

# Welcome

Welcome to the Duddingston Bioblitz Festival!

The Duddingston Bioblitz Festival is a chance to celebrate one of Edinburgh’s most amazing greenspaces. RSPB Scotland has teamed up with organisations and groups from across the city to showcase the area’s wildlife, but we need your help!

Join in with our bioblitz and help to count as many different species as possible: from plants and insects, to birds and reptiles. We’ll have experts on hand to help throughout the day.

You’ll also be able to take part in loads of organised events, with cycle rides, bird and bat walks, a worm festival, tree trails, pond dipping and more. There’s something for everyone: beginners and experts alike.

Refreshments will be available, with cake and tea stalls as well as a wildlife-themed beer festival at the famous Sheep Heid Inn.

So come along and discover more about the fascinating wildlife right on your doorstep.

For event information visit:  
<http://bit.ly/201BLi0>

**1pm-2pm Mammal Tracking Workshop**  
Ever wanted 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 have left behind, their homes, and behavior as well as meeting some of the small mammals that can be found in Duddingston.

**2pm-4pm Guided Walk of Bawsinch Nature Reserve**  
Duddingston Loch is the only example of a natural freshwater loch in the City of Edinburgh. Join Scottish Wildlife Trust for a guided walk of their reserve and learn about the flora and fauna that make up the site.

**2pm Worm Charming Festival in the Duddingston Field**  
Come along and join our worm experts from Parson Green School. Discover the many different types of worms you get in the UK, take part in a worm charming competition and make some worm bunting.

**2pm-3pm Talk and Exploration of the Kirk Windows**  
Explore the pictures in the stained-glass windows inside the Kirk with David Fleming, enjoy their vivid colours, and discover a link with the Pinkerton Detective Agency of Chicago.

**2pm-3pm Butterfly Walk in the Glebe Field**  
Join Butterfly Conservation and discover the different species of butterflies found in the Glebe Field.

**3pm-4pm Wildlife Mini-Beast Cycle with RSPB Phoenix Group.**  
Come for a wildlife adventure cycle around Duddingston Loch. Explore this beautiful place by bike and look for mini beasts and creatures to identify along the route. Booking essential:- Fiona.weir@rspb.org.uk

**9.30pm Bat and Moth Walk starting at the Millar Hall**  
Discover the moths and bats of the Duddingston area with a walk around the edge of the Glebe and Loch. We’ll be opening up moth traps to see what they reveal. Booking essential :- Fiona.weir@rspb.org.uk

## What’s on Duddingston

**Saturday 25 June**  
**Register for events from 9.30 at:**  
**Kirk Hall, Duddingston Road West, Edinburgh, EH15 3PX**  
**Free Parking at Kirk Hall and Holy Rood High**  
**6am Bird Walk**  
Join the RSPB Local Group on a guided bird walk at Bawsinch Nature Reserve. We will be recording different birds on this beautiful reserve and learning to ID them through their majestic song.  
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**10am-11am Wildlife Mini-Beast Cycle with RSPB Phoenix Group.**  
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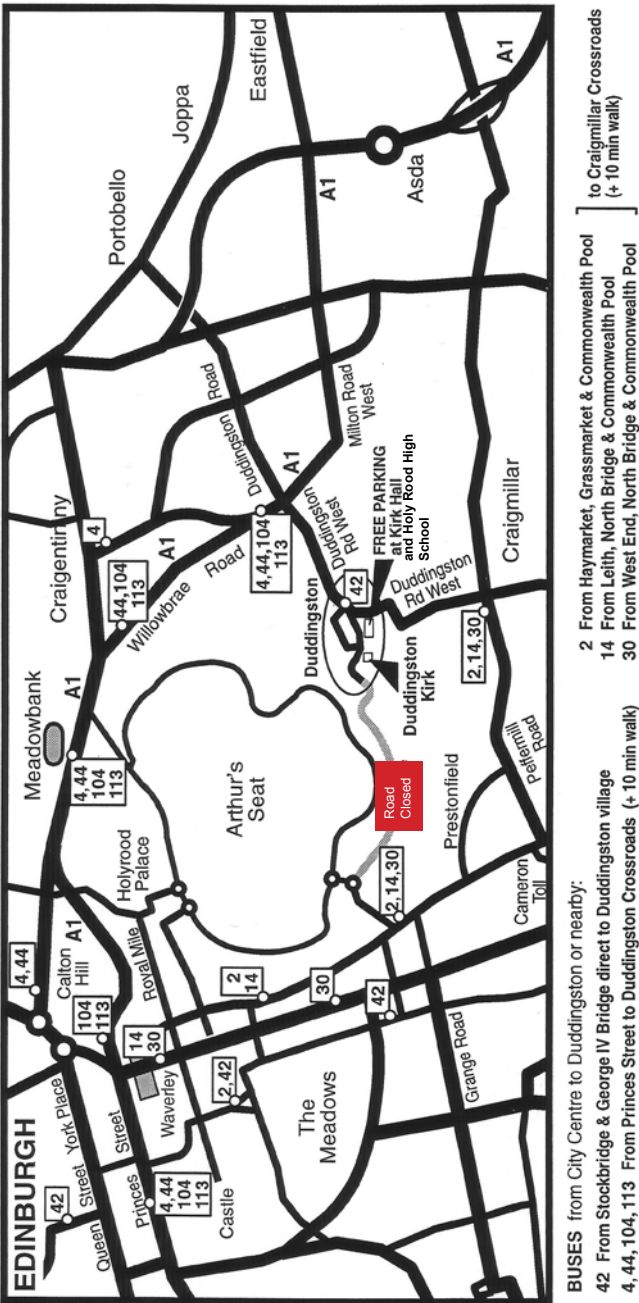
**10am-4pm Recording Sessions and Wildlife Activities.**  
Join our team of experienced naturalists and wildlife recorders to help find and identify as many different species of birds, bugs, plants and beasts as we can before the day runs out.

**10am-4pm Children’s Wildlife Activities**  
From pond dipping and reptile rambling to bird walks and nature crafts there is something for all young nature enthusiasts to enjoy.

**10am-11am Walk and Talk about the Glebe Field Developments**  
Explore the Glebe Field with Lizz Paterson, see current work in progress, and hear a bit about the future vision for this land.

**10am-11am Reptile/Amphibian Walk**  
Reptile ramble around Duddingston Loch. Search for and record reptiles and amphibians with our expert.

**10am-11am Spider Walk in Dr Neil’s Garden**  
Come on a spider hunt in Dr Neil’s Garden. Join us for a walk around the garden and take a closer look at the amazing variety of spiders and other invertebrates the site has to offer.



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**11am-12noon Botanical Survey of Duddingston Field**  
Discover the different plants that can be found here and find out how to identify them through their shape and structure.

**12noon Historic Environment Scotland Ranger-led Walk**  
Join a ranger from Historic Environment Scotland for a short walk into Holyrood Park. Find out about the rare plants and animals which live here and delve into the park’s rich geological past.

**12pm-1pm Butterfly Survey**  
With the Butterfly Conservation Trust learn how to identify, survey and search for butterflies in Duddingston Field.

**1pm-2pm Bumblebee Walk in Duddingston Field**  
Bumblebees are icons of the British summer. Join the Bumblebee Conservation Society on a walk around Duddingston Field to learn more about these beautiful insects. Learn how to identify and record them through their colour, shape and size.

**1pm-2pm Walk and Talk about Duddingston Kirk and its Environments**  
Explore the graveyard, the outside of the Kirk dating from 1124, and the landscape in which the Kirk is set with Rev Jim Jack. Find out more about the interesting history of this building and its surroundings.

**1pm-2pm Bird Walk and Talk**  
Join the RSPB Local Group on a guided bird walk of Duddingston Loch. Record and identify the different birds found on the loch and in the surrounding landscape.



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