

What's On - Up On The Downs

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Gentle Walks

Led by Kirk Alexander

Booking and further information on
01304 241806 or 07885 599182

Cost: Suggested donation of £2

South Foreland at War

Saturday 7th November 2015

2pm - 4.30pm

A walk to explore the wildlife and history of the South Foreland Valley, especially the military remains.

Meet at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Village Car Park, High Street, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe (Near the Church).

Folkestone Warren Walk

Sunday 8th November 2015

2pm - 4.30pm

A gentle afternoon walk to learn how to identify trees in winter and hear about the folklore and traditional uses of our native trees.

Meet outside Harbour Cafe (formerly Sandbanks/the Pavilion), Wear Bay Road, Folkestone. Distance: 4 miles (2.5 hours)

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Forest Skills

Old Park Hill Nature Reserve

Gain outdoor skills to pass on to your children. Learn woodland skills, bushcraft techniques and how nature reserves are managed. A series of Free forest skills taster sessions funded by the Up on the Downs. Delivered by Kent Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Town and Country Foundation. No experience necessary. Over 16s only.

Meet at Old Park Community Centre, Dover, Kent. Booking and further information: Sara Hutchinson (07545 207038) or sara.hutchinson@tchg.org.uk

Wednesday 11th November 2015

9.30am to 2.30pm

This session will include practical conservation, charcoal making and making a charcoal pencil as well as lighting a fire.

Wednesday 18th November 2015

9.30am to 2.30pm

This session will include whittling skills and making a knife as well as lighting a fire.

Wednesday 25th November 2015

9.30am to 2.30pm

This session will include cooking pizzas, potatoes, stews, dampers and hot chocolate on a camp fire.

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Education Shelter

Samphire Hoe

White Cliffs Countryside Partnership
Booking essential contact: 01304 225649

Art in the Shelter - The Art of Navigation

Sunday 22nd November 2015

4.00pm-6.00pm

Leader: Steve Walker Cost: £5 donation per person appreciated towards materials.

Have fun finding out how to draw amazing pictures in the dark. A drink of mulled apple juice and a warm fire might tempt you to join us. All ages, all abilities. Wear appropriate clothes and bring a torch.

Winter Tales Around the Fire
Sunday 29th November 2015
2.00pm-3.00pm

Leader: Paul Holt

Cost: £2 donation appreciated

*Join us in the shelter to hear unbelievable
 and fascinating stories and with your help
 we shall create our very own myth.*

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Lookering

Lookers are reliable people who love spending time outdoors and want to help look after the livestock that maintain our amazing chalk grassland. They make sure that the sheep, horses and cows that graze the partnership area are healthy and report any problems to a member of staff.

Up on the Downs work in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust, National Trust and White Cliffs Countryside Partnership and look after over 500 hectares of chalk grassland in the Dover and Folkestone area. Livestock is used to graze these sites to make sure that this grassland has rich and varied wildlife. With such a large area and 10 or more herds of cows or flocks of sheep to be looked after we depend on the hard work of volunteers to help us make sure that animals are in good condition.

By getting involved you join a friendly team and make new friends. You will learn new skills, ensure the highest possible animal welfare standards are maintained and make a real difference to how the landscape is managed. Spend time outside, be more active and work alongside dedicated countryside management professionals.

What's involved?

You will work on a rota with other volunteers and be asked to go to a specific

site on a particular day. You will check the number of animals, get close enough to tell whether they are healthy, check that water is provided and that ice is broken in freezing weather. Report any problems with fencing, gates or paths and report back to staff to let them know you have checked the animals.

This role will suit you if you are outdoorsy, whatever the weather's doing, somebody who takes regular walks in the countryside, keen to work with people and animals, passionate about the Up on the Downs landscape area and available at least once a week.

Extra Information

You do not need to be an expert as training will be provided.

We have opportunities to volunteer at the following places:

In Dover: Old Park Hill, Gorse Hill, Dover Castle, Nemo Down, Samphire Hoe, White Cliffs and Western Heights.

In Folkestone: The Warren and Folkestone Downs.

Plus South Foreland Valley (St Margaret's at Cliffe) and National Trust sites at St Margaret's.

Contact Mike Phillips on 01304 872158 or at mike.phillips@dover.gov.uk

We will then find out which sites you are interested in and put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.

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