



AUTUMN/WINTER
2018

What's on

Events and accessible activities... for all the family

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The Park for People

Clyde Muirshiel is Scotland's largest Regional Park, it is The Park for People, we look forward to welcoming you and hope this guide inspires you to get out and active, enjoying the healthy fresh air and countryside on your doorstep.

Our staff can:

- help and advise on where or what to do
- ensure activities are 'Accessible to All', Castle Semple is Scotland's only Sailability Centre of Excellence and as of summer 2018 a 'British Cycling HSBC disability cycling hub' – events in October & more online
- deliver a wide range of education topics from pre-school age to high school and beyond
- provide information, coffee and cake!



Tag-n-Track Wildlife



The project is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde LEADER and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

This exciting two year project ends in December so join an event while you can! TnT has amassed a huge amount of data tagging and tracking lesser black-backed gulls, following their breeding and migration routes. Get involved with ringing demonstrations, volunteering, talks and workshops.

Walk About a Bit



There are more than 66km of managed trails and tracks in the Regional Park offering opportunities for a walk, run or maybe a cycle on any day of the year. Some routes are sign posted, some are not so remember your OS map. **Pick up a leaflet at a Visitor Centre or look online.**

Stars and Cars



Event highlights this season include the ever popular **Classic Car Show**, held at Castle Semple Centre in October, this show will be fund raising for St Vincents Hospice. The Regional Park has the **best dark skies in Renfrewshire**, we have teamed up with local astronomer John Pressly for our regular Monday Stargazing Evenings this season.

Pedal the Park



Save the date Sun 5 May 2019 for the next Pedal the Park 100 Road Sportive or get sociable and join the Ride 63 Community Cycle Cub for one of their rides – more details on their Club notice board at Castle Semple Centre or facebook.

Regular activities



Monday Walks

Meet every Monday (except Public Holidays)
10.30am (allow 1.5 hours)
McKillop Hall, Lochwinnoch

Bike Hire

A range of bikes including electric bikes and equipment hires are available at Castle Semple. **Contact Martin of RT Cycles on 07867 790 889 to organise.**

Outdoor Activities

These need to be organised in advance. All sailing, paddling and powerboat course dates are online and can be booked online or get in contact to discuss group requirements for 2019!



Stargazing Evenings



This very popular event returns to **Castle Semple Visitor Centre** in Lochwinnoch with a jam packed schedule of astronomical highlights through the season to focus on.

Places must be booked online in advance and are priced just adult £5/ child £2.50 per ticket. They are run by local astronomer John Pressly and are not suitable for those under 10.

Mon 29 Oct & Mon 17 Dec 2018

WHEN: 7pm – 9pm

Mon 18 Feb & Mon 11 Mar 2019

WHEN: 7pm – 9pm

October Activities



Mon 2 Oct Winter Hours

The nights are drawing in! Winter opening hours begin at Castle Semple. Greenock and Muirshiel Visitor Centres are open at weekends until Sun 21 Oct or by prior arrangement.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 10am – 4pm daily

Sat 6 Oct Practical Conservation Day

Volunteer your time and help us clear the brashings and plant new trees after the tree felling.

WHERE: Muirshiel Country Park
WHEN: 10.30am – 3pm
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 843 271



Sat 6 Oct TnT Bird Ringing Demonstration

Come along & see how we Tag-n-Track some of the bird species in the Park using metal rings.

WHERE: Muirshiel Visitor Centre
WHEN: 10.30am – 4pm
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882

Fri 12 – Sun 14 Oct Scotland's Boat Show

We'll be there at Scotland's biggest show offering accessible sailing and powerboat taster sessions.

WHERE: Kip Marina, Inverkip
WHEN: All day
MORE INFO: www.scotlandsboatshow.co.uk

Mon 15 – Fri 19 Oct Junior Multi Activity Week

Get the kids active on land and water. Get 6 or more children together and book your own course.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 10am – 3pm each day
COST: 5 FULL DAYS £160
MORE INFO: Look online and book ASAP

October activities



Wed 10 Oct HSBC UK Disability Hub Session – Hand Cycle

Have a go on our amazing hand cycles and trikes.
More dates online!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 11am – 1pm
COST: £5
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882 & book online

Fri 19 Oct Halloween Crafts

Make some scary and spooky items to enhance your costume and get in the mood for All Hallow's Eve!

WHERE: Muirshiel Visitor Centre
WHEN: 1pm – 3pm
COST: £2.50 per person
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 843 271



Sun 21 Oct TnT What's that bird?

We will have our scope set up at Swan Bay so you can look for our tagged gulls and identify others!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 1pm – 3pm drop in!
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882

Sun 21 Oct Classic Car Show

Join us for the 8th show on the hard standing beside Castle Semple Loch, raising funds for St Vincents Hospice.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 11am – 3pm
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882



Sun 21 Oct Walk with a Ranger – Kaim Hill

Explore Kaim Hill with the Ranger Service!
Limited space and a very popular walk, book today!

MEET: Fairlie Train Station
WHEN: 10am – 4pm
MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 & book online



Wed 24 Oct HSBC UK Disability Hub Session – Mountain Trike

A mountain trike is a combination of a wheelchair and mountain bike. A quality piece of kit although good upper body strength required. More dates online!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 11am – 1pm
COST: £5
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882 & book online

Sat 27 & Sun 28 Oct RYA Level 2 Powerboat Course

A comprehensive course to enable you to gain your powerboat licence. Practical on the water activities with overnight homework!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre
WHEN: 9.30am – 4pm both days
COST: £150
MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882 or book online

Sat 27 Oct Tree Planting

Help us plant new trees to help improve the local habitat for wildlife.

WHERE: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre
WHEN: 1 – 3pm
MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



Wed 31 Oct HSBC UK Disability Hub Session – Hand Cycle

See Wed 10 Oct for more info & book online.



November activities



Sun 4 Nov Winter Craft Fair

Our pre-Christmas Craft Fair at our popular lochside location. Get in touch with Helen for a table.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882 or
email shop@clydemuirshiel.co.uk

Sat 10 Nov TnT Bird Ringing Demonstration

The last opportunity of the Tag-n-Track season to see our native birds up close! A unique event.

WHERE: Muirshiel Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10.30am – 1.30pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 822

Sat 10 & Sun 11 Nov RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

See Sat 2 & Sun 3 Feb for details & book online.

Sat 17 Nov Practical Conservation Day

See Sat 6th Oct for details.



Sat 24 & Sun 25 Nov RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

See Sat 2 & Sun 3 Feb for details & book online.

Sat 24 Nov CMRP Volunteer Groups Craft Fair

The rustic wooden Snowmen, Rudolfs and other decorations will be back! Get down early as they sell out very quickly.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01505 843 271



Sat 24 Nov Bird Feeders

Build your own bird feeder and make fat balls for the birds.

WHERE: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 1pm – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online

Sun 25 Nov Walk with a Ranger – Around Loch Thom

Tread the new link path which now makes this a wonderful circular walk.

WHERE: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10am – 2pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



December activities



Wed 5 Dec Tinsel 5K Walk

Dig out your tinsel for a festive singsong along Lochwinnoch's local paths.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am, allow 2 hrs, less if it is wet!

MORE INFO: Look online or contact
Renfrewshire Walking Network

Sat 8 Dec Practical Conservation Day

Some hands on experience of woodland maintenance. See Sat 6 Oct for details.



Sat 8 Dec Camera Trapping

Come and see what wildlife we have caught on camera over the year, and learn how the camera trap works.

WHERE: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 1pm – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



Sat 15 Dec Christmas Wreaths

Learn how to create a wreath then decorate your home with foliage.

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm 1 hour sessions

COST: £7.50 per wreath

MORE INFO: Look and book online
or tel 01505 842 882



Sun 16 Dec Christmas Decoration Events

Join us for some festive wreath making!

WHERE: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10.30am & 1.30pm allow approx. 1 hour

COST: £7.50 per wreath

MORE INFO: Look and book online or tel 01475 521 458



Festive Opening Hours

Castle Semple Visitor Centre will close early at 2pm on Christmas Eve & Hogmanay, reopening at 12pm on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. All trails, tracks and car parks are open daily for your festive walk.



January activities



Sun 6 Jan Walk with a Ranger – the Greenock Cut

Walk the Greenock Cut and find out about the history and heritage of the area.

MEET: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am – 2pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



Sat 12 Jan Practical Conservation Day

Start the new year with some light exercise in the form of conservation work at Muirshiel.

WHERE: Muirshiel Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10.30am – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01505 843 271



Sat 12 Jan Beachwatch Beach Clean

Work alongside our Rangers and the Marine Conservation Society to remove and record the sea debris.

WHERE: Lunderston Bay

WHEN: 11am – 3pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



February activities



Sat 2 & Sun 3 Feb RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

A comprehensive course to enable you to gain your powerboat licence. Practical on the water activities with overnight homework!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 9.30am – 4pm both days

COST: £150

MORE INFO: Look online and book ASAP

Wed 20 Feb Tartan Walk

A Scottish themed singsong around Lochwinnoch. Wear your 'see you Jimmy' hat!

WHERE: Castle Semple Visitor Centre

WHEN: 11am, allow 2 hrs, less if it is wet!

MORE INFO: Tel 01505 842 882
or Renfrewshire Walking Network.



Sat 23 Feb Practical Conservation Day

Help us tidy Muirshiel Country Park after the tree felling. For full details see Sat 12 Jan.

February activities



Sat 23 & Sun 24 Feb RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

See Sat 2 & Sun 3 Feb for details.

Sun 24 Feb Walk with a Ranger – Kelly Glen

Explore the Kelly Glen with a knowledgeable guide!

MEET: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10am – 4pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



March activities



Thur 14 - Thur 21 Mar Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi

Castle Semple trained athletes are exclusively representing Team GB in the Sailing along with Coach Snr Instructor David Hill! We wish them every success.

Sat 23 Mar Practical Conservation Day

Some good grafting required! Help clear and maintain the Country Park. 18+ only please. Full details see Sat 12 Jan.

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Mar RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

For full details see 2 & 3 Feb.

Sun 31 Mar Walk with a Ranger - Corlic Hill

Corlic Hill is a local landmark. Kept meaning to explore it? This is your chance!

MEET: Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

WHEN: 10am – 4pm

MORE INFO: Tel 01475 521 458 or book online



Dates for the diary



Mon 1 – Fri 5 & Mon 8 – Fri 12 April Junior Multi Activity Course

A chance to try out sailing, kayaking, canoeing, archery, team games for a full Easter week of adventure!

MORE INFO: Look online or tel 01505 842 882

Sun 5 May

Pedal the Park 2019 100km Sportive

Challenge yourself and get the summer cycling season up

and running with this 100km Sportive! Keep your eye out for British Cycling online entry opening soon.

Sat 25 – Mon 27 May

Clyde Muirshiel Walking Festival

We hosted our first last year, join us for 2019!

More spring/summer activities and events will be online in 2019! Check and book as soon as you can.

Volunteering



If you would like to get involved with conservation activities or countryside management, have fun and learn new skills you can! Full details of group and individual opportunities online.

Thursdays

12.30 – 3.30pm

Castle Semple

Saturdays

10.30am – 2.30pm

Greenock Cut

Sundays

10am – 12pm

Youth Group (14-18yr olds)

Castle Semple

Get in touch



Castle Semple Visitor Centre

Lochlip Road,
Lochwinoch
PA12 4EA
Tel 01505 842 882

Muirshiel Visitor Centre

Calder Glen
PA12 4LB
Tel 01505 842 803

Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

Loch Thom
PA16 9LX
Tel 01475 521 458

Lunderston Bay

Gourock
PA19 1BB
Tel 01475 521 458



Please NOTE

- All events, walks and activities must be booked in advance unless otherwise stated.
- For walks and land based activities you should always have warm clothing, waterproofs, walking boots or sturdy shoes.
- For all water based activities bring a complete change of warm clothes including shoes and shower equipment.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult for all events and family sessions.
- Numbers can be limited and age restrictions can apply - to avoid disappointment, always look online or contact the Centre in advance to check. Charges do apply for some activities.

