



London Borough
of Hounslow

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Hounslow's parks and green spaces together represent one of the highest percentages of green areas of all London boroughs. Our Countryside Rangers are responsible for the management of the borough's parks and have expertise in wildlife conservation, ecology and countryside interpretation.

They work with local communities and visitors alike to appreciate, enjoy and care for the natural environment. The Countryside Rangers have a planned programme of activities and events; anyone can join in and learn more about Hounslow's natural environment, wildlife and hidden treasures. Anyone is welcome to come along to our events; here are some tips before you start out;

- Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for uneven terrain and the weather conditions on the day.
- Dogs are not permitted on the guided walks due to the sensitive nature of much of the wildlife we will be looking for.
- Please feel free to bring binoculars and cameras if you have them. This may enhance your enjoyment of our events.
- Presently, there are no refreshment facilities on our sites, so please bring what you might want with you.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note there is a small charge for these events. Adults £2, Children and OAPs £1 – unless otherwise stated.

For further information please contact us on 0845 456 2796 or email us at Hounslow-info@laing.com

All events at Bedfont Lakes and Hounslow Heath start from their respective Information Centres.

Sat 23rd October

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

12noon -2pm

Apple Day

Come along to our annual celebration of apples and orchards. The Rangers will be opening the South Side orchard at Bedfont Lakes and everyone is welcome to come and discover different varieties of this well loved fruit and the other seasonal foods that nature has to offer. Access to the orchard is off Challenge Road rather than Clockhouse Lane.

Entry is free but some activities may incur a small fee.



HALLOWEEN 2010

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER
from 6.30pm

Join us for our 11th annual Halloween celebrations.

Dare you take a guided walk around the park and hear chilling tales about the mythical monsters of the lakes?

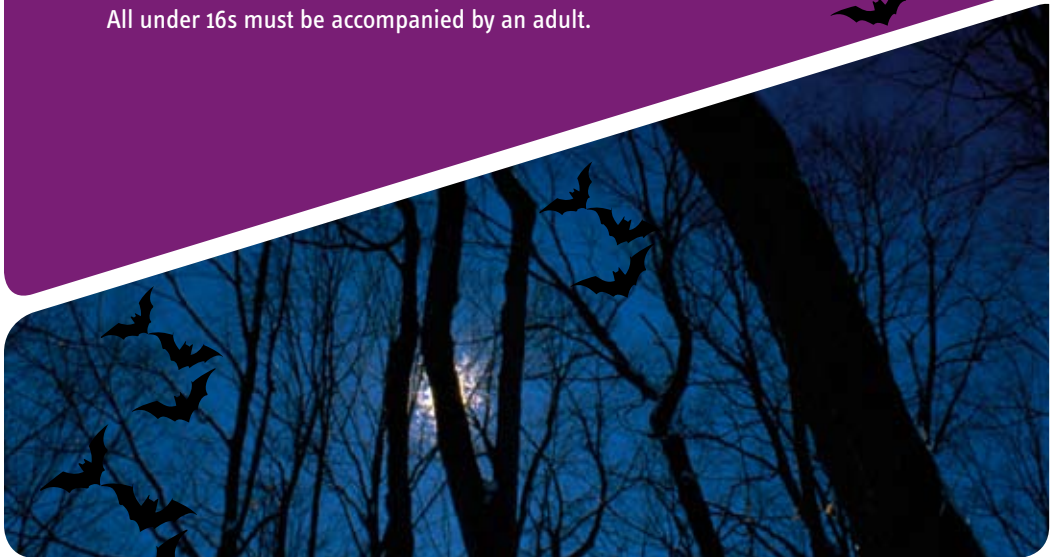
Traditional Halloween costumes welcome.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Tickets: £3 per person.

To book please call 01784 259161 or call into the Information Centre at Bedfont Lakes Country Park.

All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.



Sat 20th November

Hounslow Heath

11am

Fungi Foray

Have a wander around the Heath and look for the various mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi that should be appearing now.

£1 per child/OAP, £2 per adult.

Fri 26th November

Bedfont Lakes Country Park

7pm

Stars In Our Sky

Look up at the sky with the Rangers and discover constellations, meteors, planets and satellites.

£1 per child/OAP, £2 per adult.

Sat 4th December

Bedfont Lakes Country Park 10am-12noon

Feed the Birds Day

Come and make a yummy bird cake or a seed feeder to take home for your feathered friends.

Suitable for children aged 4+ (must be accompanied by an adult). £1 per child.

Sun 19th December

Bedfont Lakes Country Park 12noon-2pm

Tree Dressing Day

Celebrate the winter solstice by helping the Rangers dress the trees at Bedfont Lakes with all your unwanted tree decorations. There will also be the chance to make your own Christmas decorations and cards to take home!

Suitable for the whole family. Free event.



January to March 2011

Sun 9th January Bedfont Lakes Country Park 9am

Winter Bird Walk

Take a walk around the lakes to see our winter bird residents, with a possibility of catching a glimpse of the elusive Bittern and Water Rail around the reedbeds. £1 per child/OAP, £2 per adult.

Sat 12th February Hounslow Heath 10am

Small Mammal Safari

Using animal friendly traps see some of the small mammals that make Hounslow Heath their home and learn something of their secret lives in the undergrowth. £1 per child/OAP, £2 per adult.

Wed 23rd February (Half Term) Bedfont Lakes Country Park 12noon

Fairytale Walk

Take an enchanted walk through the magic forest. Play magical games and hear stories about fairies, goblins, witches and wizards. Suitable for children aged 4+ (must be accompanied by an adult).

£2 per child, or £1 per child if in fairytale fancy dress!

Sun 13th March Hounslow Heath 11am

Spring Walk

Spring will be well on its way by now. Take an easy stroll on the Heath, listen out for birds singing and look for spring flowers and other signs that tell us that winter is finally over. £1 per child/OAP, £2 per adult.



Bedfont Lakes Volunteering dates for 2010-11

Are you

- Looking to gain experience in the conservation industry?
- Wanting to meet like-minded people?
- Interested in putting something back into your local park?
- After a greener way to lose weight?



Then why not join Bedfont Lakes Conservation Volunteers?

Bedfont Lakes Conservation Volunteer dates

Meet at the Information Centre in Bedfont Lakes at 10 am on the following Saturdays:

4th Sept 2010

18th Sept 2010

2nd Oct 2010

16th Oct 2010

30th Oct 2010

13th Nov 2010

27th Nov 2010

11th Dec 2010 - Christmas task/mingle

8th Jan 2011

22nd Jan 2011

5th Feb 2011

19th Feb 2011

5th March 2011

19th March 2011

Please bring clothes appropriate for the weather, sturdy footwear, plenty to drink and some lunch. For more information, see www.blcv.co.uk



Bedfont Lakes Country Park

Clockhouse Lane, Bedfont
Middlesex TW14 8QA

How to get there –
Map Grid reference - TQ07647252

Bus

- 116 to Bedfont Green and a short walk to the Country Park.
- H26 connects Feltham and Hatton Cross with the Country Park.
- H25 connects Feltham and Butts Farm with the Country Park. Alight at Bedfont Green and take a short walk to the entrance on Clockhouse Lane.

Train

- Ashford and Feltham are the closest main line stations.

Tube

- Piccadilly Line to Hatton Cross, followed by a short bus or taxi ride.

Hounslow Heath

450 Staines Road, Hounslow
Middlesex TW4 5AB

How to get there –
Map Grid reference - TQ12167501

Bus

- 116 (Hounslow Bus Station – Bedfont/Ashford Hospital),
- 117 (Hounslow Bus Station – Feltham/Staines),
- 235 (Isleworth – Feltham/Sunbury, via Hounslow Bus Station)
- 237 links Hounslow Heath to Shepherd's Bush Green via Chiswick, Brentford, Isleworth and Hounslow.
These stop by the Staines Road entrance.

- 110 (Hounslow- Twickenham),
- 111 (Heathrow – Kingston, via Hounslow),
- R62 (Twickenham – Isleworth)
These stop off Simpson Road to the south.

Train

- The nearest railway station is Hounslow, which is 1.4km from the Heath's southern entrance. Bus services link Hounslow Heath to Feltham Station which is 2km to the south west.

Tube

- The nearest underground station is Hounslow West (Picadilly Line) is 1.2km to the north of the Heath's main entrance on Staines Road.

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