



## Who we are

The Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI) is a four-year project, running from 2014 - 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, 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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# Inner Forth Festival

## September 2015

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.



# Welcome to the Inner Forth Festival 2015!

Welcome to the very first IFLI 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 are 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 are archaeological digs, arty adventures, moth mornings, bat hunts, birding bike rides, healthy walks, fascinating exhibitions and talks, a rare chance to climb ancient towers, scrub bashing, wildlife workshops, 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 on offer 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](http://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/eventscal), or call us on 01324 831568.



You'll need to book for some of the events. Look out for the \* on the entry. If so please email [info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk](mailto:info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk), or call the number above.

### Tell us what you think

We'd love to hear your comments and feedback, and any ideas for a future Festival. Please get in touch via [info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk](mailto:info@innerforthlandscape.co.uk), or on Twitter or Facebook

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>Bioblitzing for beginners</b> 1-2pm. Smith Museum, Stirling IFLI/Buglife <i>A talk about how to make your wildlife watching count!</i></p> <p><b>The Forth from a new perspective**</b> 3.45-7.30pm. South Queensferry IFLI <i>A chance to see some of IFLI's 50 projects on board the Maid of the Forth.</i></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2 Fun fungal foray**</b> 10am - 1pm. Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness IFLI <i>A woodland hunt for fabulous fungi.</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>4 Bat hunting in the woods *</b> 8-10.30pm. Polmont Woods IFLI/CSGNT <i>Discover what comes out in the woods at dusk.</i></p> <p><b>Moths at Kinneil</b> 4th 9.30pm Kinneil Foreshore 5th 9.30am-12.30pm Bo'ness Falkirk Council <i>Watch the moth trapping and see some of the amazing moths that are found.</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>4-5</b></p>	<p><b>5 Oral history workshop**</b> 10am-4pm. Bo'ness Library IFLI/AOC <i>Training to learn how best to record people's memories.</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	
<p><b>7 Inspiring meadows Fully booked</b> 9am-5pm. Raploch Campus, Stirling IFLI/On The Verge <i>Meadow management conference.</i></p> <p><b>7-18 Abbots, kings &amp; lost harbours **</b> Book via <a href="mailto:cookm@stirling.gov.uk">cookm@stirling.gov.uk</a> 10am-4pm. Cambuskenneth, Stirling IFLI/Guard/Stirling Council <i>A 2-week long archaeological dig and a chance to learn new skills from professional historians, archaeologists, &amp; geophysicists.</i></p>		<p><b>10 Kilns and Kegs - history in the Inner Forth*</b> 7-9pm. Queen's Hall, Charlestown IFLI/Historic Scotland <i>A Gellet Society talk focussing on some of IFLI's key heritage projects.</i></p> <p><b>With Braveheart to Blackness*</b> 1.30-2.30pm. Bo'ness &amp; Blackness IFLI/Braveheart <i>Explore some of the John Muir Way on this healthy walk in good company.</i></p>		<p><b>11 Get stuck in for nature! *</b> 10am-3pm. RSPB Skinflats Reserve RSPB <i>A chance to do some real practical conservation work on an RSPB site.</i></p>	<p><b>12 Wader ID workshop**</b> 8.50am-3pm. Blackness &amp; Kinneil Lagoons IFLI <i>Learn how to ID wading birds from a distance.</i></p> <p><b>13 Doors Open Day at the Abbey**</b> Book via <a href="mailto:cookm@stirling.gov.uk">cookm@stirling.gov.uk</a> 10am-4pm. Cambuskenneth Abbey IFLI/Historic Scotland/Stirling Council <i>A rare chance to see inside this historic building, &amp; an archaeological dig in action.</i></p> <p><b>13 Walking the story of Charlestown*</b> 1-3pm Charlestown IFLI/Historic Scotland/Gellet Society <i>A walking history tour of the village with the largest limekiln complex in Scotland.</i></p>	
<p><b>14 IFLI's Forth story*</b> 4-5pm. Speirs Centre, Alloa IFLI <i>A talk about the highlights of IFLI's first year and plans for the future.</i></p>	<p><b>15 Quick march at Bandedeath *</b> 10.30-12.30pm. Bandedeath, Throsk IFLI/Walk Forward <i>A healthy walk to explore the history of this once secret wartime site.</i></p>	<p><b>16 Mapping your heritage**</b> 7-9pm. Clackmannan Town Hall IFLI/AOC <i>Train to make high quality digital maps to plot your research findings.</i></p> <p><b>Fungal foray and ID workshop**</b> Time &amp; venue TBC IFLI <i>Fungi specialist Chris Knowles leads this workshop for anyone who wants to learn more about fungi.</i></p>	<p><b>17 Birding by bike*</b> 10.30-1pm. Start at Alloa Station IFLI/Stirling Cycle Hub/RSPB <i>Cycle to 3 great Inner Forth birding sites with the RSPB.</i></p> <p><b>A stroll to an ancient harbour*</b> 10.30-11.30am. Cambuskenneth IFLI/RSVP <i>A healthy walk to see an archaeological dig in action at Stirling's ancient harbour.</i></p>		<p><b>26 Get stuck in for nature! *</b> 10am-3pm. RSPB Skinflats Reserve RSPB <i>A chance to do some real practical conservation work on an RSPB site.</i></p> 	
<p><b>21 Try scrub bashing!*</b> 10am-3pm. Kinneil Lagoons RSPB <i>A chance to try your hand at practical conservation.</i></p>	<p><b>22 Archaeology &amp; artefacts*</b> 7-9pm. Callendar House, Falkirk IFLI <i>Dr David Clarke tells us what we can learn from objects from the past.</i></p>					
<p><b>28 Walk Fife's Forth*</b> 10am. Kincardine IFLI/FCCT <i>Walk a section of the Fife Coast Path and discover some of its fantastic heritage.</i></p>	<p><b>29 Bats at the Palace *</b> 8-10.30pm. Culross Palace IFLI/Fife &amp; Kinross Bat Group/NTS <i>See and hear the new residents of the Palace!</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>Clackmannann's Heritage Weekend 26-27</b> Saturday and Sunday 9.30am - 5pm Clackmannan IFLI/Historic Scotland/CFSS/Clackmannan Council/AOC/Clackmannan Town Hall Trust <i>An action-packed weekend of activities for all the family. A rare chance to tour the inside of the Tower**; history exhibition; archaeological research workshop**; waggonway walks; art and craft activities; treasure trail; walks to RSPB Black Devon Wetlands; and refreshments.</i></p> 			