

Countryside Ranger Events 2010

The International Year of Biodiversity



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Tues 27th April,

Thurs 23rd Sept.

10am – 1pm

Loch A'Mhuilinn national nature reserve. Near Scourie.

Ancient oak woodland with birch and hazel, loch side and moorland - by the coast. A rich mix of habitat. Walking on rough ground and by track.

Meet at reserve car park 3 miles south of Scourie, NC 171 401

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tues 4th May

10am – 2pm

Ceannabienne hill [383m] Durness.

Hill walk over rough ground. Fine views in all directions, flowers and birds.

Meet at Ceannabienne beach car park 4mls east of Durness, NC 444 654

Grade C

£5 Adult £3 child

Thursday 6th May. 10th June. 1st 29th July 19th Aug, 16th Sept

10am – 1pm

Scourie bay coastal walk. North shore.

Superb views, wild flowers, geology, seabirds.

Meet at Pier car park, NC 155 448

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Thursday 13th 28th May 17th June 15th July. 5th 26th Aug

10am – 12.30pm

Scourie coast. Dikes & garnets. Geology, views, otter's signs, seabirds.

Meet at Scourie beach bird hide, NC 152 446

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tuesday 11th May, 14th Sept

10am – 3pm

Ben Arnaboll [230m].

Hill walk with fine views over loch Hope and loch Eriboll. Geology of the Moine, wildlife and a bit of recent history.

Meet at gate by roadside [A838] west of Hope bridge, NC 467 597

Grade D

£5 Adult £3 child

Tuesday 25th May

10am – 3pm

Ben Hutig. [408m].

Stunning views, chance of golden eagle, ravens, moorland plants, returning along the top of Ben Hutig.

Meet at The Craggan Hotel in Melness, NC 588 615

Grade D

£5 Adult £3 child

Tuesday 29th June

10am – 3pm

Rhiconich.

Hill walk by loch, river and moorland. Beautiful scenery, wildlife and amazing geology in the foothills of Foinaven.

Meet at Rhiconich hotel car park, NC 255 524

Grade D

£5 Adult £3 child

Thursday 3rd 24th June. 22nd July 12th Aug. 9th Sept

10am – 12.30pm

Scourie cliffs.

Fine scenery, sea caves & cliffs, wild flowers, seabirds. Not suitable for young children.

Meet at Free church car park, NC 152 434

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tues 1st 22nd June. & 13th July

Aug 31st. 21st Sept

10am – 1pm

Talmine Treasures.

Masses of beautiful plants including lesser butterfly orchids. Interesting geology and sea life on route to Port Vasgo.

Meet at Talmine Pier NC 588 632, please do not block pier access.

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Each Monday - June 7th to August 2nd

2 - 4pm. [not 5th July]

Do the Puffin walk – Faraid head, Durness.

2hr walk to view a small colony of Puffins; across a beautiful beach.

Meet at Balnakeil beach car park, NC 392 687

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tues 8th June

Tues 20th July, 2nd Sept

10am – 2pm

Watch Hill.

Superb views over the Kyle of Tongue and beyond from Cnoc an Fhreiceadeain (307m).

Vehicle needed for return.

Meet at A836 car park above Coldbackie Beach near Tongue, NC 612 601

Grade C

£5 Adult £3 child

Tues 15th June, 28th Sept

10am – 2pm

Kyle of Durness.

Circular coastal walk with amazing wild flowers, beautiful scenery, beaches, otter signs.

Meet at Durness golf course car park, NC 392 688

Grade C

£5 Adult £3 child

Tues 27th July

10am – 12.30pm

Oldshoremore by Kinlochbervie.

Walk across the machair - masses of wild flowers, fine views, return along the beach.

Meet at beach car park, NC 203 584

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tues 17th Aug

10am – 3pm

Kylestrome & Glendubh. By Kylesku.

Hill and coastal walk with spectacular views, chance of seeing ravens, red deer, seals, divers, moorland flowers. Walking on rough tracks and heath.

Meet at Reay Forest estate car park [Kylestrome], NC 218 346

Grade D

£5 Adult £3 child

Tues 24th Aug. & 19th Oct.

10am – 1pm

Wheelhouse – by Laid – loch Eriboll.

Hill walk to ancient 2,000yr old dry stone dwelling. Rough remote moorland walk.

Meet at old roadside quarry 7 miles east of Durness on A838, NC 423 464

Grade C

£3 Adult £2 child

Tuesday 7th Sept

10am – 3pm

Rhiconich.

Hill walk by loch, river and moorland. Beautiful scenery, wildlife and amazing geology, in the foothills of Foinaven.

Meet at Rhiconich hotel car park, NC 255 524

Grade D

£5 Adult £3 child

Fri 1st Oct

10am – 12.30pm

Scourie - settlement.

Hill walk to ancient site.

Meet at car park opposite shop. Archaeology, fine views, NC 157 446

Grade C
£3 Adult £2 child
Tues 5th Oct
10am – 12pm

Castle Bharraich. Tongue.

Interesting ruin, superb views over the Kyle of Tongue.
Meet at village car park opposite RBS, NC 592 565
Grade C
£3 Adult £2 child
Tuesday 10th Aug.
2pm – 4pm

Whale watch at Sheigra by Kinlochbervie.

2hrs watching out to sea for whales & dolphins as part of National Seawatch. Short walk to cliffs. Bring binoculars/telescope if you have them.
Meet at Sheigra car park, NC 185 603
Grade C
£3 Adult £2 child

All the walks are led by one of the Rangers. It is important though that you think of your own safety and that of any children for whom you are responsible. Remember too that these are country walks in the Highland weather so please dress accordingly. Bring sturdy shoes, or boots, a picnic and a sense of fun. The Rangers reserve the right to cancel any of these events.

Walk Grades: A is easiest, D most challenging, including very rough ground and sometimes steep climbs.

Costs as per walk but concessions apply