



WWT London Wetland Centre EVENTS CALENDAR

July

NEW FEATURE Pond zone

Our new pond zone, opening this summer, will feature interactive games, a journey Down the Plughole and underwater cameras you can manoeuvre yourself on a pond safari. Get a fish-eye view of swimming ducks, frogs and minibeasts!

Thursdays 15, 22, 29 July

Big Batty Walks

Big Batty Walks resume in July to take advantage of an earlier dusk for peak bat viewing. As one of the best bat sites in London, our Big Batty Walks consist of a talk by one of our bat experts before heading out to the wild reserve, complete with bat detector, to see which species are swooping around. Times vary with sunset. Adults and children over 8 years. Children should be accompanied by an adult. £10, price includes admission into the centre.

Saturday 24 July – Sunday 5 September

School Holidays

Daily children's activities and arts and crafts to keep children busy and learning through the summer holidays.

August

BBQs are back! (Rain or shine)

Every Thursday night in August the centre will host evening BBQs in the Water's Edge Café. Enjoy a fun, relaxed atmosphere overlooking the lakes and wild reserve. Make the most of the sunshine with an outdoor BBQ or, if we have a typical British summer, watch the falling rain outside from the comfort of our bright, airy Water's Edge Room. The BBQs feature a variety of meats, fish or veggie options, prepared with flair by our talented chefs right on the patio.

Seating is limited so booking is essential – call 0208 409 4400 to make your reservation. £19.95 per person.

Sunday 1 – Tuesday 31 August

School Holidays

Daily children's activities and arts and crafts to keep children busy and learning through the summer holidays.

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 August

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Monday 30 August

Bank Holiday Wildlife Talk

At the end of summer, many bird species who have been spending summer here at the Centre will be preparing to fly south for the winter. Join our expert warden to look back at this year's bird breeding successes: how have the little ringed plover, lapwing and sand martin fared this summer? 12pm: Meet at the Wader scrape hide for this 20 minute talk.

September

NEW FEATURE RBC Rain garden

With lush vegetation, a cascade of rain gardens, flower meadows, creature towers and a pavilion our new Rain Garden provides an idyllic setting to relax in. Learn how to maximize the use of rain water in your own garden. Opening late summer 2010.

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25 September

Introduction to wildlife photography, 10am – 4pm

Led by Iain Green, author and photographer of 'Wild London', this is a practical guide to wildlife photography. Includes an introductory talk on the basics of composition, approach and equipment, followed by a practical session on the reserve looking at flora and fauna. Due to small course numbers, individual tuition and attention will be paid to each student. With time for lunch (participants can either bring their own lunch or have lunch in the centre's Water's Edge Cafe). Cost: £40 per person, maximum number of people is 10.

October

Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 24 October

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Monday 18 – Friday 22 October

Monday 25 – Friday 29 October

Duck of the day talks, 10.30am

Take a tour of our world wetlands with one of our expert wardens who will talk about a different duck from our conservation collection each day. Learn about WWT's conservation work and the birds' habitat, breeding and migration and the problems that face them in the wild. Meet in the courtyard.

Saturday 23 – Sunday 31 October

October half term children's activities

Come along and join in the fun activities during the autumn season, enjoy exploring the wetlands with wealth of autumnal sights, smells and colours! Pond dipping, themed arts and

crafts sessions and identifying creepy crawlies are just some of the activities that children will love during the holiday period, plus a Halloween party on 31 October.

November

Saturday 6 November

Wildlife Walk for Members

Come and see what the season has to offer with one of our experts. Highlights in autumn may include swans, fungi and rock pipits. Available to WWT members only. £2. Booking is essential; call 020 8409 4400.

December

Wednesday 8 December

Carols by Candlelight

Enjoy a night in the courtyard for our annual Christmas carol celebration. Join our staff and volunteers for a celebration of the festive season, with carols, candles and plenty of Christmas spirit, plus a special visit from Father Christmas! Free entry after 6pm, starts at 6.45pm. Hot food and drinks available, including mulled wine and mince pies. Proceeds from candle sales will be split between Churches Together in Barnes and WWT London Wetland Centre.

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December

Christmas shopping weekend

Celebrate the festive season this weekend with plenty of jolly activities. Bring the children and grandchildren for a visit with Santa in his grotto, nestled within the trees of the Northern Forest exhibit. £5 for a goodie bag and to meet Father Christmas. The Gift Shop will be brimming with unique eco Christmas gifts and eco-friendly decoration ideas.

Friday 17 – Monday 20 December

Christmas Pantomime

Come along to the centre to enjoy the popular annual pantomime. Performances 12.30pm, and 3pm each day (additional performances on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20th at 10am). Book early to join in the family fun with the 'wetlands-themed' pantomime in the Theatre. £4; suitable for ages 5 and up. Booking is essential, call 020 8409 4400 to reserve your seat.

Friday 17 – Friday 31 December

School Holidays

Daily children's activities and arts and crafts to keep children busy and learning through the holidays.

Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December

Bank Holiday Wildlife Talk

Throughout the winter large numbers of duck will be resting and feeding on the lakes, lagoons and flooded grazing marsh. Our expert warden will explain the importance of the site for these birds and help you identify some key species. 12pm: Meet at the Wader scrape hide for this 20 minute talk.

Event details and booking information can be found online at wwt.org.uk/london. Or phone 0208 409 4400. Events are correct at time of printing, please call to confirm events.

Every day

Free guided tours: 11 am & 2 pm

Learn how the centre was created and gain an insight into the sort of wildlife that lives at the centre (free on payment of entry to the centre).

Feed the birds: 3pm

Join a warden as he or she feeds the beautiful and endangered birds in World Wetlands.

Every weekend

12 noon

Walk with a warden

Meet some of the species of wildfowl that WWT has helped to save and learn about its ongoing conservation work.

Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Guide in the hide (in the Peacock Tower): 11.00am – 1pm

Join one of WWT's experienced birdwatchers who will be on hand to point out unusual species and answer any questions you may have.

Pushbabies: 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Fitness for new mums looking to get back into shape in a fun and sociable environment with a qualified instructor (bring your baby in the buggy).

£6 per session (£4 for members) price includes admission into the centre.

Weekends and school holidays

Children's activities (daily during weekends and school holidays)

Discover the centre's amazing wildlife and learn weird and wonderful facts with the education team's regular pond dips, wildlife walks and trails.

First Saturday of every month

Wildlife walk for members: 1pm

Come and see what each season has to offer at the reserve with an expert warden. Available to WWT members only. £2. Booking is essential; call 020 8409 4400.

By appointment

Luxury birdwatching

Looking for a unique present for someone? Fancy improving your own bird watching skills? Then why not book a 1-2-1 session with your own personal bird watching trainer? Packages tailored to your exact requirements, from one hour to full day sessions. First hour costs £45, second hour £25 and any subsequent hours at £20. Call for details.

Children's birthday parties

For children aged 5 years to 12 years. Please call 020 8409 4400 for information.