



Enjoy the outdoors, get closer to wildlife, learn new skills, or get stuck in with practical tasks in Leicestershire Country Parks.

# Fun in the Countryside



## The National Forest Wood Fair 2009

The 5th National Forest Wood Fair at **Beacon Hill Country Park** in Woodhouse Eaves is back, and better than ever on **Bank Holiday Monday 31 August**. There'll be live demonstrations of woodworking skills, craft displays, chainsaw sculpting, the lumberjack show, longbows in action, a charity auction and talks on trees and woodland. There's plenty for children, with stories from the Wild Man of the Woods, birds of prey, craft activities, archery and a climbing wall. Take a break in the food area with a great selection of delicious locally produced food. For more details visit [www.leics.gov.uk/woodfair](http://www.leics.gov.uk/woodfair)

## Bike week

[www.bikeweek.org.uk](http://www.bikeweek.org.uk)

**B**ike Week **13-21 June** is the UK's largest mass participation cycling event. It provides an annual opportunity to promote cycling as a source of fitness and fun, as well as an alternative form of transport.

This year, Bike Week 2009 is encouraging everyone to 'get more out of life' - by getting on your bikes, exploring your local community and finding out how convenient cycling is for all those short trips we make each day.

As part of the local celebrations why not take part in the **NSPCC Big Bike Ride** from Abbey Park to Watermead Country Park on **Sunday 21 June**. Register to ride at [www.bigbikeride.co.uk](http://www.bigbikeride.co.uk)

## Connect2 in Watermead Country Park

Work on giving footpaths and cycle links in Watermead Country Park a major facelift has now begun. The improvements are part of the £1.4 million Sustrans Connect2 project which won a share of £50 million Big Lottery Fund grant in December 2007 in a public vote. Over the next five years work will be carried out to improve links into the park. Road crossings and bridges which will be transformed to make them accessible to all. Keep up to date with news and pictures at [www.leics.gov.uk/connect2](http://www.leics.gov.uk/connect2)



## Special Olympics Cycling for Health Event Sunday 26 July

Ride from Watermead Country Park to events in the City Centre. **FREE** event. Car parking £1.50. Visit [www.leics.gov.uk/connect2](http://www.leics.gov.uk/connect2)

## Don't Miss!

### Country Parks Events

See the main diary for details (booking advisable or essential)

- **Woodland Adventures for Kids** Beacon Hill, 6 June, 13 June, 20 June, 27 June
- **Survival Saturday** Beacon Hill, 11 July
- **Junior Fishing Match** Snibston, 18 July
- **Kite Making** Market Bosworth Park, 22 July
- **Teddy Bears' Picnic** Beacon Hill, 24 July
- **Fishing Tuition** Market Bosworth Park, 29 July
- **Family Picnic** Watermead, 12 August
- **Pairs Fishing Match** Snibston, 30 August
- **Falcons and Ferrets** Bosworth Battlefield, 27 September

### Discover Nature, History and Geology

- **Bat Night** Bosworth Battlefield, 6 June
- **Pond Dipping** Shenton Station, 14 June
- **Reedbed Nature Reserve Walk**, Watermead, 14 June
- **Nocturnal Creature Watch** Burrough Hill, 19 June
- **Archaeology Guided Walk** Burrough Hill, 20 July
- **Geology and Archaeology Guided Walk** Beacon Hill, 24 July
- **Dragonfly Walk** Watermead, 26 July
- **Bat Night** Bosworth Battlefield, 1 August
- **Wonderful World of Bugs** Watermead, 5 August
- **Evening Hawk Walk** Bosworth Battlefield, 10 September
- **Reedbed Nature Reserve Guided Walk** Watermead, 19 September
- **Fungus Foray** Beacon Hill, 27 September

### Volunteering Conservation Days

- **Park Maintenance** Watermead, 4 June
- **Wildflower Meadow Management** Watermead, 3 September

