

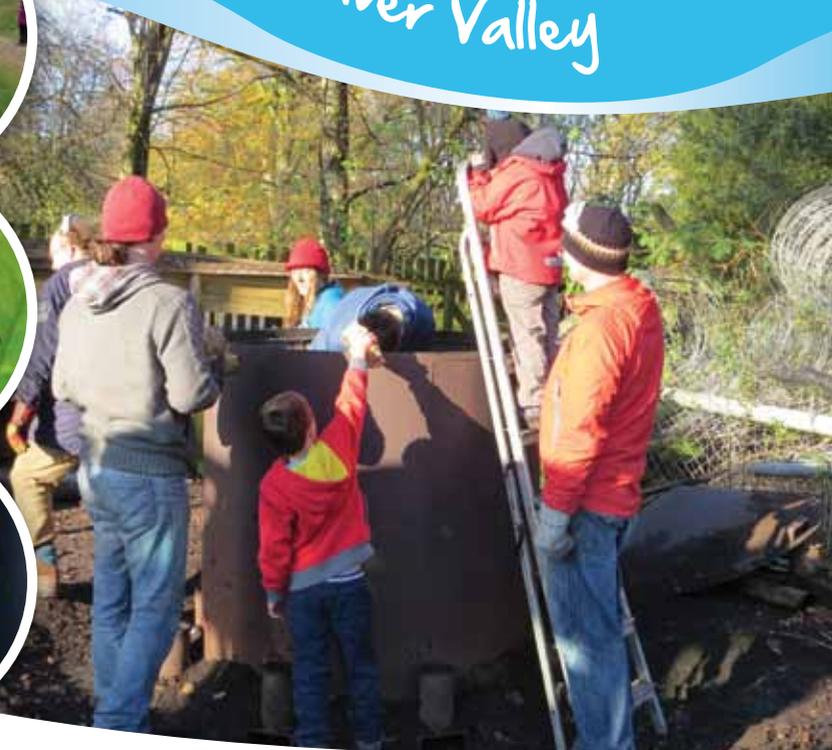


SALTscape

2016 Events Programme

July - December

Connecting heritage, nature
and people in the Weaver Valley



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Saltscape

The Saltscape is the area of central Cheshire extending along the River Weaver from Frodsham to the Salt towns of Northwich, Winsford and Middlewich.

The Saltscape Landscape Partnership, funded by the National Lottery's Heritage Lottery Fund is delivering projects to protect, enhance and celebrate the unique legacy of the salt industry in Cheshire. As well as being key to the area's past and current industrial importance, salt plays a crucial role in the natural environment. Salt marsh vegetation normally found on the coast thrives around brine springs while areas once blighted by industrial waste are now unique wildlife habitats.

Saltscape brings together expert partners and the community to make sure that this special landscape is managed cohesively for future generations.



What's New?

New courses this season include ladybird surveys, hay rake making, scything and an introduction to navigation. We are also including partner events which are not funded by Saltscape but are likely to be of interest to people going on our courses. For the latest up to date information on courses and events run by us and by our partners visit the Saltscape website www.saltscape.co.uk where new information is added all the time.

Holding your own event in the Saltscape? Please get in touch via the website and we may be able to help you promote it.

All events must be booked in advance as places are limited. Some courses may be subject to change or cancellation, in which case you will be informed.

Look for the labels to match the events to your interest:



Talks & Walks

Relax on a guided walk in the beautiful rolling countryside with one of our rangers using our Public Rights of Way network.



Nature & Wildlife

Join the experts for breathtaking opportunities to see wonderful wildlife up close.



Heritage Skills & Crafts

Events that give you a window into the past of local places and people.



Partner Events

Lots more events to come in early 2017. We're working on new events and projects all the time. Follow us on  and  and keep an eye on www.saltscape.co.uk



Friends of Anderton & Marbury (FoAM) **2nd July**
Wildflower Walk



A guided walk looking at the abundant wild flowers.
Location: 10.00am at Anderton Nature Park
Contact: Mary Jeeves. 01606 77688

Partner Event

Scything Workshop **2nd July**



It's National Meadows Day! Come along and learn the traditional grassland management craft of scything.
Location: Marbury Country Park. 9.30am.
Contact: info@saltscap.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



Frodsham Festival **3rd July**

Come along to the festival at Castle Park in Frodsham.

Wildlife Walk **4th July**



From Fragrant Orchids to Marsh Helleborine... Come and see some of the magnificent botanical delights in the Northwich Woodlands and learn more about these wonderful plants.

Location: Marbury Country Park. 10.00am.
Contact: 01606 77741 or email david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



Wildlife Recording Northwich **9th July**



Learn about the importance of recording your wildlife sightings. Experts will be on hand to help with identifying all sorts of wildlife so that you can learn how to contribute to records that help to build a picture of the biodiversity of the area.
Places limited – booking essential.
Location: Fury Wood, Northwich
Contact: info@record-lrc.co.uk

Woodcraft **10th July**



Come along and learn how to make useful items from wood, including your very own wooden butter knife or spoon.
Location: Pettypool College, Sandiway
Contact: info@saltscap.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



FoAM **10th July**
Bugs, Beasties & Sensory Stories



Join the Friends of Marshall's Arm for a family friendly morning of bug hunting.
Location: Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve, Saxon's Lane, Northwich 10.00am – 12.00pm
Contact: Virginia Hunt 01606 42667

Partner Event



FoAM **16th July**
Picnic in the Park



FoAM's celebration of summer in the park. Bring your own food to barbecue.
Location: from 5.00pm at Marbury Country Park.
Contact: Joanne Redley. 01606 44728

Partner Event

Hay Rake Making 17th July



Have a go at making your very own traditional hay rake.

Location: Marbury Country Park.
10.00am

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.

First Steps to Navigation 30th July



Have you ever wanted to learn how to navigate using a map and compass? Come along and learn how to find your way through the Saltscape.

Location: Groundwork Office, Northwich. 10.00am

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



RIGS South Saltscap 6th August



A wonderful walk around the south Saltscap area looking at local landmarks and what geological features can be seen in this lovely area.

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
01606 723160

Ladybird Survey 7th August



Join Cheshire's Ladybird specialist Jeff Clarke on a stroll along the banks of the Weaver in pursuit of these charismatic beetles. This area of the Weaver Valley is home to several scarcer species including the meadow loving 24-spot Ladybird.

Location: Leigh Arms Car Park off Warrington Rd, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4QT
10:00am till approx. 2:00pm

The pathways are excellent but part of the route requires the negotiating lock gates that are narrow and not suitable for wheelchair access.

The event is suitable for all ages but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a packed lunch and something to drink.



Folklore of Trees 10th August



More than just firewood... Come along and learn some of the myths, legends and uses for our trees.

Location: Marbury Country Park
Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



FoAM Watery Wildlife 14th August



Join the Friends of Marshall's Arm for a family friendly morning of pond dipping.

Location: Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford 10.00am – 12.00pm
Contact: Anthony Powell
01606 853 099



Partner Event

Wildlife Recording Winsford 17th August



Learn about the importance of recording your wildlife sightings. Experts will be on hand to help with identifying all sorts of wildlife so that you can learn how to contribute to records that help to build a picture of the biodiversity of the area.

Location: Weaver Valley Parkway
Contact: info@record-lrc.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.





Saltscape July - December 2016 Events Calendar



July

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	Wildflower Walk*		Wildlife Walk				Wildlife Recording		Bugs, Beasities & Sensory Stories*						Picnic in the Park*		Hay Rake Making												First Steps to Navigation	
	Scything workshop								Woodcraft																					
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August

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September

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								Volcanoes		Bat Walk*	Heritage Open Days*						Fungi Foray							Bushcraft Basics						

October

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	Northwich Town Walk																													Halloween Fun*
		Fungi Foray*						Green Woodworking		Autumn Birds*																				

November

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December

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* Partner Event

Dragonfly & Damselfly ID session **24th August**



Join us as we take a look at Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies). This group of species evolved around three hundred million years ago and as a result are some of the most agile of our flying insects. We will take a look at the Odonata we have in Cheshire and key identification features, before going out on site to further develop id skills in the field.

Location: Weaver Valley Parkway
Contact: info@record-lrc.co.uk

RIGS - Volcanoes **9th September**



An investigation into the distribution of past and present volcanic activity, why some eruptions are more explosive than others and look at the hazards and resources associated with volcanoes. In addition, we will also review the monitoring of volcanic activity taking place around the world on the day of the talk led by Dr Ian Drew. 3-4pm.

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
01606 723160

Winsford 14-18th September Salt Fair & Regatta

Visit www.winsford.gov.uk for more up to date information.

Bushcraft Basics **25th September**



No Matches? No problem! Try your hand at some basic bushcraft skills'

Location: Thorn Wood, Weaverham

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential



1st September -24th December Artwork Studios & Gallery Exhibition

Open Thursdays Fridays Saturdays 12-4.
Features art inspired by Neumann's Flashes, Thompson's brickworks & Meadowbank saltmine. Free entry
Location: ArtWork Studios & Gallery, Witton House, Station Road, Northwich CW9 5EA

Partner Event

FoAM Mammal Weekend - Bat Walk **9th September**



Come along and find out what the bats are eating at the bat café and see where they hang out.

Location: Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford. 7.30pm.
Contact: tmkhunt@gmail.com

Partner Event



9th-11th September Heritage Open Days

Exclusive access to the site of Murgatroyd's Brine Pump in Middlewich for the first time in over forty years, a Heritage Church Trail for Winsford, Town Tours of Northwich and much more. Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or see our website for more information.



Fungi Foray **18th September**



Is it a plant? Is it an animal? NO! Come along and learn about the fascinating world of fungi...

Location: Anderton Nature Park
Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.





RIGS **1st October** Northwich Town Walk

A wonderful walk around Northwich looking at local landmarks and what geological features can be seen in this lovely town.

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
01606 723160



FoAM **2nd October** Fungi Foray

Have fun finding fungi in the forest at Marshall's arm Local Nature Reserve.

Location: Stones Manor Lane, Hartford.

Contact: Pam Lamb
01606 75520



Partner Event



FoAM **11th October** Autumn Birds

See migrating and wintering birds at Haydn's Pool, Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes.

Location: Cumberland Car Park, Northwich. 10.00am – 12.00pm and 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Contact: David Bullock
01606 781 981



Partner Event



Autumn Amble **19th October**

Join us for a leisurely stroll along the Weaver Valley. Location: Leigh Arms off the A49, Acton Bridge. 10.00am.

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



Green **8th & 9th October** Woodworking

Come and have a go at making some rustic furniture.

Location: Marbury Country Park.

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.

**Please note that here is a charge of £30 to cover the cost of the materials used. The money raised will go to the Friends of Anderton & Marbury



History & Hotpot **11th October**

Join renowned local Historian Colin Edmondson for an evening of fascinating history and a helping of hotpot.

Location: The Salt Barge pub. 7.30pm

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk
Places limited – booking essential.



FoAM **29th October** Parkland Trees

A guided walk looking at the wide variety of trees in Marbury Country Park, including the arboretum.

Location: Rangers' Cabin/ Marbury Lodge. 10.00am

Contact: Mary Jeeves
01606 77688



Partner Event



FoAM **29th October** Halloween Fun

Spooky tales in the wintry woods... Enjoy blood-red drinks and Halloween biscuits. Prize for the best lantern/costume.

Location: Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford. 6.00 – 7.30pm

Contact: Audrey 01606 76058
audandrich@tiscali.co.uk

Partner Event



Waders & Wildlife of the Weaver Sluice **6th November**



The River Weaver actually enters the sea via the Manchester Ship Canal at the Weaver Sluice. This location holds a wide array of bird species including many members of the diving duck tribe. You may also be lucky and spot a Kingfisher, or even a Whooper Swan. Join well known bird ecologist Jeff Clarke for a fun-filled exploration of the areas bird life

Meet: On the bridge over the Motorway at Marsh Lane, off High St, Frodsham. Grid Ref SJ511779

Parking: Once gathered on the bridge Jeff will direct the group to a suitable parking location. 10:00am finish approx. 3.00pm Bring a packed lunch and a drink. Wellies and Waterproofs recommended.



RIGS Dinosaurs **12th November**



Dinosaurs are iconic but how do we know about their behaviour? What is a mass extinction and what causes them? Do we really know why dinosaurs became extinct? Why are dinosaurs important for Cheshire and Saltscape? All these questions will be answered in this fascinating talk led by Prof Cynthia Burek. 3-4pm

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk 01606 723160



FoAM Mammal Trapping **26th November**



Join Marbury Country Park Ranger Chris Moseley as he opens the mammal traps set in the park.

Location: Marbury Country Park Lodge 9.30am

Contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Partner Event

FoAM Marshall's Army Taster Day **27th November**



Get a taste of what the volunteer group do, helping to manage the woodland and natural habitats in the reserve. There will be hot dogs too!

Location: Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford. 10.00am – 12.30pm

Contact: Richard Haffenden 01606 76058 audandrich@tiscali.co.uk

Partner Event

Hedgelaying **11th December**



Come along and learn the ancient craft of hedgelaying. You will need to bring old clothes and a packed lunch. Tools will be provided.

Location: Bottom Pitch, Weaverham

Contact: info@saltscape.co.uk Places limited – booking essential.



FoAM Christmas Decorations Workshop **18th December**



Come to the annual workshop to create some decorations from natural materials. Families welcome.

Location: Marbury Lodge 10.00am – 12.00pm

Contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

Partner Event





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