

2010 EVENTS THE SOUTH PEAK ESTATE

Participants in all FREE events are invited to make a minimum donation of £2.00

13 February: Boxing Clever 1.00 – 4.00pm

It's National Nest Box week, so here's an opportunity to make a nest box for your garden. All materials and instructions provided. Please meet at the National Trust Learning Centre, Ilam Park. Booking not needed. £5.00 per box.

17 February: Roast & A Literary Ramble – 10.30am

A guided walk around Ilam Park to find out some of the fascinating story of this hidden gem with stops along the way to hear how Ilam has appeared in print. Then to the Manifold Tearoom for a delicious roast lunch with locally produced beef from one of our National Trust Farms. Please meet at the National Trust Learning Centre, Ilam Park. Some of the walk is over uneven ground and steps. A short climb to a viewpoint in the main park. Please bring warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. Children and families welcome but unsuitable for pushchairs/buggies. Adults £20, Children £15. Booking essential on 01335 350503

Saturday 6 March: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

A practical workshop in The National Trust Learning Centre designed to build photographic skills and knowledge of digital photography in a stunning area of the Peak District. £65.00 per person. Please bring waterproof clothing sturdy footwear and a packed lunch. All bookings and enquiries to Graham Nobles 07958 007004 or email northmidlands@goingdigital.co.uk Booking essential. (Normal car parking charges apply; NT members free.)

Saturday 27 March: Inside Foxhole Cave

An opportunity to venture into Foxhole Cave (on High Wheeldon) normally closed to the public. Hard hats provided but sturdy footwear essential – and don't wear your best clothes! A steep incline to reach the cave. Free but booking essential. Telephone 01335 350503 to confirm times and meeting place.

Easter Weekend 2, 3, 4 & 5 April: Easter Egg Trail 12 noon – 4.00pm

Follow the trail and claim your prize. Adult trail too! All tickets £2. Booking not needed. Please meet at the National Trust Visitor Centre in ILAM Park. Children and families welcome.

Sunday 18 April: Spring in the Air 10.00am – 12.30pm

A stroll through Dovedale with the National Trust Warden to look for signs of Spring. Meet at Milldale. Families welcome. Sturdy footwear and comfortable walking clothes needed. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 10 April: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Saturday 10 April: Coppice Day 11.00am – 4.00pm

A chance to see how coppiced woodland products are made and used. Demonstrations of woodland crafts. Ilam Park. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 17 April: Walk the Dog with the Head Warden 10.00am – 1.00pm

A walk with Jake and the Head Warden around Thorpe Pastures near Dovedale. Treat yourself and your dog to a guided walk taking in the fantastic open landscape and learning about the history of this registered common. Parking available nearby. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear needed. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 24 April: Breakfast with the Birds 6.30am

Take an early morning walk around Ilam Park with an expert birder to meet the avian residents and early summer visitors followed by a traditional breakfast in the Manifold Tearoom. Interested children welcome. Sorry no dogs. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear essential. Bring

your binoculars. Meet at the National Trust Learning Centre, Ilam Park. £12 Adults £8 children. Booking essential on 01335 350503.

Saturday 1 May: Coppice Day 11.00am – 4.00pm

A chance to see how coppiced woodland products are made and used. Demonstrations of woodland crafts. Ilam Park. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 1 May: High Wheeldon and High Tea 1.00pm – 5.00pm

As part of the Peak District Festival, a joint event with the Dove Valley Centre to visit High Wheeldon, the site of Foxhole Cave, via the spectacular Upper Dove Valley. The walk starts and finishes at the Dove Valley Centre in Sheen ending with a delicious farmhouse high tea of home made scones, jam, cream, cakes and tea/coffee. Booking essential. £5.00 per person. Further details on 01335 350503 or 01298 83282.

Saturday 8 May: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Saturday 15 May: A Walk Through Time in Dovedale 10.00am – 12.30pm

A stroll in Dovedale from the Milldale end with The National Trust Warden and Geologist to see how the Dale was formed over millions of years. Meet at Milldale. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Sunday 16 May: Ecton Overground Underground

A rare opportunity to visit Ecton Mine normally closed to the public. A steep walk up to the old engine house and then back down to go underground for first hand views of some of the old workings of this world famous copper mine. Some steep inclines and uneven ground. Sturdy footwear and warm waterproof clothing required. Free but booking essential on 01335 350503 to confirm times and meeting point.

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May: Art in the Park

A two day workshop in Ilam Park for adults and students Year 10 and above. Numbers strictly limited so booking essential. For booking and further details contact Mick Abbott by email at mickabbottartist@yahoo.co.uk (Those without email can phone the South Peak Estate office on 01335 350503 and we will pass your details to Mick Abbott who will contact you direct.)

Thursday 3 June: Poems in the Landscape - 6.30pm

Join Ann Atkinson, Derbyshire Poet Laureate, for a relaxing poetry walk around Dovedale. Ann will be sharing some of her favourite poems inspired by the landscape. Bring along one of your favourite poems to share that celebrates Derbyshire or Dovedale.

This event is part of the Derbyshire Literature Festival.

Visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/festival for further details.

Saturday 5 June: A literary Walk in Dovedale

Join The National Trust Warden and the Derbyshire Enlightenment Group for a gentle walk in Dovedale with stops along the way to hear how Dovedale has appeared in print. Free but booking essential on 01335 350503.

Saturday 5 - Friday 12 June: Pictures in the Landscape

For one week, Dovedale will be transformed into an enormous outdoor picture gallery. On your walk see replicas of paintings of the Peak District from Derbyshire County Council's and Derby City Council's collections in the landscape that inspired them. As part of the Derbyshire Literature Festival, each picture will be accompanied by a specially chosen poem. This event is part of the Enlightenment! Programme in partnership with the Derbyshire Literature Festival.

Visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/festival for further details.

Saturday 12 June: Above the Manifold Valley – 10.00am – 1.00pm

A walk with The National Trust Warden to unfold the fascinating landscape around Ossams Hill Farm. Finish off the visit with cup of tea at the farm itself. Meet at Grindon Church car park. Sorry no dogs. Free but booking essential on 01335 350503.

Saturday 19 June: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 June: Dry Stone Walling Weekend 9.30am – 3.30pm

A two day event giving you an opportunity to build a dry stone wall at Ossams Hill Farm, Grindon. Tuition from an expert. Have fun and learn a new skill. Numbers limited so book early to secure a place. You will need sturdy boots, leather gloves and wet weather gear plus a packed lunch for both days. Tools provided. £75 per person for the two days. Not suitable for under 18's. Booking essential on 01335 350503.

Saturday 3 July: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Sunday 18 July: Archaeology Day 10.00am – 4.00pm

A great family day at Ilam Park with The National Trust and the Young Archaeologists' Club. Find out more about the Ilam of the past. Hands-on activities. Who knows what you might dig up? Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 14 August: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7.00pm

Bring a picnic to enjoy the late afternoon in Ilam Park and then relax in The Oaks for an outdoor production by The Modern Shakespeare Company at 7.00pm. Bring your own seating for the evening show. For tickets telephone 01335 350503 or see www.modernshakespearecompany.com Tickets also available on the day.

Friday 20 August: Bangers & Bats 7pm – 10pm

An evening nosh of bangers and mash in the Manifold Tearoom, an audio visual introduction and a stroll in Ilam Park to see and hear the bats. Please meet at the National Trust Learning Centre at Ilam and bring a torch and bat detector if you have one, also sturdy footwear and water proof clothing. £12 per adult £8. per child. Not suitable for very young children due to late finish. Booking essential 01335 350503.

Saturday 21 August: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Friday 27 August: Bangers and Bats 7pm – 10pm

Details as for 20 August

Thursday 2 September: GPS Trail in Ilam Park 10.00am – 4.00pm

Test your skill with your new GPS by finding the clues hidden around Ilam Park and further afield. Bring your own GPS. Sturdy footwear and warm waterproof clothing advisable. Free. Starting point and further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 18 September: Are We Nearly There Yet?

A 13 - 15 mile walk from Ilam via Bunster Hill, Alstonefield (with a coffee stop on the way at Grove Farm), Gypsy Bank, Wolfscote Dale and Dovedale. Some very steep inclines. Not for the faint-hearted. N.B. Route may vary depending on weather conditions. All routes strenuous. Appropriate walking gear and packed lunch required. Meet at 9.30 in the National Trust car park at Ilam Park. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 25 Sept: Walk the Dog at Monyash – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Treat your dog to a guided walk around Monyash with Bramble and The National Trust Estate Manager. Take in the fantastic landscape of the area including Flagg Moor owned and managed by The National Trust. Meet at Monyash House Farm. Parking available nearby. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear recommended. Free. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 25 September: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Saturday 2 October: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Saturday 2 October: Dovedale Fungus Foray 10.30 am

A guided walk with The National Trust Warden to discover the fungi in Dovedale. Meet at Milldale. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 9 October: Ilam Park Fungus Foray 10.30 am

A guided walk with an expert mycologist to discover the fungi in Ilam Park, followed by a delicious lunch of wild mushroom soup in the Manifold Tearoom. Please meet at the National Trust Learning Centre, Ilam. Adults £12 per person; £8 per child. Booking essential on 01335 350503

Thursday 28 October: Feed the Birds 11.00 – 3.00pm

Come and have a go at making a bird feeder and bird food to take home. The days are getting colder and the birds in your garden need your help to keep them fed during the winter. Hands-on family activity suitable for children aged 3 and over. Free. Further details on 01335 350503

Sunday 31 October: Spooky Stories in the Park in the Dark 5.00 – 7.30pm

After a tasty bite to eat, venture out on a scary stroll through Ilam Park with who-knows-what to listen to tales to make your hair stand on end. Calm down afterwards with a hot drink. Meet in the Manifold Tearoom. Further details on 01335 350503.

Saturday 6 November: Digital Photography at Ilam Park near Dovedale 10.00am – 4.00pm

See March for details.

Wednesday 10 November: Winter Trees Walk 10.30am

A delicious roast dinner with locally produced beef from one of our NT farms, but before lunch an informative walk round Ilam Park to identify some of the trees. The walk will include some inclines and uneven ground and may be muddy after rain. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear advisable. Please meet at the National Trust Learning Centre at Ilam. Adults £20.00 per person, Child £15. Booking essential on 01335 350503.

Wednesday 8 December: Lecture Lunch “The South Peak Estate” 12.00noon

An illustrated talk about all aspects of The National Trust South Peak Estate with the Operations Manager after a delicious roast dinner in the Manifold Tearoom at Ilam Park. Adults £20, Concessions £15. Booking essential on 01335 350503.

Sunday 13 December: Christmas at Ilam 4.00 – 6.00 pm.

Music, food and fun activities for all the family – and a chance for Christmas shopping. Delicious teas in the Manifold Tearoom. Please meet at the NT Visitor Centre in the Stable-block, Ilam Park. Suitable for families and children. Free but a small charge for some activities. Further details on 01335 350503.

Throughout the year: Keep a look out for advertised Ilam Park Tours, Land Rover Safaris and Wildlife activities. Times and places will be posted on the day.

Also: Exhibitions, Attendance at local shows.