



What's on July 2010 at Bristol Zoo Gardens

Saturday 3rd July

Identifying bumblebees (Course)

This fascinating event starts with an illustrated introduction to the different bumblebee species including: their lifecycles, distribution, conservation and identification features. Later, entomologist Janet Boyd will lead a walk on the Downs to identify bumblebees 'in the field'. 10.00am – 3.30pm. £17.50.

At Bristol Zoo Gardens and on the Downs. Call the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project on 0117 9030609 to book.

Wednesday 7th July

Free Monthly Research Colloquia at Bristol Zoo Gardens

Tbc does this need confirming?: Climate change and biodiversity – a talk by Paul Pearce-Kelly (Zoological Society of London) Held at Bristol Zoo's Conservation Education Centre in Guthrie Road from 5.30pm. For further information contact Dr Christoph Schwitzer on 0117 974 735 or email cschwitzer@bristolzoo.org.uk

Thursday 8th July

Silky wave walk

The Avon Gorge is the only English site for the silky wave moth. Spend an evening with Ray Barnett (Bristol Naturalists' Society) and Warren Spencer??? (Bristol Zoo Gardens) spotting this rare moth and some of the other invertebrates that make the Gorge their home. 6.30pm – 8.30pm. £4.00. NB: This walk involves steep paths and steps.

In the Avon Gorge. Call the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project on 0117 9030609 to book.

Fantastic spiders

Sat 10th – Sun 11th July

The British Tarantula Society will provide fascinating facts about many species of spider when they visit the Zoo for the weekend, as well as introducing visitors to some of their furry friends. Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HA. www.bristolzoo.org.uk. 0117 974 7300. Free with Zoo entry.

Wednesday 14th July

Tall tales for little people (Parent and toddler event)

Join a feast of fun with ambling storyteller Martin Maudsley. After a short walk accompanied

by tales of mighty giants, wishing trees and clever birds, we'll have a picnic beside a meadow on the Downs. 10.30am – 1.30pm. £4.00 per child. This event is aimed at 3 – 5 year olds (with accompanying adults!) and is suitable for pushchairs. Please bring a picnic.

On the Downs. Call the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project on 0117 9030609 to book.

Boogie for Brizzle

Sat 17th July

Headlining: Dreadzone

Head to Bristol Zoo and party with the animals at the Zoo's biggest family-friendly festival. With fabulous live music, cabaret, body-popping dance, circus performers, kid's fun and much more. Open 3pm til late - the only night the entire Zoo stays open. Boogie for Brizzle is in support of Bristol Zoos' AmphiPod. Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HA.

www.bristolzoo.org.uk. For tickets phone 0117 974 7300.

Summer fun in the meadows (Family walk)

Sunday 18th July

Use all your senses as we explore the meadows on the Downs in all their summer glory. Find out about the wildflowers and minibeasts that inhabit grassy places as Geraldine Taylor and Mandy Leivers take you on an urban safari.

2.00pm – 4.00pm £3.00

(No charge for under 5s)

Booking essential, call the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project on 0117 9030609.

Romeo and Juliet by Illyria

Thurs 29th July

An explosive swash-buckling romance with a thrilling storyline and a tragic ending. This firm favourite will be performed open-air in the Zoo's stunning grounds. Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HA. www.bristolzoo.org.uk. For tickets phone 0117 974 7300.

Let's go fly a kite! (Children's holiday event)

Thursday 29th July

Join us on a minibeast safari spotting the little creatures living on the Downs, and playing meadow games. In the afternoon build a kite and fly it in our mini kite festival.

10.00am – 3.30pm. For children aged 8 -12. £8.50 per child (children will need to bring their own packed lunch).

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