



South Devon
National
Landscape

Explorer

Discover South Devon National Landscape



A guide on where to go and
what to see in the South
Devon National Landscape

Including Events
April - October 2024



Visit, Explore, Enjoy

Welcome to our 2024 Explorer packed full of ideas to get out and enjoy the South Devon National Landscape.



*South Milton Sands
Cover - on the Coast Path
between Wembury and
Wembury Point*

As well as the events guide for April – October you will find ideas for days out, new routes and activities to try as well as tips on where to sample the best local food and drink.

You can also find out more about what makes the 'National Landscape' so special and gain more insight into the exciting project work that will be delivered this year thanks to our funders.



First time or 91st time, you're always welcome



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On the Coast path near Holbeton

South Devon AONB renamed South Devon National Landscape

**From Wednesday
22 November 2023 all
AONBs became known as
National Landscapes.**

The South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that you know and love is now South Devon National Landscape, a new name recognising the national significance of these special places.

South Devon National Landscape is the new name for the protected landscape in South Devon, endorsed by Natural England and Defra.

- 66% of people in England live within half an hour's journey time of a National Landscape.
- 15% of the land in England is within a National Landscape and there are 46 National Landscapes to fall in love with!

The legal designation continues to be 'area of outstanding natural beauty' and the primary purpose of the South Devon National Landscape remains 'to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area'.

Our new logo reflects the strong farming traditions of the area and our interaction with farming and landowners of South Devon, depicting the iconic **South Devon cow**, together with our rugged coastline.

As we become a National Landscape the team at South Devon is excited about continuing to deliver a wide range of initiatives to deliver for nature and people in increasingly challenging times. Building on our successful track record we look forward to creating meaningful partnerships in the future and attracting a wider audience to this special place.

We look forward to welcoming YOU

Life on The Edge

We are thrilled to share the news that the South Devon National Landscape has been awarded a grant of £2.24 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, towards a project which will work with farmers, landowners and the local community to restore species rich coastal grasslands for rare and endangered invertebrates.



The project partners include Buglife, the national invertebrate charity; Doorstep Arts, who will help us reach new audiences through our Art on the Edge programme; The National Trust who manage 60% of the coast within the South Devon protected landscape area and South West Coast Path – the UK's longest National Trail and the link running right through our coastal hotspots. Additional funding has been secured from the Devon Environment Foundation, Milkywire and South Hams District Council.

The South Devon coast is home to one of the most diverse ranges of plant and invertebrate species in the UK. But many of these species are now in serious trouble, with some facing extinction.

Life on the Edge (LotE) is a 5 year project that gives these species a lifeline to the future. A few strongholds survive, thanks to nature-friendly farming by visionary landowners and managers and we will support more people – farmers, gardeners, communities and businesses – to make more space for nature along the coast, targeting the needs of our rarest species with measures that also help our more common wildlife.

Core to the project is involving people, helping them to reconnect to nature, refreshing their sense of wellbeing and empowering them to make a difference for nature.

The result will be a coastline and its connected hinterland that is buzzing with wildlife, packed with wildflowers and a treat for the eye for residents and visitors alike.



There are some events in our programme at the back of this booklet – but here’s a taste of what you can expect over the next 5 years!

Art on the Edge

- We will commission a touring theatre show all about LotE each year.
- We will be working with local artists to run arts activities inspired by our target insects and plants.
- We will be placing a series of 'AONBees' along the coast each Summer to encourage people to explore the coast.



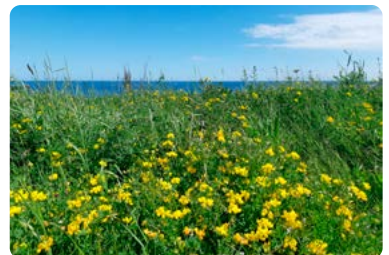
Learning with LotE

- We will engage with schools and colleges to help young people learn more about the importance of our coastline for rare and endangered invertebrates.
- We will run a training and workshop programme for volunteers and community groups who want to actively get involved.
- We will be offering paid opportunities for people to work with us and get on the job training and experience of countryside working. 9 apprenticeships and 10 short term traineeships will learn about managing the countryside and coast for nature, how to engage communities and more about the ecology and wildlife of the species and habitats.



Landscape conservation

- We will be working with landowners to create seed donor sites, to grow our own South Devon coastal seed mix, a mix of the exact plants and flowers that our target species need to survive.
- We will be advising and working with local landowners and farmers to restore species rich grassland along the coast, connecting and extending existing habitat and creating new meadows where there are gaps.
- A small grant scheme, along with training and advice, will enable local communities to enhance their parishes and community spaces for pollinators.



For more information about the project visit
[www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/
life-on-the-edge](http://www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge)

Explore like the wind



With 60 miles (96km) of the South West Coast Path in South Devon and hundreds of miles of rights of way criss-crossing the area, one of the best ways of exploring the National Landscape is on foot.



There are various websites offering online walks with details of route and terrain, as well as points of interest along the way. Walking guides are also available from information centres and some bookshops.

The National Landscape website has over 35 walks you can download for free. There is a huge variety to choose from; some suitable for seasoned walkers, others for those who like an extended stroll. They range in length from 2 to 12 miles and include details of facilities and access as well as information on wildlife, archaeology and history.

Geocaches in the National Landscape

21 geocaches have been placed along established walks in the National Landscape; however, prepare to go off the beaten track to hunt for the treasure!

Please visit www.geocaching.com and select the filter 'Hidden by' and type 'South Devon AONB'.





Walking the Coast Path

Britain's longest trail. The South West Coast Path extends to 630 miles of

which 60 are in the South Devon National Landscape, from Berry Head in Brixham to Jennycliff in Plymouth. The path is well waymarked and a variety of guides cover the section. You can also download day walks from www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk or guides are available from local information centres. A great way of experiencing some of the most spectacular views the area has to offer.

Other trails



The **Dart Valley Trail** links

Dartmouth to Totnes and Greenway to Kingswear, offering 17 miles (27km) of glorious walking linked handily to buses,

ferries and steam trains. This means you can walk all parts of the trail

- Circle the lower Dart from Dartmouth to Dittisham and Greenway to Kingswear using the ferries (9m, 14km)
- Use the Dartmouth - Dittisham ferries and walk just one side of the route (4.5m, 7km)
- Walk from Totnes to Dittisham (8-9m, 14km) and catch the ferry to Dartmouth then a cruiser back.



The **Avon Estuary Walk** links Bigbury-on-Sea to Bantham, via Aveton Gifford, making a 9 mile (14km) walk if you use the River Avon ferry. The ferry has restricted operating hours, so try to check the times before hand and include the ferry crossing early in your walk, so that you aren't rushing later on (see p11).



The **Greenway walk** links the National Trust's Greenway Estate to areas of nearby Paignton offering visitors a 'green' way to arrive! The 7 mile (11km) trail

can be joined in Broadsands, Galmpton and Churston and offers the best views of Torbay's coastlines and spectacular River Dart estuary in one walk.



Further information

South West Coast Path National Trail

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

The Ramblers Association

www.ramblers.org.uk

Dartmoor National Park

www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Devon County Council

www.devon.gov.uk/prow

Hallsands interpretation panels moved to Start Point



The lost village of Hallsands was once a thriving fishing community. In the 1800s it was home to 128 people in 37 homes, and boasted a pub, grocery, post office, and allotments.

In the 1890s, the Admiralty decided to extend the naval dockyard in Plymouth. 650,000 tons of shingle was dredged from the bay at Hallsands for the purpose. It was hoped that nature would replenish the shingle, but it did not. Instead, the beach which protected Hallsands from the sea dropped by up to 20 feet, and the village was left exposed. Storms in 1903-4 breached the sea walls, and in 1917 the village was entirely destroyed by the waves during a violent storm.

Over time, even the access down to the village and the viewing platform which told the story has also been lost, as the ever-changing coastline reclaims yet more of the land.

But thanks to funding from the South West Coast Path, Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme and permission from the Blackpool and Start Estate, a new interpretation point has been installed at Start Point car park. Here you can find out all about the history of Hallsands and the stories of the people who lived there. We have also produced a drone film which you can watch on our YouTube channel. This fantastic film gives you a close up view of the remains of the village, something which has not been possible since 2012.

See links to the film, more information and old photos on our website www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/explore-start-bay

You can also download free walks guides to help you get out and see it for yourself!



Heritage



There are lots of opportunities in the National Landscape to explore the past. You can do this on your own or with the help of others like the National Trust or English Heritage.



The Kingsbridge Cookworthy Museum

opened in 1972. The galleries are full of permanent displays and special exhibitions.

www.kingsbridgemuseum.org.uk

Dartmouth Museum is a small, fascinating museum in an atmospheric old merchant's house on the Butterwalk.

www.dartmouthmuseum.org

Salcombe Maritime Museum -

A treasure trove of models, paintings, photographs and artefacts tell the story of Salcombe's links with ships and the sea from ancient times to the Second World War.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Start Point lighthouse was built in 1836 to protect shipping off Start Point in south Devon. The Lighthouse, sited at the very end of the headland, has guided vessels in passage along the English Channel for over 150 years. Details of tours at www.startpointdevon.co.uk

Lupton House is a Grade II* listed building set in beautiful parkland. The Lupton Trust was formed in 2008 to bring the House and gardens back into use for the benefit of the community. www.discoverlupton.com



Blackdown Rings

was originally an Iron Age hillfort, probably built sometime after 400 BC. It was defended by a

massive earth and stone rampart topped with a timber palisade, and a deep outer ditch.

The site is owned by the **Arundel Charity**, there is a small car park and paths around the monument.

The National Trust owns and manages much of the coastline in the National Landscape in addition to woods and gardens. All are open for walking. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

English Heritage has

four exciting castles to visit in South Devon at Bayard's Cove and Dartmouth Castle in Dartmouth, Totnes Castle and Berry Pomeroy Castle near Totnes. www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/region/southwest



Heritage Open Days 2024, 6th - 15th September. Every year places across the country open their doors for FREE in England's largest festival of history and culture. It's a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences, celebrating heritage, community and history. www.heritageopendays.org.uk



As part of our **Coastal Heritage project** we will be staging volunteer digs at Bolt Tail during April and September, see events listings for details. For more info scan the code.



Out and About

Car free and care free ...



Buses

For bus routes and timetable enquiries, please call traveline or refer to the website for up to date information.

www.travelinesw.com

or download the Traveline app

0871 200 22 33

Calls from landlines cost 12p per minute.

Bus timetables available from local information centres.



Park and Ride

Dartmouth

A3122 Dartmouth outskirts
TQ6 9LW. For up-to-date operating times and prices, go to www.southhams.gov.uk

When there is no seasonal bus service from the car park, check machine for charges. There is a public bus service available for journeys to and from the town, charges apply. The bus stop for this service is located nearby, outside Sainsbury's supermarket.

Salcombe

A381 Salcombe outskirts

Open: 28th March – 14th April,
3rd – 6th May, 24th May – 2nd June,
28th June – 8th September
(buses running, fares apply).

£3 per day to park. Charges apply all day / every day of the year

For latest information check:

www.salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk

When there is no seasonal service from this car park it is possible to walk into town or there is a public bus service that runs daily and can be used for journeys to and from the town (limited service on Sundays and Public Holidays). The bus stop is approximately 200 metres along Main Road.

Cycling

Cycling in South Devon provides access to some of the best bits of the area, but the hills can be a bit challenging! There are a number of e-bike hire centres across the National Landscape which can help with our inclines - search online if you fancy trying one out.

Routes to try

Totnes is a good base to cycle from.

Totnes to Dartington

This is a lovely route for families with young children alongside the river. It runs for two miles alongside the River Dart and by Queens Marsh and Bidwell Brook on the Dartington Hall Estate. Refreshments are available in Totnes or at The Cider Press Centre.

Totnes to Ashprington

Part of the Dart Valley Trail, this hilly route is along ancient lanes, water meadow, marshland and quiet woods. There are lovely views of the River Dart. Approximately 6 miles round trip.



Trains

For mainline enquiries about times and fares contact 03457 484950 or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Steam railways

A lovely way to appreciate the varied landscape of the area. Steam trains run along the spectacular coast from Paignton to Kingswear for Dartmouth via the passenger ferry. Call Paignton station 01803 555872 or visit www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk for details of times and fares. Combined river excursions are also available – the Round Robin which takes you from Paignton – Totnes by bus, down the river Dart from Totnes – Dartmouth and then back on the steam train from Kingswear to Paignton.



Out and About

On the water ...



Crossing the water

With five estuaries in the National Landscape, ferries are an important and enjoyable way to get around.

If you're walking the South West Coast Path they form an essential link across the estuaries. As they're dependent on tides and weather it's best to check the ferry services timetable before travelling. For further details speak to an information centre (page 36).



Sense of adventure?

You'll be spoilt for choice in the National Landscape. Speak to an information centre (page 36) or search the internet for one of the many activity providers offering a range of experiences.



Canoeing

- All year round activity
- Guided canoeing exploring the waterways
- Canoe safaris
- Have fun on a canoe big enough for the whole family or smaller ones for a few of you.

By boat

- Enrol for some lessons in Dittisham or Salcombe
- Take a guided trip to see some wildlife or local scenery
- If you fancy time on the water take a cruise down the Kingsbridge–Salcombe Estuary, or up the Dart Estuary to Totnes.

Active water sports

Hire equipment or book up some lessons for professional coaching

- Kite surfing
- Kite buggying
- Coaststeering
- Stand up paddleboarding
- Surfing
- Sea kayaking
- Diving



Ferry timetable

Ferry timetables may change, for example due to adverse weather or public holidays. Check journey with operator before travel.



	Yealm Estuary		Erme Estuary	Avon Estuary	Salcombe - Kingsbridge Estuary		
Type of Ferry	Passenger ferry	Electric passenger water taxi	No ferry service	Passenger ferry	Salcombe - East Portlemouth passenger ferry	Kingsbridge - Salcombe passenger ferry	Salcombe - South Sands passenger ferry
Operating Period	29th March - 30th Sept	Easter - 31st October		29th March - 30th Sept	All year	Mid April - October	23rd March - 2nd November
Operating Times	Daily, usually 10am - 4pm. Service may be restricted to core hours 10am - 12pm and 3 - 4pm.	Daily 8am - 9.45am and 4pm - late. Also 9.45am - 4pm for bookings outside of the 3 listed drop-offs.	The Erme can usually be waded across one hour either side of low tide.	Daily 10am - 12pm & 2 - 4pm	Daily 8.30am - 5pm. 7pm finish in peak season	Varies with tides, also occasional sailings during Nov - Dec and harbour/creeks & coastal cruises	Summer 9.45am - 5.30pm daily (6pm in August)
Routes	Between Noss Mayo (wide slip) Newton Ferrers (Yealm Hotel Steps) & Warren Point (coast path to Wembury)		Cross between Wonwell slipway and Mothecombe slipway	Bantham slipway to Cockleridge Ham (Bigbury-on-Sea)	Salcombe Jubilee Pier ferry steps to East Portlemouth Jetty	Kingsbridge Steamer Steps or Crabsell Quay to Salcombe Jubilee Pier	Salcombe centre (Whitestrاند) to South Sands beach
Contacts	07817 132757	07399 067942 www.ycet.co.uk	At low tide the water should not come much higher than an adults knee.	www.banthamestate.co.uk/getting-here/ferry 01548 560897	01548 842061 / 07769 319375	07967 597527 www.kingsbridge-salcombeferry.com	www.southsandsferry.co.uk

Dart Estuary

Type of Ferry	Lower Dartmouth vehicle ferry	Higher Dartmouth vehicle ferry	Dartmouth Castle passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Greenway passenger ferry	Dittisham - Greenway passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Dittisham & Noss passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Totnes passenger cruises	Kingswear - Dartmouth passenger ferry
Operating Period	All year	All year	29th March - October	1st March - 1st Nov	All year	All year	30th March - end Oct	All year
Operating Times	Daily 7am - 10.55pm (8am Sunday)	Daily 6.30am - 10.50pm (8am Sunday)	Daily 10am - 5pm on demand.	Daily see website for times	Daily 9am - 5pm (peak season). Ring bell for service.	Daily, 10am - 5pm (peak) plus on demand stop at Noss Marina.	Available on the website	Daily 7.30am - 6.55pm (9am Sunday)
Routes	Kingswear to Dartmouth South Embankment	Dartmouth North Embankment to Kingswear	Dartmouth South Embankment to Dartmouth Castle	Dartmouth South Embankment to Greenway	Dittisham to Greenway Quay	Dittisham to Dartmouth Double Steps	Totnes Steamer Quay to Dartmouth South Embankment	Dartmouth South Embankment to Kingswear
Contacts	www.southhams.gov.uk/dartmouth-lowerferry	www.dkfb.co.uk	www.dartmouth-castleferry.co.uk	www.greenwayferry.co.uk 01803 882811	www.dittishamferries.co.uk 07907 528201 / 07818 001108	www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk 01803 555872		

Farming matters ...

Farming in Protected Landscapes

During the third year of the programme the local area panel has approved a further 37 projects with grant funding in excess of £574K to be delivered before March 2025.



Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses.

The selection of projects this year has included:

- Funding the training of 13 farmers to receive accreditation in hosting school visits on farm.
- Supporting an outdoor Gym near the South West Coast Path.
- Funding the establishment of 6 new Dittisham Plum Orchards to ensure the long term future of this iconic variety.

You can see the full list on our farming page – www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/farming

For more info on how to apply for Year 4 funding from April 2024 please see the website address listed above.



Orchard expert Charles Staniland with group members

Dart Connectivity Farm Facilitation Group

Our new group started in the summer of 2023 with a launch event attended by over 20 members. Our role is to help groups of farmers and land managers work together to improve the natural environment at a landscape scale, to achieve greater improvements than individual farms could on their own.

We have held various workshops and farm walks since then including regenerative practices, hedgerow management and The Animal Health and Welfare Pathway.

We also supported 8 members with their Countryside Stewardship mid-tier applications securing a 20% uplift in their point score.



Farm walk with FIPL recipients the Jarvis family and Ed Horton

Saltmarsh on the Dart

Saltmarshes are very well recognised for several important and significant ecosystem services – effectively what saltmarshes do for us and our wider environment. This is everything from capturing and storing more carbon than tropical rainforests, to buffering waves, sheltering nursery habitats for fish and many special invertebrates.



Surveying the Saltmarsh

Funded by the Environment Agency's Championing Coastal Coordination fund, colleagues from the Devon Biological Records Centre have been busy preparing their reports on the surveys they carried out in late summer, looking at the health and condition of a selection of the Dart's saltmarshes. Something from what they found was that most were fairly mature examples of upper saltmarsh; a full depth saltmarsh occupies the upper zone of the foreshore, even the lower edge of the saltmarsh covered by most but not all tides. We would hope to find pioneer saltmarsh plants at this lower edge and more established saltmarsh plants further up. It was these lower plants that appeared to be frequently missing, with a steeper edge of shore before the upper saltmarsh community on their 'self-saltmarsh-made' bank further up.

Our project's objective is to conserve, enhance and/or restore saltmarsh where relevant and trying to understand what is going on is one of our challenges in recognising what we need to do to enhance their health. We did wonder if there is maybe some cycling of the lower saltmarsh zone, with the pioneer plants trapping and building up the sediments only to lose them again? But if that was the case, we'd expect to see different states of this cycling around the estuary and we don't.

Other thoughts might be that the waters of the Dart are or have become too turbid (cloudy with silt and detritus) to support saltmarsh? But that seems very unlikely as saltmarshes spend very little time actually under the water and as far as we know, the seaweeds further down the shore are doing just fine?

Sea level rise could potentially be having an impact but we would hope that there would be a gradual migration of the whole saltmarsh up the shore where topography and habitat allow.

There are regular events to find out more and opportunities to get involved.

For further information see: www.bioregion.org.uk/project/thesaltmarshproject or email nigel.mortimer@southdevon-nl.org.uk



Sea Aster at Longmarsh

News snippets

For more information see the 'Our work' section on our website.



75th Anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act



2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, which created both National Parks and National Landscapes (AONBs). An act which secured access for everyone to open countryside whilst preserving and enhancing natural beauty; founded on the understanding that connection with nature is essential to the health of people, society and the planet. Although we're facing unprecedented challenges from nature loss and climate change, Protected Landscapes are key to tackling these issues head on. Look out for special events to mark this occasion.

Connecting People and Landscapes

Bringing together farmers and communities across Devon to create a more resilient landscape in the face of changing climate.

This project, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, is in its 18 month development phase and is operating across South and East Devon.

It will be looking at the impact that climate change is having on wildlife in farming landscapes, focussing on nine threatened nocturnal mammal species in particular – seven bat species, hazel dormice, and hedgehogs.

For further information see the Connecting People and Landscapes section in the 'Our Work' section of the website or email SAllen-Mepham@bats.org.uk

Boardwalk at South Milton a hit with users

Following completion of works at South Milton Beach to install a new boardwalk



we received a lovely recommendation from a happy customer:-

"I just want to thank you for the marvellous disabled access there now is to south Milton beach. I have been coming to Thurlestone hotel for many years and it has become more difficult to get down the steps at the Thurlestone end of the beach. The bottom steps have got washed away over the years but now you have built the wonderful area for wheel chairs it makes my holiday more complete."

The Boardwalk was built with Access for all Programme funding from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).



Local food and drink



74% of the South Devon National Landscape is farmed with a patchwork landscape of farms producing milk, beef, and lamb in particular. It boasts a vibrant food and drink economy. Look out for farm shops and cafes where you can find local produce and taste some fabulous dishes with minimum food miles.

Dartmouth Food Festival

25th - 27th October 2024

The festival has grown from humble beginnings in 2004 into a first class feast of entertainment featuring workshops, seminars, tastings, competitions, demonstrations and over 100 hand-picked exhibitors.

www.dartmouthfoodfestival.com

Farmers' Markets

Shopping at the farmers market means

- Buying fresh, seasonal produce that's only travelled a short distance
- Meeting the people who've grown, raised or made the products
- Finding specialist and unusual produce and crafts
- Enjoying the markets friendly atmosphere
- Benefitting the local economy and being part of the community.

Kingsbridge – Kingsbridge Farmers and Local Producers Market is on 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays each month on the Quay from 9am - 1pm.

www.kingsbridgefarmersmarket.co.uk

Dartmouth – The Farmers Market is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am - 2pm in the old Market Square. Hosted by The Coastal Kitchen.

www.coastalkitchendevon.com

Wembury – 9.30am - 12pm, Wembury Village Hall. 1st Saturday of the month except December which is on 14th. Range of food, drink and local crafts. See Wembury Farmers Facebook page.

In addition there are good markets in Dartmouth on Fridays, and Totnes on Fridays & Saturdays, with a selection of local produce from the National Landscape on sale. There is also a Sunday Food and Craft Market in Totnes every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Tips for shopping & eating out

- When shopping try to make a point of sourcing local produce to really experience what wonderful food this area has to offer.
- If you eat out locally do make a point of enquiring where the ingredients are sourced from - it helps to highlight to businesses that consumers care about traceability and quality local food and encourage them to seek out more local suppliers.
- Whenever you purchase food and drink from the National Landscape you are helping to sustain the local economy and the local landscape.



There is so much going on in the South Devon National Landscape that we can't possibly fit it all in here! There are lots more events and full details of all the ones printed in this programme on our website. Check it out and get exploring!

www.southdevon-nl.org.uk

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| Beaches | Main beaches |  | Ferries |
|  | Event start points |  | Low tide crossing point |
|  | Downloadable trail start/finish points |  | Information Centres |
| www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/walks | |  | South Devon National Landscape |

The OS map, Explorer OL20 covers the whole of the National Landscape area and has details of all rights of way.



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Events



Your guide to events in the National Landscape for 2024

This programme features walks, talks and events organised by National Landscape and other organisations that help us to enjoy, look after and manage the area.



We hope that you'll find lots of ideas for days out and ways to enjoy our stunning National Landscape, as well as events which will help you understand more about looking after, and living, in a protected landscape.

When attending these events, please remember:

- Wear sensible footwear and clothing.
- Some events are held on uneven or slippery ground, or rocky beaches; please take extra care.
- If not stated, please check with the organiser if dogs are allowed on the event.
- Refreshments suggested in this programme are optional and only included in the price of events if stated.
- Where this programme lists activities run by another organisation or company, the responsibility for that event lies with them.



Life on the Edge – We're off!

There are lots of great events coming up this Spring and Summer – look out for the LotE logo in the programme. The project will properly kick off with our Big Day Out on the Farm at East Soar Farm on Sunday June 30th. There will be lots going on including performances, crafts, displays, bug hunts, have a go activities, wildflower walks, refreshments and more – see page 27 for more details.

You can get up close to some of the stars of our story on our family bug hunts throughout the summer, or if you would like to get out and explore the LotE hotspots for yourself, pick a sunny day and hopefully you will get to see some of our amazing insects on the wing. You can download free walking guides on our website.

If you venture out from July to September you can join the hunt for our AONBees!

We will be hiding 5 AONBees along the LotE coastline, one in each of the 5 hotspots. See our website for more info nearer the time!

Get all of this information and more on our website www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge or contact lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk



Rockpool rambles, seashore safaris, snorkel safaris and more!

Various dates April – Oct.

See website for details

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for exciting seashore adventures including rockpooling, seashore crafts, shore safaris, surveys and more.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

See website for more details and to book - www.wemburymarinecentre.org

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 0HP

Bantham Estate tours

Various dates from April until November – see website for details

Bantham Estate

Hop on board Bantham Estate's tractor trailer for a fascinating tour! Learn more about the work the estate carry out behind the scenes, including the vineyard, and find out more about their conservation efforts while enjoying stunning views. **Booking essential**, see www.banthamestate.co.uk for dates and details. Free.

Meet at Bantham beach car park, Bantham TQ7 3AN

Overbecks Garden guided tours

Various dates April – October 2pm- 3pm

National Trust

Come and explore the garden with one of our gardeners in a small group of other curious folk. **Booking essential** see

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/overbecks. Free (normal admission applies).

Meet at Overbecks, Salcombe. TQ8 8LW



Festival of blossom

Until 28th April

10.30am-4.30pm

National Trust

From magnolias blooming overhead to an abundance of fruit trees and wild hedgerow flowers, the arrival of spring blossom is one of Greenway garden's highlights. Between 21 March and 28 April, pick up a free blossom spotter sheet and have a go at identifying the types of blossom at Greenway. Take a photo under the blossom archway or try your hand at blossom origami in the house kitchen. See www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway. Free (admission charges apply).

Meet at Greenway House, Galmpton, Brixham. TQ5 0ES

Plant pollinators

Wednesday 3rd April

12.45pm – 1.30pm

National Trust

Blossom and bees fill the garden at Greenway in spring, so it's the perfect time to discover the world of plant pollinators. Join Head

Gardener Ashley in the garden, looking at the different flora perfect for pollinators. Free (admission charges apply)

Meet at Greenway House, Galmpton, Brixham. TQ5 0ES

Broadsands rockpool discovery

Tuesday 9th April

12pm – 2pm

South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, for an introduction to the struggles and tribulations of life in the intertidal zone. We will explore and discover the variety and adaptations of marine life found along the rocky shore. We're unlikely to walk very far but will be over ground that may be slippery with seaweed, unstable over broken rocky shore and wet with rockpools! Please don't bring any long handled nets, but maybe a snack to keep you going and wear wellies or beach shoes that can get wet. Stay as long as you want, no dogs please. Free.

Meet by the sea wall opposite the café near the car park, Broadsands Beach, Churston. TQ4 6HX



A garden postcard painting experience

Tuesday 9th April
10.30am – 12.30pm
National Trust

Ellie Verrecchia, a local artist, will offer as much or as little guidance as you like on using a watercolour tin to create your own garden inspired postcard. Absorbing, relaxing and inspiring - immerse yourself in this free event (normal admission fee applies).

Meet at *Overbecks, Salcombe*.
TQ8 8LW

Curious Club

Tuesday 9th April 1pm – 4pm
Salcombe Maritime Museum

Become a history detective at Salcombe Maritime Museum's new holiday club for ages 6 – 12. Get hands on with items in the collection before enjoying an activity based around the afternoon's theme. Younger children welcome with an adult. See website for more details and **to book** – www.salcombemuseum.org.uk. Free.

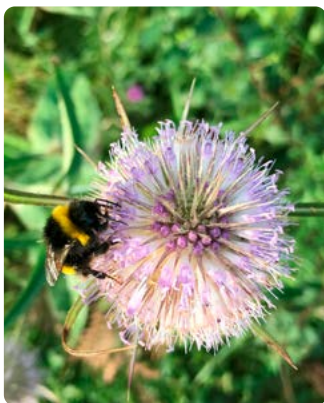
Meet at *Salcombe Maritime Museum, Salcombe TQ8 8DE*

South Sands extreme rockpooling

Wednesday 10th April 12.30pm – 2.30pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to explore and discover the marine life below South Sands on one of the best low tides of the year. Fish out of water, a glimpse of seagrass, 'tubularians', tidal canyon ... just expect the unexpected! Please don't bring any long handled nets, but maybe a snack to keep you going and wear wellies or beach shoes that can get wet. The walk will involve clambouring over rocks to get into the next bay, no dogs please. Free.

Meet on *South Sands beach by the slipway, Salcombe*. TQ8 8LL



Meet the Beekeeper

Wednesday 10th April 11.30am
– 12 noon & 2.30pm – 3pm
National Trust

Come along and meet the Beekeeper to find out the different 'bee roles' there are, some cool bee facts and ask any questions you might have. You'll also get the chance to be up close with a Queen bee and learn about the beekeeping equipment. These talks will last around 30 minutes. No need to book, just drop in during your visit. Free (admission charges apply).

Meet at *Greenway House, Galmpton, Brixham*. TQ5 0ES



Rocks of Start Bay

Saturday 13th April
12.30pm – 2.30pm

Get ready to rock your way through a family friendly exploration through time along the Start Bay coast. Join our tutors to discover the geological wonders that have shaped this stunning coastline and learn about the unique features of the rocks found here. All rock guides and beach cleaning equipment provided. Dogs welcome, **booking essential** www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at *Torcross car park, Kingsbridge TQ7 2TQ*



Slapton Sands Beach Clean

Saturday 13th April
9.30am – 12.30pm
Field Studies Council

Join our Slapton Sands Beach Clean! We're gathering to give our beautiful beach some much-needed TLC. Grab your friends, family and bring some gloves - let's make a difference together! Free parking with voucher available on arrival. Free hot drink or Mr Whippy Ice Cream from Start Bay Inn, Torcross. Dogs welcome, **booking essential** www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at *Slapton Sands Memorial car park, TQ7 2TQ*

Defences of the Dart – Dartmouth Castles

Sunday April 14th

2pm – 4pm

South Devon National Landscape and Bill Horner, Devon County Archaeologist

Join us for a stroll, as part of our South Devon Coastal Heritage project, around two of the three castles in Dartmouth. Discover how this important harbour has been defended for hundreds of years, right back to the 14th century. This short walk of about 2km will be on uneven footpaths and include some steep steps inclines. It is not suitable for children under 14. **Booking essential**, see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events. £2 per person (car park fees).

Meet at Dartmouth Castle car park, Dartmouth TQ6 0JN



Museum on Tour

Sunday 14th April (please check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Join us at various locations in and around Salcombe this summer as we share and celebrate aspects of the town's history through historic images, objects, and stories inspired by the museum's collection.

We would love you to bring us your memories of Salcombe too! Please see website for full details and venues.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Hot sausage and cream tea tour!

Monday 15th April 10am – 2pm

Singing Paddles

After exploring the estuary by canoe, you will stop to make a fire and cook a 3 course meal! **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk, Adults £45, child £20.

Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Tots and toddlers rockpool safari

Saturday 20th April 10.30am

– 11.30am – other dates

available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers for a mini rockpool session aimed at preschool children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Macrame workshop

Thursday 25th April 10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Kim will guide you in making a colourful plant pot hanger using macrame, in string made from upcycled t-shirts.

Booking essential see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/overbecks. £10 (normal admission fee applies)

Meet at Overbecks, Salcombe. TQ8 8LW

Bolt Tail Community Dig – Open Afternoon

Saturday 27th April

1.30pm – 3.30pm

South Devon National Landscape, National Trust and Historic England

Come up and visit the dig site to find out more about what we have discovered over the week. The archaeology team will be on hand to answer any questions and show you around the site. The site is a 15 minute walk (0.5km) up on the Coast Path from Hope Cove, or 2.5km down from Bolberry Down car park. Dogs welcome. Free. Meet at Bolt Tail Hill fort, near Hope Cove. SX670395 *What3Words: anchievs. wisely.overlaps*



Explore the Shore – Elberry Cove

Sun 28th April 2pm – 4pm

Ian Blackwell – Plymouth Marjon University & Guy Baker Marine Biological Association

A fun exploration of the woods and the shore for all the family – all ages welcome. A short (1 mile) walk through old woodland, collecting some wild garlic. At the beach we will learn about what lives in our local rock-pools and have a camp-fire on the beach. Dogs on leads welcome.

Booking essential email info@thedadsnetwork.org. Free.

Meet at Churston Ferrers church, near Brixham. TQ5 0JE

Extreme rockpool safari

Monday 6th May 10.30am – 12.30pm – other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers to discover more about the creatures living all over the reef at Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £7.50 per person

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Museum on Tour

Tuesday 7th May (check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Join us at various locations in and around Salcombe this summer as we share and celebrate aspects of the town's history through historic images, objects, and stories inspired by the museum's collection. We would love you to bring us your memories of Salcombe too! See website for full details and venues.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Guided walk at Ham Farm

Saturday 11th May 10am – 1pm
Ham Farm Estate

Join us for a guided tour of Ham Farm with an emphasis on new woodland and coppice creation, conservation initiatives and sustainable land management practices. Wellies or walking boots and suitable clothing are advisable. Tea, coffee and cake to follow at the farmhouse. Parking limited so please car share if possible and email peetleather@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Free. Meet at Ham Farm, Loddiswell, TQ7 4RX

Farm walk

Thurs 16th May
6.30pm – 8.30pm

National Trust

Join a National Trust ranger for a guided tour of this important and stunning coastal farm. Learn how the Trust and the tenants have been working hard to improve the value of the farm for wildlife and how they are working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven



Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies!

Sunday 19th May 2pm – 4pm
South Devon National Landscape and John Walters



A chance to get up close to some of our amazing insects on this family bug hunt. This event is part of our Life on the Edge project – see our website for more details and ways you can get involved! www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge. Free event, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Meet at Wembury beach car park (charges apply).
PL9 0HN

Yealm estuary – Life in the mouth!

Wednesday 8th May 12pm – 2pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to delve into the intertidal world along the shore towards the mouth of the Yealm Estuary. Guided by the group's interests and questions, we'll take a closer look at life in and on the estuary mud, shore and rocks. Wear wellies or stout shoes that can get wet. The walk will involve walking through shallow mud and uneven, rocky shore. No dogs please. Free.

Meet on The Hard, Noss creek, Noss Mayo. PL8 1EB



Snorkel safari– other dates available online

Sat 25th May 10am – 12.30pm
– other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. Children must be 8+ to take part. **Booking essential**, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. £30 per person. Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Curious Club

Tuesday 28th May 1pm – 4pm
Salcombe Maritime Museum

Become a history detective at Salcombe Maritime Museum's new holiday club for ages 6 – 12. Get hands on with items in the collection before enjoying an activity based around the afternoon's theme. Younger children welcome with an adult. See website for more details and to book – www.salcombemuseum.org.uk. Free. Meet at Salcombe Maritime Museum, Salcombe TQ8 8DE

Estuary exploration

Thursday 30th May 10am – 1pm
Singing Paddles



A guided canoe tour exploring the Salcombe / Kingsbridge estuary. There are caves to be discovered, more deserted beaches, many more challenges and a host of wildlife to meet. Bring snacks, hot drinks provided. **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk Adults £40, children £20. Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH



Dart Estuary saltmarsh – Life at the fringe of the ocean

Saturday 8th June
1pm – 3pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist in celebration of World Ocean Day, to discover more about life at the very brim of the ocean – the shoreline of the Dart Estuary. We'll take a stroll along the estuary shore and have a closer look at the saltmarsh – a very special wildlife community that stores more carbon than tropical rain forest ... just don't expect quite the same biodiversity! Wear stout shoes, dogs allowed at owners risk, may be slippery and muddy in places, possibly sharp oyster shells. Meet at the Mill pool car park near the dam, Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RD

BioBlitz – Slapton Ley - Field Studies Council

Moth and Invertebrates of Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve

Tuesday 28th May
9am – 10.30am

Freshwater invertebrates of Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve

Wednesday 29th May
9am – 10.30am

Flora of Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve

Saturday 1st June
9am – 10.30am

Join us for a fascinating exploration of the amazing wildlife at Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve. Led by knowledgeable experts, you'll have the opportunity to observe, learn, and even get up close and personal with these fascinating creatures and plants. This will be great opportunity to learn field recording techniques and add to national biodiversity records. These sessions are perfect for budding ecologists of all ages!

Booking essential see www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Sands Road, Slapton, Kingsbridge, UK, TQ7 2QP

Bowcombe Creek evening paddle

Saturday 8th June

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Singing Paddles

A guided tour exploring the Bowcombe Creek area of the Salcombe/Kingsbridge estuary. The canoes are easily controlled and paddled by beginners. This quiet creek offers the chance of some interesting wildlife encounters, a look at the industrial archaeology. **Booking essential** see www.singingpaddles.co.uk Adults £35, children £15.

Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH



Rockpool safari

Sunday 9th June 1.30pm – 3pm

– other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers to explore the rockpools of Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP



Farm walk – Wembury Barton Farm

Sunday 9th June 2pm – 4.30pm

National Trust

Join Ranger Jess on a walk and talk along the South West Coast Path and around the farm. Wembury Barton Farm has been cultivated in a nature-friendly approach to farming that focuses on creating opportunities for everyone to connect with nature.

The farm is managed in-hand by the National Trust who are 2 years into a project to make space for nature across the farm with the aim of creating over 100ha of new priority habitat and working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven footpaths, around 2-3 miles.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Barton Farm, Wembury. PL9 0EE



A garden postcard painting experience

Tuesday 11th June

10.30am – 12.30pm

National Trust

Ellie Verrecchia, a local artist, will offer as much or as little guidance as you like on using a watercolour tin to create your own garden inspired postcard. Absorbing, relaxing and inspiring – immerse yourself in this free event (normal admission fee applies).

Meet at Overbecks, Salcombe. TQ8 8LW

Museum on Tour

Saturday 15th June (please check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

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Please see website for full details and venues.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk



Junior Ranger session at Wembury Point

Sunday 23rd June

2pm – 4.30pm

National Trust

Fancy being a ranger for the afternoon? Join us for some family fun at wembury point where we'll be doing some wildflower survey work. The ranger team will be on hand to give you some top tips and help identify the wildflowers and insects you discover.



Booking essential, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/wembury/events. Free but donations welcome.
Meet at Wembury Point, Wembury, PL9 0BX

Wildflower walk –



South Down Farm

Saturday 6th July

9.30am–11.30pm

National Trust led by Dr Ken Neal

Walk with an expert on National Meadows Day to discover the botanical diversity on South down Farm and the importance of species rich grasslands for rare and endangered insects. Learn about the Trust's management of this wildlife friendly farm and how they are working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven footpaths and some hills, around 2-3 miles.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/east-soar/events. Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Southdown Farm, Malborough, Kingsbridge TQ7 3DU



Rockpool safari

Sunday 7th July 12.30pm – 2pm – other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers to explore the rockpools of Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Celebrate National Insect week with Life on the Edge!

Meet the bees!

Sun 23rd June 2pm – 4pm

South Devon National Landscape with John Walters

Did you know that Prawle Point is home to the rarest bee in the UK – the 6-Banded nomad



bee? We might not be lucky enough to see one of these, but we should see plenty of their host bees – the Long-horned mining bees, as well as lots of other amazing beasties! Stroll down to the coast with our expert and find out more about these wonderful insects and what we are doing to try and secure a future for them here. **Booking essential**, see www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/events Free event, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Meet at the village green, East Prawle TQ7 2BY



A big day out on the farm!

Sunday 30th June

1.30pm – 4.30pm

South Devon National Landscape and National Trust

Join us to kick off our Life on the Edge project celebrations. There will be lots to do for all the family – bug hunting, crafts, performances, talks, and a chance to explore this nature friendly farm! See our website for more details nearer the time. Short walk from the car park to the farm. Refreshments available, no dogs please. Free event, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (car park charges apply).

Meet at East Soar farm, Malborough. TQ7 3DR



Life on the Edge Glow worm hunt!

Friday 12th July 9pm – 11pm

South Devon National
Landscape with John Walters

Enjoy the real nightlife of the National Landscape and Life on the Edge! Join us for a special night hike looking for glow worms, some of our most magical creatures, with naturalist John Walters. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. The route will involve walking on uneven footpaths and a climb up to the headland and is NOT suitable for people with walking difficulties or children under 14. **Booking essential**, see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events. Cost £2 per person
Meet at Overbecks car park, Sharpitor, Salcombe, Devon, TQ8 8LW



Walking through time – Bolberry and The Warren

Sunday 14th July 2pm – 4pm

South Devon National
Landscape and Bill Horner,
Devon County Archaeologist



Join Bill Horner, Devon County archaeologist, to discover past stories of our landscape from medieval farmsteads to Napoleonic signal lines. Moderate 3.5 mile walk with some steep inclines, steps and uneven coast path. It is not suitable for children under 14. **Booking essential**, see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events. £2 per person (car park fees).
Meet at Bolberry Down car park, Near Hope Cove. TQ7 3DY

Museum on Tour

Sunday 14th July (please check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Join us at various locations in and around Salcombe this summer as we share and celebrate aspects of the town's history through historic images, objects, and stories inspired by the museum's collection. We would love you to bring us your memories of Salcombe too!

Please see website for full details and venues. www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Dart Cruise – seals and cetaceans special

Monday 15th July 5pm – 7pm

Mike Langman

Join us for aboard the 'African Queen' to explore from Kingswear. The sea and estuary around the Dart are fantastic for birds but also two species of seal and regularly Harbour porpoise and Common dolphin during the summer months. The estuary is also a great place for birds - kingfishers, wading birds and birds of prey.

Booking essential

www.mikelangman.co.uk

Adults £40, child £30.

Meet at the passenger ferry car park, Kingswear. TQ6 0AA



Modbury nature festival

Saturday 13th July 10am – 8pm

Modbury Wildlife Action Group

A whole day of fun, recreational, creative and educational activities to celebrate local nature - there will be plenty to do for all the family! More information will be posted on Instagram, Next Door Modbury and in the Modbury Messenger but those interested please contact Charlotte Rathbone on cmrathbone@outlook.com or Caroline Bower on carolinebower@btinternet.com.

Meet at Modbury Pavilion and Recreation Ground, Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS for daytime activities and at Modbury church in the evening.

Farm walk – East Soar Farm

Tuesday 16th July
6.30pm – 8.30pm
National Trust

Join a National Trust ranger for a guided tour of this important and stunning coastal farm. Learn how the Trust and the tenants have been working hard to improve the value of the farm for wildlife and how they are working as a partner in South



Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven footpaths, around 2-3 miles. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/east-soar/events

Free but donations welcome. *Meet at East Soar car park, Malborough, Kingsbridge TQ7 3DR*



Curious Club

Tuesday 16th July 1pm – 4pm
Salcombe Maritime Museum

Become a history detective at Salcombe Maritime Museum's new holiday club for ages 6 – 12. Get hands on with items in the collection before enjoying an activity based around the afternoon's theme. Younger children welcome with an adult. See website for more details and to book – www.salcombemuseum.org.uk. Free. *Meet at Salcombe Maritime Museum, Salcombe TQ8 8DE*



Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies!

Sunday 21st July
2pm – 4pm
**South Devon National
Landscape and John Walters**

A chance to get up close to some of our amazing insects on this family bug hunt. This event is part of our Life on the Edge project – see our website for more



details and ways you get involved! www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge.

Free event, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Meet at Berry Head car park (charges apply), Brixham. TQ5 9AP



Man Sands summer bird and natural history walk

Wednesday 17th July
9am – 12.30pm

Mike Langman

Man Sands holds a surprising amount of biodiversity, most of us know it for it's birds but there's a fantastic array of other wildlife there too, Butterflies, Dragonflies, Beetles and reptiles. We'll spend some time searching and hopefully watching a very special species – the Wall Lizard with its restricted or isolated populations in the UK. Bring your binoculars if you have them, **booking essential** see www.mikelangman.co.uk/walks. Adults £14, child £7 *Meet at Man Sands National Trust car park, near Brixham TQ6 0EF*

Birds of Slapton Ley

Saturday 27th July

7.30am – 9am

Field Studies Council

Join us for a fantastic morning of bird watching at the beautiful Slapton Ley Nature Reserve! Whether you're a seasoned birder or just starting out, this event is perfect for all bird enthusiasts. You'll have the opportunity to observe a wide variety of bird species in their natural habitat and contribute to the Ley's records. Don't miss out on this amazing chance to grab your binoculars, connect with nature and expand your knowledge of our feathered friends. **Booking essential** www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Sands Road, Slapton, Kingsbridge, UK, TQ7 2QP



A garden postcard painting experience

Tuesday 30th July

10.30am – 12.30pm

National Trust

Ellie Verrecchia, a local artist, will offer as much or as little guidance as you like on using a watercolour tin to create your own garden inspired postcard. Absorbing, relaxing and inspiring - immerse yourself in this free event.

Meet at Overbecks, Salcombe. TQ8 8LW

Summer of play

27th July – 1st September

10.30am – 4.30pm

National Trust

Create, explore, move, wonder, make-believe - Cirque Du Summer is here. Fun has no age limit and with a range of activities designed to test your circus skills, there'll be something for everyone to get stuck into. Try it all, find your favourite, come back again and again. Free (admission charges apply).

Meet at Greenway House, Galmpton, Brixham. TQ5 0ES

Between the tides

Friday 2nd August

9.30am – 11.30am

Field Studies Council

Come and discover a snapshot of a world beneath the waves as we explore the mini ecosystems formed in rockpools at East Prawle beach. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature and explore the stunning coastal scenery. This event is a perfect opportunity to discover the hidden treasures between the tides. Dogs on leads welcome, **booking essential**

www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at East Prawle village Green, Chivelstone TQ7 2DF



'Slapton Ley Festival of Nature' - A celebration of the Start Bay area.

Sunday 4th August

11am – 5pm

Field Studies Council

If you love the outdoors and the environment, this mini festival is for you – and what's more entry is free! Hands-on environmental activities will be put on by local charities, and there will be music, stories, demonstrations and talks throughout the day. Local sustainable stall holders will be selling their products, with food and drinks available to keep you refreshed. Dogs on leads welcome. Parking £5, entry free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Sands Road, Slapton, Kingsbridge, UK, TQ7 2QP

Curious Club

Tuesday 13th August

1pm – 4pm

Salcombe Maritime Museum

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Meet at Salcombe Maritime Museum, Salcombe TQ8 8DE

Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies!

**Sunday 18th
August**

2pm – 4pm

**South Devon
National Landscape
and John Walters**

A chance to get up close to some of our amazing insects on this family bug hunt. This event is part of our Life on the Edge project – see our website for more details and ways you get involved! www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge. Free event, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Meet at Mothecombe beach car park (charges apply), Holbeton. PL8 1LB



Night time rockpool safari – other dates available online

Sunday 18th August

10pm – 11.30pm

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join DWT staff and volunteers for the first of this season's night-time rockpool safaris! The expert team will take you on a guided tour by torchlight to meet some of Wembury's most famous inhabitants and see what they get up to after dark! See website for more details and to [book - www.wemburymarinecentre.org](http://www.wemburymarinecentre.org) £8.50 plus booking fee. *Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP*



Erme estuary and Mothecombe rockpooling

Thursday 22nd August

1.30pm – 3.30pm

**South Devon National
Landscape**

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to stroll down to the shore of the Erme Estuary and around the rocky shore to Mothecombe Beach exploring the special ecology and wildlife of this arguably most unspoilt South Devon estuary. No dogs allowed. Free (Parking fee applies).

Meet at the bottom of the car park field, Mothecombe beach, Holbeton. PL8 1LB



Avon estuary tidal road walk

Tuesday 20th August

1pm – 3pm

**South Devon National
Landscape**

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist to stroll down along the Avon estuary tidal road – discovering and discussing what makes estuaries so special and why we need to conserve them. We'll have a

special look at the mudflats and saltmarshes, the wildlife communities that they support and what they do for us all.

Easy walking along the estuary edge tidal road but it is used by traffic. Dogs onleads welcome. Free *Meet at the Timbers car park, Aveton Gifford . TQ7 4JN*



Birds of Slapton Ley

Saturday 24th August

11am – 12.30pm

Field Studies council

Join us for a fantastic spot of bird watching at the beautiful Slapton Ley Nature Reserve! Whether you're a seasoned birder or just starting out, this event is perfect for all bird enthusiasts. You'll have the opportunity to observe a wide variety of bird species in their natural habitat and contribute to the Ley's records. Don't miss out on this amazing chance to grab your binoculars, connect with nature and expand your knowledge of our feathered friends. **Booking essential** www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

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Meet at Overbecks, Salcombe. TQ8 8LW

Osprey search and Dart cruise

Friday 30th August

8.30am – 12.30pm

(other dates available)

Mike Langman



Search for Ospreys from the water on the Dart estuary where they have been seen making multiple dives over the last 3 years. An amazing trip on the privately chartered 'African Queen', with plenty of other wildlife to be seen including Kingfishers, wading birds and seals. **Booking essential**, www.mikelangman.co.uk Adults £40, child £30.

Meet at the passenger ferry car park, Kingswear. TQ6 0AA

Museum on Tour

Friday 30th August (please check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Join us at various locations in and around Salcombe this summer as we share and celebrate aspects of the town's history through historic images, objects, and stories inspired by the museum's collection. We would love you to bring us your memories of Salcombe too!

Please see website for full details and venues. www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Adult rockpool safari

Thursday 5th Sept

1pm-2.30pm

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a adults only Rockpool Safari and we'll take you on a guided tour of some of the best rockpools in the UK! See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org.

Adult £5.50.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 0HP



Barrows community dig – open afternoon

Saturday 14th September 1.30pm – 3.30pm

South Devon National Landscape, National Trust and Historic England

Come up and visit the dig site to find out more about what we have discovered over the week. The archaeology team will be on hand to answer any questions and show you around the site. The site is a 10 minute walk (0.5km) up on the footpath from the back of the old square at Inner Hope, or 2km down from Bolberry Down car park. Dogs on leads welcome. Visit www.southdevon-nl.org.uk nearer the time for more details. Free.

Meet at Barrows on the Coast Path, near Hope Cove. SX673391
What3Words: expecting.sharpen.rooting



Seagrass meadows – what’s all the fuss about?



Saturday 21st September
2pm – 4pm

South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to discover more about our mostly hidden local seagrass meadows, the incredible jungle of life that they support and how and why

we need each other. Hear about local work to protect and conserve them, and how we can all play a part. Dogs allowed but we will be crossing uneven shore strewn with potentially sharp oyster shells. Free.

Meet by the slipway at Whitestrand car park, Salcombe. TQ8 8JE



Slapton Sands Beach Clean

Saturday 21st September
9.30am – 12.30pm

Field Studies Council

Join our Slapton Sands Beach Clean! We're gathering to give our beautiful beach some much-needed TLC. Grab your friends, family and bring some gloves - let's make a difference together! Free parking with voucher available on arrival. Free hot drink or Mr Whippy Ice Cream from Start Bay Inn, Torcross. Dogs welcome, **booking essential** www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at Slapton Sands Memorial car park, TQ7 2TQ

Museum on Tour

Thursday 26th September
(please check website for times)

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Join us at various locations in and around Salcombe this summer as we share and celebrate aspects of the town's history through historic images, objects, and stories inspired by the museum's collection. We would love you to bring us your memories of Salcombe too!

Please see website for full details and venues.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk



Tots and toddlers rockpool safari

Sunday 29th September
10am – 11am – other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers for a mini rockpool session aimed at preschool children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Fungal Foray

Sunday 29th September
10am – 12 pm

Field Studies Council

Get ready to uncover the hidden treasures of the forest floor and discover the incredible diversity of mushrooms we find around the centre and the reserve. This event is perfect for nature enthusiasts, amateur mushroom hunters, and curious minds of all ages. Immerse yourself in the enchanting woodland and learn how to identify different species, their ecological importance, and even some edible varieties. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to delve into the mysterious kingdom of fungi!

Booking essential www.eventbrite.com/cc/nnr-events-2024-2909499. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Sands Road, Slapton, Kingsbridge, UK, TQ7 2QP



Sharpham Apple Day

Sunday 6th October

10.30am – 4pm

The Sharpham Trust

A wonderful day for all ages. Sharpham's grounds and gardens will be open and there will be a host of apple-themed activities for everyone, including tours, music, crafts and games. There will be a cafe selling drinks, delicious cakes and light lunches. Watch the Orchard Link oak apple press in action and try the fresh juice from apples grown at Sharpham's organic orchards. (parking £5 – must be **booked** in advance, see www.sharphamtrust.org/whatson. Free shuttle bus from Totnes). No dogs in the gardens. Meet at Sharpham House, Ashprington. TQ9 7UT



Snorkel safari– other dates available online

Sat 5th October

12pm – 2.30pm – other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. Children must be 8+ to take part. **Booking essential**, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. £30 per person. Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Guided woodland walk

Saturday 12th October

2pm– 4.30pm

National Trust



Discover more about the ranger team's woodland management work at Wembury. Ranger Tim will be walking and talking you through everything from ash dieback, woodland creation and wood pasture. Uneven footpaths, around 2–3 miles. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome. Meet at Wembury Barton Farm, Wembury. PL9 0EE

Curious Club

Tuesday 29th October

1pm – 4pm

Salcombe Maritime Museum

Become a history detective at Salcombe Maritime Museum's new holiday club for ages 6 – 12. Get hands on with items in the collection before enjoying an activity based around the afternoon's theme. Younger children welcome with an adult. See website for more details and **to book** – www.salcombemuseum.org.uk. Free. Meet at Salcombe Maritime Museum, Salcombe TQ8 8DE



Brixham Breakwater beach rockpooling

Saturday 19th October 12.30pm – 2.30pm

South Devon National Landscape



Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, for an introduction to the struggles and tribulations of life in the intertidal zone. We will explore and discover the variety and adaptations of marine life found along the rocky shore. We're unlikely to walk very far but will be over ground that may be slippery with seaweed, unstable over broken rocky shore and wet with rockpools! Please don't bring any long handled nets, but maybe a snack to keep you going and wear wellies or beach shoes that can get wet. Stay as long as you want, dogs on leads welcome.

Meet at the top of the beach in front of the Bistro, Breakwater beach, Brixham. TQ5 9AF



Time to spare?

With all the new and exciting projects going on this year, there are lots of great opportunities for you to get involved! So if you have a bit of spare time – why not volunteer some of it to make a difference for nature and your own health and wellbeing!

As a signed up volunteer you will be insured whilst carrying out activities and can claim expenses. There are a few types of volunteer opportunities with us over this year:



Life on the Edge volunteers

- **Species monitoring** – there are different opportunities for people with a range of skills, from interested expert to complete beginner! We will provide training on what to look out for and how to help us monitor the habitat and share the records.
- **Practical conservation volunteers** – there will be some practical tasks going on over the autumn and winter. If you are someone who likes to get your hands dirty – this could be for you!
- **Community engagement** – we will be out and about doing events, and working with groups and schools over the year. You might be helping with craft activities, working with artists or back marking a walk, all good fun!

Coastal Heritage volunteers

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who help us on community digs and improvements on our scheduled monument sites as part of this project. All volunteers will have to go through some initial training with our project partner, the National Trust – this is done online. There will also be training on site in dig techniques and recording.

Walks check volunteers

We have over 35 free to download walk guides on our website which are hugely popular. So its really important that all the information on them is correct!

Every 4-5 years we recruit volunteers to follow the walk routes and let us know if any changes need to be made, to the route, directions, or facilities. We can then make these changes and update the website. Happy walkers all round!

Get in touch to find out more! enquiries@southdevon-nl.org.uk



Keeping in touch

The website has details of all our news and events and ideas to get out and enjoy this fabulous National Landscape.



www.southdevon-nl.org.uk

Social media

Please give us a follow and mention us in your posts – we love to see your pics and what you've been up to.



www.facebook.com/SouthDevonNL

For those who 'post', you can follow us



[@SouthDevonNL](https://twitter.com/SouthDevonNL)

Or for sharing photos



www.instagram.com/southdevonnl

Check out our YouTube channel too



www.youtube.com/@southdevonnl

We produce a regular news e-bulletin and monthly events e-listings. Sign up for free bulletins on our website.



www.southdevon-nl.org.uk

Alternatively, you can always email



enquiries@southdevonaonb.org.uk

or even pick up the phone, and actually talk to us!



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There are lots more fabulous events on our website!

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