

Family event

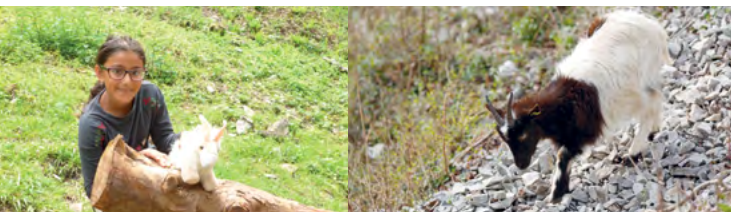
Suitable for families with children aged 6 and above.

Thursday 28th July Gorge-ous goats

Explore Goat Gully as we visit the Avon Gorge's cutest and hairiest residents. Find out how these conservation heroes are helping to save rare plants through our interactive story and playing our gobbling goats game.

10.30am - 12.30pm, £5.00 per person

NB: There are very steep slopes, uneven ground and steps on this walk.



Children's event

For children aged 8 - 12 years old.

Wednesday 26th October Awesome owls

Discover the wonderful world of wild owls with expert Ian McGuire. Investigate how they live and hunt in this hands-on workshop, then create your own awesome owl from natural materials to take home.

Drop off children at 10.00am and pick them up at 3.30pm, £15.00 per child



Seasonal event

Meeting point details will be given after booking.

Tuesday 29th or Wednesday 30th November or Thursday 1st December* Christmas star party on the Downs

Wrap up warm for a seasonal night of stargazing with the Bristol Astronomical Society and Shaaron Leverment and Ben Brown from Explorer Dome. Be amazed as you look at the Orion Nebula through a telescope. Learn how to spot the main winter constellations and enjoy hearing the stories written in the stars with a unique festive twist.

7.00pm - 9.00pm,
£10.00 (adults) £5.00 (children)
Includes a hot drink and a star-shaped cookie!

BOOKING THIS EVENT ONLY

Please book in advance but pay on the evening.

Book by calling 0117 9030609 or email mleivers@bristolzoo.org.uk

*You need to be free for all three evenings as the weather may be unsuitable on the 29th or 30th November.

Run in conjunction with the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge.



Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project

If you would like further information about the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project, copies of our nature trail leaflets, details of our school and playscheme sessions, or would like us to give your group a talk, please contact:

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The Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project is working to secure the outstanding wildlife interest of the Avon Gorge, Clifton Down, Durdham Down and Leigh Woods, as well as raising awareness and understanding of this unique location and its importance for people and wildlife.

The Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project is a partnership of Bristol City Council, Bristol Zoo Gardens, Natural England, the Society of Merchant Venturers, Downs Committee, University of Bristol, Bristol Zoological Society, National Trust and Forestry England.



We are also working in partnership with the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge.



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Events Programme Summer – Winter 2022



Why not find out more about the wildlife on your doorstep?

Walks

Meeting point details will be given after booking.

Sunday 10th July Butterflies of the Downs

Join Timothy Dowling from the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge on a Sunday afternoon stroll around Zoo Banks. Along the way, learn to identify butterflies and find out more about the lives of these lovely insects.

2.00pm - 4.00pm, £7.50

Thursday 21st July Bat and moth night

Meet some of the Avon Gorge and Downs' nocturnal residents on our special evening walk. Experts Ray Barnett and David Brown will be on hand to identify and tell us about these fascinating animals.

9.00pm - 11.00pm, £7.50

Run in conjunction with Avon Bat Group and the Bristol & District Moth Group.

Saturday 13th August Spiders of the Avon Gorge

Explore the Gully with Mark Pajak as we take a look at the variety of spiders living in the Avon Gorge. We'll search for signs of elusive purse web spiders (relatives of tarantulas!), jumping spiders and orb weavers as well as many other species.

10.30am - 12.30pm, £7.50

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Thursday 20th October Owl prowl on the Downs

Join owl specialist Ian McGuire for a fantastic evening on the Downs learning all about British owls. If we're lucky, our resident tawny owls might put in an appearance!

7.30pm - 9.30pm, £10.00



Saturday 19th November Trees in winter on the Downs

Join ecologist Neill Talbot for a walk to learn how to identify British native trees in winter by looking at their buds, twigs and bark.

10.30am - 12.30pm, £10.00



Talks

At Bristol Zoo Gardens' Conservation Education Centre*. Venue accessible to wheelchair users.



Tuesday 4th October Eight-legged wonders

Join Mark Pajak for a fascinating introduction to spiders. This talk will look at their habitats, lifestyles, ingenious methods for capturing prey, luring mates and avoiding predators. Learn about the different kinds found living in the Avon Gorge and on the Downs and be intrigued as Mark spins a yarn about the fantastic discovery of the purse-web spider (a relative of tarantulas no less!).

7.00pm - 8.00pm, £6.00

Tuesday 8th November Goats in the Gully

The Avon Gorge is one of the most important sites for rare plants in the UK - home to the iconic Bristol onion and Bristol rock-cress. Join Downs Supervisor Ben Skuse and Mandy Leivers from the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project to discover how our 'hairy conservationists' are helping to restore flower-rich grasslands in this special area of the Avon Gorge.

7.00pm - 8.00pm, £6.00



Course

At Bristol Zoo Gardens' Conservation Education Centre* and on the Downs.

* Bristol Zoo Gardens closes to the public on the 3rd Sept. 2022 but the Conservation Education Centre, on Guthrie Road, will stay open for courses and talks.



Saturday 22nd October Identifying birds on the Downs in autumn

Learn how to identify resident and over-wintering migrant birds with Ed Drewitt. After an introduction, our expert will lead you on a walk, teaching you to identify the birds you're likely to see and hear on the Downs at this time of year. This course is aimed at those who are developing their bird identification skills and / or have been on one of our spring birdsong courses.

10.00am - 3.30pm, £30.00

To Book

Please either book online at bristolzoo.org.uk/all-events/AG&DWP or call 0117 4285300

(Do not use for Christmas star party - see listing overleaf)

