

OCTOBER

Saturday 10th October 9:30am - 11:30am

Winter Works Walk

The winter is time for practical works. Hear how MHC manage the Hills and Commons in winter and how the landscape has changed with time. Meet at Blackhill car park.

Saturday 24th October 10:30am - 12:30pm

Fungi Foray

Dive into the world of fungi and discover the wonders of Hollybed Common. Great for all the family.

Meet at Mill Pond car park.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th November 10am - 3:30pm

A Step Back in Time

An interesting journey following the geological timeline of the Malvern Hills and Commons. Get up close to some of the oldest rocks on the earth and hear how volcanics made our Hills. Meet at the Jubilee Drive car park next to the Wyche Free Church (SO 76784 43423).

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th December 9am - 1pm

Explore the Southern Hills

A steep and strenuous walk exploring the Southern Malvern Hills with staff from the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Meet at Swinyard car park.



Important Information

Walk leaders will ensure that the walks are taken at a steady pace with regular learning and rest stops.

Please call the office if you would like more information regarding the accessibility of events.

Please come prepared for the outdoors - wear appropriate weatherproof clothing, sturdy footwear, sun block and a sun hat. Bring a flask and lunch for longer events.

Booking for events is essential

No dogs please.

Please note that the car park charge is £3.

(Directions to car parks can be found on the MHC website)

Key



Particularly weather dependent event



Family friendly event

The Malvern Hills Conservators do not charge for events but all charitable donations are gratefully received and go towards conserving the Hills and Commons.



The Malvern Hills Conservators were established in 1884 to protect and manage the Hills. We are a registered charity (charity number 515804).

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EVENTS DIARY

2015

Explore the Hills



**MALVERN HILLS
CONSERVATORS**
MANAGING THE HILLS

MARCH

Saturday 21st March 10am - 1pm

Spring Clean

Take part in the National Big Tidy Up by joining us for a local litter pick! An opportunity to meet other volunteers and local people, and explore a lesser known corner of MHC land. Meet at the Memorial Orchard in the Community Woodland, Townsend Way (SO 79690 47364). Use public transport wherever possible as parking is limited.

Saturday 28th March 10am - 1pm

A Ground-nesting Bird?!

Come and find out more about our fascinating ground-nesting birds including skylarks and meadow pipits. Discover how together we can help protect these elusive birds. Meet at North Quarry car park.



APRIL

Tuesday 28th April 2pm - 4pm

Lambs and Livelihoods

Join one of the Hills' graziers as he puts ewes and lambs back on the Hills. Find out more about grazing livestock and how it's essential for conservation.

Meet at British Camp car park.

MAY

Wednesday 6th May 2015 10am - 1pm

Springs and Spouts - Well Dressing Special

This week is Malvern Spa Association's Well Dressing week. There are over 40 dressed springs and wells on the Malvern Hills and Commons. Come along on a walk to visit some of the springs and spouts and explore the history and stories behind the Well Dressing. Meet at West of England Quarry car park.

Saturday 9th May 10am - 12 noon

Pond Life

Meet ecologist Nigel Hand and discover 'life in the pond', frogs, newts, insects and plants, and have a go at pond dipping. Perfect for the whole family! Meet at the upper car park, Old Hills.

Sunday 17th May 10am - 12 noon

Woodland Wonders and Beautiful Bluebells

Take a closer look at a traditionally managed woodland with a local woodworker, Dave Jackson. Hear the woodland birds, stories of dormice and see a carpet of woodland flowers. Learn how we are now managing this wood as our ancestors would have done. Meet at the lime kilns at Parkwood (not accessible by vehicle, please park at West of England Quarry car park and walk down).

JUNE

Tuesday 9th June 11am - 1pm

Orchid and Wildflower Walk

An opportunity to join a guided walk around a flower-rich common. Find out how to identify common haymeadow plants and finish up with an orchid extravaganza.

Meet at Peachfield Road car park, on Malvern Common.

JULY

Thursday 2nd July 2pm - 4pm

Curiosities of Castlemorton Common

Local botanist Peter Garner introduces you to the rare and interesting plants of Castlemorton Common. Discover why they're here and how MHC manages this Common to protect its biodiversity.

Meet at Swinyard car park.



AUGUST

Tuesday 25th August 8pm - Late

Barmy Bats

Ever fancied a go at bat detecting? Come along and give it a try, with help from the Worcestershire Bat Group. Learn about Malvern's bat species and how to identify them. Fun for all the family! Please bring a torch. Meet at British Camp car park.

SEPTEMBER

Monday 14th September 2pm - 4pm

Our Hidden Past

Local archaeologist Neil Rimmington will be uncovering the history of British Camp and other monuments on the Malvern Hills. Find out how these fragile monuments were made and how they are now looked after.

Meet at British Camp car park.