



## Other Environmental Education Project activities for all!

Gardening on Monday afternoons 'Drop in' and help us in the wildlife and sensory gardens at Rosliston Forestry Centre  
2-4pm (winter) 2:30-4:30pm (summer—not Bank Holidays)

Swadlincote Townscape family trails and activities

Environmental Education Project and 'Get Active in the Forest' walks programme: wildlife/heritage guided walks across South Derbyshire.

See front cover for our contact details.



Environmental Education Project at Rosliston Forestry Centre

For other events at Rosliston Forestry Centre, across the National Forest and beyond go to:  
[www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk](http://www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk), [www.nationalforest.org](http://www.nationalforest.org)  
or [www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentaleducation](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentaleducation)

For more information on Wildlife Watch look at:  
[www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk) or [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)

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Environmental Education Project working across South Derbyshire and The National Forest



at Rosliston Forestry Centre

# Wildlife Watch

## Wildlife Watch Family Activities 2017



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## Activities at Rosliston Forestry Centre:

### Tues 14th February Signs of Spring

Come and make origami pots and plant some summer seeds to take away. Indoor drop-in session.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per child taking part

### Tues 11th April Springwatch at Rosliston

Come to the classroom between 2pm and 3.00pm.

Explore the site looking for spring birds, beasts and flowers. Bring your camera to photograph what you find, then return to the classroom (by 3.30pm) for help with identification.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per group/ set of equipment borrowed

### Tues 18th April The Early Bird

Increase your knowledge and understanding of birds at Rosliston - learn how they live and what they eat (not just worms!). Explore the site and visit the bird hide to see which birds you can spot!

Bring your camera to photograph what you find, then return to the classroom (by 3.30pm) for help with identification.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per group/ set of equipment borrowed

### Sat 29th April Dawn Chorus Walk at Rosliston Forestry Centre

Meet 5.00am at Rosliston Forestry Centre foyer. Join us for a leisurely walk with bird expert Dave Scattergood to discover the wonders of the dawn chorus.

Booking essential

£8.00 per person includes hot snack and drink. Suitable for children over 12 and adults.

### Sat 29th April Science Discovery Fun Day

Join us for fun with science - have a go at simple experiments with the Environmental Education team, Rolls-Royce plc and the Astronomy Group. 11- 4pm

Event free (may be small charge for some activities)  
Suitable for all ages

Take part in our 'family explorer' activities to investigate the site.

Some, like pond dipping and minibeast hunting, are with the Environmental Education Project team and some are self led.

Children must be supervised by an adult – please be ready to help them with the activities.

See programme for the different types of session, prices and location.

### Tues 30th May Trees, trees, trees

Come to meet some of the many different trees to be found at Rosliston. Learn how to identify them and discover their many uses and the myths and legends associated with them.

Pick up a quiz sheet from the classroom any time between 2pm and 3pm

Return by 3.30pm to check your answers.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per group

### Tues 25th July Summer Party!

Celebrate the start of the summer holidays with environmental games, quizzes and craft...

Join us on the picnic area for as long as you like between 2 & 4pm!

Bring your own picnic.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12 years  
£2.50 per child

### Fri 28th July Nightwatch

7:30 – 11pm. Find out about nocturnal creatures and the night sky with experts to guide you.

Full programme £2.50 per person  
Suitable for all ages.

### Tues 1st August Pond Dipping

Start any time between 2pm & 3.30pm. Join us by the pond/lake (follow signs). Find out what creatures live there! We provide all the equipment, but please be prepared to share within family groups.

Session ends 4pm.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per child

### Tues 8th August Minibeast Safari

Gather in the classroom from 2pm to start promptly at 2.15pm. Join us for a guided walk to discover some of the smallest creatures at Rosliston! We will be looking for minibeasts in different places around the site.

Session will finish between 3.30pm and 4pm.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per child

### Tues 15th August Beautiful Butterflies

Come to the classroom between 2pm and 3.00pm.

Explore the site looking for beautiful butterflies and day-flying moths. Bring your camera to photograph what you find, then return to the classroom (by 3.30pm) for help with identification.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per group/ set of equipment borrowed

## Wildlife Watch activities at other sites:

### Sat 24th/Sun 25th June 2017 'Festival of Leisure' at Maurice Lea Park, Church Gresley, Swadlincote

#### Wildlife Craft Activity

Drop in any time between 12 – 4 each day. Look out for our Environmental Education Project banner on one of the large tents!  
**FREE**

Other wildlife activities take place across The National Forest. Contact us for more details

### Tues 22nd August Pond Dipping

Start any time between 2pm & 3.30pm. Join us by the pond/lake (follow signs). Find out what creatures live there! We provide all the equipment, but please be prepared to share within family groups.

Session ends 4pm.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per child

### Tues 29th August Scavenger Hunt

Observations and evidence! Come to the classroom any time between 2pm and 3.00pm to collect your clues. Explore the site and record your finds, then return to the classroom (by 3.30pm) for help with identification

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per group

### Tues 19th September Bat Walk

Meet 6.30pm at Rosliston Forestry Centre classroom.

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. (Walk ends about 8.15pm).

No need to book.

£2.50 per person

Suitable for children over 10 and adults.

### Sat 7th October Science Discovery Fun Day

11am to 4.00pm

Join us for fun with science - have a go at simple experiments with the Environmental Education team, Rolls-Royce plc and the Astronomy Group.

Event free (may be small charge for some activities).

Suitable for all ages.

### Tues 24th October Preparing for Winter

Drop in to the classroom anytime between 2pm and 3.30pm. Lend a hand to our feathered friends by making bird feeders to help them survive the cold winter months ahead.

Activities suitable for ages 4 – 12  
£2.50 per child