



Explorer

Discover the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Including Events
April - October 2019



A guide on where to go and what to do and see in the South Devon AONB

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Explore & enjoy...

Welcome to our 2019 Explorer full of all you need to know to get out and enjoy the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty!

As well as the coast and countryside events guide for Easter – October, take a look inside and you will find ideas for days out, places to visit and routes to explore. There is something for everyone and we hope that you find time to get out and see for yourself!

You can also find out more about what makes this beautiful part of the country so very special and discover some of the stories from people who live, work and play here...

..making the South Devon AONB a real Landscape for Life.



South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty...

What is an AONB?



An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a living landscape recognised as a national treasure by our government.

South Devon is part of the family of protected landscapes across Britain which also includes the National Parks. There are 46 AONBs in the UK – they include some of the most beautiful and cherished landscapes in Britain and need to be cared for now and in the future. For more information visit www.landscapesforlife.org.uk

70th Anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside 1949 Act

In 2019 we're excited to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the legislation that led to the creation of National Parks and AONBs in England and Wales.

Significantly for our countryside, the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949 provided powers for protecting the natural beauty of some of our finest and most loved landscapes.

So this anniversary year is the perfect opportunity to celebrate what is so special about the cherished landscape of the South Devon AONB.

Make this year be your year to discover what the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has to offer. We will be staging our own event to celebrate in December. Keep an eye on the website for more details.



**..Naturally Beautiful,
Nationally Protected**

Get out and explore

Discover what makes South Devon special for yourself ...

With 60 miles (96km) of the South West Coast Path and hundreds of miles of rights of way criss-crossing the area, one of the best ways of exploring the AONB is on foot.

There are various websites offering on-line walks with details of route and terrain, as well as points of interest along the way. Walking guides are also available from information centres and some bookshops.

The AONB website has over 40 walks you can download for free. There is a huge variety to choose from; some suitable for seasoned walkers, others for those who like an extended stroll. They range in length from 2 to 12 miles and include details of facilities and access as well as information on wildlife, archaeology and history.

Check out the map on p18-19 for details of where the walks start and finish. The OS map, Explorer OL20 covers the whole of the AONB area and has details of all rights of way.





Feature
walk

The many faces of maritime South Devon in one walk

Noss Mayo and Revelstoke Drive

This walk incorporates wild open sea and rugged coast, sheltered estuary, wooded riverbanks and the waterfront village of Noss Mayo with its chocolate box charm.

Hidden estuaries' audio clips: To enhance the information on this estuary self-guided walking trail, we have recorded audio descriptions about the hidden and past world within the estuary.

Geocaches: This walk includes two hidden AONB geocache, however, be prepared to go off the beaten track to hunt for them!



GEOCACHING



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| Start: | Warren Car Park | Grade: | Easy | Terrain: | Wide, even coast path; surfaced roads; tracks; optional woodland footpaths |
| Distance: | 4.5 miles | Circular? | Yes | | |

This is just one of our walks you can download for free from
www.southdevonaonb.org.uk



Other trails



The Dart Valley Trail links Dartmouth to Totnes and Greenway to Kingswear, offering 17 miles (27km) of glorious walking linked handily

to buses, ferries and steam trains. This means you can walk all parts of the trail

- Circle the lower Dart from Dartmouth to Dittisham and Greenway to Kingswear using the ferries (9m, 14km)
- Use the Dartmouth - Dittisham ferries and walk just one side of the route (4.5m, 7km)
- Walk from Totnes to Dittisham (8-9m, 14km) and catch the ferry to Dartmouth then a cruiser back.



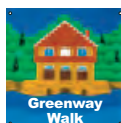
Walking the Coast Path

Britain's longest national trail - the 630 mile (1014km) South West Coast Path goes right across the AONB. The path is well waymarked and a variety of guides cover the section from Berry Head in Brixham to Jennycliff in Plymouth.

Recommended day walks can be downloaded from www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk or there are guides available from Information Centres.



The Avon Estuary Walk links Bigbury-on-Sea to Bantham, via Aveton Gifford, making a 9 mile (14km) walk if you use the River Avon ferry. The ferry has restricted operating hours, so try to check the times before hand and include the ferry crossing early in your walk, so that you aren't rushing later on (see p11).



The Greenway walk links the National Trust's Greenway Estate to areas of nearby Paignton offering visitors a 'green' way to arrive! The 7 mile (11km) trail can be joined in Broadsands, Galmpton and Churston and offers the best views of Torbay's coastlines and spectacular River Dart estuary in one walk.

Further information

South West Coast Path National Trail
www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

The Ramblers Association
www.ramblers.org.uk

Dartmoor National Park
www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Devon County Council
www.devon.gov.uk/prow

Geocaches in the AONB



GEOCACHING

22 geocaches have been placed along established walks in the AONB; however, prepare to go off the beaten track to hunt for the treasure! Please visit www.geocaching.com and search for the 'Your South Devon AONB Landscape' and 'What Makes South Devon Special' series.

Heritage

A long lived in landscape ...

There are lots of opportunities in the AONB to explore the past. You can do this on your own or with the help of others like the National Trust or English Heritage.

The Kingsbridge Cookworthy Museum opened in 1972. The galleries are full of permanent displays and special exhibitions. www.kingsbridgemuseum.org.uk

Dartmouth Museum is a small, fascinating museum in an atmospheric old merchant's house on the Butterwalk. www.dartmouthmuseum.org

Salcombe Museum - A treasure trove of models, paintings, photographs and artefacts tell the story of Salcombe's links with ships and the sea from ancient times to the Second World War.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Blackdown Rings

was originally an Iron Age hillfort, probably built sometime after 400 BC. It was defended by a massive earth and stone rampart topped with a timber palisade, and a deep outer ditch.

Download the 6 mile circular route, starting at the carpark taking in the Hillfort and sweeping views of Blackdown Rings, at: www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/explore/walks-trails/blackdown-rings



Start Point lighthouse was built in 1836 to protect shipping off Start Point in south Devon. The Lighthouse, sited at the very end of the headland, has guided vessels in passage along the English Channel for over 150 years. Details of tours at www.startpointdevon.co.uk

The National Trust owns and manages much of the coastline in the AONB in addition to woods and gardens. All are open for walking.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Coleton Fishacre

Lupton House is a Grade II* listed building set in beautiful parkland. The Lupton Trust was formed in 2008 to bring the House and gardens back into use for the benefit of the community. www.discoverlupton.com

Heritage Open Days between 13th and 22nd September is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,500 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. A chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE. Further info re venues at www.heritageopendays.org.uk

English Heritage has four exciting castles to visit in South Devon at Bayard's Cove and Dartmouth Castle in Dartmouth, Totnes Castle and Berry Pomeroy Castle near Totnes. Further details at www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/southwest



Out and about

Car free & care free ...



Start Bay

Stagecoach Service 3 to Plymouth via Kingsbridge is a beautiful scenic route through the South Devon villages of Dartmouth, Stoke Fleming, Blackpool Sands, Strete, Slapton, Torcross, and Kingsbridge. Change at Kingsbridge for Salcombe.

The route takes in the dramatic scenery as you travel down towards Blackpool Sands and then along the 3 mile stretch of Slapton Sands. You can choose to stop off at various villages including Stoke Fleming, Strete, or Torcross and do one of our circular walks or just explore the village heritage and hostels!

Buses

For bus routes and timetable enquiries, please call traveline or refer to the website for up to date information.

www.travelinesw.com

or download the Traveline app

0871 200 22 33

Calls from landlines cost 12p per minute.

Bus timetables available from local information centres.



Park & Ride

For easy access to these busy town centres:

Dartmouth:

A3122 Dartmouth Outskirts TQ6 9LW.

Open 23rd March to 31st October,
All week 8am - 7pm.

Ticket £5 (covers parking and bus trip).
Ticket £3 after 2pm.

Please be aware that the prices and times may be different over Dartmouth Regatta.

For latest information check
www.southhams.gov.uk

Salcombe:

A381 Salcombe Outskirts.

Easter weekend.
25th May - 2nd June.

Weekends in June.
1st July – 1st September.

8th August - Regatta Fireworks
Parking £3. Bus fares apply.

For latest information check
www.salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk





Cycling



Cycling in South Devon provides access to some of the best bits of the area, but the hills can be a bit challenging!

Routes to try

Totnes is a good base to cycle from with the option of hiring bikes from Hot Pursuit 01803 865174 who have lots of info about local routes. www.hotpursuit-cycles.co.uk

Totnes - 'The Shops at Dartington'

A level route suitable for families with young children alongside the river. It's 2 miles in length with an optional extension to Hood Manor.

Totnes to Ashprington

A hilly off road route through open farm land with great views of the river Dart. It's 3 miles to Sharpham Estate for guided tours of the vineyard and finishing with wine tasting.

Further information

Sustrans - www.sustrans.org.uk

Trains

For mainline enquiries about times and fares contact 03457 484950 or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Steam railways

A lovely way to appreciate the varied landscape of the area. Steam trains run along the spectacular coast from Paignton to Kingswear for Dartmouth via the passenger ferry. Call Paignton station 01803 555872 or visit www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk for details of times and fares. Combined river excursions are also available – the Round Robin which takes you from Paignton – Totnes by bus, down the river Dart from Totnes – Dartmouth and then back on the steam train from Kingswear to Paignton.



Out and about

On the water ...



Crossing the water

With five estuaries in the AONB, ferries are an important and enjoyable way to get around.

If you're walking the South West Coast Path they form an essential link across the estuaries. As they're dependent on tides and weather it's best to check the ferry services timetable before travelling.

Further details from information centres, harbour offices or from www.southdevonaonb.org.uk

Sense of adventure?

You'll be spoilt for choice in the AONB. Speak to an information centre (page 35) or search the internet for one of the many activity providers offering a range of experiences.



Canoeing -

- All year round activity
- Guided canoeing exploring the waterways of the AONB
- Canoe safaris
- Have fun on a canoe big enough for the whole family or smaller ones for a few of you.



Active water sports

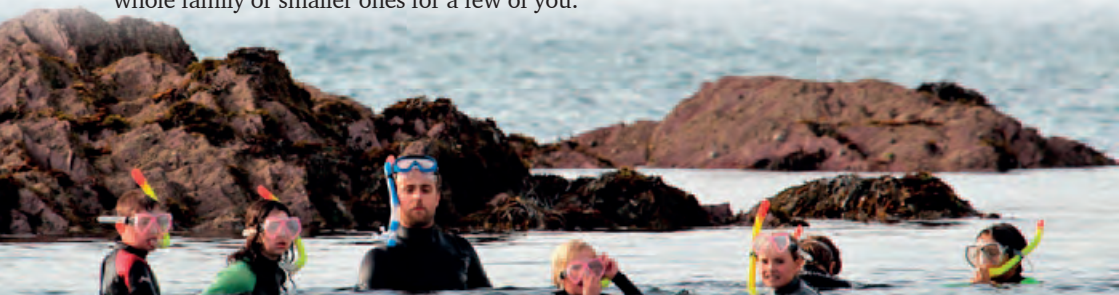
Hire equipment or book up some lessons for professional coaching

- Kite surfing
- Kite buggying
- Coaststeering
- Diving
- Surfing
- Sea kayaking
- Stand up paddleboarding.



By boat -

- Enrol for some lessons in Dittisham or Salcombe
- Take a guided trip to see some wildlife or local scenery
- If you fancy time on the water take a cruise down the Kingsbridge-Salcombe Estuary, or up the River Dart to Totnes.



Look out for special offer AONB locals sessions in our events programme, with thanks to Discovery surf

Ferry timetable



| | River Yealm | River Erme | River Avon | Salcombe - Kingsbridge Estuary | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Type of Ferry | Passenger ferry | No ferry service | Passenger ferry | Salcombe - East Portsmouth passenger ferry | 'Rivermaid' Kingsbridge - Salcombe passenger ferry | Salcombe - South Sands passenger ferry |
| Operating Period | 1st April - 29th September | River can be waded with care one hour either side of low tide | 19th April - 21st September | Daily all year | May to end of September / early October | 30th March - 2nd November |
| Operating Times | The ferry runs between 10am - 4pm daily. Service may be restricted to the core hours of 10am - 12 noon and 3pm - 4pm each day, during bad weather or quieter times. | | 10-11am & 3-4pm. No Sunday service. | 8am-5pm (8.30am on weekends). Peak season up until 7pm | Vary with tides, check website for details | Daily, half hourly service 9.45am - 5.15pm. August extra trip 5.45pm. |
| Routes | Between Noss Mayo (wide slip) Newton Ferrers (Yealm Hotel Steps) & Warren Point (coast path to Wembury) | Cross between Wonwell slipway and Mothcombe slipway | Bantham slipway to Cockleridge Ham (Bigbury-on-Sea) | Salcombe Jubilee pier ferry steps to East Portsmouth Jetty | Kingsbridge Promenade quay or Kingsbridge Ferry Boatyard to Salcombe Ferry steps | Salcombe centre (Whitestrand) to South Sands beach |
| Contacts | Bill Gregor 07817 132757 | | Marsh Dawes (boathouse) 01548 561196 | Simon Shortman 01548 842061 Mobile 07769 319375 | www.kingsbridge-salcombeferry.co.uk ferryoffice@egremontferry-salcombe.co.uk | Tim Tucker 01548 561035 www.southsandsferry.co.uk tim@southsandsferry.co.uk |

River Dart

| Type of Ferry | Lower Dartmouth vehicle ferry | Higher Dartmouth vehicle ferry | Dartmouth Castle passenger ferry | 'Christie Belle' Dartmouth - Greenway passenger ferry | Dittisham - Greenway passenger ferry | Dartmouth - Dittisham passenger ferry | Dartmouth - Dittisham passenger ferry | Dartmouth - Totnes passenger cruises | Kingswear - Dartmouth passenger ferry |
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| Operating Period | Daily | Daily | 1st April - end October | 1st March - 1st November | Daily | Daily, weather permitting | 30th March - end September, weather permitting | Daily, 30th March - 2nd November | Daily |
| Operating Times | Continuous service 7am - 10.55pm (8am on Sundays) | Continuous service 6.30am - 10.50pm (8am on Sundays). See website for Regatta timetable. | Daily, 10am-5pm on demand. May not be available in bad weather. | Available on the website | 9am - 5pm. Ring bell for service. | From 10am in Dartmouth. Every half hour in peak season. Check board on embankment. | Every half hour, 9.45am - 6.15pm. Other times / destinations by prior arrangement. | Available on the website | Every 15 minutes 7.30am-11.15pm (9am on Sundays) Evening meal break, see website for details |
| Routes | Kingswear to Dartmouth South Embankment | Dartmouth North Embankment to Kingswear | Dartmouth South Embankment to Dartmouth Castle | Dartmouth South Embankment to Greenway | Dittisham to Greenway Quay | Dittisham to Dartmouth North Embankment | Dittisham to Dartmouth North Embankment | Totnes Steamer Quay to Dartmouth South Embankment | Dartmouth South Embankment to Kingswear |
| Contacts | 01803 752342 www.southhams.gov.uk/dartmouth-lowerferry | 07866 531687 www.dartmouth-higherferry.com | ferryman@dartmouthcastleferry.co.uk www.dartmouth-castleferry.co.uk | Greenway Ferry Services 01803 882811 www.greenwayferry.co.uk info@greenwayferry.co.uk | Carina 07818 001108 / Sandpiper 07907 528201 | 07947 754345 www.anchorstone-cafe.co.uk/water-taxi | Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company 01803 555872 www.dartmouth-railriver.co.uk | | |

My AONB

Kate Farmery



Which part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty do you live in and what do you particularly love about it?

I live in Stoke Gabriel on the River Dart. It is a beautiful and extraordinarily vibrant place, with a great village shop and full calendar of community events, including Wassail in the village orchard and an annual Carnival.

Do you feel any sort of responsibility for the landscape that you live and work in?

We can all play a part in caring for this beautiful area. I contributed to our Neighbourhood Plan and am particularly passionate about initiatives which protect our distinctive natural environment, such as AONB's Growing Orchard Communities.

How important are landscapes like South Devon AONB to promoting health and wellbeing?

The benefits of spending time in 'blue' and 'green' spaces are well-documented. I know that living here has a hugely positive impact on my own health and well-being - I am never more at peace than when I'm getting my breath back at the top of one of our killer hills. The endorphins obviously help, but it's also connecting with nature and the seasons and the sheer beauty of the landscape.

How do you think the AONB can be promoted better to residents and visitors?

It's always great to see the AONB stand at community events.

Kate Farmery is Head of Business for The Box, a major new cultural attraction for the SW, opening in Plymouth in 2020.



theboxplymouth.com



What's your favourite view in the AONB

It changes all the time, but there is a particularly good bench overlooking the sea between Brownstone and Coleton Camp. Or the point on the Avon Estuary walk towards Bantham when Burgh Island appears.

Over the centuries, the South Devon landscape has inspired poets, authors, scientists and artists, many of whom have left a rich legacy – do you have a favourite?

September is my favourite time of year, when the region's artists and makers open their studios to the public. I have my eye on a painting by Lorraine Calaora (www.calaora.com), who captures the intensity of the light here so well. I've also just discovered Bert & Buoy in Dartmouth (bertandbuoy.com) and love their contemporary nautical prints. The Box's collection includes many wonderful works painted in and around South Devon, some of which will be on show when we open next year.

Have you any unfulfilled ambitions?

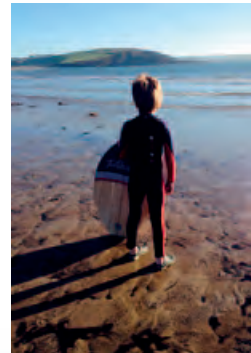
I've found interesting, challenging work in my favourite place on earth, so I'm already pretty lucky. I now want to see the people of Devon and Cornwall take The Box to their hearts.

What's your food heaven?

Either fish and chips from Britannia at the Beach in Beesands or a meal at our village restaurant, Emma's.

What would your ideal day out in the AONB involve?

A long walk, perhaps along the Dart from Dartmouth to Totnes with lunch at the Waterman's Arms in Bow Bridge. Or a day at Bantham beach with my son.



Can you sum up the AONB in 3 words

My happy place



News snippets

Explore South Devon

We are currently working on a new project with South West Coast Path. This project will provide 12 local walk information points, supported by 19 downloadable walk descriptions and maps aimed at attracting day and staying visitors to the area. The walks will be available via a mobile phone app providing high quality information about walks to a huge audience.



2019 -24 Management Plan

Following months of consultation with AONB stakeholders our new Management Plan will be launched on 24th May by Sir Gary Streeter, MP for West Devon. It presents a vision for the future of the AONB and sets out key objectives and policies to secure the vision, whilst coordinating the work of different partner organisations.



Looking forward to our 60th Anniversary 2020



2020 sees the 60th anniversary of the designation of South Devon as a protected landscape.

We are hoping to celebrate this in several ways. If you as a community, organisation or business would like to be part of this please get in touch. We will be seeking a lottery grant to help run the project.

Glover Landscapes Review

The Government has commissioned Julian Glover to head up an independent review of our AONBs and National Parks. The review provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to express views on the future of our nationally important landscapes.

At a meeting with Lord Cameron of Dillington who is part of the Landscapes Review Panel we requested parity between AONBs and National Parks through the alignment of statutory purposes, specifically to include for AONBs 'wildlife and cultural heritage' and to add the promotion of understanding and enjoyment of their area's special qualities as a subsidiary purpose.



We look forward to the findings of the panel which will report back in June this year.

Food matters

79% of the AONB landscape is farmed with a patchwork landscape of farms producing milk, beef and lamb in particular. The South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boasts a vibrant food and drink economy - the countryside is rich, varied, and immensely productive.



Stokeley local Food and Craft Fayre

Saturday 22nd June 11am - 4pm

This event will be a chance to spend the day at one of the areas great foodie venues in a fabulous setting within Start Bay.

There will be local producer stands, a programme of demos throughout the day together with lots of activities for the whole family.

For further details see page 26.

Markets in the AONB

Kingsbridge Farmers and Local Producers

Market is on 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month on the Quay from 9am till 2pm.

Enquiries: Jennie Beardsley [jbpreserves@btinternet.com](mailto:jbpserves@btinternet.com)

In addition to this market there is a good market in Totnes and Dartmouth on Fridays and a selection of local produce on sale.

Shopping at a farmers market means

- Buying fresh, seasonal produce that's only travelled a short distance
- Meeting the people who've grown, raised or made the products
- Finding specialist and unusual produce and crafts
- Enjoying the markets friendly atmosphere
- Benefitting the local economy and being part of the community.

Tips for shopping and eating out

- * When shopping try to make a point of sourcing local produce to really experience what wonderful food this area has to offer.
- * If you eat out locally do enquire where the ingredients are sourced from - it helps to highlight to businesses that consumers care about traceability and quality local food and encourage them to seek out more local suppliers.
- * Whenever you purchase food and drink from the AONB you are helping to sustain the local economy and the local landscape.

Active in the AONB!



There is lots of evidence that being outdoors and enjoying a bit of exercise in the fresh air makes for a happy and healthy body and mind. There are many ways you can enjoy our beautiful Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the added benefits that being active outdoors can bring!

Walking with a group...

There are a series of Walking for Health groups all across the AONB where you can take those first steps out with a group of friendly and like minded people. The walks are all led by volunteers and aimed at new walkers with some follow on groups for those who want to explore further. See www.walkingforhealth.org.uk for local listings.

There are also local branches of The Ramblers, who lead weekly walks around the area. You can find local contacts on www.theramblers.org.uk



... or exploring yourself

We have over 40 **walks** across the AONB which can be downloaded for free on the newly updated AONB website. The site is being revamped so that it works better on all mobile devices, or you can print out a pdf of the route and points of interest to take out with you. Look out for our new Explore South Devon enhanced walks which will be available via the South West Coast Path's walking app – these will include audio of local stories, wildlife information history, photos and video. See www.southdevonaonb.org.uk





In trainers...

More people are lacing up their trainers and **running**, and doing it outdoors is even better for you. There is start up help from the couch to 5K app or local running groups and free 5k Parkruns held at 9am every Saturday see www.parkrun.org.uk. For those who like a bit more hill, the National Trust hold a 10k run along the coast path near Coleton Fischacre on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9am, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trust10

... or on your bike

The green lanes of the AONB make for great off road **cycling** as well as some more easy cycle paths around Dartington and Totnes. If you don't have your own bike, you can hire cycles around the AONB. If you feel the hills can be a bit daunting, why not try an electric bike, they can be hired at some outlets around the area, then its just a short (assisted!) ride into the AONB!

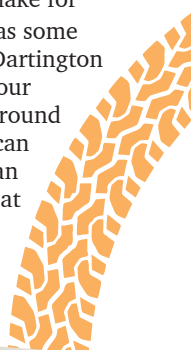
Caching in...

Geocaching is becoming more and more popular and is a great way to get out exploring the countryside, especially with families! There are hundreds of geocaches hidden all around the world and we have 22 of our own hidden in beautiful spots around the AONB. All you need is a smartphone with a geocaching app downloaded onto it. Search on www.geocaching.com for our caches – 'Your South Devon Landscape' or 'What Makes South Devon Special' series. These will take you to some of the spots which we think are amongst the best in the area!



... or giving something back

Volunteering is a great way to enjoy our amazing landscape whilst also putting something back in and making a difference. The National Trust have regular volunteers out carrying out important conservation work in the countryside as well as helping out on sites and in the properties. See www.nationaltrust.org.uk. Devon Wildlife Trust also have volunteer opportunities for specific projects and general conservation work – visit www.devonwildlifetrust.org.



You can also help out on organised beach cleans across the area










The South Hams Society run monthly clean ups – details are in our event listings, or you can organise your own – the AONB team have litterpicking kit which can be loaned out to groups carrying out beach cleans in the AONB. And if you are short of time – why not commit to doing a 2 minute beach clean next time you are out exploring and enjoying our wonderful coastline www.beachclean.net.



There is so much going on in the South Devon AONB that we can't possibly fit it all in here! There are lots more events and full details of all the ones printed in this programme (including website addresses) on our website. It is being revamped and updated so that it will work even better on all mobile devices. Check it out and get exploring!

www.southdevonaonb.org.uk

Key

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|  Beaches | Main beaches |  | Ferries |
|  | Event start points |  | Low tide crossing point |
|  | Downloadable trail start/finish points |  | Information Centres |
| www.southdevonaonb.org.uk | |  | South Devon AONB |



Totnes

Torbay

Torbay

Daynes Farm

Sharpham House

Stoke Gabriel

Berry Head

Brixham

h Hams

Dittisham

Greenway

Dartmouth

Kingswear

Coleton Fishacre

River Avon

Moreleigh

A3122

Stoke Fleming

Blackpool Sands

Froward Point

Avon Mill

Kingsbridge

Strete Gate

Slapton

Slapton Sands and Torcross

Start Bay

Bowcombe Creek

Stokenham

Stokeley Farm Shop
Beeson

Torcross

Beesands

combe
Sands

Chivelstone

High Nature Centre

Gara Rock

Mattiscombe

Start Point

Bolt Head

Prawle Point





Events



Your guide to events in the AONB for April to October 2019

This programme features walks, talks and events organised by South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit (AONB) and other organisations that help us to enjoy, look after and manage the area.

We hope that you'll find lots of ideas for days out and ways to enjoy our stunning AONB, as well as events which will help you understand more about looking after, and living, in a protected landscape.

When attending these events, please remember:

- Wear sensible footwear and clothing.
- Some events are held on uneven ground or rocky beaches; please take extra care.
- Dogs may be taken on walks unless stated, but must be kept on a lead and please pick up after your dog.
- Refreshments suggested in this programme are optional and only included in the price of events if stated.
- **Where this programme lists activities run by another organisation or company, the responsibility for that event lies with them.**

AONBs are some of the most beautiful and cherished landscapes in Britain. They are vibrant landscapes which offer a wealth of opportunities for everyone to enjoy them. Outstanding Week is an opportunity for you to get involved and get out into our outstanding landscapes to enjoy country shows, dark sky discovery nights, walking festivals, archaeology walks, wood fairs, foraging and local food festivals, wildlife walks, coastal and marine days, thatching courses, drystone walling competitions, charcoal making, bioblitz, inspiration through art and many, many other activities.

In South Devon we will be beach cleaning on the Salcombe estuary and exploring our dark skies and nightlife in Malborough, with a visit from the mobile planetarium and bat detecting. Find out more on p34.

Outstanding Week 21st - 29th September 2019

This is the AONB Family's week (and a bit) long programme of events to help people enjoy and be inspired by the UK's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

Rockpool rambles

Various dates April - Sept
- see website for details

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a Rockpool Safari of some of the best rockpools in Devon.

All children must be accompanied by an adult (aged 4 years+).

See website for

more details - www.wemburymarinecentre.org

£3 per person.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Head to Head trail run

Sat 6th April 10am registration

National Trust and Trail Events company

A challenging trail run around the stunning Bolt Head to Bolt Tail area in South Devon. With three distances available of 10km, half marathon and marathon. The route is mainly off road on footpaths and lanes and returns on the beautiful South West Coast path to East Soar Farm. **Booking essential** www.trialevents.co.uk
Charges apply.

Meet at East Soar Outdoor Experience, East Soar Farm, Malborough, Devon TQ7 3DR



Beach clean - South Milton Sands

Sat 6th April 2pm

South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit

www.southhamssociety.org

for more information.

Meet at the Beach House, South Milton sands, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3JY

Wild food forage

Sun 7th April 10.30am - 12.30pm

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Taste your way through the National Nature Reserve on

a wild-food themed walk, searching for edible plants of the hedgerow and woodland.

Bring a basket, sorry no dogs.

Booking essential, see

www.slunnr.org.uk. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley field centre, Slapton, TQ7 2QP



Woodland exploration

Mon 8th April 10am - 12.30pm

Slapton Ley field centre

Join us off the beaten track for a mini adventure through some of our woodlands.

Exploring nature and discovering stories of the residents of these less well-known places.

Booking

essential, see

www.slunnr.org.uk, sorry

no dogs. Free (breakfast £5).

Meet at Slapton Ley field Centre, Slapton. TQ7 2QP



Rocky shore ramble

Tues 9th April timings vary

Slapton Ley Field Centre

A rocktastic experience - search through rock pools and find adorable anemones, brave barnacles, lazy limpets and more!

I.D. guides available for purchase. **Booking essential**, see www.slunnr.org.uk. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley viewpoint, Torcross.



Survive in the wild at Slapton Ley

Thurs 11th April

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Try out your bush craft skills, explore the woods for materials, build a shelter and maybe light a campfire.

Booking essential, see

www.slunnr.org.uk. Free.

Meet at Strete Gate car park, Slapton sands, TQ7 2PN



Coastal walking group

11th & 25th April 10am - 12.30pm
South West Coast Path Association

Join us for a series of short introductory walks along the South West Coast Path. Each session we will be exploring a different theme (history, wildlife, photography).

This is part of Active Devon's Connecting Actively in Nature and aimed at people aged over 55 who want to become more active. Wear sturdy footwear and warm clothing.

Booking essential, call 01752 896237. Free.

Meet at Age UK, Plymstock, PL9 9GH



School holiday forest days

Throughout the school holidays
9.30am - 3.30pm
Forest and Beach

Every School holiday Forest and Beach, Beeson offer days for children aged 5-14yrs +. Fire lighting, shelter building, archery days, beach days, exploring with friends in the outdoors.

Booking essential, more info at www.forestandbeach.co.uk. Child £30.

Meet at Forest and Beach, Beeson, TQ7 2ED



The Great British beach clean

Sat 13th April 10am - 1pm
Slapton Ley Field Centre

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, part of our beautiful coastline. Bring gloves if you have them. Free.

Meet at Middle car park Slapton sands. SX 828 442

Canoe wildlife safari

Sun 14th April 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore.

Booking essential, call 07754 426633. Adult £30, child £20.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Seashore adventure

Wed 17th April 1.30 - 3.30pm
Slapton Ley Field Centre

Come on an exciting seashore adventure! Imagine being shipwrecked on an island and use your very best survival skills to stay alive. **Booking essential**, see www.slennr.org.uk. Free.

Meet at Strete Gate car park, Slapton sands. TQ7 2PN

Toddlers rockpool safari

Wed 17th April 11am - 12pm
Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a mini rockpool safari aimed at preschool aged children. Don't forget your wellies! Please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Child £3.
Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 0HP



Spring tide rockpooling and Easter 'egg' hunt!

Sat 20th April 12 noon - 2pm
South Devon AONB

Join us for an easter hunt with a difference - no chocolate but an amazing array of creatures and hopefully their eggs!

Booking essential, see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk or call 01803 861384. Free.

Meet at North Sands, Salcombe, TQ8 8LD

Spring migrants at Berry Head

Sat 20th April 9.30am - 12pm
Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust



This morning walk with Mike Langman corresponds with the busy spring migration period of the year. The Guillemot colony will be in full breeding mode and many of our summer migrants will be on territories around the scrub on top of the headland. **Booking essential**, see www.countryside-trust.org.uk. Adults £9.

Meet at Berry Head main car park, Brixham, TQ5 9NP

Extreme rockpool safari

Sat 20th April 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a guided tour of some of the best rockpools in Britain. Don't forget your wellies, please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Adult £3, child £3.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 24th April 6am

Brixham Trawler Agents



A chance to see behind the scenes at the world famous Brixham fish market, finishing off with a delicious

fish breakfast at Rockfish. Age 15+, **booking essential**, email bfmt2014@gmail.com. Sorry not suitable for wheelchairs. £15 per person.

Meet at entrance, New Fish Quay, Brixham, TQ5 8AW

Bats and belfries!

Friday 26th April 8pm – 9.45pm

South Devon AONB and St Sylvester's Church Renovation and Community Project

Join us to discover the bats which enjoy the dark skies around Chivelstone and find out more about the exciting plans for the Chivelstone Church! We will take bat detectors on this short walk across from South Allington to the church, where we will also find out about the plans for a National Lottery Heritage Fund project from some of the volunteers, before heading back to explore the gardens. Bring a torch, booking essential – see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk for details. Free.

Meet at South Allington House, Chivelstone, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2NB



Half price surfing lesson

Sat 27th April 2pm
(check in 1.45pm)

Discovery Surf School

A special AONB discounted 1.5 hour surfing lesson with Discovery Surf School, all the equipment is provided. Adults and children welcome (aged 6 upwards, able to swim 50m).

Booking essential, call 07813 639 622 or email martin@discoverysurf.com. Adults £19, child £19.

Meet at Discovery Surf School, Lower car park, Bigbury on-sea. TQ7 4AZ

Forage and feast

Sat 27th April 10 – 4.30pm

Sharpham Trust

Spend a day in the breath-taking grounds of Sharpham Estate, learning to identify, pick safely and prepare

seasonal wild foods and begin to understand the edible and medicinal plants that are all around you.

Booking essential, see www.sharphamtrust.org for details. Adult £45, child £5. Sharpham Trust Woodland Campsite, Ashprington, Totnes, TQ9 7UT

Dawn chorus

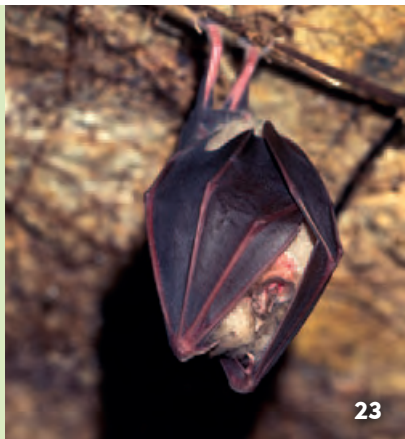
Sat 27th April 6am – 8am

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Listen to the sound of birds waking at dawn on a quiet morning stroll around Slapton Ley. Afterwards you have the option to enjoy a wholesome breakfast at the field centre.

Booking essential, see www.slennr.org.uk, sorry no dogs. Free (breakfast £5).

Meet at Slapton Ley field centre, Slapton. TQ7 2QP



Big day out on the farm!

Sun 28th April 11am-3pm

National Trust and South Devon AONB

Join the Trust Rangers and South Devon AONB team for a fun day at East Soar farm. Come and see the farm animals, enjoy a farm trail, bug hunts, bird walks, children's activities, refreshments in the walkers café, BBQ with Holsome Park Quality Meats and more! Short walk from car park to farm, may be muddy in places. No dogs please. Free

Meet at East Soar farm, Malborough.

TQ7 3DR



Dawn chorus walk

Mon 6th May 6am - 8.30am

National Trust



Join the Rangers for an early morning walk around the farm to enjoy the range of bird species to be found throughout

the different habitats that are managed by the Trust and tenant farmer. **Booking essential** call 01752 645585, Free.

Meet at East Soar Farm, Malborough, TQ7 3DR

Birds of Slapton Ley

Sat 11th May 8.30am - 10.30pm

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Discover the birds of Slapton Ley on a guided walk along the nature trail, skirting the edge of Slapton. **Booking essential**, see www.slnn.org.uk. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton, TQ7 2QP

Canoe estuary exploration

Sun 12th May 11am - 2pm

Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £30, child £20.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2DH



Beach clean - Soar Mill Cove

Sat 18th May 12pm

South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit www.southhamsociety.org for more information. Free.

Meet at the car park behind Soar Mill cove hotel, Malborough, TQ7 3DS

Explore the shore - snakes, seaweed and smugglers

Sun 19th May 11am - 2.30pm

Ian Blackwell and Guy Baker

Join Ian (Dangerous Dads) and Guy (Marine Biological Association) for an adventure on the beach - forage for food to cook, play games and explore the beach and caves. Bring beach gear and lunch. **Booking essential** email ian.blackwell@btinternet.com or call 01803 840990. Adult £donation, child £donation plus parking in NT car park.

Meet at Ayrmer Cove National Trust Car Park, Ringmore, TQ7 4HR



Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

8th & 24th May 6am

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Coastal walking group

Thurs 9th & 23rd May

10am - 12.30pm

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Half price surfing lesson

Sat 11th May 2pm

(check in 1.45pm)

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Half term fun with Slapton Ley Field Centre

FREE
family
events

booking
essential

Woodland exploration at Slapton Ley
Mon 27th May 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Bat watch – Slapton Ley
Mon 27th May and Thurs 30th May - sunset

Mammals and moths - Slapton Ley
Tues 28th May 9.30am - 11.30am

Seashore adventure at Strete Gate
Wed 29th May 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Survive in the wild at Slapton Ley
Thurs 30th May 1.30pm - 3.30pm

What lurks beneath at Slapton Ley
Fri 31st May 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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Contact the Field Centre

www.slennr.org.uk

Berry Head bat walk

Fri 24th May times vary
Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust

Find out more about the rare Greater Horseshoe bats which live in the caves in the limestone cliffs.

Booking essential, see www.countryside-trust.org.uk.
Adult £5, child (13+) £5.

Meet at Berry Head main car park, Brixham. TQ5 9NP

School holiday forest days

Throughout the school holidays
9.30am - 3.30pm
Forest and Beach

Every School holiday Forest and Beach, Beeson offer days for children aged 5-14 yrs +. Fire lighting, shelter building, archery days, beach days, exploring with friends in the outdoors. More info at www.forestandbeach.co.uk.

Booking essential, call 01548 580744 or email pete@forestandbeach.co.uk. Child £30.

Meet at Forest and Beach, Beeson
TQ7 2ED



Wembury beach half term holiday club

Tues 28th - Fri 31st May
8.30am - 4.00pm
Wembury Marine Centre

Join Devon Wildlife Trusts education team for a fun packed week of wildlife exploration. Activities include rockpooling, beach combing, bug hunting, den building, fire lighting, beach games and general fun. **Booking essential**, call 01752 862538.

Child (8+) £20 per day.
Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Forage for wild medicine day

Sat 25th May 10am - 4.30pm
Sharpham Trust

Discover the amazing world of wild herbal medicine and learn to make your own. Bring a packed lunch and outdoor clothes. **Booking essential**,

see www.sharphamtrust.org. Adult £45, child £5
Meet at Woodland campsite, Sharpham House, Ashprington
TQ9 7UT

Family canoe wildlife safari

Tues 28th May 1pm - 3pm
Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey, using safe and stable canoes, allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £25, child £10.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Toddlers rockpool safari

Sat 1st June 10.30am - 11.30am
Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a mini rockpool safari aimed at preschool aged children. Don't forget your wellies, please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Child £3.
Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP



Outdoor theatre - Ali Baba

Fri 7th June 6.30pm - 8.30pm

National Trust and Illyria Company

Illyria Theatre Company brings an action packed and laugh filled adaptation of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves to Greenway. **Booking essential** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway Adult £14, child £10.

Meet at Greenway House, Kingswear TQ5 0ES

Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 12th & 26th June 6am

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Beach clean - Yarmer Beach and Leas Foot

Sat 15th June 11am

South Hams Society

Help keep two of our showcase beaches in good order and enjoy tea in the club-house afterwards.

Bags, gloves and pickers are provided, bring lunch. Visit www.southhamssociety.org for more information. Free.

Meet at Thurlestone golf club, Thurlestone. TQ7 3NZ

Forage and feast

Sat 15th June 10am - 4.30pm

Sharpham Trust

Spend a day in the breath-taking grounds of Sharpham Estate, learning to identify, pick safely and prepare seasonal wild foods and understand the edible and medicinal plants that are all around you.

Booking essential, see www.sharphamtrust.org for details. Adult £45, child £5.

Sharpham Trust Woodland Campsite, Ashprington, Totnes, TQ9 7UT

LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

9th JUNE 2019



www.farmsunday.org

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Open Farm Sunday at Daynes Farm

11am - 4pm, walk with the farmer 12 noon and 2pm
South Devon AONB,
The Camp family

Come and meet farmer David Camp and find out how he manages his organic beef, sheep and cereal farm. Explore the farm, see the cows, sheep, goats and lambs. Find out what crops David grows to feed his stock. After the walk you can enjoy some tea and cake, try a craft and enter a fun quiz about the farm. Free.



Meet at Daynes Farm, Harberton, TQ9 7FB

Open Farm Sunday at Scobbiscombe Farm

11am - 2pm
Wilf & Shioya Walters,
National Trust

Join the tenants at Scobbiscombe Farm on Open Farm Sunday. Come and see the farm animals, enjoy a farm trail, 50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾ activities and more! Bring a picnic, dogs on leads welcome. Call 01752 346585 for more details. Free. Meet at Scobbiscombe Farm, Kingston TQ7 4EU



Bird walk around Chivelstone

Sun 16th June 6pm - 8pm

South Devon AONB and St Sylvester's Church Renovation and Community Project

Join us to discover the birds which enjoy the countryside around Chivelstone and find out more about the exciting plans for the Chivelstone Church! We will take a short walk around the fields of Chivelstone ending back at the church, where we will also find out about the plans for a National Lottery Heritage Fund project from some of the volunteers. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free.

Meet at Chivelstone parish church, Chivelstone, TQ7 2LY



Stokeley food fayre

Sat 22nd June 11am - 4pm
South Devon AONB and Stokeley Farm Shop

Join us to celebrate the Outstanding food of the AONB! There will be lots to do, see, eat and taste throughout the days with demonstrations, cooking, family activities and lots more! See www.southdevonaonb.org.uk for more information. Free.

Meet at Stokeley farm shop, Stokenham, TQ7 2SE

Snorkel safari

Sat 22nd June 1.30pm – 4pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. Children must be 8+ to take part. **Booking essential**, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. £15 per person. Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Canoe wildlife safari

Sat 22nd June 9am – 11am
Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £25, child £10.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Stand-up paddle lesson

Sun 23rd June 9am
(check in 8.45am)
Discovery Surf School

A special AONB discounted 1.5 hour stand up paddle lesson for adults and children aged 12+. Learn the basic flat water techniques and explore Bigbury on-sea. All equipment provided and you are required to be able to swim 50m. AALA licensed for Stand up Paddle. **Booking essential**, call 07813 639622 or email martin@discoverysurf.com. Adults £19, child £19.

Meet at Discovery Surf School, Lower car park, Bigbury on-sea, TQ7 4AZ

Half price surfing lesson

Sun 23rd June 2pm
(check in 1.45pm)

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Explore the shore – snakes, seaweed and smugglers

Sat 29th June 11am – 2.30pm
Ian Blackwell and Guy Baker

Join Ian (Dangerous Dads) and Guy (Marine Biological Association) for an adventure on the beach – forage for food to cook, play games and explore the beach and caves. Bring beach gear and lunch. **Booking essential** email ianw.blackwell@btinternet.com or call 01803 840990. Adult £ donation, child £ donation plus parking in NT car park. Meet at Ayrmer Cove National Trust Car Park, Ringmore. TQ7 4HR

Snorkel safari

Sat 29th June 10am – 12.30pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

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Summer open day

Sun 30th June 10.30am – 4pm
Sharpham Trust

Join us for a packed day of activities and the chance to enjoy the splendour of Sharpham House and Gardens. The day includes a host of activities for all the family including arts and crafts, poetry, music, kayaking, storytelling, nature connection and mindfulness workshops and beer tent. See www.sharphamtrust.org for more details. Free. Meet at Sharpham House, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7UT

Half price surfing lesson

Sun 7th July 2pm
(check in 1.45pm)

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Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July
6am

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South Down Farm open evening

Thurs 11th July 6pm – 9pm
National Trust and Plantlife

Enjoy an evening exploring this beautiful coastal farm, learn about the future management of the site for nature and take in the different wildlife along the way. **Booking essential**, call 01752 345585. Free. Meet at South Down Farm, Malborough TQ7 3DU park at the National Trust Rangers office

Beach clean – Soar Mill Cove

Sat 13th July 10am
South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit www.southhamssociety.org for more information. Free. Meet at the car park behind Soar Mill cove hotel, Malborough. TQ7 3DS



Snorkel safari

Sat 13th July 10am - 12.30pm

Devon Wildlife Trust

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Half price surfing lesson

Sun 14th July 10am

(check in 9.45am)

Discovery Surf School

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Toddlers rockpool safari

Sun 14th July 10am - 11am

Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a mini rockpool safari aimed at preschool aged children. Don't forget your wellies, please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Child £3.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Balsam bashing

16th & 17th July 9am - 12.30pm

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Come and explore how the nature reserve is managed with our Ranger and learn the importance of its habitats to the wildlife that lives here. Then get hands on with some conversation tasks to help our wildlife have some where great to live. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton, TQ7 2QP



Summer fun with Slapton Ley Field Centre

Free family events around Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve. **Booking essential**, contact the Field Centre, see www.slennr.org.uk

Woodland exploration

at Slapton Ley

Mon 22nd July - 26th August

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Bat watch at Slapton Ley

Mon and Thurs -

22nd July to

29th August - sunset

Mammals and moths

at Slapton Ley

Tues 23rd July - 27th August

9.30am, - 11.30am

Seashore adventure

at Strete Gate

Wed 24th July - 28th August

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Survive in the wild

at Strete Gate

Thurs 25th July - 29th August

What lurks beneath

at Slapton Ley

Fri 26th July - 30th August

1.30pm - 3.30pm



www.slennr.org.uk/whats-on



Bird in the hand

Sat 20th July 8am - 10am

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Get up close and personal with some of our feathered friends by viewing the bird-ringing operation, then join us on a walk through a sanctuary area to watch these birds in flight. Binoculars useful. Sorry, no dogs. **Booking essential**, see www.slennr.org.uk

Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, TQ7 2QP

St Sylvester's open day

Sun 21st July 12.30pm - 4.30pm

St Sylvester's Church Renovation and Community Project

Join us to discover more about the exciting plans for Chivelstone Parish Church! There will be lots to do for all the family including bug hunting in the churchyard, treasure hunts, local history displays. Explore the Church with its fascinating medieval rood screen, pulpit, and lots more. Enjoy refreshments and finding out more about the plans for a National Lottery Heritage Fund project from some of the volunteers. See www.eastprawlehistorysociety.co.uk/church-repair-project for more details.

Free.

Meet at St Sylvester's Church, Chivelstone, TQ7 2LY.



School holiday forest days

Throughout the school holidays
9.30am - 3.30pm
Forest and Beach

Every school holiday Forest and Beach, Beeson offer days for children aged 5-14 yrs +. Fire lighting, shelter building, Archery days, Beach days, exploring with friends in the outdoors. **Booking essential** more info at www.forestandbeach.co.uk. Child £30.

Meet at Forest and Beach,
Beeson TQ7 2ED

Canoe safari on Slapton Ley

Wednesdays 24th July - 28th Aug
times vary
Singing Paddles

A unique opportunity to canoe on the National Nature Reserve at Slapton Ley to look at local wildlife and history of the area. 2-hour paddle suitable for beginners, **booking essential**, see www.slunnr.org.uk. Adult £25, child £15.

Meet at Slapton Bridge, Slapton
SX 828 444

Outdoor theatre - Wuthering Heights

Friday 26th July 6.30pm - 9pm
National Trust and Heartbreak Productions

Join us at Greenway for this iconic tale of a timeless love affair between two restless souls as wild and untamed as the bleak Yorkshire moors.

Booking essential
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway
Adult £14, child £10.

Meet at Greenway House, Kingswear
TQ5 0ES



Toddlers rockpool safari

Sun 29th July 10am - 11am
Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a mini rockpool safari aimed at preschool aged children. Don't forget your wellies! Please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Child £3.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP



Snorkel safari

Sat 30th July 10am - 12.30pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

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Family forage day

Thurs 1st August
10.30am - 4.30pm
Sharpham Trust

Come and enjoy the wild abundance of the Sharpham Estate with your children. We will discover what the season has to offer and pick some wild plants to take back to our sheltered outdoor kitchen for a fun cook up. Bring a snack, waterproofs, sturdy shoes and water. **Booking essential**, see

www.sharphamtrust.org.

Adult £45,
child £5.

Meet at
Woodland
Campsite,
Sharpham House,
Ashprington,
TQ9 7UT

Snorkel safari

Fri 2nd Aug 11.30am - 2pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

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Extreme rockpool safari

Saturday 3rd Aug 1pm - 3pm
Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a guided tour of some of the best rockpools in Britain. Don't forget your wellies, please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Adult £3, child £3.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Felt making

Sat 3rd & Sat
17th August
4pm - 5pm

Moira Laidlaw
for High Nature



Take inspiration from the landscape to create your own masterpiece in wool, using wet felting techniques. **Booking essential**, see www.high-nature.co.uk. All materials provided. Adult / child £10.

Meet at The High Nature Centre,
East Portlemouth. TQ8 8PN

Spoon carving around the fire

Sat 3rd & Sun 18th August
5.30pm - 8.30pm
Martin Beat for High Nature

Learn how to split wood and carve a spoon whilst enjoying like minded company round the fire. Book dinner or bring your own. **Booking essential**, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £20 or £30 with dinner.

Meet at The High Nature Centre,
East Portlemouth. TQ8 8PN

Naturemake arts and crafts for kids

Sat 3rd August 11.30am - 1.30pm
Naomi Vincent for High Nature

An inspirational, creative making workshop for kids – use natural foraged materials to create your very own ‘Island of Dreams’. Book lunch or bring your own. **Booking essential**, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £15 or £20 with lunch.

Meet at The High Nature Centre, East Portlemouth. TQ8 8PN

Celebrate Start Bay

Sun 4th August 12pm - 5pm
Slapton Ley Field Centre



Our day-long celebration of ‘all that is good’ about the Start Bay area showcasing local arts and crafts, food and the great outdoors. A full programme of outdoor and indoor activities and entertainment. See www.slnr.org.uk for more details. Free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton, TQ7 2QP

Art of plant identification and wild food feast

Sun 4th August
10.30am - 1pm
Tess Wilmot for High Nature

Find creative ways to recognize plants and forage safely. Learn about their uses and stay for lunch afterwards if



you fancy trying them out!

Booking essential, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £20 or £30 with lunch.

Meet at The High Nature Centre, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8PN

Craft and dine - Naturemake arts and crafts for adults

Sun 4th August 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Naomi Vincent for High Nature

An inspirational, creative making workshop for adults – use natural foraged materials to create a miniature treehouse sculpture. Book dinner or bring your own. **Booking essential**, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £20 or £30 with dinner.

Meet at The High Nature Centre, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8PN

Wembury beach summer holiday club

Mon 5th - Fri 9th Aug
8.30am - 4.00pm
Wembury Marine Centre

Join Devon Wildlife Trusts education team for a fun packed week of wildlife exploration. Activities include rockpooling, beach combing, bug hunting, den building, fire lighting, beach games and general fun. **Booking essential**, call 01752 862538. Child (8+) £20 per day.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Between the land and the sea

6th-11th August 10am - 5pm
The House Group

Art exhibition celebrating our coastline and drawing attention to the problems of marine litter. The centrepiece is a giant sea monster of waste plastic. The exhibition also features surprisingly beautiful sculptures and wall hangings made of plastic plus photographs, prints and collages.

Meet at Harbour House, Kingsbridge. TQ7 1JD

Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Aug 6am
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Bolberry bug hunting

Wed 7th Aug 2pm - 4pm
National Trust

Walk through the meadows at Bolberry Down searching for insects with the Trust Rangers. We will be searching for butterflies, grasshoppers, bugs and other insects. Free.

Meet at South Down Farm, Malborough, TQ7 3DU (park at the National Trust Rangers office)

Dittisham Regatta

Sat 10th August 11am - 6pm
Dittisham Regatta committee

Lots of fun for all the family, including rowing (pre book), food, drink, old fashioned games, stalls and of course crabbing for the kids! See Facebook page for details. Free (car parking charges may apply).

Meet at Dittisham Ham, Dittisham, TQ6 OHB

Outdoor theatre - Private lives

Sat 10th August 6.30pm - 9pm
National Trust and Heartbreak
Productions

Join us for this outdoor adaptation of Noel Coward's celebrated comedy, Private Lives. Heartbreak Production promises to deliver an evening of sparkling entertainment, nostalgic music, and delicious one-liners. **Booking essential**, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre.

Adult £14, child £10.
Meet at Coleton Fishacre car park, TQ6 0EQ

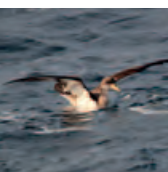
Seabirds, seawatching and paella

Sat 10th August 2019
4pm - 8.30pm
Torbay Coast and Countryside

Learn more about seawatching and migrating seabirds, with Mike Langman. The event is followed by a delicious paella and cold drink from the Guardhouse café. Please wear suitable clothing. **Booking essential**, see www.countryside-trust.org.uk.

Adult £28.

Meet at Berry Head National Nature Reserve, Brixham. TQ5 9NP



Toddlers rockpool safari

Mon 12th Aug
10.30am - 11.30am
Tues 13th Aug 11am - 12pm
Wembury Marine Centre

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Felt making

Sat 17th August 4pm - 5pm
Moira Laidlaw for High Nature

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Snorkel safari

Wed 14th, 17th, 21st Aug
10am - 12.30pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

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Avon exploration canoe tour

Fri 16th August 7pm - 9pm
Singing Paddles

Explore the wildlife and history of the Avon estuary. Suitable for beginners, **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk. Adults £25, child £15.

Meet at Timbers car park, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4JL

Beach clean - Gara beach

Sat 17th August 2pm
South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit www.southhamssociety.org for more information. Free.

Meet at the café, Gara Rock, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8FA



Bird in the hand

Sat 17th August 8am - 10am
Slapton Ley Field Centre

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Lunch from the land - bread for the soul

Sun 18th August 11.30am - 1pm
Belinda Martin for High Nature

Learn to forage and harvest wholesome organic food and make a delicious lunch to share, including sourdough bread, salad and a warm dish. **Booking essential**, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £25 includes lunch.

Meet at The High Nature Centre, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8PN



Spoon carving around the fire

Sun 18th August
5.30pm - 8.30pm
Martin Beat for High Nature

See page 29

Outdoor theatre - Gangsta Granny

Friday 23rd August
6.30pm - 8.30pm
National Trust and Heartbreak Productions

Come and share in this exciting escapade, a David Walliams' best seller adapted for the outdoor stage. Seats are not provided so please bring low chairs or blankets. **Booking essential** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway, Adult £14, child £10. Meet at Greenway House, Kingswear, TQ5 OES

Guided tree and wild food walk

Sat 24th August 2pm - 3.30pm
Liz Turner for High Nature

Learn to identify trees and plants, finding out what berries, leaves and roots you can safely eat. Fun activities for children will be included!

Booking essential, see www.high-nature.co.uk, £10 adult, £4 child.

Meet at The High Nature Centre, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8PN

Toddlers rockpool safari

Wed 28th Aug 10am - 11am
Wembury Marine Centre
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Canoe wildlife safari

Wed 28th August
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £25, child £10.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Family forage day

Thurs 31st August
10.30am - 4.30pm
Sharpham Trust

Come and enjoy the wild abundance of the Sharpham Estate with your children. We will discover what the season has to offer and pick some wild plants to take back to our sheltered outdoor kitchen for a fun cook up. Bring a snack, waterproofs, sturdy shoes and water. **Booking essential**, see www.sharphamtrust.org. Adult £45, child £5.

Snorkel safari

Sat 31st Aug 11.30am - 2pm
Devon Wildlife Trust
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Extreme rockpool safari

Sunday 1st Sept 1pm - 3pm
Wembury Marine Centre

Join us for a guided tour of some of the best rockpools in Britain. Don't forget your wellies, please leave your fishing nets at home, we'll use our hands and buckets and follow the Seashore Code. Adult £3, child £3.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 OHP

Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 4th & 18th Sept 6am
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Half price surfing lesson

Sat 7th Sept 3pm
(check in 2.45pm)
Discovery Surf School
See page 23

Canoe wildlife safari

Fri 10th Sept 10am - 12pm
Singing Paddles

Suitable for beginners this guided canoe journey allows you to look at the local wildlife and history of the area, stopping for tea and cake on the shore. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £25, child £10.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Land to sea series

Slapton Ley Field Centre
& National Marine Aquarium

A series of workshops exploring and freshwater and marine life in South Devon. Sessions will include practical investigations and discussions. For more information, please see the website. **Booking essential**, see www.field-studies-council.org/slapton. £60 for series.

Freshwater on land

Thurs 5th Sept 6.45pm - 9pm
(6pm pick up National Marine Aquarium)

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, TQ7 2QP

The Rocky Shore

Thurs 12th Sept 6.45pm - 9pm
(6pm pick up National Marine Aquarium)

Meet at East Prawle, TQ7 2BY

Fish inside and out

Thurs 19th Sept 6.45pm - 9pm
(6pm pick up Slapton Ley Field Centre)

Meet at National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth, PL4 0LF

Getting on the water

Thurs 26th Sept 6.45pm - 9pm
(6pm pick up Slapton Ley Field Centre)

Meet at National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth, PL4 0LF

booking essential

Bat detecting walk with soup supper

Thurs 12th Sept 6.30pm - 8.30pm

South Devon AONB and Devon Wildlife Trust

Join us for this free fun event consisting of an informal talk on bats, followed by a soup and bread supper. Then we will be topping off the evening

with some bat detecting in the surrounding fields. **Booking essential**, email bats@devonwildlifetrust.org. Free. Meet at Avon Mill Garden Centre, Loddiswell, TQ7 4DD



Thanks to Avon Mill Garden Centre for kindly hosting this event

Dadfest 2019

13th - 15th Sept

4pm Fri - 4pm Sun

Dangerous Dads network and Forest & Beach

An award-winning, small festival just for dads/ male carers and children of all ages with a focus on play, creativity and outdoor activities. Ticket price includes all activities, camping and workshops. Food tickets also available. See www.dangerousdads.org.uk/dadfest for more details. **Booking essential**. £ various.

Meet at Forest and Beach, Beeson, TQ7 2ED

Adult snorkel safari

Sat 14th Sept 11am - 1.30pm

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. **Booking essential**, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. Adult £15.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury, PL9 0HP



Beach Clean - Slapton Sands

Sat 14th Sept 10am-1pm

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, part of our beautiful coastline. Bring gloves if you have them. Free. Meet at Middle car park, Slapton sands. SX 828 442



Beach clean - Soar Mill Cove

Sat 14th Sept 2pm

South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit www.southhamsociety.org for more information. Free.

Meet at the car park behind Soar Mill cove hotel, Malborough, TQ7 3DS



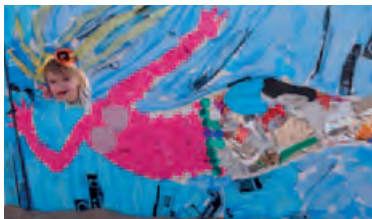
Big night out on the beach!

Sat 14th Sep 4pm - 9.30pm

National Trust and South Devon AONB

Join us for our annual evening of fun and activities on the beach! Watersports taster sessions, rockpooling, bird walks, lantern-lit sundown parade, children's activities, refreshments in the Beach House café and more! (Bring a clean jam jar if you want to make a lantern.) Free (small charges for watersports sessions and car park).

Meet at South Milton Sands, South Milton, SX 677414



Great British beach clean

Sat 21st Sept 1.30pm - 3.30pm
South Devon AONB

Join our estuaries officer for a short trip across the Salcombe Kingsbridge estuary to clean one of the small beaches around Scoble point. **Booking essential**, call 01803 861384.

Meet outside Harbour office, Whitestrand, Salcombe. TQ8 8BU

Mobile Planetarium and creatures of the night!

Wednesday 25th Sept
Family show 6.15pm - 8.15pm
Adults and older children
7.45pm - 9.45pm
South Devon AONB, with Devon Wildlife Trust

Find out more about the natural nightscapes of the AONB. Space Odyssey's mobile planetarium will be landing in Moreleigh for one night only and will take you on an amazing trip to outer space! The show will be followed by a short walk outside looking for bats. **Booking essential** see www.southdevonaonb.org.uk or call 01803 861384. Adult £6, child £4.

Meet at Moreleigh village hall, Moreleigh, TQ9 7FH.



Wembury BioBlitz 2019

10am Friday 27th -
4pm Saturday 28th Sept

Wembury Marine Centre and
Marine Biological Association

A 24-hour BioBlitz at Wembury beach and surrounding area to mark 25 years of Wembury Marine Centre and 10 years of the Marine Biological Association's annual BioBlitz. Events will include guided walks to look for and survey the different wildlife living in Wembury Bay. For more details see www.wemburymarinecentre.org. **Free.**

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre PL9 0HP



Brixham fish market tour and seafood breakfast

Wed 2nd Oct 6am

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Half price surfing lesson

Sat 5th Oct 2pm
(check in 1.45pm)

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Forage for wild medicine day

Sat 5th Oct 10am - 4.30pm
Sharpham Trust

Discover the amazing world of wild herbal medicine and learn to make your own. Bring a packed lunch, warm clothes, waterproofs, sturdy shoes and water. **Booking essential**, see www.sharphamtrust.org. Adult £45, child £5.

Meet at Woodland Campsite, Sharpham House, Ashprington TQ9 7UT

Apple day

Sunday 6th Oct 10.30am - 4pm
Sharpham Trust

Celebrate the bounty of our orchards and yours. Bring your own apples to juice with ours and take home some freshly pressed juice. Food drink, performance and apple-based activities for all the family. See www.sharphamtrust.org for more details. Free (parking £4). *Sharpham House, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7UT*

Bat and bioluminescence canoe

Sat 12th Oct 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Singing Paddles

We will take bat detectors out on this guided canoe journey and try to spot the estuary lighting up in the dark! Suitable for beginners. **Booking essential**, call 07754426633. Adult £30, child £15.

Meet at Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2DH

Beach clean - Great Mattiscombe Sands

Sat 12th Oct 12pm
South Hams Society

Help us to clean the beach, bags, gloves and pickers are provided. Visit www.southhamssociety.org for more information. Free parking for volunteers. *Meet at Start Point car park, Stokenham, TQ7 2ET*

Forage and feast

Sat 19th Oct 10am - 4.30pm
Sharpham Trust

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Keeping in touch with the South Devon AONB...

With so much going on in the AONB, it can be hard to keep up sometimes! There are many different ways you can keep in touch with us and find out what is happening...

Website

Our website is hugely popular, so we know that it is a really important way to communicate with people. The site is fresh and up to date, with all of our news, great views and ideas of how to get out and enjoy the AONB, as well as information on project work and the Partnership.

Check it out for yourself!



www.southdevonaonb.org.uk

Social Networking

Our facebook page is a great place to catch up on news snippets, find out what we are up to and share some of our photos. We have a fan page, so all you need to do is click on the 'like' button and you will receive our newsfeed direct to your page.



www.facebook.com/sdevonaonb

For those who 'tweet', you can follow us



[@southdevonaonb](https://twitter.com/southdevonaonb)

Or for sharing photos



www.instagram.com/southdevonaonb

E-bulletin

We produce a regular news e-bulletin and monthly events e-listings. You can sign up to receive free copies on our website.



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AONB on the road!

Come and say hello at our key events this season:

**Big Day Out
on the Farm**

Sun 28th April

**Open Farm
Sunday**

Sun 9th June

**Stokeley Local
Food and Craft Fayre**

Sat 22nd June

**Big Night Out
on the Beach**

Sat 14th September

Join us for our Annual Forum

Celebrating 70 years of protected landscapes!

Wed 9th October, 6pm - 9pm, Stokeley Farm Shop

www.southdevonaonb.org.uk



Westcombe and Hoist Point

**For further information on the South Devon AONB call
(01803) 861384 or email enquiries@southdevonaonb.org.uk**

There are lots more fabulous events on our website!

www.southdevonaonb.org.uk

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