Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Your *wild* events guide

Get closer to wildlife near you this autumn and winter!

October 2026 to March 2027



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We're driving nature's recovery in Yorkshire

Yorkshire. Home to some of the most magical wildlife and wild places you'll ever see.

A place to discover dazzling displays of wildflowers, butterflies and dragonflies. Marvel at a starling murmuration or seabird city. Dip into the hidden world of rockpools. Find owls, bats, moths, badgers and glow-worms at night. Explore hills and valleys, meadows and rivers, woodland and wetlands, heath and cliffs.

It's undeniably special, but it's also under serious threat. 3,000 Yorkshire species are currently at risk of extinction.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is the only charity entirely dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring wildlife and wild places in Yorkshire.

That's why our events do more than create memorable days out. Every ticket helps fund our conservation work while giving more people the confidence, knowledge and inspiration to understand wildlife, care for nature and take action for a wilder Yorkshire. By joining us for an event, you're helping wildlife today and becoming part of the movement to protect it for tomorrow.


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Thank you for being part of the change.

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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 families and anyone new to nature. Relax, and let us lead the way.

WILDER: For curious explorers ready to go a little further. Discover new wildlife, learn new skills and venture off the beaten track with expert guidance.

WILDEST: Ideal for experienced wildlife enthusiasts. These events take a deeper dive into specialist subjects or step off the beaten track to explore our wildest places.

MEMBERS: These events are exclusively for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust members or offer priority booking. Join us to join in! Visit **ywt.org.uk/membership**



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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:



Opening times and charges vary. Please visit our website for more details: **ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves**

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

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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**

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



Wild events around **North Yorkshire**

Monsters, Mystery and Darkness: 4-Week Creative Writing Course

Moorlands nature reserve

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October (4-week course), 6.30pm to 8pm

Join us in the woods for four lantern-lit evenings of creative writing with York Creatives, with gentle prompts and guidance to draw out stories and ideas. No experience needed. Just bring a notebook, pen, warm layers.

PRICE: Adult £60 (for 4-week course)

Screening: North Sea, Nature Untamed

City Screen, York

Saturday 17th October, 1.30pm

A cinematic adventure and a voyage of discovery that will show the North Sea in all its glory. Followed by live Q&A with underwater cameraman Peter van Rodijnen, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's CEO Rachael Bice and our Marine Programme Manager, Andy van der Schatte Olivier.

PRICE: Adult £14.10, Student/Over 60's £12.60

People's Emergency Briefing

We're working to bring you screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing! Keep your eye on our events page **ywt.org.uk/our-events** for details of screenings.

Guided Walk: The Hidden History of Moorlands

Moorlands nature reserve

Saturday 24th October, 10am to 12pm

Join us for a guided walk through Moorlands and uncover the hidden stories behind one of York's most distinctive autumnal spaces. From the trees that hint at the reserve's past to its rich local heritage, you'll discover how Moorlands has evolved over the years.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £10

Community Apple Day
Staveley nature reserve
Saturday 24th October, 10am to 3pm
Come and join us for an apple-tastic day! There will be orchard games, crafts and lots more to enjoy in this seasonal celebration.
PRICE: Donations welcomed. Some activities may have a charge.

Workshop: Wonderful Waxcaps
Wild Ingleborough, Various Venues
Various dates in October, 10.30am to 3pm
Discover weird and wonderful grassland fungi in this fun and creative session. The workshop will include an introduction to grassland fungi ID followed by a sketching and drawing session.
PRICE: Adult £30

Mindfulness Walks with Practitioner Rachel Clarke-Wilson
Ripon City Wetlands nature reserve
Friday 16th October, 10am to 12pm
Staveley nature reserve
Saturday 9th January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Through paying close attention to movement, breath, and our surroundings, Rachel will share easy techniques that support the parasympathetic nervous system, helping the body settle into a state of calm and peaceful presence.
PRICE: Adult £20

Guided Walk: Spring Dawn Chorus
Moorlands nature reserve
Sunday 21st March, 5am to 8am
Enjoy our first springtime dawn chorus at Moorlands nature reserve with our wild guide. Learn to differentiate your warblers from your woodpeckers and make your way slowly around the reserve, enjoying the orchestra in full surround sound.
PRICE: Adult £20, Child £15

Festive Willow Weaving
Staveley nature reserve
Saturday 14th November and Monday 7th December, 11am to 1.30pm
Learn how to make a sustainable festive wreath from entirely natural material with Janice from Down2Earth.
PRICE: Adult £45. Refreshments are included.

Wild days out on **the Yorkshire Coast**

Festive Seaglass Crafting and Jewellery Making

Living Seas Events Centre

Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Create beautiful festive ornaments and handmade jewellery using colourful sea glass shaped by the North Sea. Enjoy a warm drink as you transform these coastal treasures into unique keepsakes and gifts.

PRICE: Adult £22

Seaweed Pressing and Soap Making

Living Seas Events Centre

Friday 30th October, Saturday 28th November and Monday 8th February. Various times

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

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £12

Fantastic Fossils of Filey Brigg

Filey

Thursday 29th October and Thursday 11th February, Various times

Discover the fascinating geological history of Filey Brigg and go in search of amazing marine fossils!

PRICE: Adult £9, Child £6





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We also do rockpool safaris at night!
Check out ywt.org.uk/our-events to book

Extreme Rockpool Safari
Scarborough and Flamborough

Various dates and times

Step onto the exposed shoreline at a rare low tide and uncover a hidden world of marine life normally concealed beneath the sea. Uncover nudibranch sea slugs, look out for lobsters, and watch out for devil crabs!

PRICE: Adult £12, Child £8

Stargazing at the Coast
Living Seas Events Centre

Various dates, once monthly from October to March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Join Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society for an unforgettable evening beneath the stars. Explore the wonders of the night sky through specialist telescopes and discover more about planets, constellations and the mysteries of our universe.

PRICE: General admission £6

Ocean Explorers
Living Seas Events Centre

Monday 15th to Friday 19th Feb and Wednesday 31st March to Friday 2nd April, 11am to 2pm

Are you a budding marine biologist? Come along to the Living Seas Centre to discover what lies beneath the waves on the Yorkshire coast. Drop-in sessions perfect for families.

PRICE: Free, donations appreciated. No booking required.



Wild events in **West Yorkshire**

After Dark: UV Fungi Walk
Adel Dam nature reserve
Saturday 31st October, 5pm to 7pm
Step into the woods on Hallowe'en night and watch the forest floor come alive with hidden, glowing fungi. Explore Adel Dam with ultraviolet light in hand and discover the hidden side of this Leeds nature reserve.
PRICE: Adult £18, Child £12

Breathe Deep: A Forest Bathing Morning
Adel Dam nature reserve
Saturday 15th November, Saturday 16th January, Saturday 20th March. Various times
Join Samantha from Fleeting Fern for a guided seasonal forest bathing session in the beautiful Adel Dam nature reserve. Slow down, reconnect with nature and immerse yourself in the calming sights, sounds and sensations of the woodland. No water involved!
PRICE: Adult £22 (per session)

Wild Sauna and Cold Plunge: Reset with Nature
Stirley nature reserve
Saturday 16th January, slots at 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm and last an hour
Get your New Year off to a brave start by joining us for a wild sauna and cold plunge experience in the hills above Huddersfield. This invigorating session is the perfect chance to breathe, reset and reconnect with yourself and nature.
PRICE: Adult £15. Warm drinks will be available.

Introduction to Barefoot Walking in Nature
Adel Dam nature reserve
Saturday 14th November, 10.30am to 12.30pm
Join coaches George and Amber-Rose from Beyond Domestication for a relaxed two-hour introduction to barefoot walking. This gentle and enjoyable session offers a new way to connect with your body and the natural world.
PRICE: Adult £35, Child £10

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Gifts that make a difference

Discover wildlife-inspired gifts in our online shop, from pin badges and puffin hats to binoculars and more.



Click the QR code and check it out:

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YORKSHIRE FUNGI FEST

Join us for our annual

Fungi Festival

Potteric Carr nature reserve

Sat 10th and Sun 11th October
9.30am to 4.30pm

Our celebration of all things mushroom is back and we've got some spore-tacular new events for everyone to enjoy!

- Guided walks
- Mushroom ID-ing tips
- Storytelling in the forest
- Kid's cooking classes
- Specialist art workshops
- Talks with experts
- Mushroom Market

Plus much more!



Admission tickets £6
Members go FREE
See **ywt.org.uk/events** for details

Find out more at ywt.org.uk/fungi-festival

Potteric Carr
Nature Discovery Centre

Discover the wild beauty of Potteric Carr, a stunning wetland nature reserve and café just on the outskirts of Doncaster. With wide, level paths and a tramper (off-road mobility scooter) available to hire, everyone can enjoy a relaxing day exploring nature, spotting wildlife and experiencing the joy of being outdoors.

Opticron Optics Event Day

Thursday 8th October and Saturday 5th December, 10am to 3pm

Join us for our Opticron Optics Day at Potteric Carr, where you'll be able to try a range of Opticron equipment, get expert advice, and find the perfect optics for your next wildlife adventure. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced birder, there's something for everyone.

PRICE: Free

Member Exclusive: Potteric in Autumn Guided Walk

Tuesday 20th October, 10am to 12pm

Autumn is one of the best times to explore Potteric Carr, as the reserve bursts into life with spectacular fungi, wading birds and seasonal colour. Join one of our expert reserve managers for a guided walk to uncover the hidden wonders of the season, hear stories from behind the scenes, discover how we care for this special place and ask all your wildlife questions.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £10

Big Hallowe'en Bug Hunt

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October, 11am to 12.30pm

Witches, potions and creepy crawlies… Hallowe'en wouldn't be the same without them! Join us at Potteric Carr for a spooky species quiz and outdoor bug hunt. Search for amazing mini beasts, uncover their secret lives and discover why these tiny creatures are some of nature's biggest heroes.

PRICE: Adult £6, Child £4

Wild Little Felts: Needle felting workshops

17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December, 6pm to 9pm

Spend a relaxing evening with Wild Little Felts creating your own wildlife-inspired felted creation.

PRICE: Adult £30, Student/Under 18 £25

Beginner's Stargazing at Potteric Carr

Thursday 24th September, Thursday 26th November and Thursday 28th January, 7pm to 9.30pm

Join Doncaster Astronomical Society for an evening exploring the wonders of the night sky above Potteric Carr nature reserve. Discover the secrets of space through an introductory talk, then head outdoors to see the stars, planets and constellations for yourself with expert guidance. Teas and coffees will be available to keep you warm throughout the evening.

PRICE: Adult £12, Child £8

Winter Wellness Walks

Third Sunday of each month from September to December, 10.30am to 12pm

Escape the winter blues and reconnect with nature on a guided wellness walk at Potteric Carr. Take time to slow down, enjoy the crisp winter air and discover the wellbeing benefits of being outdoors in this beautiful natural setting. This gentle walk combines mindful moments in nature with simple meditation and nature journaling activities, helping you feel refreshed, present and inspired as you explore the sights and sounds of the reserve.

PRICE: Tickets coming soon;
please check **ywt.org.uk/our-events**



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YORKSHIRE ROBIN FESTIVAL

Potteric Carr nature reserve, Doncaster

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December

Nature lovers, garden bird enthusiasts, and those looking for a little festive calm are invited to join us as the Yorkshire Robin Festival returns for its second year.

Celebrate the magic of wildlife this winter, surrounded by nature and one of Britain's most-loved garden birds.

Throughout the weekend, enjoy:

- Breakfast birdwatching walks
- Robin nest box building and willow bird feeder making workshops
- Glass robin making workshop
- Guided robin rambles
- Wildlife gardening question time
- Nature-inspired festive gift shopping
- Seasonal food and drink



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

Team Wilder

Yorkshire's wildlife needs our collective help! #TeamWilder is a rapidly growing movement of people who care about our environment and want to help wildlife thrive not only in nature reserves, but in Yorkshire's towns and cities too.

Join #Team-Wilder today! Find out more at: **ywt.org.uk/team-wilder**

Action for Nature Days

Greenhead Park, Trinity St, Huddersfield, HD1 4DT
Sunday 18th October 11.30am to 4pm
Cartwright Hall & Lister Park, Bradford, BD9 4NS
Thursday 29th October 11am to 4pm

Join Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and friends for a wild day of creative activities for all ages. Grow your nature knowledge with practical workshops, captivating presentations, information stalls, guided walks, and opportunities to connect with like-minded people. Plant seeds, make homes for wildlife, find out about local projects and volunteering opportunities, and discover how you can play your part in creating a wilder Yorkshire. Light refreshments will be provided. **Free event, no booking needed.**



For more information including what's on, parking and public transport visit **ywt.org.uk/team-wilder/events**

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Discover Spurn
National Nature Reserve

Spurn National Nature Reserve is Yorkshire's very own Lands End - a wild and windswept landscape where coast, sea and sky meet. With a gift shop and café serving hot drinks and delicious food, Spurn's Discovery Centre is the perfect place to start your adventure.

A Walk to the Edge of Yorkshire
Sunday 18th October, 10.30am to 4.30pm

Join our team on an epic 7-mile guided walk to the tip of Spurn. Explore this awe-inspiring and constantly changing landscape, marvel at the Point's rare wildlife, and enjoy some incredible stories with our knowledgeable guides.

PRICE: Adult £30

Mindful Photography
Saturday 3rd October, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Join us for a photography retreat that takes in the huge skyscapes and landscapes of Spurn and the sounds of the sea in an ever-changing coastline.

PRICE: Adult £35

Guided Walk: Bats at Spurn
Various dates and times throughout October

It's time to go batty! Join us for a family-friendly guided walk around Spurn and Kilnsea in search of some of our most mysterious residents. Learn how to use a bat detector and enter the secret and surprisingly noisy world of bats.

PRICE: Adult £15, Child £10

Clues in the Clay: Fossil Hunting for Grown Ups
Friday 6th November, 11am to 2pm

Join a local expert with over 20 years' experience fossil hunting on the Yorkshire coast and discover the prehistoric treasures hidden at Spurn. This hands-on event is the perfect chance to step back in time, uncover fascinating fossils and learn more about the ancient world beneath our feet.

PRICE: Adult £30

Wild events in **East Yorkshire**

The Brilliant Birds of North Cave Wetlands: An ID Workshop and Walk

North Cave Wetlands nature reserve

Friday 9th October (Public) and Tuesday 16th February (Members only), 9.30am to 11.30am

Once a working gravel quarry, North Cave Wetlands is fast becoming one of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's most popular reserves for photography and spotting an extraordinary range of wildlife. Join East Reserves Manager Tony Martin to learn about the birds that live on site, from the familiar to the very rare. Includes refreshments.

PRICE: Adult £20

Capturing the Magic of Murmurations: An Art Workshop with Caravel Drawing

North Cave Wetlands nature reserve

Saturday 7th and Tuesday 17th November, 1pm to 4pm

Starling murmurations are one of nature's most extraordinary spectacles. Discover the secrets behind these mesmerising and mysterious displays and create your own interpretation of the skies above North Cave Wetlands using collagraph ink printing. Includes refreshments.

PRICE: Adult £45

Wool Felting and Conservation Grazing Workshop

North Cave Wetlands nature reserve

Saturday 17th October, 10am to 12pm

Join Maisie Barlow in this guided session to make a felted image using the fleece from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Hebridean sheep! The Trust has one of the largest flocks in the UK, so learn about the amazing job our conservation grazers do for wildlife as you felt.

PRICE: Adult £25



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Get kitted out for a *wild event*

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

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**

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**



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Membership starts from just £4

Choose the **wild life**

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. Our members enjoy exclusive news and insights, priority booking, access to special members-only events and much more!

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.

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Find out more and join the movement at **ywt.org.uk/membership** or give us a call on **01904 659570**

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