



Inner Forth Festival

September 2016



This September join us to celebrate the fantastic Inner Forth landscape!

Whatever your age, and whatever you love about the Inner Forth - the history, the wildlife, the people - you'll find something to enjoy in our programme of free events.

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Welcome to the second



Inner Forth Festival



We hope you will join us this September to celebrate the unique history, wildlife and people of this great part of the world!

There is a whole range of events and activities planned - with something happening nearly every day in September. We have tried to make sure that there is something for everyone - whatever your age, wherever you live in the area, and whether you're interested in history, wildlife, or just like getting out and about in this fantastic landscape. And all our events are FREE, thanks to the way we are funded by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

So take your pick! There is a cruise on the Forth, a brand new play, moth mornings,

bat hunts, a chance to try archaeological surveying, history themed bike rides, healthy walks, fascinating exhibitions and talks, a rare chance to climb an ancient tower, scrub bashing, wildlife ID workshops, family bushcraft, a bioblitz, and loads more exciting and fun ways to discover, explore and get involved in the Inner Forth landscape this September.

We are very grateful to the huge range of organisations and volunteers that have made the Festival possible by organising, running and supporting the month's events. We really couldn't do it without them!

To get a flavour of what's on offer take a look at our programme of events inside.

There are so many that we only list the basic information here. To find out more, please visit the Events Calendar on our website: www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/eventscal, or call us on 01324 831568.

Look out for the * on the entries that require booking. To book visit www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/eventscal then email us at info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk or call 01324 831568.



Tell us what you think

We'd love to hear your comments, feedback and any ideas for a future Festival.

Please get in touch via info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk, or on Twitter [@innerforth](https://twitter.com/innerforth) or [Facebook/innerforthlandscapeinitiative](https://facebook.com/innerforthlandscapeinitiative)

Who we are

The Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI) is a four-year project, running from 2014 to 2018, supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.



Our vision is of an Inner Forth where local people and visitors alike value, protect and celebrate this unique landscape at the heart of Scotland.

Eight organisations make up the Initiative, led by the RSPB. IFLI, and our projects, have been made possible thanks to financial support from our Partners, the Heritage Lottery Fund, LIFE+, the Central Scotland Green Network Trust, and others. The Festival is part of the IFLI 'Like the Back of My Hand' project, which is part-funded by SNH.

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The Forth from a New Perspective *

THURS 1 3.45pm – 7.30pm, South Queensferry

Organised by: IFLI

A fantastic chance to see some of IFLI's 50 projects on board the Maid of the Forth. To book go to <http://bit.ly/28KtKJG>

Family Bat Evening *

FRI 2 7pm – 9pm, University of Stirling

Organised by: CSGNT/IFLI

Join Emilie Wadsworth from CSGNT to find out about the bats that call the Inner Forth home. This includes a walk in search of bats and a chance to use bat detectors.

Master Chef of the Woods

SAT 3 1pm – 5pm, Gartmorn Dam

Organised by: Clackmannanshire Council

Try out your culinary skills over a woodland fire near Gartmorn Dam. To book email rangers@clacks.gov.uk or call 01259 450000.

Estuary Bird ID Workshop *

SAT 3 All day, Blackness and Bo'ness

Organised by: IFLI

Join expert David Bryant to develop your wading bird ID skills on the coast.

Wester Moss Volunteer Work Party

SAT 3 10am – 3pm, Wester Moss, Fallin

Organised by: Butterfly Conservation Scotland

Volunteer with Butterfly Conservation Scotland to help restore the Wester Moss nature reserve. To book email scotland@butterfly-conservation.org

Siege on the Forth

SAT 3 – SUN 4 10am – 4pm, Blackness Castle

Organised by: Historic Environment Scotland

An action-packed weekend at the historic castle. Details and booking at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/events

Mining Exhibition

SAT 3 – SUN 4 1pm – 4.30pm, Tullibody Heritage Centre

Organised by: Tullibody History Group

The exhibition will include guest speakers and exhibits from local mining communities.

Painting the Forth Art Exhibition

TUES 6 SEPT – 2 OCT

See website for opening times, Stirling Smith Art Gallery & Museum

Organised by: IFLI

A month-long exhibition of the work of IFLI's artist-in-residence Darren Woodhead.

Culross Heritage Walk

TUES 6 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Culross

Organised by: IFLI

A chance to explore this historic burgh in the company of IFLI's cultural heritage officer Kirsty McAlister.

Bridgeness Biodiversity – Habitat Management

WED 7 10am – 1pm, Bridgeness Scrapyard

Organised by: Buglife

Volunteer with Buglife to learn about this site's wildlife and help manage it. To book email suzanne.burgess@buglife.org.uk or call 01786 447504.

Braveheart Cambus Pools Walk *

WED 7 1.30pm – 2.15pm, Cambus

Organised by: IFLI/Braveheart

Join us for a healthy walk to this SWT nature reserve in good company.

Try Scrub Bashing! *

FRI 9 10am – 3pm, Kinneil Lagoons

Organised by: RSPB

A chance to try your hand at practical conservation – clearing scrub to make the lagoons better for wetland birds.

Fungi ID Workshop *

SAT 10 10am – 4pm, Ochil Focus School, nr Alloa

Organised by: IFLI

Join fungi specialist and RSPB ecologist Chris Knowles to improve your fungi knowledge and ID skills.

Cambuskenneth Abbey Tower

SUN 11 Tours all day, Cambuskenneth Abbey Tower, Stirling

Organised by: Stirling Council

A rare chance to have a guided tour of the tower's interior: from Pictish logboats to 17th century snipers and secret masons' marks! To book email Murray Cook at cookm@stirling.gov.uk

Wild in the Woods *

MON 12 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Polmont Woods

Organised by: IFLI

Bring your family for a wild evening in the woods - you might light fires, make dens, or hunt for bats.

Bryophytes ID Workshop *

TUES 13 10am – 4pm, Wester Moss, Fallin

Organised by: IFLI

Join Rory Whytock to improve your moss and liverwort knowledge and ID.

Defeating the Invaders *

WED 14 9.30am – 4.30pm, Raploch Community Campus, Stirling

Organised by: IFLI/RSPB/Clackmannanshire Council

A conference on local solutions to the global problem of invasive non-native species. To book go to <http://bit.ly/1sHAiTx>

Island Field Cut

WED 14 11am – 3pm, Gartmorn Dam

Organised by: Clackmannanshire Council

Help Clackmannanshire Rangers cut and rake the island field at Gartmorn Dam to help make it better for wildflowers and grasses. Email rangers@clacks.gov.uk or call 01259 450000.

Come and Try a Survey Walk *

THURS 15 4.30pm – 7pm, Kinneil LNR

Organised by: IFLI

Learn more about the wildlife of Kinneil Foreshore and learn to use some simple wildlife ID techniques.

Investigating Higgins Neuk

THURS 15 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Airth

Organised by: SCAPE Trust

Find out more about the new IFLI project to investigate the history of Higgins Neuk, a former royal dockyard with links to James IV and his ship, the 'Great' Michael. Contact Elinor Graham-Allsop on 01334 463017.

History by Bike*

FRI 16 10.30am, Stirling Cycle Hub

Organised by: IFLI/SCH

Explore the fascinating history of the Inner Forth area by bike with Stirling Cycle Hub and IFLI. To book email cyclehub@forthenvironmentlink.org or call 01786 474160.

Nothing Around the Forth *

SAT 17 8.30am – 10.30am, Location TBC

Organised by: IFLI

A chance to learn more about identifying moths in the Inner Forth area.

Ceramic Industries of the Forth *

WED 21 7pm – 8.30pm, Alloa Tower

Organised by: IFLI

Ceramics expert George Haggarty will tell us more about the many ceramic artefacts found along the shores of the Forth.

Stirling's Archaeological Highlights from 2015/16

THURS 22 1pm – 2pm, Smith Museum, Stirling

Organised by: Stirling Council

Join Dr Murray Cook, Stirling Council's Archaeologist in a review of recent archaeological discoveries across Stirling.

Smugglers, Spies and Stolen Plum Pies: or, the Darker Side of Alloa's Trade in the 18th Century *

THURS 22 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Alloa

Organised by: IFLI

A performance of a brand new, specially-written play about the smugglers and trading shenanigans around Alloa in the 18th century.

RSPB Black Devon Wetlands Bioblitz

SAT 24 10am – 4pm, RSPB Black Devon Wetlands, nr Alloa

Organised by: IFLI/Buglife/RSPB

Join the IFLI team and friends for a day of nature recording. We will be seeing how many wildlife records we can make during the day.

Come and Try a Survey Walk *

SAT 24 2.30pm – 5pm, RSPB Black Devon Wetlands

Organised by: IFLI

Learn more about the wildlife and biodiversity of wetlands and learn to use some simple wildlife ID techniques.

Higgins Neuk Walk

SAT 24 10.30am, Higgins Neuk, Airth

Organised by: SCAPE Trust

A chance to explore the area where the new IFLI project to investigate the history of the landscape at Higgins Neuk will take place. Contact Elinor Graham-Allsop for more information on 01334 463017.

Try Scrub Bashing! *

SAT 24 10am – 3pm, Kinneil Lagoons

Organised by: RSPB

A chance to try your hand at practical conservation – clearing scrub to make the lagoons better for wetland birds.

Wildlife & Landscape Photography Walks*

SUN 25 10am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 5.30pm, Cambus

Take your camera for a walk with Dave Taylor from Wildpix Scotland as you explore the River Devon and surroundings. Gain tips on how to get the best out of your camera and enjoy the scenery with an eye on capturing some great images.

Smugglers, Spies and Stolen Plum Pies: or, the Darker Side of Alloa's Trade in the 18th Century*

WED 28 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Alloa

Organised by: IFLI

A performance of a brand new, specially-written play about the smugglers and trading shenanigans around Alloa in the 18th century.

Try Scrub Bashing! *

FRI 30 10am – 3pm, Kinneil Lagoons

Organised by: RSPB

A chance to try your hand at practical conservation – clearing scrub to make the lagoons better for wetland birds.

Clackmannan Heritage Weekend

SAT 24 – SUN 25 SEP **

All day, Clackmannan

Organised by: IFLI/CFSS/Historic Environment Scotland/Clackmannan Development Trust/Clackmannanshire Council

An action-packed weekend of activities for all the family, including a rare chance to tour the inside of Clackmannan Tower, part of the Doors Open Day programme. Other activities include heritage tours of the town, exhibitions and talk, children's activities including face painting, stalls, a chance to try your hand at archaeological surveying, and cafe.

** Booking essential for some of the events



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