



URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN
GALSON ESTATE TRUST

Countryside Ranger Events North Lewis 2011

JUNE

BUTT OF LEWIS

Wednesday 1st June – 10am – 12.30pm

Meet: Butt of Lewis Lighthouse (NB 519 664)

Distance: 4 miles **Level:** Grade B

A circular walk starting from the iconic lighthouse along part of the coastal route taking in the history and wildlife of the North Lewis coast.

Wednesday 8th June – As above

Wednesday 15th – As above

Wednesday 22nd – As above

Wednesday 29th – As above

JULY

HABOST MACHAIR AND LOCH STIAPABHAT NATURE RESERVE

Wednesday 6th July – 10am – 12.30pm

Meet: Lionel School road end (NB 521 640)

Distance: 3 miles **Level:** Grade A

A circular walk that takes you across one of the rarest habitats in Europe! Learn about the natural and cultural history of the machair and take in the dramatic coastal scenery. The walk will finish with a visit to the only Local Nature Reserve in the Western Isles – an important site for Corncrake.

Wednesday 13th, 20th and 27th – As above

CREEPY CRAWLY CAPERS

Thursday 7th July, 2-4pm Eoropie Dunes Park

Meet: Eoropie Dunes Park (NB 515 647)

Join the ranger for an afternoon of games and activities celebrating minibeasts. Numbers are limited so booking is advised. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

WILDFLOWERS OF NORTH LEWIS, MYTH & MEDICINES – EVENING TALK

Tuesday 19th July, 7.30pm

Venue: Clan MacQuarrie Hall, Borve (NB 410 560)

Estate Ranger Julie Sievewright will give a talk about the variety of wildflowers to be found in North Lewis and their strong links with local people.

BUMBLEBEES AND BUTTERFLIES

Thursday 28th July, 12.30pm, South Galson

Meet: Galson Farmhouse (NB 436 591)

Come along and help the ranger find butterflies as part of the 'Big Butterfly Count' and see if you can find the rare Great Yellow Bumblebee. Find out more about the important role these creatures play and the things you can do to help them thrive. All ages welcome.

AUGUST

SOUTH GALSON – COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Wednesday 3rd August, 10am-12.30pm, South Galson

Meet: Galson Farmhouse, South Galson (NB 436 591)

Distance: 3 miles **Level:** [Grade B](#)

Take a walk and discover the fascinating story of South Galson Village, from the Iron Age to the present day and the events that inspired community ownership.

Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st – as above

WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCH

Friday 5th August, 10am – 12.30pm

Meet: Butt of Lewis Lighthouse (NB 519 664)

Join the ranger and help her look for some of the marine mammals that can be seen in the waters around North Lewis. Please bring binoculars if you have them – a telescope will be available on the day. Please be aware that sightings can not be guaranteed!

UNDER THE SEA

Monday 1st August, 1.30pm Location TBC

Find out more about the creatures lurking under the seaweed as the tide goes out. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring wellies.

SEPTEMBER

Scottish Archaeology Month

Wednesday 7th September, 10am – 12.30pm, Dun Eistean

Meet: Port of Ness Harbour, Ness (NB 537 637)

Distance: 3 miles [Level: Grade B](#)

A walk from the historic harbour at Port of Ness along the coast to Dun Eistean, the island fort believed to be the ancestral home of the clan Morrison.

Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th – As above

TAILOR MADE WALKS

The Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn Ranger is also available for independent walks and activities if you have a particular interest or walk you really want to do but isn't on the programme. Get in touch with the ranger and discuss your requirements and we'll see what we can do. There may be a small charge for this service.