

# INNER FORTH LANDSCAPE INTIATIVE TO STITUTE T

## September 2017







#### The Forth from a New Perspective\*

FRI 1 3.30pm - 7.30pm, South Queensferry

A fantastic chance to see some of IFLI's 50 projects on board the Maid of the Forth.

#### Siege on the Forth

**SAT 2 - SUN 3** 12noon - 4.00pm, Blackness Castle

Organised by: HES

Celebrate the history of 'the ship that never sailed' with Historic Environment Scotland and an army of re-enactors.

#### Culross Heritage Walk\*

MON 4 6.30pm, Culross

Explore the fascinating history of Culross on foot, and learn about its past as an international port.

#### Bushcraft, Bats and Bonfire\*

**TUES 5** 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Skinflats Nature Reserve

Organised by: IFLI/RSPB

An evening of family fun with a bonfire and bat safari.

#### **Bridgeness Biodiversity Volunteer**

WED 6 10.00am – 1.00pm, Bridgeness Shipbreakers

Organised by: Buglife

Help conserve an important wildlife habitat with Buglife Scotland. To book email suzanne.burgess@buglife.org.uk or call 01786 447504.

#### Walk with Braveheart\*

WED 6 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Bo'ness Foreshore

Organised by: Braveheart

Join Braveheart and IFLI for a walk taking in views of woodland and meadows. To book call Eva Findlayson on 01324 673703.

#### Valleyfield Estate Heritage Walk

**THURS 7** 

2.00pm, Valleyfield

A guided walk through the historic Valleyfield Estate.

#### **Valleyfield Stables Excavation**

**THURS 7 - MON 11** 

9.30am - 4.00pm, Valleyfield Woodland Park

Join AOC Archaeology as they uncover the historic stables and office block in the Valleyfield Estate.

#### **Conservation Volunteering with the** RSPB\*

FRI8 10.00am - 3.00pm, Skinflats Nature Reserve

Organised by: RSPB

Develop practical conservation and wildlife ID skills with the RSPB. To book email allison.leonard@rspb.org.uk

#### Photography/Printmaking Workshop\*

SAT 9 10.00am – 4.00pm, Valleyfield Community Centre

A wander in the woods of Valleyfield, to take wildlife photos and then make prints with natural materials.

#### **Advanced Estuary Bird ID Workshop\***

SAT 9 10.00am – 3.00pm, Blackness/Kinneil Foreshore

Join David Bryant for this walking workshop identifying wading birds from a distance.

#### Valleyfield Estate Heritage Walk

**SUN 10** 

2.00pm, Valleyfield

A guided walk through the historic Valleyfield Estate.

#### Wetland Wander - Guided Walk\*

**SUN 10** 2.00pm - 4.00pm, Black Devon Wetlands

Organised by: RSPB

Enjoy a guided walk at the new RSPB Reserve in Alloa. To book email forthreserves@rspb. org.uk or call 01324 832853.

#### **Mossy Moths!**

**FRI 15** 7.30pm, Wester Moss, Fallin **SAT 16** 10.00am, Wester Moss, Fallin

Organised by: Butterfly Conservation Scotland

Come along to see the fabulous moths that live at Wester Moss. For more information contact rmcllwrath@butterfly-conservation. org or call 01786 447753.

#### Fungi ID Workshop\*

10.00am - 4.00pm, Clackmannanshire **SAT 16** 

Learn how to identify fungi and take a spore print with ecologist Chris Knowles.



#### **Kinneil House Open Day**

1.00pm - 4.00pm, Kinneil Estate

Organised by: Friends of Kinneil

Explore the 15th century mansion with its rare Renaissance wall paintings. Details and booking at kinneil.wordpress.com/friends

**SAT 16** 1.00pm - 4.00pm, Kinneil Estate

Organised by: FCT

Come and watch a chainsaw artist create a piece for the Estate. Details and booking at www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org

#### **Beach Clean**

**SUN 17** 10.00am – 12noon, Limekilns

Join in the Great British Beach Clean.

#### **Kennetpans Guided Walk\***

**TUES 19** 6.00pm - 8.00pm, Kincardine Park and Ride

Explore one of the Inner Forth's most important industrial sites, the former distillery at Kennetpans.

#### Come and Try a Survey Walk

**WED 20** 

6.00pm - 8.00pm, Kinneil Estate

Discover new wildlife hotspots of the Inner Forth on one of our Survey Walk routes.

#### Spirits, Ships and Smuggling: A River's Tale

3.00pm - 7.00pm, Alloa Harbour **THURS 21** 

Take a trip from Alloa to Kennetpans and Airth, before heading up the windings towards Stirling to learn about the history of the River Forth.

#### **Nocturnal Safari\***

**FRI 22** 7.15pm, Kinneil Estate

Organised by: FCT

A walk at dusk to uncover the wildlife that comes out after dark. Details and booking at www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org or call 01324 506850.

#### Sphagum Moss ID Workshop\*

10.00am - 4.00pm, Wester Moss SSSI, Fallin **FRI 22** 

Join ecologist Rory Whytock to identify types of sphagnum moss.

#### **Family Fun Day**

2.00pm - 4.00pm, Black Devon Wetlands **SAT 23** 

Organised by: RSPB

Drop in session of wildlife fun for families at this RSPB nature reserve.

#### Photography/Printmaking Workshop\*

10.00am – 4.00pm, Clackmannan Town Hall

A wander in the woods of Clackmannan and Kennet, to take wildlife photos and then make prints with natural materials.

#### **Castle to Coast Walk\***

**SAT 23 - SUN 24** 10.30am / 1.30pm, Clackmannan Tower

Organised by: RSPB

Join RSPB staff for guided walks from Clackmannan Tower down to RSPB Black Devon Wetlands.



#### **Clackmannan Tower Doors Open Day\***

**SAT 23 - SUN 24** Clackmannan Tower

Organised by: ILFI/HES/CDT

A rare chance to look inside the 14th century tower and see the views from the newly-built balustrade across the Forth and Ochils.

#### **Charlestown Walk\***

**MON 25** 

2.00pm, Charlestown

Join local expert Tobe Gardner to discover more about this historic planned village.

#### Mini Handloom Weaving\*

**TUE 26** 

7.00pm - 9.00pm, Alloa Tower

Justine Bainbridge shows you how to make minature handloom weavings inspired by the River Forth.

#### Family Bat Walk\*

**WED 27** 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Stirling University campus

Join Emilie Wadsworth from CSGNT to find out about the bats that call the Inner Forth home, and get a chance to use bat detectors.

#### Clackmannan to Kennetpans Walk\*

THURS 28 10.30am – 12.30pm, Clackmannan Town Centre

Discover the history of Clackmannan and the Kennetpans distillery on this guided walk.

#### Come and Try a Survey Walk

**FRI 29** 

10.00am - 12noon, Devilla Forest

Discover new wildlife hotspots of the Inner Forth on one of our Survey Walk routes.

#### **Conservation Volunteering with the**

**SAT 30** 10.00am - 3.00pm, Skinflats Nature Reserve

Organised by: RSPB

Develop practical conservation and wildlife ID skills with the RSPB. To book email allison.leonard@rspb.org.uk

## **Guided Cycle with the Stirling Cycle**

#### DATE / TIME / LOCATION TBC

Learn about the fascinating history and nature of the Inner Forth with IFLI and the Stirling Cycle Hub. To book email cyclehub@forthenvironmentlink.org

#### www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/eventscal

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.

This September join us to celebrate the Inner Forth landscape!



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# Inner Forth Festival



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# Welcome to the third



# Inner Forth Festival



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

Whatever your age, interests or where you live, we have tried to make sure there is something for everyone this September. All the events are free to attend, thanks to the way we are funded by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Events include wildlife ID workshops, heritage tours of some of the Inner Forth's historic locations, guided walks, a family bushcraft and bonfire evening, photography and printmaking workshops, and more! We've also included events in the area which are being run by some of our partner organisations.

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 events that this leaflet only has the basic information – if you want to know more please visit our Online Events Calendar on our website: www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/eventscal

or get in touch at **01324 831568** or

info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk.

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 comments, feedback and any ideas for future events. You can get in touch with us via <a href="mailto:info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk">info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk</a>, or on Twitter at <a href="mailto:@innerforthlandscapeinitiative">@innerforthlandscapeinitiative</a>

#### 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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