Come and help the Rangers explore and find the bugs and beasties that lurk in Marbury. Morning sessions only, each Tuesday and Friday of the holidays. Booking Only.

For information contact: Dave James or Chris Moseley 01606 77741 or email:

marbury@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Thursday 14th September

Food for Free

An opportunity to join this popular event hosted by the Rangers and FoAM at Marbury Country Park. It includes a 2-hr walk followed by preparing, cooking and tasting. You may need to bring your lunch!.

Meet: 10.30 am - at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Chris Moseley 01606 77741

Saturday 23rd September

Fungal Hunts in Marbury Country Park

Fungal Punk Dave returns to Marbury for another unforgettable search for fungi large and small. Some rough ground. Morning and afternoon sessions. No charge but group numbers limited, so booking essential.

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