

1st June to 31st August 2011

What's On!



GeoFest 2011

Activities and events highlighting and celebrating the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark

www.Geopark.org.uk

Hosted and promoted by the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark Partnership



Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle

Tuesdays to Fridays in August, 10.30am-4.30pm. 'Travels Through Time' - Family fun craft activities. Be riveted by the Romans, get creative with the Celts, make time for the Tudors and value the Victorians. For further details call: 01299 250416. Or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museum

Arley Arboretum and Tearooms

Arley Arboretum is one of the oldest Arboretums in Great Britain and boasts more than 300 species of trees in formal and informal plantings and gardens. During the school summer holidays come and see Vernon the Velociraptor and go on a Dinosaur Detective Trail! Open five days a week Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am to 5pm.

Volcanoes in Action - past and present

Evening classes exploring the origins of volcanic catastrophic eruptions, their products, the people involved, their potential in changing our weather systems and the steps now being taken to monitor these dangerous yet spectacular features of our natural world. Course consists of four evening classes and two day field trips. Starts 22nd June 2011 at Martley Village Hall. Fee: £50.00. Full details are listed on the Geopark website. Enquires to n.watkins@worc.ac.uk or call 01905 542014.



For general enquires contact the Geopark Secretariat: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust Tel: 01905 855184 Email: eht@worc.ac.uk www.EarthHeritageTrust.org www.geopark.org.uk

Explore the Geopark this summer on a self guided walk

- Severn Valley: Bridgnorth to Highley #
- Simon Evans Way - geological interpretation
- Bewdley Town Centre Building Stones & Geology Trail ##
- Severn Valley Railway Landscape and Geology Trail ##
- Abberley Village Churches Building Stones & Geology Trail ##
- Abberley Hill Landscape and Geology Trail ##
- Abberley Hill Discovery Guide ##
- Worcester City Building Stones & Geology Trail ##
- Worcester Cathedral Building Stones & Geology Trail ##
- The Frome Valley Discovery Guide ##
- Great Malvern Building Stones & Geology Trail ##
- Wyche and Purlieu Landscape and Geology Trail ##
- Malvern Hills (1) Landscape and Geology Trail ##
- Malvern Hills (2) Landscape and Geology Trail ##
- Chase End Hill Geology and Landscape Trail ###
- Huntley, Longhope & Hobb's Ridge Geology and Landscape Trail ###
- May Hill Geology and Landscape Trail ###
- Huntley Quarry Reserve Guide ###
- Gloucester in Stone ###
- The Geopark Way ##



For further details and more ideas visit

- # Shropshire Geological Society www.shropshiregeology.org.uk
- ## Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust www.EarthHeritageTrust.org
- ### Gloucestershire Geology Trust www.glosgeotrust.org.uk

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GeoFest June 2011

Activities are free to attend unless otherwise stated
SVCP = Severn Valley Country Park. SVR=Severn Valley Railway

Wednesday 1st June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk
'On and around Ragged Stone Hill' (3 miles moderate, with some steep climbs). The scenery of the surrounding area will be explained in terms of its underlying geology.
Start: 2.00pm. Hollybush free car park, Malvern Hills SO 759369 *Finish:* 5.00pm
Booking: 01684 892289 **Cost:** £5.00

Wednesday 1st June: Children's Activity
'Woodland Exploration'. Take a look at our woodlands from a new perspective. Join Rangers for some half-term fun including blindfold exploration, worm games and more.
Start: 1.00pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley. SO 753840
Finish: 3.00pm **Cost:** £3.50

Thursday 2nd June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk
'Volcanoes, Rocky Shores & Glaciers of Malvern's Hills' (3 miles, moderate). This walk will look at the area around Castlemorton Common, Swinyard Hill and Broad Down.
Start: 2.00pm Swinyard carpark (£3) SO 766382
Finish: 5.00pm
Booking: 01684 892289 **Cost:** £5.00

Friday 3rd June: Guided Walk
'Ledbury to Ketford on the Geopark Way trail' (11 miles, energetic). The walk passes through Eastnor, the southern Malvern Hills, the parkland of Bromesberrow Place and on to the River Leadon at Ketford.
Start: 9.15am Link Top car park, Malvern SO 774470
Finish: 5.15pm
Booking: 01684 892289 **Cost:** £5 plus transport

Friday 3rd June: Open Afternoon
'Community Discovery Centre Open afternoon'. There will be opportunity to try out our 'Positive Solutions Sustainability Trail' around the new building.
Start: 1.00pm Wyre Forest Discovery Centre DY14 9XQ
Finish: 3.30pm

Saturday 4th June: Guided Walk
'Ketford to Minsterworth long the Geopark Way trail' (11 miles, energetic). Passing through vineyard country on the way to the partially restored section of the Gloucester to Hereford Canal before arriving at Newent. After climbing over May Hill and passing through Huntley Quarry Geology Reserve the walk ends at the attractive Church at Huntley.
Start: 9.00am Link Top free carpark SO 774470
Finish: 5.30 pm
Booking: 01684 892289 **Cost:** £5 plus transport

Sunday 5th June: Guided Walk
'Minsterworth to Gloucester along the Geopark Way trail' (11 mile walk, energetic). Walking across the Severn Plain from Huntley to the River Severn near to Minsterworth, before following the river to Telford's Bridge at Over and on to Gloucester Cathedral.
Start: 9.00am Link Top free carpark, Malvern SO 774470
Finish: 6.00pm
Booking: 01684 892289 **Cost:** £5 plus transport

Thursday 9th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*
'Alfrick and the Suckley Hills circular' (5 miles, moderate with some climbs). A walk through Alfrick, Crews Hill Nature Reserve and the Knapp and Papermill Nature Reserve. Bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10.00am Alfrick village Hall SO 747532
Finish: 3.00pm
Booking: 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Monday 13th June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*
'Tank Quarry and North Hill' (3 miles, moderate but includes a steep climb). A walk to explore the variety of rocks and geological structures of North Hill and to interpret the scenery from the hill.
Start: 2.00pm, Tank quarry free carpark, SO 768471
Finish: 5pm
Booking: 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th June: Geologists Association at the Three Counties Show
Displays and activities by Gloucestershire Geology Trust, H&W Earth Heritage Trust and local geological societies.
Start: 9.00am. Three Counties Showground WR13 6NW
Finish: 6.00pm
Cost: Entrance fee to the Three Counties Showground

Wednesday 22nd June: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*
'Martley Circular Trail' (6 miles, moderate with gradual climbs). A walk through Martley parish looking at how the variable geology has shaped the landscape.
Start: 10.30am at Martley church car park. SO 756597
Finish: 3.30pm **Bookings:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Sunday 26th June: Guided Industrial Archaeology and Geology Walk*
Following the line of the Leominster Canal from Newnham bridge via the Rea aqueduct, Marlbrook and Mamble collieries, the Stocking Pool and the Southnett tunnel. Bring a packed lunch.
Start: 10.30am at Broombank Layby SO 671700 on the A456
Finish: 4.30pm **Bookings:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £5.00

Tuesday 28th June: Talk
'Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis', a talk presented by Dr Paul Olver on how the Earth moves.
Start: 7.30pm at The Link Room at St Matthias' Church, Church Road, Malvern WR14 1NP
Finish: 9.30pm **Booking:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.00

Thursday 30th June: Guided Building Stones Walk*
'The Building Stones of Great Malvern' (1.5 miles, gentle). What kind of stone are the buildings of Malvern made of and where did they come from? Walk only a few hundred yards and uncover some fascinating stories.
Start: 6pm at Priory Gatehouse, Malvern SO 775458
Finish: 7.30pm **Booking:** 01886 832802

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Saturday 2nd July: Children's Activity

'Rock and Fossil Roadshow'. Come along and make your own fossil, see if you have what it takes to be named a 'Dinosaur Detective', and many more fun activities.

Start: 11am, The Lyttelton Well Rooms, Malvern. WR14 2AY

Finish: 3pm

Saturday 2nd July: Guided Building Stones Walk*

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Start: 6pm at Priory Gatehouse, Malvern SO 775458

Finish: 7.30pm **Booking:** 01886 832802

Monday 4th July: The Geopark Poetry Competition

Reading of the winning entries to the competition. Takes place during the Ledbury Poetry Festival.

Start: 5pm, Ice Bytes Café, Ledbury. HR8 1BT

Finish: 6pm

Ledbury Poetry Festival 1st - 10th July 2011. For ten days in July the cobbled streets of Ledbury, Herefordshire fill with poetry lovers and world-class poets. The biggest names in poetry attend for readings, performances and events aimed at all ages. www.poetry-festival.com

Monday 4th July: Guided History & Building Stones Walk*

A gentle walk around Ledbury town looking at the history of the buildings and the geology of the stone that was used in their construction.

Start: 10.00am under the Market House, Ledbury SO 711377

Finish: Midday **Bookings:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.00

Saturday 9th July: Guided Walk*

'Colwall & Ledbury Circular' (9 miles, moderate with some steep slopes). From Old Colwall along a section of the Geopark Way trail, including visits to Loxter Ashbed Quarry at Wellington Heath and The Frith Quarry. Lunch in Ledbury.

Start: 10am at Old Colwall Church car park. SO 739423

Finish: 4pm **Bookings:** 01905 855184

Thursday 14th July: Guided Building Stones Walk*

A gentle walk around Arley village looking at the geology of the building stones used in the castle, church, cottages and walls of the village. Lunch can be bought at Arley Arboretum Tea Rooms.

Start: 11.00am at Riverside car park, Arley SO 764802

Finish: 1.00pm **Booking:** 01905 855184

Saturday 16th July: Talk

'An Introduction to Insects' with Rosemary Winnall. Discover the fantastic diversity of insects that live in Wyre, and why Wyre is so important for biodiversity. Adults and interested children of 8 and over.

Start: 1.30pm, Wyre Forest Discovery Centre DY14 9XQ

Finish: 4.30pm

Booking: 01299 266929 **Cost:** £10.00

Sunday 17th July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*

'Shaping of the Severn Valley' (5 mile, moderate). How the rocks beneath the Severn Valley have shaped, and been shaped by, the natural and man-made landscape.

Train to Hampton Loade on SVR and walk back to Highley.

Start: 10.30am at Highley Railway Station

Finish: 3.30pm **Booking:** 01938 820777

Cost: £1.50 adults, under 16s free, plus train fare

Tuesday 19th July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*

Mathon and West Malvern (7 miles, moderate). Exploring the landscape and geology in West Malvern and the parish of Mathon. Bring a packed lunch.

Start: 10am at the carpark meter at the northern end of

West of England carpark, Malvern Hills (£3) SO 765450

Finish: 4pm **Booking:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Wednesday 20th July: Geological Field Trip*

A walk around a disused limestone quarry on Abberley Hill, including ample opportunity for fossil hunting.

Start: 10.30am at Shavers End Quarry SO 770682

Finish: 12.30pm **Booking:** 01905 855184

Saturday 23rd July: Guided Geology and History Walk*

Following a short train journey on the SVR to Arley, the walk will traverse part of the Wyre Forest taking in geological and historical features on the return to Bewdley (5 miles, moderate)

Start: 10.00am at Bewdley Train Station DY12 1BG

Finish: 3.00pm

Booking: 01905 855184 **Costs:** £1.50 plus train fare

Sunday 24th July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*

'A recent river through an ancient desert' (2.5 miles, gentle). Showing the red desert sandstone and old rock dwellings and the evolution of the Severn Valley since the Ice Age.

Start: 2.30pm at Bridgnorth Castle SO 716927

Finish: 5.00pm

Bookings: 01938 820777 **Cost:** £1.50

Wednesday 27th July: Children's Activity

'Senses Safari'. It's time to explore your senses! Join a ranger-led walk through the park. Make magical smelly potions, go on a sand safari and get creative with summer colours.

Start: 1pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO 753840

Finish: 3pm **Cost:** £3.50

Saturday 30th July: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*

A walk (moderate) around Chase End Hill from the Precambrian to Permian. Lunch at the Malvern Arms Hotel.

Start: 10am at Chase End Hill layby SO 758349

Finish: 1.00pm

Bookings: 01452 864438 or email: info@glosgeotrust.org.uk

Sunday 31st July: Guided Walk

Ranger-led ramble crossing the River Severn on the last remaining hand-drawn ferry. Learn about wildlife, history and geology (5 miles, moderate).

Start: 10am at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO 753840

Finish: 2.30pm **Cost:** Adults £3.50, children £1.50

Monday 1st August: Children's Activity

Fossil activities including handling sessions, quizzes and pebble painting.

Start: Midday at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

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'The Web of Life'. Learn about exciting predators such as sparrowhawks and foxes and the amazing ways that they hunt. We will also hunt for minibeasts and play 'The Food Chain Game'.

Start: 1pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley. SO 753840

Finish: 3pm **Cost:** £3.50

Thursday 4th August: Children's Activity

Fossil activities including handling sessions, quizzes and pebble painting.

Start: Midday at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Saturday 6th August: Children's Activity

Fossil activities including handling sessions, quizzes and pebble painting.

Start: Midday at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Sunday 7th August: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk

'Rock around the Park'. Join a geology expert on walk through Severn Valley Country Park and Alveley village (2.5 miles, moderate).

Start: 10.30am at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO 753840

Finish: 1pm

Booking: 01746 781192

Cost: Adults £3.50, children £1.50

Tuesday 9th August: Photography Workshop

Introducing the basic geology of the Bewdley area as seen through your camera lens. This involves an introductory talk followed by a practical geo/photographic tour of selected sites within the town. Bring your own camera.

Start: 10am at Bewley Museum Education room, DY12 2AE

Finish: 1pm

Bookings: 01905 855184

Cost: £5

Thursday 11th August: Geology Field Trip*

'Site visit to quarries around Martley and Shelsley Beauchamp'. The sites highlight the geological diversity in the parishes and shed light on the landscape features of the area. Car share required between sites. Lunch at Crown Inn, Martley.

Start: 10am at Martley church carpark SO 756597

Finish: 3pm **Booking:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Sunday 14th August: Guided Geology and Landscape Walk*

'The Rocks of Bromyard Downs and the View from Bringsty Common'. Looking at how the underlying rock has created the spectacular landscape between Bromyard and the Malvern Hills (moderate).

Start: 10am at picnic site on Bromyard Downs SO 670558

Finish: 2pm **Bookings:** 01905 855184 **Cost:** £1.50

Wednesday 17th August: Children's Activity

'Beautiful Butterflies and Lovely Ladybirds'. Come and help the Ranger find ladybirds at SVCP and play 'Ladybird Bingo'. Learn all about butterflies and make a butterfly kite to take home.

Start: 1pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley SO 753840

Finish: 3pm **Cost:** £3.50

Friday 19th August: Children's Activity

Learn all about fossils and come and make your own fossil using plaster of paris to take home.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Saturday 20th August: Children's Activity

Learn all about dinosaurs by making your own card dinosaur and by testing your knowledge on the Dinosaur Detective Trail.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Sunday 21st August: Children's Activity

Learn all about fossils with our fossil collection. Paint your own plaster of paris fossil to take home.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, Dy12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Monday 22nd August : Children's Activity

Cut out and colour in ancient creatures to recreate your own ancient environments from millions of years ago.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Tuesday 23rd August : Family Activity

'Ask the Experts'. Come and meet specialists in the fields of rocks, fossils and minerals. Take a look at our specimens and bring your own along to quiz the experts.

Start: 11am at Bewdley Museum, DY12 2AE *Finish:* 3pm

Saturday 27th - Monday 29th August: Family Activity

'Seaside Special' along the Severn Valley Railway. At Kidderminster Station there will be children's 'Fossil Activities' from 9-5pm (free to those using the trains). Lots of other activities at each station including donkey rides, fairground rides, a surf machine and a beach! For times, bookings and costs contact Severn Valley Railway: 01299 403816 or visit www.svr.co.uk

Wednesday 31st August: Children's Activity

'Creatures of the Deep'. See the mysterious underwater life of Elfin Pool with a Ranger-led pond-dip. Discover dragonfly nymphs, amazing water scorpions with their very own snorkel and mysterious hoglice.

Start: 1pm at SVCP Visitors Centre, Alveley. SO 753840

Finish: 4.00pm **Cost:** £3.50

Guided walks marked with an "*" please note: These events will not be attended by trained medical staff; those attending do so at their own risk (if no * do not infer trained staff present).

Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear and carry adequate refreshments.

General grades for each walk have been stated as indicators - gentle, moderate or energetic.