



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust

Your *wild* events guide

**Discover an event near you
this autumn and winter!**

October 2025 to March 2026



ywt.org.uk

Get ready to go **WILD!**

Our events generally happen outside, so brace yourself for the Yorkshire weather!



Booking is essential for all paid-for events.

You can do this online at ywt.org.uk/our-events

or call us on 01904 659570.



Getting kitted out

Our events take place in all weathers, so we recommend dressing for the forecast and bringing sturdy footwear. More information on what to bring/wear can be found on your booking email.



Toilets and catering

Many of our nature reserves have no toilet or catering facilities. Check what's there before you go at ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves.

Embracing your wild side

Our events are designed for different levels of wildlife knowledge and outdoor skills. Keep an eye out for the symbols below to help you choose your next adventure!



WILD: Perfect for first-time visitors as we'll lead the way. Great for families.



WILDER: Events which will have you stepping off the beaten track or learning a new skill. Great for budding naturalists and adventurers.



WILDEST: Events that have a focus on a species or nature reserve and are generally for adults. Great for delving into the detail.



TEAM WILDER: Inspiring events where you'll learn skills to make a difference in your patch!

All event details are correct at the time of publication and are subject to change. Booking fees apply. Children under 18 should always be accompanied by an adult at our events unless otherwise stated.

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Yorkshire's wild places

With over 100 nature reserves in our care, you're never far from a great wild experience, though most of our events happen in the following locations:



Living Seas Events Centre – South Landing Flamborough

The meeting hub for our marine-inspired events and the perfect starting point for a relaxed, scenic walk around South Landing local nature reserve.

Postcode: YO15 1AE

Been to an event? We'd love your feedback: bit.ly/my-wild-visit

Stirley – near Huddersfield

Our West Yorkshire events base, located on a former dairy farm that's a wildlife haven in the making! Enjoy stunning views across west Yorkshire.

Postcode: HD4 6FA

Telephone: 01484 663185

Potteric Carr nature reserve – Doncaster

Potteric Carr nature reserve is a wild oasis just waiting to be explored. Discover a true mosaic of habitats from reedbeds swaying gently under big open skies to winding woodland trails and networks of ponds teeming with life. After such an adventure, homemade cakes and wholesome lunches await in our café!

Postcode: DN4 8DB

Telephone: 01302 325736



Spurn National Nature Reserve – Kilnsea (near Hull)

Spurn Point is Yorkshire's very own Land's End – an iconic and constantly shifting peninsula which curves between the North Sea and the Humber Estuary. From birdwatching to bracing walks and amazing views from our Discovery Centre café, there are so many ways to enjoy this special place.

Postcode: HU12 0UH

Telephone: 01964 650144



YORKSHIRE FUNGI FEST



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Experience the magic of mycology at Fungi Fest!

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th October
Potteric Carr nature reserve

**Discover the fabulous and freaky
world of fungi through guided
walks, storytelling, craft activities,
workshops, talks and 'mush' more.**

ywt.org.uk/fungi-festival



Young & Wild

From folklore and foraging to digital detoxes and green gym physical tasks, we run a range of low cost and free-to-attend events and activities for people aged 13–25! Find out more at ywt.org.uk/team-wilder/events.

Action for Nature Days

Are you looking for ideas or advice about how to help wildlife in your neighbourhood? Our Action for Nature Days are the events for you! With fascinating programmes of talks, guided walks, stalls and workshops, there's always something for everyone. Come along to increase your knowledge, be inspired to take action for wildlife, and discover how you can play your part in creating a wilder Yorkshire.



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Find out
more about our
youth events and
Action for Nature Days:



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Best for... families

Some of our very best events for big and small explorers alike – discover more at ywt.org.uk/our-events



Shark Egg Hunt

Spurn National Nature Reserve

Various dates and times – see ywt.org.uk/our-events

Explore Spurn's fascinating coastline on the hunt for mermaid's purses.

PRICE: Free, donations appreciated.



Fossil Fun

Spurn National Nature Reserve

Various dates and times – see ywt.org.uk/our-events

Whether you're a first-time fossil hunter or an ammonite aficionado, join our team combing Spurn's beaches for fantastic fossil finds.

PRICE: Adult £6, Child £4

School holiday adventures!



Ocean Explorers

Living Seas Events Centre

Various dates and times

Drop-in sessions designed for budding marine biologists.

PRICE: Free, donations appreciated



Spooky Species Trail

Potteric Carr nature reserve

Saturday 22nd October to Sunday 2nd November

Explore our trail, hire an explorer backpack, or join an event!

PRICE: Free (admission fees apply for adult non-members)



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Best for...

wildlife encounters

At these events, you'll experience Yorkshire's wildlife first-hand and get to know some of the incredible species that live right on our doorstep!



Wildlife Photography for Beginners

Staveley nature reserve

Saturday 29th November, 7.45am to 12pm

Local wildlife photographer, Sean Jones, will walk you through the basics of wildlife photography through the seasons on this practical workshop. Your own camera and equipment will be required.

PRICE: Adult £40



Rockpool Safari

Living Seas Events Centre

Various dates and times across autumn and winter

Join our rocky shore experts and go in search of fascinating marine life in the rockpools at South Landing, Flamborough. From brittlestars, crabs and sea slugs to anemones and the occasional lobster, we'll take you on a guided tour to explore the very best of what our rockpools have to offer.

PRICE: Adult £10, Child £6

Join us for...

Sophie Pavelle

in conversation with Amy-Jane Beer and Rachael Bice



Book
tickets!



York St John University, Creative
Auditorium, YO31 7EX.
Thursday 16th October, 7pm to 8.30pm

Join us to celebrate the launch of *To Have or To Hold*, a thrilling exploration of nature's symbiotic relationships by the award-winning author of *Forget Me Not*, Sophie Pavelle.

In discussion with our CEO Rachael Bice and naturalist, writer and campaigner Amy-Jane Beer, Sophie will explore what nature can teach us about surviving the climate and biodiversity crises, and how our reliance and relationship with the natural world has – and must – change.

Members' events

These exclusive events offer our amazing members the chance to meet our wild experts, see behind the scenes, hear about our most exciting new discoveries, and get closer to wildlife than ever before...

Join us to join in!

[ywt.org.uk/
membership](http://ywt.org.uk/membership)



Fungus Foray

Adel Dam nature reserve

Thursday 2nd October, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Chafer Wood

Thursday 9th October, 10am to 12.30pm

Join fungi experts to learn more about the weird and wonderful world of fungi and ID skills that you can use for your own explorations. **Joint events with the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union.**

PRICE: YWT Member £8



A Woodland Celebration of World Mental Health Day

Grass Wood, Nr Grassington

Friday 10th October, 1pm to 3.30pm

Join Grass Wood nature reserve manager Graham and immerse yourself in incredible autumn colour and fungi galore.

PRICE: YWT Member £8



Soldierfly ID Workshop

Potteric Carr nature reserve

Saturday 15th November, 10am to 4pm

Join expert Yorkshire naturalist Derek Whiteley for a hands-on indoor workshop in how to identify soldierflies using microscopes.

This is a joint workshop with the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union and Sorby Natural History Society.

PRICE: YWT Member £6





Wild Winter Syrups Stirley

**Friday 26th September,
6pm to 8.30pm**

A guided walk to explore Stirley in autumn and forage for delights amongst the hedgerows. Learn how to turn wild hedgerow offerings into syrups and cordials, and make a seasonal concoction to take home. Light refreshments will be provided.

PRICE: Adult £25, Child (13–18 yrs) £15



Seaweed Pressing and Soap Making Living Seas Events Centre

Various dates and times

Take a stroll along the shore with us to explore the wonderful world of seaweed! Following in the footsteps of generations of naturalists, we'll be creating some picture-perfect seaweed pressings as well as a set of beautiful soaps.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £12



Dinosaur Footprints Walk South Bay, Scarborough

Various dates and times

Join us for a guided walk alongside the footprints of dinosaurs. Discover the geological history of Scarborough's South Bay and explore the dinosaur dancefloor!

PRICE: Adult £6, Child £4



To see all our events,
scan the QR code below
or go to [ywt.org.uk/
our-events](https://ywt.org.uk/our-events)



Water for wildlife: creating small ponds and lagoons Stirley

**Saturday 21st February,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Discover how to provide a variety of vital wet habitats to attract a wide range of species to your garden, then create your very own container pond or hoverfly lagoon to add to your garden, yard or allotment. Light refreshments will be provided.

PRICE: Adult £25, Child (13–18 yrs) £15



Seaglass Crafts and Jewellery Making Living Seas Events Centre

Various dates in November, December, February and March

Make recycled, colourful crafts from seaglass found on Yorkshire's beaches! Join us to make wire-wrapped jewellery and create festive, hanging ornaments in November and December, or shadow box-framed artwork in February and March.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child (13+) £15



Waves of Waste Beach Cleans

**Various locations on coast from Spurn to Scarborough
Dates and times vary by location**

Join our Waves of Waste co-ordinators as we keep Yorkshire's coast healthy and tidy for our marine wildlife. In 2024 we cleaned 50 miles of Yorkshire's coast with the help of over 1000 people, collecting 614 bags of waste.

PRICE: Free, donations appreciated.



Brilliant bat walks

Join us after dark under autumn skies to learn more about the mysterious life of our brilliant bats. We provide the detectors and the expertise: you provide the eyes and ears!



Walks running at North Cave Wetlands, Spurn, Flamborough and Moorlands nature reserves.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £10



For more
information and
to book go to
[ywt.org.uk/
events](http://ywt.org.uk/events)



AMY COOPER



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Get bob, bob, bobbing along to Yorkshire Robin Festival

Potteric Carr nature reserve, Doncaster

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December



Fees apply for individual events. See
ywt.org.uk/robin-festival for details.
All event fees include admission to
Potteric Carr nature reserve.



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We have a vision of a

wilder Yorkshire

Join us today

Climate change and biodiversity loss are the emergencies of our time. Right now, 3,000 Yorkshire species are at risk of extinction. We know it's not too late to reverse these declines, but we can't do it without you. **What happens next is up to all of us.**

Will you join Yorkshire Wildlife Trust today?

Together we can create a
real and lasting difference.



Visit **ywt.org.uk/membership**, scan
the QR code or call us on **01904
659570** to discover the difference our
members make for Yorkshire's wildlife.

