



Environmental
Education
Project

at Rosliston Forestry Centre



Wildlife Watch

Events & Activities 2024

For Adults & Families



Rosliston
Forestry
Centre

Environmental Education Project:

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www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk**

Welcome to the Environmental Education Project 2024 Event Programme

Weds 28 February, 6, 13, 20 & *27 March Saplings

*this session includes a Campfire

10.30-11.30am

Outdoor play for preschool children. Meet at the outdoor classroom.

£6 per child

Suitable for children aged 1-4 years

Booking recommended

Pay in the shop

Fri 23 February Free guided wild storytelling walk!

10am-12noon

Guided walk using stories as the theme to learn about the nature around us

No booking required, meet outside the soft play

Suitable for families

Contact: Rob Driver rob.driver@tcv.org.uk

t: 07483050767



10-25 Feb Rosliston Forestry Centre Story Trail 10am-3pm daily

Pick up your trail sheet in the shop for a one mile book trail to find all the hidden books, win a woodland medal on completion. We have a book stand so every child can pick a book to take home with them.

Contact

enquiries@roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

£3 per child (pay in the shop)

No booking required

Suitable for all ages



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Sun 10 March Swadlincote Festival of Words at Rosliston Forestry Centre

Wings of Wonder with Honeycraft Starts at 10am

Unleash your creativity, fly into the magical world of butterflies and moths, and create your own butterfly or moth wings from recycled paper

Free of charge

Drop-in activity available all day

No booking necessary

Meet the Author Ig Oliver Starts at 11am

Entertained by Sindeena the wicked dragonfly witch, her twin sister Belliza as well as the mascot Bramley Bee, author Ig Oliver brings his story of 'The Butterfly Bee Lady and the Bee' to life at the Forestry Centre

FREE

Booking recommended

Stories of the National Forest With storyteller Pyn Stockman and musician Ann Jones

12noon, 13.00 & 14.00

On the picnic area (weather permitting)
Enjoy co-creating stories & songs in these interactive sessions.

Free

Meet the Author Fiona Spence Arnold Starts at 12pm

Reading her book, 'Rhamni Finds Her Wings' Fiona will enchant listeners on the adventures of Rhamni, a Brimstone butterfly, in the search for the elusive Ghost Orchid. Teaming up with Max, a Mint moth, the pair set off on a perilous adventure, facing danger at every turn

Finish this wonderful adventure with a quiz

FREE

Full programme and bookings at
WWW.SWADLINCOTEFESTIVALOFWORDS.CO.UK

Sun 10 March

Wellbeing Workshops

Delivered by trained wellbeing guides

Forest Bathing

11am-12noon

A peaceful, guided activity walk in nature. Slow down, relax, improve sleep, increase focus and connect with nature.

£12 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12

Booking essential

Think Like A Tree Walk

1-2pm

What can we learn from nature, to help ourselves and nature flourish? Introducing some ideas from the Think Like a Tree course/permaculture - helps us learn to work with nature to become more resilient, face challenges and celebrate successes.

£12 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12

Booking essential

Special well being offer for your wallet!

Book both workshops for £20

- ★ **Become more resilient**
- 🌸 **Live more sustainably**
- 👓 **Be more focused**
- 😊 **Be healthier & relaxed**
- ➔ **Achieve your goals**
- 😊 **Enjoy each day**
- ✍️ **Be creative**



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Mon 18 March

Garden Obelisk Workshop

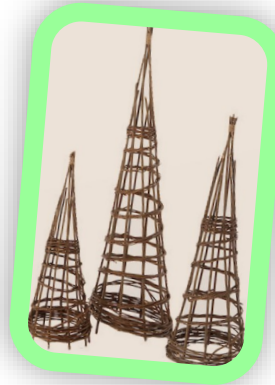
10am-12noon

Willow is both useful and environmentally beneficial. Make your own garden obelisk to grow plants up using soaked Willow and Hazel stems led by our EEP Team.

£15.00 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12yrs

Booking essential



Sat 23 March

Free Spring Celebration

10am-12noon

Celebrate the coming of Spring by looking at some of the bygone celebration traditions as we walk around Rosliston Forestry Centre.

No booking required, meet outside the soft play

Suitable for all ages

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23 March to 14 April Rosliston Forestry Centre Easter Egg Trail

10am-3pm daily

Pick up your trail sheet in the shop and use it to find all the hidden eggs around our beautiful site - win a medal on completion! Vote for your favourite decorated egg and a local school will win a prize.

Contact

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£3 per child (pay in shop)

Suitable for all ages

No booking required



Tues 2 April

Wildlife Watch

Eggs-pert craft

2-4pm

As we enjoy all things Easter, try your hand at making a natural nest for all those eggs! Look at examples of real birds nests then try your hand at making your own - no glue allowed!

£3 per child taking part Under 3yrs free

Suitable for all ages

Booking recommended

Tues 9 April

Wildlife Watch

Eggs-ploring for minibeasts

2-4pm

It's not just birds and Easter Bunnies that lay eggs. Join the EEP Team on a guided walk to find what other creatures lay their eggs at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Take home a spotter sheet you can use again & again...

£3 per child taking part Under 3yrs free

Suitable for all ages

Booking recommended

**Weds 17, 24 April &
1, 8, 15, 22* May**

Saplings

***this session includes a fire**

10.30-11.30am

Outdoor play for preschool children. Meet at the outdoor classroom.

Pay in shop.

£6 per child

Suitable for children aged 1-4 years

Booking recommended

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**South Derbyshire
& Ashby Wolds
Amateur Radio
Group**



**Heartwood
Community
Woodland
Group**

Sat 27 April Science Discovery Fun Day 11am-3pm

Have fun with science! Have a go at simple experiments with the EEP team. Explore the properties and uses of natural materials... Includes Circularity Repair Cafe, Rosliston Astronomy Group, South Derbyshire and Ashby Wolds Amateur Radio Group and ARD Birds of Prey

FREE OF CHARGE
No booking required
Suitable for all ages
(some activities may incur a small charge)

REPAIR CAFE



**ARD Birds of
Prey**



**Rosliston
Astronomy
Group**

Sun 5 May Dawn Chorus Walk 4.30-6am

Guided walk with Birding for Beginners. Early risers will be able to enjoy the beautiful Rosliston Dawn Chorus, provided by our many resident bird species.

No booking required

Email: birdingfor@gmail.com for info
Donations to support the volunteers feeding the birds at Rosliston gratefully received.

18 - 30 May

National Forest Walking Festival

Lots of opportunities for guided and self led walks, trails and activities in the National Forest. Check social media for opportunities and events near you.

For more walking festival info email:
tor.adams@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Fri 17 May Wildlife Watch Moth Night 7.30pm-10.30pm approx

An exciting chance to find out all about moths. Live trapping and ID workshop. Learn all about the species you find, and how to identify them!

£5 per person taking part
Suitable for families
Booking recommended




**BIRDWATCHING
FOR
BEGINNERS**

Rosliston Forestry Centre
Burton Rd, Rosliston, Swadlincote DE12 8JX

3rd Sunday of the month

9am start

No booking required

Everyone welcome



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Mon 20 May

Foraging at the Forestry Centre

10am -12noon

Have a gentle walk around Rosliston Forestry Centre woodlands and meadows, foraging for seasonal leaves, fruit and seeds for eating & wellbeing.

£5 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12yrs

Booking essential

25 May - 2 June

Rosliston Forestry Centre

Space Trail

10am-3pm daily

Pick up your trail sheet in the shop for a one mile space themed trail to find all the hidden planets - win a medal on completion!

Contact:

enquiries@roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

£3 per child (pay in the shop)

Suitable for families

No booking required

Weds 5, 12, 19, 26 June

3, 10, 17* July

Saplings Nature Tots

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10.30-11.30am

Outdoor play for preschool children. Meet at the outdoor classroom.

£6 per child

Suitable for children aged 1-4 years

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Tues 28 May, 30 July, 13

August, 27 August

Dragonfly Walk

11am-1pm approx

Join the EEP Team for a guided walk to spot adult dragonflies after they have emerged from the pond. Part of an exciting new project to help survey pond life at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Supported by the Linnean Learning Project.

Donation towards wildlife surveying welcome

Suitable for Children over 8yrs and Adults

No booking required

Walks will NOT take place if it is raining

Thurs 06 June

D Day Commemoration

Picnic

and Beacon Lighting

7-10pm site open for picnics

9.15pm beacon lighting

As the Nation remembers, join the Forestry Centre & EEP teams for a small public event. You are welcome to bring a picnic or 'fish, chips & mushy peas' and a battery lantern or lamp for the 'lamplight of peace' to turn on as we light the Beacon (please do not bring candles). No entertainment is planned and the café will not be open. See more on the national commemoration here: <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk>

Free to attend

Suitable for all ages

No booking required



**For booking please contact:
rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk**

Sat 22 & Sun 23 June

Festival of Leisure

11.30am until 5pm

Join the EEP in Maurice Lea Park, Common Rd, Church Gresley, Swadlincote DE11 9NW for a weekend of entertainment, fun and activity including some activities led by the EEP Team.

No booking required

Free to attend

Entertainment for all ages

Fri 26 July

Nightwatch

7pm-10pm approx

Find out more about nocturnal creatures and the night sky with experts from our local groups. Walks, talks and displays throughout the evening about bats, badgers, moths and more...

Booking essential

£5 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 7yrs

Tues 30 July

Wildlife Watch

Where do dragons live?

2-4pm

Join us for a guided walk to spot adult dragonflies after they have emerged from the pond followed by an hour of dragonfly themed craft

£3 per child

Suitable for Families

Booking recommended

Tues 6 August

Wildlife Watch Dens & S'more

2-4pm

Fantastic family fun building dens in the woods, learn how to safely & sustainably light a campfire then cook the delicious treat of S'mores. All materials and equipment provided. Please advise of dietary requirements at the time of booking.

£5 per person (incl adults)

Booking essential

Suitable for all ages Under 3yrs free

Tues 13 August

Willow Weaving

2-4pm

Join us for an hour of weaving willow in our living sculpture hedge followed by making a dragonfly out of willow to take home.

£3 per child

No booking required

Suitable for Families

Mon 19 August

PlayMobile with the Active Communities and Health Team

10am-12noon

Test your skill levels at giant games including Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, Connect Four and Chess. Take part in Art and Craft Activities, Space Hopper Races and many more free play opportunities or why not come and see how high you can jump on our Bouncy Castle which also has a small slide.

Age: Under 16's (under 8's must attend with a responsible adult).

No booking required

Tues 20 August

Wildlife Watch Dens & S'more

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Fantastic family fun building dens in the woods, learn how to safely & sustainably light a campfire then cook the delicious treat of S'mores. All materials and equipment provided. Please advise of dietary requirements at the time of booking.

£5 per person (incl adults)

Booking essential

Suitable for all ages Under 3yrs free



Weds 21 August

2-4pm

SportMobile with the Active Communities and Health Team

10am-12noon

Have a go at a variety of sports as well as the giant inflatable Human Table Football Arena and Mountain Bike Challenge.

Activities include: Athletics, Boccia, Football, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Rugby, Dodgeball

Age: Under 16's (under 8's must attend with a responsible adult).

No booking required

Tues 27 August

Wildlife Watch Pond Dipping

11am-4pm

Join us on site to see what creatures lurk beneath the waters of the lake.

All equipment provided.

Pond Dipping session: 30mins

sessions 11 to 11:30 / 11:40 to 12:10 / 12:40-13:10 / 13:20 to 13:50 / 14:00 to 14:30 / 14:40 to 15:10/ 15:20-15:50

Book in advance or drop in. This session is very popular so booking is recommended.

£3.00 per child taking part

Mon 9 September

Natural Dyes Workshop

10am-12noon

A gentle, guided walk around Rosliston Forestry Centre woodlands and meadows, finding plants that can be used to make natural dyes. Use your finds to create a unique tote bag to take home.

£10 per person

Booking essential

Suitable for adults & children over 7yrs

For booking please contact:

rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Sun 15 September

Wellbeing Workshops

Delivered by trained well being guides

Forest Bathing

11am-12noon

A peaceful guided activity walk in nature. Slow down, relax, improve sleep, increase focus and connect with nature.

£12 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12

Booking essential

Think Like A Tree Walk

1-2pm

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Booking essential

Mon 16 September

Wellbeing Workshops

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Forest Bathing

11am-12noon

A peaceful guided activity walk in nature. Slow down, relax, improve sleep, increase focus and connect with Nature.

£12 per person

Suitable for adults and children over 12

Booking essential

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Booking essential

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**Weds 11, 18, 25 September
2, 9, 16, 23* Oct
Saplings Nature Tots**

*this session includes a fire

10.30-11.30am

Outdoor play for preschool children. Meet at the outdoor classroom.

£6 per child

Suitable for children aged 1-4 years

Booking recommended

Pay in the shop



**Fri 20 September
Guided Bat Walk**

6.30pm-9.30pm approx

Meet at 18:30 at the Rosliston Forestry Centre for an opportunity to find out about bats- where they live, what they eat and how they find their way in the dark. Led by Derbyshire Bat Group.

Booking essential

£5 per person

Suitable for families Under 4yrs free

**South Derbyshire
& Ashby Wolds
Amateur Radio
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**Heartwood
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**Sat 19
October
Science Discovery Fun Day
11am-3pm**

Have fun with science! Have a go at simple experiments with the EEP team. Explore the wonder of flight by nature and by man.....

Includes Circularity Repair Cafe, Rosliston Astronomy Group, South Derbyshire and Ashby Wolds Amateur Radio Group and ARD Birds of Prey

FREE OF CHARGE

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Suitable for all ages

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REPAIR CAFE



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Tues 29 October

Wildlife Watch

Pine Cone Baby Owls

2-4pm

Make an adorable baby owl from a simple pine cone with the EEP Team. Join us before or after you've completed the onsite Owl Trail or just drop into the workshop only.

£3 per child taking part

Suitable for all ages Under 3yrs free

Booking recommended



October/November tbc

Rosliston Forestry Centre

Owl Trail

10am-3pm daily

Pick up your trail sheet in the shop and use it to find all the hidden owls around our beautiful site, win a medal on completion.

Contact:

enquiries@roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

£3 per child

Suitable for all ages

Weds 6, 13, 20, 27 November

4, 11, 18* December

*this session includes a fire

Saplings Nature Tots

10.30-11.30am

Outdoor play for preschool children. Meet at the outdoor classroom.

Pay in shop.

£6 per child

Suitable for children aged 1-4 years

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Sat 23 November

Christmas Wreath Workshop

10am-12noon or 1-3pm

Make a sustainable wreath from natural materials with the guidance of members of the EEP team.

Booking essential

£20 per person

Suitable for older young people & adults

Mon 25 November

Christmas Wreath Workshop

10am-12noon or 1-3pm

Make a sustainable wreath from natural materials with the guidance of members of the EEP team.

Booking essential.

£20 per person

Suitable for older young people & adults

Look out for details of the Rosliston Forestry Centre Christmas Market &

Reindeer Trail on our website

Contact

enquiries@roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

for details

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rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Volunteer at Rosliston Forestry Centre

Improve your physical and mental health, enjoy healthy outdoor exercise and make new friends.

PLEASE EMAIL US BEFORE ATTENDING YOUR FIRST SESSION
rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Drop In Gardening D.I.G

Every Monday afternoon 2-4pm

Help us maintain the sensory, herb and wildlife gardens, improve your fitness levels and learn some basic gardening skills at the same time.

All sessions are free and we are grateful for your help.

No sessions on bank holidays or in snow

Please bring your own gloves & drinks

Activity supported by



Rosliston Rangers

Every second & fourth Tuesday of the month

10:00am-3pm

Make a regular date or drop in as you please to help with site maintenance projects, tree work, conservation and wildlife surveys.

Training provided.

Please bring your lunch, drinks & gloves



Corporate Environmental Packages At Rosliston Forestry Centre

- * Bespoke planning including opportunity to link activities to your team's objectives
 - * A trained leader on the day
- * All paperwork including: project templates, welcome letter for Participants & all risk assessments
 - * First aiders on site
- * We can offer a wide variety of activities including campfire/shelterbuilding/Falconry/GPS Quest/Forest Bathing/Think Like A Tree/ TREC: The Rosliston Environmental Challenge/ Plan-It-Earth: Team Building Games and Activities and more...
- You will need to bring a sense of humour, sense of fun and suitable outdoor clothing for the weather (hats/coats/long trousers and closed-toe footwear), your own gloves, sunscreen & insect repellent!

Please email rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk for more information





Regular events and activities for all to enjoy on our urban parks in Swadlincote including Eureka Park, Maurice Lea Park, Newhall Park Cadley Park and Swadlincote Woodlands.

Contact 01283 228766 or visit www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/parklife



Environmental Education Project

Other Environmental Education Project activities

Contact us for information and prices: rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk

- Drop In Gardening—Mondays 2-4 (not Bank Hols) FREE
- Rosliston Rangers—conservation volunteering (adults) 2nd/4th Tuesdays 10-3 FREE
- School visits at Rosliston, Swadlincote, school grounds and elsewhere
- Rooms to let at Rosliston
- Family Trails at Rosliston **DOWNLOAD FREE**
- Swadlincote Heritage Trail **DOWNLOAD FREE**
- 'Forest Bathing' events • Family workshops
- Children's Parties • Think Like A Tree;



Environmental Education Project at Rosliston Forestry Centre

Look out for public events or book a bespoke session for your group

For other events at Rosliston Forestry Centre, across the National Forest and beyond go to: www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

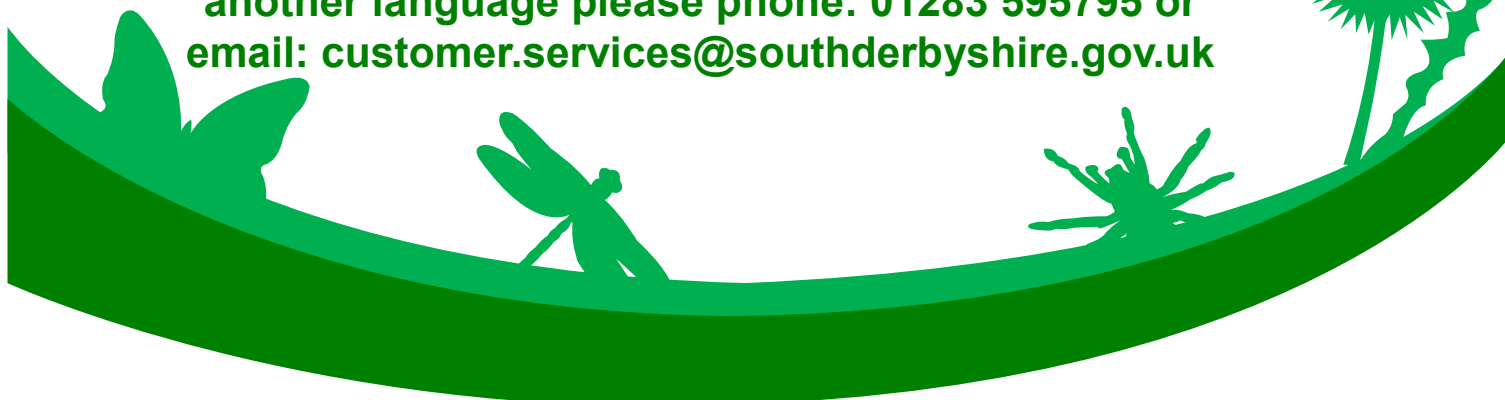
www.nationalforest.org

www.southderbyshire.gov.uk

For more information on Wildlife Watch look at:

www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk or www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

If you require this information in large print or in another language please phone: 01283 595795 or email: customer.services@southderbyshire.gov.uk



Environmental Education Project
working across South Derbyshire
and The National Forest

