

Coming up

Welcome to our spring events calendar. We're excited to offer a great diversity of events across a wide range of activities and interests. For more information about individual activities please visit the web link shown.

Guided walks

Wonders of Westonbirt Guided Walk

Everyday from 1 March, 11am

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBEA5

Secrets of Silk Wood Guided Walk

Every Saturday and Sunday from 1 March, 2pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ASPJSR



▲ Credit: Paul Groom

Wild Plant Guided Walk

Tuesday 10 April and Tuesday 1 May, 10:30am

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAK3L

Behind the Scenes Guided Walk

Learn how we source and care for trees from the seeds and saplings in propagation to the champions out in the arboretum, and see some of the machines and tools we use to care for this remarkable collection.



Saturday 7 April, Sunday 8 April, Saturday 5 May, Sunday 6 May, 11:30am

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBHAJ

Workshops and Courses

Advanced Photography Course

Develop your photographic skills and understanding with this one day course in the stunning setting of Westonbirt Arboretum.

Friday 20 April, 10:30am – 3:30pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAENH

Beginner's Photography Course

Learn the basics of photography and how to compose stunning shots in the beautiful setting of the arboretum.

Monday 16 April, 10:30am – 3:30pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAEFN

Botanical Drawing Workshop

Create accurate studies of botanical subjects such as leaves, fruit and flowers, in line, tone and pen.

Saturday 7 April, Saturday 12 May 2018

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVADKB

Impressions of Westonbirt Photography Course

This one day workshop is designed to help you look beyond the obvious and develop your creative eye as together we find new ways of interpreting Westonbirt.

Tuesday 10 April, Wednesday 2 May, Sunday 20 May

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAKSN

Lino Printing Course with Beth Jenkins

Make your own original print block out of modern, easy to cut lino.

Saturday 21 April, 10am – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ARUEW6

Mindfulness Photography Workshop

Discover a different approach to the art of photography in this half day course, held in the stunning grounds of Westonbirt Arboretum.

Saturday 28 April, 10am – 12:30pm or 1:30pm – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ASHDSL

Rustic Chair Making Course

Join Jane Gray-Wallis for a one day course and learn to make a beautiful rustic chair.

Friday 13 April, 10am – 6pm

Saturday 14 April, 10am – 6pm

Sunday 15 April, 10am – 6pm

Friday 18 May, 10am – 6pm

Saturday 19 May, 10am – 6pm

Sunday 20 May, 10am – 6pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVADTL

Textural Printmaking Course with Christine Felce

Create unique colour layered prints using a variety of textural material and mark making to translate your ideas.

Saturday 14 April, 10am – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ARUEQ

Mono printing with Christine Felce

Create painterly one off prints using mono-printing techniques, plant material and drawing to develop unique and beautiful prints, printed on a press.

Saturday 19 May, 10am – 5pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ARUF5A

Sketching Workshop

Learn to sketch in the stunning outdoor location of Westonbirt Arboretum.

Wednesday 23 May

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAG7E

Woodblock Printing with Beth Jenkins

A great introduction to the art of woodcut printing.

Saturday 26 May, 10am – 5pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ARUEZW

Exhibitions

Printmaking Exhibition and live printmaking this Easter

Printmakers Christine Felce and Beth Jenkins will be showing a selection of their work and demonstrating live printmaking throughout the week with plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. Print your own postcard to take home, using letterpress and stamps! This activity is suitable for all ages and free of charge.

Christine and Beth are experienced and accomplished printmakers and teachers and are part of Gloucestershire Printmaking Co-op. To see more of their work, visit their websites www.cfelce.co.uk or www.bethjenkins.co.uk

**Friday 30 March – Friday 6 April,
10am to 4pm (3pm final day)**

'Old and new' Exhibition and sale

A collection of work by Sue Townsend over the last couple of years showing her versatility and her love of the outdoors.

**Friday 4 – Friday 11 May,
10am to 4pm
(3pm on final day)**



For children and young people

Wild Westonbirt

Aged between 14 – 18? Love the great outdoors? Join a youth club with a difference and learn a range of practical conservation, traditional bushcraft and outdoor survival skills.

**Saturday 24 March, Saturday 21 April,
Saturday 26 May, 10am – 4pm**

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AUTKW8

Spring Secrets: Family Event

Discover the relationship between trees and insect pollinators, make a scented craft and have a go at our Easter challenge.

Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 April, 11am – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBKTD

Marvellous Magnolias: Family Event

Come and explore the amazing early magnolias and other spring flowers. Discover their secrets and make a craft to take home.

Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 April, 11am – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBL9K

Westonbirt Wildflowers: Family Event

Discover our wildflowers and grasses – see if you can ID the different flora and fauna of Westonbirt on our ID challenge and have a go at our arts and crafts activities.

Tuesday 29 May – Friday 1 June, 11am – 4pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBLRR

Mothering Sunday: 11 March

On Mothering Sunday bring along your Mum for free! (terms and conditions apply)

Mothering Sunday: Family ties

Discover folklore links between trees and family, and make some spring flower crafts for someone special.

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March, 11am – 3pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVBJLM

Other

Firewood Sales

Buy firewood produced as part of Westonbirt's routine tree management.

Every Saturday at Westonbirt Woodworks, 9am – 12pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-ANBDAZ

Hot Air Balloon Flights

Take a hot air balloon flight and soar over the tips of the treetops, placing a breath taking spectacle at your feet.

Saturday 31 March, Sunday 22 April, Sunday 20 May

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVAGTT

The ARB Show 2018

The ARB Show will be returning to Westonbirt this spring – meet the professionals that care for the nation's trees, take part in exciting activities and watch amazing chainsaw stunt demonstrations.

Saturday 12 May

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-AVJLHA

Westonbirt 10K

The hugely popular Westonbirt 10K will be returning to the National Arboretum.

Wednesday 23 May, 7pm

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/BEEH-9SQEEQ



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