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DUDDINGSTON BIOBLITZ FESTIVAL SATURDAY 17 JUNE



We're holding a bioblitz in Duddingston,
and everyone is invited to join in!

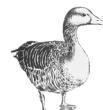
A bioblitz is a big survey where people come together to count all the wildlife in one place. RSPB Scotland is teaming up with organisations and groups from across Edinburgh to survey and celebrate the wildlife in Duddingston, but we need your help to do it.

Whether you're interested in bats, bees, birds or butterflies, join our local experts for a whole range of guided walks, special interest talks, and tracking events.

There will also be children's activities from mini-beast hunts to worm charming, and there will be a cafe on site where you can buy light lunches and refreshments as well as tea and cake stalls around the site.

Kirk Hall,
Duddingston Road West,
Edinburgh,
EH15 3PX
Free Parking at Kirk Hall and
Holy Rood High
(gates to Holyrood high will close at 17:00)

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What's on Duddingston

Register for events from 9.30am at the Kirk Hall or in advance at emails provided

6am-7:30am Morning Chorus Walk

Join the RSPB on a guided bird walk at Bawsinch Nature Reserve. We will be recording different birds and learning to ID them through their song. Hot drinks and light breakfast provided at end.

Booking essential: amber.jenkins@rspb.org.uk

10am-11am Wildflower Walk

Discover the beautiful wildflowers in the Glebe and find out how to identify them through their shape and structure.

10am-11am Moth Trap Opening and Talk

Discover the moths of Duddingston and join us as we open the traps to see the different species we uncover.

10am-11am Walk and Talk about the Glebe Developments

Explore the Glebe field, see current work in progress, and hear a bit about the future vision for this land.

10am-11am Reptiles/ Amphibians Walk

Join us on a reptile ramble around Duddingston Loch. Search for and record reptiles and amphibians and learn about surveying methods.

10am-11.30am Bird Walk

Join the RSPB Local group on a guided bird walk. You will learn how to identify lots of different birds through their flight, size, colour and song.

10.30am-12noon Bawsinch Nature Reserve Tour

Duddingston Loch is the only example of a natural fresh-water loch in the City of Edinburgh. Join Ken Knowles for a guided walk of the reserve and learn about the flora and fauna that make up the site.

11am- 12.30pm Expedition in to Holyrood Park

Join rangers from Historic Environment Scotland for a walk along the North Shore of Duddingston Loch and around Holyrood Park. Find out about the rare plants and animals there.

11am-12noon Wildlife Minibeast Cycle

Bring your bike and join us on a wildlife adventure cycle around Duddingston Loch. You'll hunt for mini beasts and see what you can discover. It's a beautiful place to explore by bike and something to do as a whole family.

11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm Spider Safari

Come on a spider hunt and walk around the garden. Take a closer look at the amazing variety of spiders and other invertebrates the sites have to offer.

11am-12noon Walk and Talk on the history of Duddingston Kirk

Find out about the interesting history of the Kirk. Explore the graveyard, the outside - dating from 1124, and the landscape with Rev Jim Jack.

11am-12noon Mammal Tracking

Want to know how to track animals from just their tracks and signs? Join us with our tracking expert and learn more about the marks they leave behind, their homes and behaviours as well as hopefully spotting some too.

11am-12noon Butterflies in the field

Join Butterfly Conservation Trust and Duddingston field group to survey and learn about the different butterflies found in the Duddingston field.

12noon- 1pm The Plants, Animals and People of Duddingston kirk

Nature inspires people in many ways, discover how Duddingston's plants, animals and people have been depicted over the years throughout the Kirk and within its walls.

12noon-1:30pm & 3pm- 4pm Bird Walk

Join the RSPB on a guided bird walk. We will be recording different birds and learning to ID them through their majestic song.

1pm- 2pm Pollinator Walk

Find out why our pollinators are so important and what you can do to help them this summer. You'll find out how to identify bees and butterflies.

1pm- 2pm A History of Curling

Curling in Edinburgh goes back a long way, with the Duddingston Curling Society being formally constituted in 1795. Learn more and gain access to the curling tower on this wonderful walk.

1.30- 3pm Bawsinch Nature Reserve Tour

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2pm- 3pm Wildflower Walk

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2pm Worm Charming

Help us create a worm festival in Duddington Field by charming worms from the ground using various instruments, including your feet!

2pm- 3.30pm Hike to the Hill Fort

Help us celebrate the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology with a hike to Dunsapie Hill fort.

3pm- 4pm Wildlife Minibeast Cycle

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9pm Moth Walk

Join us as we open moth traps to see what they reveal.

10pm Bat Walk

Join the Lothian Bat Walk and try to see the bats in and around Duddingston as they swoop overhead.
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