



**Yorkshire**  
Wildlife Trust

# Your *wild* events guide

Discover an event near you  
this spring and summer!

April to September 2026



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

# Get ready to go **WILD!**

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

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**Booking is essential for all paid-for events.**

You can do this online at [ywt.org.uk/our-events](https://www.ywt.org.uk/our-events) or call us on 01904 659570.



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## What to wear

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](https://www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves)

## Embracing your wild side

Our events are designed for different levels of wildlife knowledge and outdoor skills. Use our 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!



**MEMBERS:** Events where members receive priority booking.

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.

# 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

Opening times and charges vary. Please visit our website for more details: [ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves](http://ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves)



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

# This year marks Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's 80th anniversary

We've been proudly caring for Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places since 1946. Celebrate our 'oak' anniversary with us at one of our special events!



## Members' Wild Rambles Potteric, Wheldrake, Stirley, Kiplingcotes and Rifle Butts Quarry

Join us for a series of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust member-exclusive rambles. The day will start with a talk on the work that we've been doing on reserve and then we'll be heading out for a hearty ramble ending with a tour of the reserve itself. Tea and biscuits included.

**PRICE:** Adult £15, Child £10



## Talk: The Very Long History of Askham Bog Friargate Quaker Meeting House, York Thursday 4th June, 6.30pm-8pm

Join Professor Alastair Fitter for a captivating event uncovering the Bog's 15,000 years of history, from its glacial origins to its present status as one of the nation's most ecologically diverse – but most vulnerable – wildlife havens. Learn why this rare remnant of ancient peatland has become deeply woven into York's cultural and environmental heritage.

**PRICE:** General admission £5

Click here  
to discover even  
more special  
anniversary events



# GROUND NEST FEST



Saturday 18th  
and Sunday 19th  
April 2026

Settle & Lawkland,  
North Yorkshire



Come and celebrate our ground nesting birds and their upland habitats, with talks, stalls, creative activities, guided farm walks, and a nature-inspired concert.

**Saturday 18th April:** Friends Meeting House, Settle  
**Sunday 19th April:** Lawkland Hall Farm (daytime) and Victoria Hall, Settle (evening)

See the full programme and book your tickets:

[ywt.org.uk/ground-nest-fest](http://ywt.org.uk/ground-nest-fest)





**#TeamWilder is a rapidly growing movement of people who care about our environment and want to see wildlife and people thrive together across Yorkshire! Come along to connect, collaborate and celebrate community-led action for nature.**



**#TeamWilder Action for Nature Day**  
**Lotherton Hall & Wildlife World, Leeds**  
**Saturday 25th April, 11am–4pm**

We're working with our friends at Lotherton Hall and Wildlife World to raise awareness of the amazing species and wild places on our doorsteps and inspire local action. Join us for an action-packed day of captivating talks, wildlife walks and interactive stalls. Learn new skills and grow your nature knowledge by participating in practical workshops and activities. Connect with like-minded people, find out about volunteering opportunities and discover how you can play your part in creating a wilder Yorkshire.

**PRICE:** Normal admission charges apply, no booking needed. Parking available on site.



**SIGRID RAUSING TRUST**

**Look out for more Action for Nature Days coming to a city near you with thanks to funding from the Sigrud Rausing Trust.**

PENNY FRITH



**Gardening for Wildlife in Spring**  
**Potteric Carr Visitor Centre**

**Thursday 30th April, 6pm–7.30pm**

Discover how you can transform your garden into a haven for wildlife with valuable tips and detailed guidance from our experts. We can even help you to get a gold Wildlife Gardening Award. Light refreshments will be provided.

**PRICE:** Adult £10, Child £6



**Woodfield Wildlife Weekend & Bioblitz**  
**Flourish, Woodfield Park, Doncaster.**

**Friday 19th June and Saturday 20th June, 10am–3pm**

Join us for a really wild weekend and discover the many species of birds, mammals, insects and plants that call Woodfield Park home. Enjoy guided walks, nature themed stalls and family activities. Help us to build a detailed picture of Woodfield's wildlife by recording what you spot on the iNaturalist or Seek apps.

**PRICE:** Free event, free parking, no booking needed.

**For details about the event**  
**visit [flourishwoodfieldpark.org/wildlife](http://flourishwoodfieldpark.org/wildlife)**



FIND OUT MORE HERE



**Wild Events**  
**for Young People**

Are you aged 13-25? Our programme of youth events is **FREE** to attend! Find out more at [ywt.org.uk/events-young-people](http://ywt.org.uk/events-young-people)



# Experiences in the Wild



## Wildlife Friendly Open Gardens Gardens near you across Yorkshire

**Saturday 2nd May–Sunday 10th May**

Be inspired by this unique opportunity to visit some of Yorkshire's most wildlife-friendly gardens as many of our Wildlife Gardening Award winners open their outdoor spaces to the public for a limited time only.

**PRICE:** Free entry, no booking needed.

See our full programme:  
[ywt.org.uk/open-gardens](http://ywt.org.uk/open-gardens)



## Visit Professor Alastair Fitter's garden



**Saturday 2nd May, 12pm–4pm**

**PRICE:** £7 (booking essential)

## Visit Sir John Lawton's garden



**Sunday 3rd May, 12pm–4pm**

**PRICE:** £7 (booking essential)



RICHARD WILLISON



## Wildlife Photography for Beginners North Cave Wetlands, Staveley nature reserve and Ripon City Wetlands

Join local, skilled wildlife photographer Sean Jones who will walk you through the basics of wildlife photography through the seasons. These sessions start early in the morning so that Sean can show you how to use the changing morning light to create beautiful compositions. Your own camera and equipment will be required for this workshop.

**PRICE:** Adult £50

Click here to see the full list of dates



## Wensleydale Whey with Mikron Theatre Stirley, near Huddersfield

**Saturday 4th July, 1pm–3pm**

Join Mikron Theatre in a hilarious quest to revive a lost recipe! The stakes are high: the Monks from the Abbey are desperately seeking a living soul to resurrect their traditional Wensleydale cheese. This charming tale promises a gouda time as it immerses you in a world of ghosts, grievances, and glorious cheese.

**PRICE:** Suggested donation, Adult £15, Child £10



## Wind in the Willows with Paperback Theatre Potteric Carr nature reserve

**Friday 24th July**

Join Paperback Theatre with the beautiful (and very apt!) Potteric Carr as a backdrop for a unique adaptation of this much-loved classic: Wind in the Willows.

**PRICE:** Adult £15, Child £10



## Rewild Yourself with Beyond Domestication Adel Dam nature reserve

**Saturday 27th June, 11am–3pm**

Release the tensions of the working week on this day-experience where you'll reconnect with your wild side. From functional breathwork to ropeflow and barefoot movement, you'll feel truly recharged.

**PRICE:** Adult £50

## Stirley Food Festival

Stirley, near Huddersfield

**Saturday 5th September, 10.30am to 4pm**

A free and family-friendly celebration of local, sustainable, and nature-friendly producers and makers! Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. Public transport is encouraged, car parking available.



FREDERIC DUPONT

# Close encounters of the wild kind



## Moths and Mocktails

Potteric Carr nature reserve

Friday 15th May, 8pm–11pm

Join @garden.of.moths for live moth trapping, hands-on identification and to find out more about our fluttery, flighty friends. Experience the majesty of moths whilst sipping on some delicious moth-themed cocktails. Lime hawkmoth, anyone?

PRICE: £25 per person



## Guided Puffin Walk

Flamborough Cliffs Nature Reserve

Saturday 9th and Thursday 28th May, 11am–1pm

Join us for an exciting adventure at Flamborough Cliffs nature reserve! Get ready to explore the wondrous world of puffins on this guided walk. Bring along your binoculars or borrow a pair and use the spotting scope to get a closer look at these beautiful birds- you might even spot a seal swimming by! This event is perfect for nature enthusiasts of all ages.

PRICE: Adult £8, Child £5



## Wild Workshop: Spider Session

University of York, Department of Biology

Saturday 17th October, 10am–4pm

Join arachnologist, Dr Geoff Oxford, for a hands-on wild workshop on spiders. You'll find out more about how to sample spiders and test out your knowledge in a field session, as well as examining live and preserved spiders under the microscope and improving your spider identification skills. No experience needed and all materials and equipment are provided.

PRICE: Adult £8, Students and Under 25's £5



## Mothy Coffee Morning

Living Seas Events Centre

Wednesday 29th July, 9.30am to 11am

Spurn National Nature Reserve

Sunday 16th August, 9.30am to 11am

Join @garden.of.moths for a caffeine injection that'll really give you wings! You'll go on a moth expedition, learning more about their habitats, before heading back to the centre for a well-earned brew and some biscuits. You'll then spend the rest of the morning doing cyanotype printing whilst learning more about these intriguing creatures and their wild ways.

PRICE: £20 per person



## Dawn Chorus Walk

Potteric Carr

Sunday 3rd May, 4.30am–8am

Enjoy one of the natural world's most beautiful symphonies and learn to differentiate the sounds that our resident and visiting birds make at the beginning of their breeding season.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £10



PAUL LYONS



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**2026**  
**YORKSHIRE**  
**PUFFIN**  
**FESTIVAL**

**Experience life on the  
very edge of Yorkshire!**

North Landing, Flamborough

**Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June 2026**



Set sail on a wildlife cruise, go wild on one of our workshops, seek out puffins with our expert guides and much more...



O'HARA PHOTOGRAPHY



[ywt.org.uk/puffin-festival](http://ywt.org.uk/puffin-festival)

## Wild marine adventures await!



### Extreme Rockpool Safari Flamborough and Scarborough

**Dates from April–Sep, weekends and school holidays**

An exploration of the shore, where we'll search for marine life such as kelp forests, look lobsters and starfish.

**PRICE:** Adult £12, Child £6



### Ocean Explorers Living Seas Events Centre

**Various weekdays during school holidays, 11am–2pm**

Drop-in sessions designed for budding marine biologists.

**PRICE:** Free, donations appreciated



### Flamborough Wildlife Cruise North Landing, Flamborough

**Saturdays, running from 13th June to 11th July**

Take a trip out on a traditional fishing coble, led by an expert wildlife guide. Spot puffins, seals, dolphins and more!

**PRICE:** Adult £22, Child £15



### Night-time Rockpool Safari South Landing, Flamborough

**Friday 15th May, 9.30pm–11pm**

See what goes on in our rockpools at night; come with us to seek out lobsters, giant crabs and flatfish!

**PRICE:** Adult £12, Child £8



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



**Yorkshire  
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## Your walk on the **wild side**

**When it comes to exhilarating wild adventures, there really is no place like Yorkshire.**

From our windswept moors to our sandy shores, our glorious county is rich in breathtaking wild places just waiting to be discovered.

As a Yorkshire Wildlife Trust member, you'll get to experience them like never before thanks to exclusive insights and access to our special members-only events.

Ready to take your first step?

**For 80 years, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been creating bigger, better, and more connected spaces for nature across Yorkshire, powered by the support of more than 45,000 members.**

We're the only charity entirely dedicated to restoring Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places. Join us today to help protect Yorkshire's wild heritage, ensuring nature thrives for generations to come.



Visit [ywt.org.uk/membership](https://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.

