What's On at WWT Wetland Centres February 2020





Arundel

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/arundel/

WWT Arundel, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9PB

World Wetlands Day Sunday 2 February Free activities with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/arundel/whats-on/world-wetlands-day-1/5526

Celebrate wetlands on a historic Ramsar Boat Safaris, a special walk & talks or fun family activities about about amazing wetlands.

We stay open until 5.30pm to watch for the Marsh Harrier roost.

Nest Box Know How walks Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 February 11.00 or 15.00

Free with admission (sign up on the day)

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/arundel/whats-on/nest-box-know-how-walks/5527

See the variety of nest boxes our wardens use onsite and discover who uses them on Nest Box Know How walks.

Ask for advice for bringing the birds to your yard, just in time for National Nestbox week. Check out the boxes and feeders on sale in our shop.

South East Puddle Jumping Championship
Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February
Competition times 11.00 and 14.30. Practice puddles open all day
Participation in all Southeast Puddle Jumping Championship activities is included in your admission price

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/arundel/whats-on/soth-east-puddle-jumping-championship/5598

Put on your wellies, get out into nature and have a splashing time!

Our puddle jumping championships are the perfect rainy day activity. It's fun for all the family, not just the kids – grown-ups can join in the championships too! Grown-ups, unleash your inner child, release every day stress and get splashing. Kids, challenge your grown-ups to see who can make the biggest, most stylish splash.

Caerlaverock

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/

WWT Caerlaverock, Eastpark Farm, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, DG1 4RS

Wild Swan Feeds
Until Tuesday 31 March
11.00 & 14.00 daily
Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/whats-on/wild-swan-feeds-1/5375

Experience the sights and sounds of hundreds of whooper swans, mute swans, ducks and geese at the daily swans feeds, commentated by the warden.

Learn more about the whooper swans as they arrive from their migration from Iceland. Use the touchscreen in the Sir Peter Scott Observatory to find out more about the individual whooper swans out on the Whooper pond.

Feather Trail
Saturday 1 – Saturday 29 February
10.00 – 17.00.
Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/whats-on?inMonth=2020-02

Follow the trail signs to identify feathers commonly found on the reserve.

Swan Spectacular Weekend
Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 February
Activities 11.00 – 15.30
Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/whats-on/swan-spectacular-weekend/5456

This weekend celebrates the swans that visit us every winter.

Events will include swan crafts and activities for families, talks, swan feeds, workshops and lots of opportunities to see and learn about our beautiful and characterful whooper swans and mute swans, as well as find out about what WWT is doing to protect swan species around the world.

Nest box building workshop Satursday 15 February 10.30 – 13.00

Normal admission charges apply - £5 per nest box – booking essential

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/whats-on/nest-box-building-workshop/5450

To celebrate National Nest Box Week, take this opportunity to make your own nest box to put up in your garden or local green space. After you have constructed your nest box the warden will give out information on the best places to site them.

Scottish Puddle Jumping Championships

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

12.00 - 14.00.

Free with admission.

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/whats-on/scottish-puddle-jumping-championships-1/5572

Get your wellies on and make a splash at the Scottish Puddle Jumping Championships. There will be daily winners and we will be looking out for enthusiasm, style and height of splash! All ages welcome!

Castle Espie

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/castle-espie/

WWT Castle Espie, 78 Ballydrain Road, Co Down, N Ireland, BT23 6EA

Wild Welly Walks
Until Friday 28 February
Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/castle-espie/whats-on/winter-welly-walks/4973

Run, splash and play this winter at Castle Espie! Wrap up warm, pull on the wellies and have fun with all the family. Can you complete our adventure list when you visit?! Search beyond the shore in our Brent Discovery Hide and have some fun at our Secret Swamp. Zoom along our zip line and see how many fairy doors you can find hidden, there's plenty of wild wetland fun this winter.

Llanelli

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli/

WWT Llanelli, Llwynhendy, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, SA14 9SH

Walk with a Warden Sunday 2 February 11.00

Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli/whats-on/walk-with-a-warden-1/5589

On the first Sunday of every month, join our friendly experts for a gentle 90-minute walk through the very heart of the wetlands.

Learn how we manage our diverse and beautiful habitats and get insider information on where to go to witness incredible spectacles up close.

Our wardens will help you to use all of your senses to spot and identify different species, and guide you to points of interest along the easily accessible paths.

Every walk will be different, and the changing seasons will bring fresh highlights for you to enjoy.

Learning about the fungi, plants, insects, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds (and more!) that call our reserve home is highly addictive – so be prepared to discover a new hobby!

Monday Munchkins

Monday s until 10 February 11.00 – 12.00

Under 4s get free admission.

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli/whats-on/monday-munchkins-1/5583

Every Monday during term time bring your toddlers to take part in exciting activities designed especially for them. With a different theme each week, typical activities include pond dipping, minibeast hunting, crafts, stories, songs, games, and feeding the birds.

Welsh Puddle Jumping Championships

Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February

Activities all day

Free with admission.

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli/whats-on/welsh-puddle-jumping-championships-2020/5578

Pull on your wellies, get out into nature, get muddy and have a splashing time this February half term.

Our Puddle Jumping Championships are all-weather wetland fun and the perfect rainy day activity!

But it's not just for the kids - grownups, unleash your inner child, release everyday stress and get splashing with some good old-fashioned merriment. Kids, challenge your grownups to see who can make the biggest, craziest splash. Will you claim the Welsh title for 2020 and take home the beautiful silver trophy? There will be daily winners, too, so get practising your perfect splash in our warm-up areas.

As well as splashing about in puddles, there are lots of other fun activities for all ages to have a go at, such as muddy walks, den building, the really wild Explore and loads more!

London Wetland Centre

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london

WWT London, Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Barnes, London, SW13 9WT



Meet the Otters

Daily

11.00 and 14.00 Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/whats-on/meet-the-otters/2055

Watch our otters playing and discover more about them during feeding time – it's a real splash!

Asian short-clawed otters are the smallest otters in the world and live well together in family groups, unlike most other otters which tend to be solitary. They often play games which helps their young to develop.

Spotlight talks

Daily

11.00 and 14.00

Free with admission – see admission boards for details each day.

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/whats-on/spotlight-talks/4203

Join us for some of our daily Spotlight talks to discover more about the history of the Centre and the animals that live here.

We planted 27,000 trees, 300,000 plants and uncovered a bomb while creating the Centre! You can see one of the biggest ducks in the world and discover more about one of the planet's rarest geese.

Each talk is approximately 15 minutes long.

Martin Mere

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere/

WWT Martin Mere, Fish Lane, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 0TA

Guided Winter Walks

Fridays only until Friday 28 February 11.00 and 13.00

Free with admission.

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere/whats-on/guided-winter-walks/5540

Our reserve is a wildlife wonderland in winter. For an additional activity during your visit, take part in a guided winter walk around our reserve with one of our expert volunteers. They'll tell you all about the wildlife you can see as you explore out wetlands, including information about the amazing whooper swans and their amazing migration journey from Iceland to Martin Mere. You'll also be given some tips and tricks on bird watching and how to identify certain species around the reserve.

This walk lasts approximately 1 and a half hours.

A Tale of Two Swans

Until Saturday 29 February Activities throughout the day

Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere/whats-on/a-tale-of-two-swans/4951

Through the eyes of Virginia and Sigrunn, discover why the North West is the only place that welcomes thousands of Whooper swans over winter.

- Pick up your FREE activity book when you arrive and complete all the activities to get your reward sticker
- Witness the spectacle of feeding up to 2,000 whooper swans
- Using life size props, put yourself in the eyes of a swan in our daily swan experience

North West Puddle Jumping Championships

Saturday 15 February – Sunday 23 February Daily, from 14.00

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere/whats-on/north-west-puddle-jumping-championships/5010

This February half term bring your friends and family and see who can make the biggest, craziest splash with our special 'splashometer' at our Puddle Jumping Championships. At 2pm every day throughout February Half Term, we'll be holding the Puddle Jumping Championships. There will be daily winners so get practicing your perfect splash in our warm up areas and check out the other splash-tastic fun activities we have on offer for a brilliant day

You can also get creative in our craft room which will be open daily 12pm-3.30pm. Design your own welly, make a puddle-themed badge or create your own plant pot to grow seeds in!

Get the most out of your wellies and go exploring in our Wild Walk! Venture through three types of 'wild' wetland in one mile-long VIP walk - squelch through the mucky meadow to our middle maze lodge; bounce over the wobbly wet bridge into the wet woods; tip-toe along our reedy ramble towards giant sculptures; and splodge down a maze of secret wetland tracks.

During your visit, you can find out more about our family of Asian short-clawed otters during our daily talks. Check the what's on board when you arrive for a full list of activities available during your visit. Before you head home, be sure to grab a tasty treat from our cafe, serving everything from warming drinks to hot and cold lunches for all ages.

Whatever the weather, come and have a splashing day out at Martin Mere this February half term! Don't forget to share your splashes at #puddleiumping.

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Slimbridge

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge/

WWT Slimbridge, Bowditch, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, GL2 7BT

South West Puddle Jumping Championships

Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February

09.30 - 17.00

Free with admission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge/whats-on/south-west-puddlejumping-championships/5577

This half-term, take part in the South West Puddle Jumping Championships.

Get your wellies and waterproofs on and jump into the puddles for a chance to be our ultimate splasher. We'll be looking for the biggest splash, and most enthusiastic, stylish jumpers. Share your splashes at #puddlejumping

Have a go in our practice puddles across the site and take part in our daily puddle jumping competition at 2pm in Welly Boot Land, with a chance to win a prize.

Washington

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/washington/

WWT Washington, Pattinson, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LE

North East Puddle Jumping Championships

Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February

Free with sdmission

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/washington/whats-on/north-east-puddlejumping-championships/5013

Put on your wellies, get out into nature, get muddy and have a splashing time! That's right, the North East Puddle Jumping Championships will once again come to Washington – guaranteed fun whatever the weather!

What better way to blow away the winter cobwebs and have a splashing day out together? Come rain or shine, our Puddle Jumping Championships are the perfect activity for the whole family, not just the kids – grown-ups can join in the fun too!

Challenge your family and friends on our popular Welly Boot Camp obstacle course and show us your most creative puddle jump to complete the course. Then take a shot at our welly shy or try your hand at welly wanging - who will throw the furthest?

Self-led throughout the day during February half-term (Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February), simply pick up a flyer at the admissions desk and have some fun. Look out for the competition to enter too!

Welney

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney/

WWT Welney, Hundred Foot Bank, Welney Wetland Centre Station Road, Welney, Wisbech PE14 9TN

Swans Awake

Saturday 15, Wednesday 19 & Friday 21 February 06.30 – 09.00 £12, adults. £5, children

https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney/whats-on/swans-awake-4/5465

Each winter thousands of Bewick's and whooper swans make their winter migration to the UK, to escape colder countries. Bewick's are the smallest and rarest of the three swan species in the UK. Being much more timid than the larger whooper swans they tend to stay away from the swan feeds, so venturing out early gives you the best chance to see them.

The haunting landscape of the Fens fills with the sound of swans calling to one another, their large feet slapping the water as they take off and their wing beats as they pass over head. During the event access is given to the <u>wildlife photography hide</u>, towards the end of the event the birds on the main lagoon are given their breakfast and then you return to the visitor centre for your breakfast.

Weather permitting.