OUT & ABOUT

Explore the parks and countryside of Leeds

Spring/Summer 2019
Welcome to the spring-summer edition of Out and About. This leaflet is produced by Leeds City Council’s Parks and Countryside Service and provides a taste of what’s going on at our sites from April – September 2019.

The events and activities featured in the leaflet provide a range of entertainment designed to help you make the most of the great outdoors this spring and summer. From music to history and wildlife to fantasy, it’s all there in events as diverse as brass bands, bat walks, history exhibitions, discovering the dawn chorus and even fairy-themed fun! No matter what your interest and background, there’s something for everyone here.

Because there isn’t much room in the leaflet, we can’t list every event that’s taking place so, to keep in touch, follow us on twitter @leedsparks or facebook ‘Leeds Parks’. There’s also some great local events featured at www.leedsinspired.co.uk and www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Also due to lack of space, only our most popular sites are featured, but we look after lots of other parks and green spaces across the city. To find out more visit; www.leeds.gov.uk/parksandcountryside

Look out for these icons...

B Booking required
£ Charges apply
P Car park
Accessible footpaths
Accessible WC
Animal attraction
Baby change
Bike trails
Bowling green
Café
Specialist gardens
Steam Train
Tennis courts
Toilets
Water feature
Woodland

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At 1500 acres, Temple Newsam is one of Europe’s largest parks. As well as the impressive Tudor Jacobean mansion, the estate offers formal and informal gardens, two playgrounds, extensive woodlands, lakes, a golf course and even its own farm!

House and farm admissions
There is an entrance fee for the House and Farm, check the website for details.

Summer Opening Hours
Farm
Tues – Sun, 10am – 5pm
(closed Mondays, except bank holidays & during school holidays)

Tea Rooms
Mon – Friday, 10am – 4.30pm;
Sat – Sun, 10am – 5.30pm

House
Tues – Sunday, 10.30am – 5pm

Pudsey Park is a small but very popular community park with a playground, skate-park, stunning flower beds and a bowling green. The West Leeds Country Park visitor centre is based in the park – so check out our animal collection to see the wildlife of Leeds (including rabbits, fish, mice & rats!) up close.

Visitor Centre
Summer Opening Hours
10am – 3pm, most days.

More info
W leeds.gov.uk/templenewsam
F templenewsamestate
T House: 0113 3367461
T Estate: 0113 3367560
E temple.newsam@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS15 0AD

Volunteering
Friends of Temple Newsam
T 0113 345 5798
E juliecaslin@googlemail.com
Volunteer groups
T 0113 336 7564
E dave.thorpe@leeds.gov.uk

More info
W leeds.gov.uk/pudseypark
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS28 7RR
TEMPEL
NEWSAM

Time Travellers Weekend

6th & 7th July

Hands-on history with fun family activities across the house and farm.

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
Covering 450 acres, Chevin Forest Park is made up of woodland, moorland, heathland, and rocky crags. It was declared a Local Nature Reserve in 1989 for its variety of wildlife and its many paths and bridleways offer scenic views over the Wharfe Valley.

White House Café
Opening Hours:
10am – 2pm (Mon-Fri, excluding Tuesdays)
11am – 3pm (Weekends)

More info
T 0113 3786002
W leeds.gov.uk/chevinforestpark
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS21 3DD

Volunteering
Friends of Chevin Forest Park
W chevinforest.co.uk
T 0113 3367552
E countrysiderangers@leeds.gov.uk

Roundhay Park encompasses over 700 acres of rolling parkland including specialist gardens, lakes, woodland and outdoor sports facilities. It also boasts two playgrounds, two cafes, and the nationally renowned Tropical World visitor attraction.

Tropical World Admissions:
There is an entrance fee for Tropical World, check the website for details.

Tropical World Summer
Opening Hours
10am – 6pm
(last admission: 5.30pm)

Tropical World Café Summer
Opening Hours
Monday to Friday:
10.30am to 4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday:
10.30am to 5pm

More info
W www.leeds.gov.uk/roundhaypark
W www.tropicalworldleeds.co.uk
T @tropworldleeds
F tropicalworldleeds
T 0113 2370754 (Mon – Fri)
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS8 2HH

Volunteering
Friends of Roundhay Park
W www.forp.org
E secretary@forp.org
T @forpleeds
F friendsofroundhaypark

More info
T 0113 3786002
W leeds.gov.uk/chevinforestpark
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS21 3DD
Under 5s go FREE!

Discover more at

Tropical World & Roundhay Park

Conservation • Education • Fun

www.tropicalworldleeds.co.uk
@TropWorldLeeds /TropicalWorldLeeds

Leeds City Council
Middleton Park

The 470 acres that make up Middleton Park include a wildlife rich, ancient woodland, formal parkland, lots of interesting heritage trails, a children’s playground, fishing pond, bowling green, café and visitor centre.

Café & Visitor Centre Hours
29 April – 27 September
10.15am – 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)
9am – 3pm (Weekends)

More info
T 0113 3781142
W leeds.gov.uk/middletonpark
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
SatNav: LS10 3SH

Volunteering
Friends of Middleton Park
W fomp.co.uk
E info@fomp.co.uk
T 0774 709 2459

Middleton Park Estate Volunteers
E Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk
T 0113 378 1142

Lotherton

Lotherton is a country estate and there’s plenty to see and do within its grounds including; a fantastic zoo called Wildlife World, an historic Edwardian hall, a deer park, two children’s playgrounds, gardens and woodland.

Summer opening times
House, café, shop and bird garden:
10pm - 5pm with last entry at 4:15pm
Estate gates (April to September)
7am - 8pm

Lotherton Estate Admission
There is a fee for entry to the Lotherton estate, check the website for details.

More info
T 0113 378 2959
W leeds.gov.uk/lothertonhall
T @lothertonhall
F lotherton
SatNav: LS25 3EB

Volunteering
Lotherton Estate Volunteers
T 0113 3782972
E Thomas.harrison@leeds.gov.uk
It’s Your Big 50
1969/2019

Join us in a year of celebrations as we mark 50 years of public ownership

leeds.gov.uk/lotherton50
#lotherton50
GOLDEN ACRE PARK

Consisting of around 137 acres of botanic gardens and woodland, surrounding an attractive lake which is popular with birds, Golden Acre has been a huge attraction since first opening to the public as an amusements park in 1932.

Bakery Coffee House
Opening Hours:
10am - 4:30pm (Mon – Fri)
10am - 5pm (Sat – Sun)

More info
T 0113 261 3064
W leeds.gov.uk/goldenacrepark
SatNav: LS16 8BQ

Volunteering
Golden Acre Park Volunteers
E dean.lockwood@leeds.gov.uk
T 0113 261 0374

KIRKSTALL ABBEY PARK

One of the best preserved Cistercian abbeys in the country stands at the heart of this lovely park where historic grounds and landscaped walks border the River Aire. The visitor centre maps the history of the park and abbey, whilst the popular museum houses displays and a café. The park offers activities such as tennis and there’s also a popular children’s playground.

Museum summer opening hours:
10am – 4.30pm (Tues – Sun);
last admission 4pm.
Closed Mondays, except bank holidays.

Entry to the abbey is free.
There is an entrance fee for the Abbey House museum, check the website for details.

More info
T 0113 3784079
W leeds.gov.uk/kirkstallabbey
SatNav: LS5 3EH

OTHER PARKS IN LEEDS

Due to limited space this leaflet only features our major parks and visitor attractions but there are literally hundreds more parks and green spaces in Leeds to enjoy. To find out more visit www.leeds.gov.uk/parksandcountryside
Summer Bands
IN LEEDS PARKS 2019
Entertainment from the region’s brass, jazz and concert bands

Sundays at 2.30pm
To request a brochure listing the full season of concerts call 0113 378 6600 or email music@leeds.gov.uk or view the concerts online at www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk

Admission to all concerts is FREE

@LeedsConcerts
Leeds International Concert Season
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all events.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Armley park, Bramley park, Cross Flatts park, Middleton park, Roundhay park, Springhead park, Temple Newsam, Woodhouse Moor**

Every Saturday from 9am

**Parkrun**

Join thousands of others across the globe for a 5km run around your local park!

[www.parkrun.org.uk/leeds](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/leeds)

**Middleton Park**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 28 May, 29 May, 31 July, 6 August, 7 August, 13 August, 14 August, 20 August, 21 August, 27 August, 28 August 2019 – 1pm – 3pm

**Children’s School Holiday Play Activities**

For children up to 16 – could include any one of den making, woodland play, life aquatic, outdoor play, junior bushcraft, mud play! For more details visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

Meeting Place: Visitor Centre

T 07747 092459  
E info@fomp.co.uk  
W fomp.co.uk  
F friendsofmiddletonpark

**Middleton Park**

Every third Saturday - 10am – 12pm

**Leeds Young Archaeologists’ Club**

We are looking for budding archaeologists aged 8 – 16 to join us to search for clues about the history of Middleton Park & beyond. Activities will be both inside and outdoors so come prepared for the weather.

T 07718 570386  
E leedsyac@gmail.com  
W yac-uk.org/clubs/leeds

**RSPB St Aidan’s, LS26 8AL**

Wednesdays 24 April, 29 May, 26 June, 31 July - 11 am

**Wellbeing Walk**

These monthly walks are no more than a mile long and last for about an hour. Everyone is welcome, especially older people, and the walks are dementia friendly. A gentle sociable stroll, aimed at those wanting to be outside and improve their physical and mental wellbeing.

Meet at the Visitor Centre

W [rspb.org.uk/staidans](http://rspb.org.uk/staidans)  
T 0113 2320529  
F RSPB West Yorkshire

**Temple Newsam**

Every Tuesday from 2pm

**Friends of Temple Newsam park walks**

Enjoy some fresh air and exercise whilst discovering the in the wonderful countryside of Temple Newsam. Walks last about 90 minutes and end in the café!

Meet at Stables Courtyard.

E howardmw@yahoo.com
PLAY GOLF

at Temple Newsam and Roundhay Park!

Junior ‘Pitch and Putt’ and ‘Foot-golf’ available at Temple Newsam throughout the summer.

BEGINNERS WELCOME

www.leeds.gov.uk/golf
T 0113 264 7362 (Temple Newsam)
T 0113 266 1686 (Roundhay)
Tw @LeedsParks

REPTON

AT GOTT’S PARK

Friday 1 March – Tuesday 30 April
10am – 3pm
FREE ADMISSION

“THE ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE GARDENER”

Armley Ridge Road, Leeds LS12 2QX
www.wadescharity.org/repton.php
**EVENTS**

**APRIL**

**Gotts Park, LS12 2QX**

**Friday 1 March – Tuesday 30 April**

**Humphrey Repton Exhibition**

Come and find out about this famous landscape architect who designed Gotts Park at this free exhibition in the Mansion, sponsored by the Harrogate Flower Show.

[WWadescharity.org/repton.php](http://WWadescharity.org/repton.php)

**F** Wades Ranger

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**Temple Newsam**

Saturday 30 March – Sunday 28 April | 10am – 4pm

**Springtime Babies at Easter & Egg Trail**

Come along and meet our newborn animals at Home Farm! Handling sessions on weekends. PLUS Hidden in the House and Farm are some weirdly fantastic eggs to discover. Additional activities over Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Normal entry charges apply.

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**Lotherton**

Saturday 30 March – Sunday 28 April | 11am – 3pm

**It’s A Mad Hatter of an Easter**

Fall down the rabbit hole this Easter with four weeks of family fun. Check the website and Facebook page for updates.

Normal entry charges apply.

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**Tropical World, Roundhay Park**

Saturday March 30 March - Sunday 14 April

**Eggtastic adventure**

Come along and explore Tropical World and see if you can find all of the hidden eggs. Plus crafts and activities in the party room. For full details visit our Facebook page.

Normal entrance charges apply.

T 0113 336 7553
E parkseduction@leeds.gov.uk
F TropicalWorldLeeds
Tw @tropworldleeds

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**Pudsey Park**

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**Thursday 4 April | 10am – 3pm**

**Springtime fun**

Fun- filled spring time activities including seed planting and bug hunting. £2 per child for crafts.

Meeting Place: West Leeds Visitor Centre
T 0113 3367553
E parkseduction@leeds.gov.uk

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**Middleton Park**

Sunday 7 April | 11am – 12.30pm

**Themed Walk – Historic Owners**

Discover some of the signs of the historic owners of Middleton Park. Includes some off-path walking.

Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 07747092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsofmiddletonpark

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**Gotts Park, LS12 2QX**

**Sunday 7 April | 12pm – 3pm**

**Watercolour Challenge**

Local artists will take part in a watercolour challenge to tie in with the Humphrey Repton exhibition. Interested artists should get in touch.

Meeting Place: Gott’s Mansion
E armleyparkfriends@gmail.com
F FofArmleyandGottsPark

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**Middleton Park**

Wednesday 10 April | 7am – 9am

**Bird Survey**

Learn about birds and help survey those found in the park and wood. We will be walking mainly on paths so wear suitable shoes for undulating and sloping ground.

T 0113 3781142
E Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk

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Hunslet Cemetery, LS10 3BN
Saturday 13 April | 8am
Dawn Chorus Walk
Learn to identify birds from their song – all welcome! Children should be accompanied.
Meet at the entrance to the cemetery on Middleton Road
T 07562 439631
E heather.wagstaff@leeds.gov.uk
W facebook.com/leedsparks

Temple Newsam
Saturday 13 April | 6am – 10am
Dawn Chorus
Learn how to identify birds through their songs, followed by a farmhouse breakfast. Adults £8.50, Child £5.
Meeting Place: Stable Courtyard

Meanwood Valley
Sunday 14 April | 10am – 12.30pm
Bluebell Walk
Discover the spring flowers of the Meanwood Valley. Meeting Place: Ridge Terrace, Woodhouse Ridge, LS6 2DA
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

Gott’s Park, LS12 2QX
Sunday 14 April | 2pm – 3.30pm
Guided Walk: Humphry Repton ‘The original Landscape Gardener’
Join Exhibition Curator, Peter Goodchild, for a walk and talk about this celebrated historical landscape gardener’s work in Armley.
Meeting at Gotts Park Mansion
W wadescharity/repton.php

Meanwood Valley
Saturday 27 April | 7am – 9am
Dawn Chorus
Join resident expert on an early morning walk around Meanwood Park and Woods to learn how to identify local birds by their song. Parking limited on site.
Meeting Place: Meanwood Park car park, near the Rangers Hut off Green Road, LS6 4LT
T 0113 2375317
E steve.joul@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

Armley Park, LS12 2DL
Sunday 28 April | 12pm – 3pm
Cherry Blossom Festival
Come and celebrate the beautiful cherry blossom in Armley Park with face painting, den building and a Bake-Off competition! There will also be a Watercolour Challenge, Part 2.
E armleyparkfriends@gmail.com
F FofArmleyandGottsPark
Time to brighten up your garden

- Trees, shrubs, hanging baskets
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- Free advice and ideas from our knowledgeable staff
- Enjoy freshly baked treats in our café and the spectacular views across the glass house
- Outdoor picnic and play area

Thorner Lane, Leeds LS14 3FB
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EVENTS

**MAY**

**Meanwood Valley**  
*Saturday 4 May | 10am – 1pm*
*Meanwood Valley Trail Loop 1*
Guided walk, all welcome.
Meeting Place: Entrance on Ridge Terrace, Woodhouse Ridge, LS6 2DA
T 0113 3367554  
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk  
F Meanwood Valley

**Middleton Park**
*Sunday 5 May – Monday 6 May*
*11am – 4pm*
**Bluebell Walks**
The Friends will be meeting the 11:00, 13:00, and 14:40 trains from Moor Rd at Park Halt and conducting walks through the park to the Visitor Centre and café where there will be some soft jazz from 2–4pm.
Meeting Place: Moor Road at Park Halt
T 07747 092459  
E info@fomp.co.uk  
W fomp.co.uk  
F friendsofmiddletonpark

**Middleton Park**
*Wednesday 8 May | 7am – 9am*
**Bird Survey**
Learn about birds and help survey those found in the park and wood. We will be walking mainly on paths so wear suitable shoes for undulating and sloping ground.
T 0113 3781142  
E Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk

**Hawksworth Wood, LS18 4HN**
*Saturday 11 May | 10am – 12.30pm*
**Hawksworth Wood Spring Nature Ramble**
Join the Friends of Hawksworth Wood for a family friendly nature ramble around the site.
Meeting Place: Butcher Hill entrance to the site
T 0113 3367552  
E jonathan.dunster@leeds.gov.uk

**Meanwood Valley**
*Saturday 11 May | 10am – 1pm*
*Meanwood Valley Trail Loop 2*
Join your Ranger on a guided walk of the valley.
Meeting Place: Meanwood Park car park, near the Rangers Hut off Green Road, LS6 4LT
T 0113 3367554  
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk  
F Meanwood Valley

**Beckett Street Cemetery**
*Saturday 11 May | 2pm – 3pm*
**Spring Walkabout**
Celebrate National Cemeteries Week by joining this general walkabout to learn more about the history and wildlife of this Grade 2 – listed site. Parking available at the Museum opposite. Unsuitable for people with limited mobility due to cobbled walkways – contact us to arrange a tailored visit.
Meet at noticeboard by the main gate
E a.pugh@ntlworld.com  
W beckettstreetcemetery.org.uk

**Gott’s Park, LS12 2QX**
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*Saturday 11 May | 5.30am – 7.30am*
**Dawn Chorus Walk**
Tune your ears to the wide variety of birds that make up the Dawn Chorus. All welcome on this short walk (approximately 1 mile).
Booking essential.
T 07891 277006  
E claire.rogers@leeds.gov.uk  
F wadestransfer

**Hunslet Cemetery, LS10 3BN**
*Tuesday 14 May | 11am*
**History Walk**
Join Countryside Ranger Heather to find out about the rich history of the oldest municipal cemetery in Leeds.
T 07562 439631  
E heather.wagstaff@leeds.gov.uk  
W facebook.com/leedsparks
**Middleton Park**

**Sunday 19 May | 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**Themed Walk – Around the Park**
A longer walk (up to 2 hours) around the whole park, taking in views over the city and learning about its fascinating history. Please wear good walking shoes.

**Meeting Place:** Visitor Centre
**T** 07747 092459  
**E** info@fomp.co.uk  
**W** fomp.co.uk  
**F** friendsofmiddletongreenpark

**Middleton Park**

**Saturday 25 May – Sunday 26 May**

**Middleton Park Kite Festival**
Join the Northern Kite Group for our fabulous, annual kite festival.

**Meeting Place:** The Clearings
**T** 07747 092459  
**E** info@fomp.co.uk  
**W** fomp.co.uk  
**F** friendsofmiddletongreenpark

**Lotherton**

**Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 June**

**Fairyies, Fables and Wild Things**
Fairy tale themed fun for May half term. Dressing up, Traditional Tales Trail, magical crafts and Fairy Tale Picnic on Thursday with storytelling, games, face painting, and more. Normal entry charges apply.

**Tropical World**

**Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 June**

**Love Your Zoo Week**
Celebration of all of our animals great and small including keeper talks, arts, crafts and more - check Facebook for details. Normal entrance charges apply.

**T** 0113 336 7553  
**E** parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk  
**F** TropicalWorldLeeds  
**T**w @tropworldleeds

**Pudsey Park**

**Thursday 30 May | 10am – 3pm**

**Brilliant Birds**
Learn about brilliant birds and make a bird feeder to take home. £2 per feeder.

**Meeting Place:** Visitor Centre
**T** 0113 3367553  
**E** parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk

**JUNE**

**Lawnswood Cemetery, LS16 6AH**

**Saturday 1 June | 10am – 2pm**

**Family Day**
Join the Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery for their summer family and volunteer day including nest box building. Refreshment provided.

**Meeting Place:** Car Park on Otley Road, opposite cemetery
**T** 0113 3788102  
**E** Nicholas.Denman@leeds.gov.uk  
**F** Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery

**Lawnswood Cemetery, LS16 6AH**

**Saturday 1 June | 7.30pm – 9pm**

**Night Time Safari**
An evening stroll around the Cemetery searching for nocturnal animals like bats, foxes, tawny owls and hedgehogs, and including moth trapping. Refreshments provided, attendees should dress for the outdoors including sturdy shoes. Further details on booking.

**T** 0113 3788102  
**E** Nicholas.Denman@leeds.gov.uk  
**F** Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery

**Gott’s Park, LS12 2QX**

**Saturday 8 June | 9am – 11am**

**Small Mammals of Armley**
We will take a walk to discover the small mammals (e.g. mice and voles) of Gotts Park. Suitable for people aged over 7 years.

**T** 07891 277006  
**E** claire.rogers@leeds.gov.uk  
**F** wade’sranger
Middleton Park
Wednesday 12 June | 7am – 9am
Bird Survey
Learn about birds and help survey those found in the park and wood. We will be walking mainly on paths but recommend footwear suitable for undulating and sloping ground.
T 0113 3781142
E Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk

Lotherton
Saturday 15 June – Sunday 16 June
11am – 3pm
Wartime Weekend
Party like it’s 1939 at this popular event, where we transport you back to an era of Blitz spirit. Fun for all the family, dressing up is encouraged. Normal entry charges apply.

Middleton Park
Tuesday 18 June | 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Request Walk
A short evening ‘request walk’. Turn up and tell the Friends of Middleton Park what you’d like to see – we’ll try to meet all requests (within reason!).
Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsfomiddletontpark

Golden Acre Park
Saturday 22 June | 10am – 12.30pm
Great British Bee Count
Learn about bees and contribute to the National Pollinator Monitoring Scheme to help protect this threatened species for the future. All welcome.
Meeting Place: Golden Acre Park, Car Park, Otley Road
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

Meanwood Valley
Wednesday 26 June | 10am – 12.30pm
Life in the Undergrowth
Help us record invertebrate species on this BioBlitz at Adel Moor, identifying and recording as many minibeast species as possible on this fun packed event for all age groups.
Meeting Place: Entrance on Buckstone Mount, Alwoodley, LS17 5HS
T 01133367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

Chevin Forest Park
Saturday 29 June | 10.30am – 1pm
Chevin Historical Trail
A 3 mile walk visiting key historical features on West Chevin. Walk finishes at The White House with accompanying exhibition. (Moderate walk with some steep slopes).
Meet at Buttercross, Kirkgate, Otley, LS21 3AQ
E chevinforest@gmail.com
W chevinforest.co.uk

Golden Acre Park
Sunday 30 June | 10am – 2pm
Golden Acre Park Plant Sale
Your chance to select from a range of exciting plants not available in most garden centres. Sourced from our very own displays and national collections. All proceeds go back into our plant collection.
Meeting Place: Courtyard
T 0113 2610374
E dean.lockwood@leeds.gov.uk

Middleton Park
Sunday 30 June | 1pm – 4pm
People’s Picnic
Come on down, bring your picnic, enjoy music, fun, and children’s games.
Meet at Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsfomiddletontpark
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EVENTS

JULY

**Middleton Park**
**Tuesday 2 July | 7pm – 9.30pm**
**Oddssocks production of ‘A Midsummer Nights Dream’**
Shakespeare as only the Oddssocks Theatre Company can! Music, mayhem, and majesty. Outdoor show (whatever the weather!) for all the family. Bring something to sit on.
Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsofmiddletonpark

**Temple Newsam**
**Saturday 6 July – Sunday 7 July 10am – 4pm**
**Time Travellers**
A hands on history event including demonstrations, dancing and arts and crafts in the House and Farm.
Meeting Place: Farm and House
T 0113 3367559
E Julia.w.thorpe@leeds.gov.uk

**Gotts Park, LS12 2QX**
**Sunday 7 July | 12pm – 3pm**
**Teddy Bears Picnic**
All teddy bears and children are invited to the Teddy Bears’ picnic in Armley Park. There will be a children’s storyteller and entertainer, face painting, games and food. Updates on Facebook.
E armleyparkfriends@gmail.com
F FofArmleyandGottsPark

**Meanwood Valley**
**Sunday 7 July | 10am – 12.30pm**
**BioBlitz**
Help us discover and record the wildlife of Meanwood Park at this fun packed event for all age groups! Meeting Place: Meanwood Park Car Park, near Rangers Hut, off Green Road, LS6 4LT
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

**Middleton Park**
**Sunday 7 July | 1.30pm – 3pm**
**Themed Walk: Coal Mining Through the Ages**
Some off-path walking – please wear suitable shoes.
Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsofmiddletonpark

**Beckett Park, LS6 3PW**
**Sunday 7 July**
**Community Picnic & Band Concert**
Our fourth Community Picnic combined with Summer Band concert. Cake stall, tombola, cold drinks, Headingley Woodchips, etc. Bring your picnic and join this popular community event.
E friendsofbeckettpark@gmail.com
W beckettpark.org.uk

**Lotherton**
**Saturday 13 July – Sunday 14 July 11am – 3pm**
**Celebrating the Sixties Weekend**
Let us take you back to the sounds of the swinging sixties as we celebrate the decade when Lotherton became a museum. Live music, flower power activities, retro games and crafts, dressing up, jukebox music and family entertainment. Don’t forget your picnic! Normal entry charges apply.

**Golden Acre Park**
**Thursday 18 July 1pm – 3pm**
**Love Parks Week Guided walk**
Explore the amazing plants and gardens of Golden Acre Park with the Head Gardener.
Meeting Place: Bottom of the café patio area
T 0113 3786002
E parks@leeds.gov.uk
Love Parks Week
Meanwood Valley
Saturday 20 July
10am – 12.30pm
Reptile Walk
Join your Ranger for a guided reptile hunt at Adel Moor. Parking limited.
Meeting Place: Entrance on Buckstone Mount, Alwoodley, LS17 5HS
T 01133367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
F Meanwood Valley

Middleton Park
Sunday 21 July
12pm – 4pm
Rock and Folk Music Festival
Middleton’s own music festival celebrating local bands, organised in conjunction with Leeds Music Trust and local businesses.
Meet at Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsofmiddletonpark

Meanwood Valley
Tuesday 23 July | 10am – 12.30pm
Small Mammal Morning
Discover and meet some of the small furry creatures that inhabit Woodhouse Ridge.
Meeting Place: Entrance on Ridge Terrace, LS6 2DA
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
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Meanwood Valley
Saturday 27 July | 10am – 12.30pm
Big Butterfly Count
Take part in the UK’s annual Big Butterfly Count. Help take the pulse of nature by recording butterfly species on this fun packed survey.
Meeting Place: Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Car Park, LS7 2QG
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
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Tropical World
Saturday July 27 - Sunday 1 September
Summer holiday fun!
Spend a day hanging out with our animals at Tropical World this summer. Don’t forget we have over 700 acres of parkland on our doorstep- the perfect playground to continue your adventure! Updates on facebook. Normal entrance charges apply.
T 0113 336 7553
E parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk
F TropicalWorldLeeds
Tw @tropworldleeds

Middleton Park
Sunday 28 July | 2pm – 4pm
Wildlife Day
A chance to discover, meet and celebrate some of the millions of wild residents in our park as well as some less local guest appearances. Music in the bandstand too!
Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
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W fomp.co.uk
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Pudsey Park
Tuesday 30 July | 10am – 3pm
Butterfly Day
Learn all about our garden butterflies and make a butterfly feeder. £2.50 per feeder.
Meeting Place: West Leeds Visitor Centre
T 0113 3367553
E parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk
AUGUST

Lotherton
Wednesday 24 July – Monday 2 September | 11am – 3pm

A Summer of Sixties Fun

Middleton Park
Sunday 4 August | 11pm – 12.30pm
Woodland Walk
A walk exploring the beauty of Middleton Park and Beeston Parkside Woods. Some off path walking – please wear good walking shoes.
Meet at Visitor Centre
T 07747 092459
E info@fomp.co.uk
W fomp.co.uk
F friendsofmiddletontpark

Meanwood Valley
Monday 5 August | 8pm – 10pm
Guided Bat Walk
Meeting Place: LS6 - Details provided on booking.
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
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Meanwood Valley
Wednesday 7 August | 10am – 12.30pm
Freshwater BioBlitz – Pond Dipping
Help discover and record the freshwater species on this site.
Meeting Place: Entrance on Buckstone Mount, Alwoodley.
T 0113 3367554
E meanwoodvalley.ranger@leeds.gov.uk
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Pudsey Park
Thursday 8 August | 10am – 3pm
Big Bug Bonanza
Learn all about brilliant bugs in your garden, create a bug hotel and go on a bug hunt in Pudsey Park. £2.50 per bug hotel.
Meeting Place: Visitor Centre
T 0113 3367553
E parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk

Temple Newsam
Saturday 10 August – Sunday 18 August | 10am – 4pm
Amazing Animals
A celebration of our fantastic rare-breed farm animals, native wildlife and animals from all over the world! Hands-on activities, animal encounters and more.
Meet at Home Farm

Lotherton
Saturday 17 August – Sunday 18 August | 11am – 3pm
Vintage Weekend
Re-live the fun of the swinging sixties in style, with vintage market stalls around the site in association with Rose & Brown Co. Live music from a Beatles tribute band and outdoor games. Come dressed for the occasion! Normal entry charge applies.
Volunteer!

Have fun, improve the environment, get some exercise, learn new skills, – these are all reasons why people volunteer with the parks and countryside service - why not join them?

Volunteer groups
There are over 50 volunteer groups working alongside the Parks and Countryside service ranging from the Friends of Middleton park to the Friends of Pudsey Cemetery. Volunteer groups do all sorts – gardening, organising events, fundraising, nature conservation etc.

They are friendly, welcoming and always looking for new members! Contact us for a list of groups, or for advice on setting up your own.

Corporate Volunteering
For a team building day with a difference, why not volunteer for the parks and countryside service? Tasks range from tree planting to painting playgrounds.

For more information or to get involved visit leeds.gov.uk/parksvolunteering, email countrysiderangers@leeds.gov.uk or call 0113 3367548.
**Hunslet Cemetery, LS10 3BN**

**Thursday 5 September**

**Bat Walk**
An introduction to bats followed by a walk and bat identification through listening to their calls using bat detectors. All welcome. Bring a torch and wear sturdy shoes.

T 07562 439631  
E heather.wagstaff@leeds.gov.uk  
F leedsparks

**Middleton Park**

**Sunday 8 September | 1pm – 6.30pm**

**The Great Middleton Park Show**
Showcasing the skills and activities of all in Middleton, including over 40 food and craft stalls, walking with alpacas and music by a local band. Submit your home grown veg or handiwork in the competitions.

Meeting Place: Visitor Centre  
T 07747 092459  
E info@fomp.co.uk  
W fomp.co.uk  
F friendsofmiddletonpark

**Lotherton**

**Sunday 8 September | 11am – 3pm**

**Autumn Harvest**
Harvest festival – apple fun in orchard, vegetable sculpture, garden games and a brass band. Normal entry charge applies.

**Armley Park, LS12 2DL**

**Sunday 8 September | 12pm – 3pm**

**Dog Show**
Bring your pooch along to the 3rd Armley Dog show. There will be a range of different categories and a dog agility test too. Updates on Facebook,  
E armleyparkfriends@gmail.com  
F FofArmleyandGottsPark

**Middleton Park**

**Wednesday 11 September**

**7.30pm – 9pm**

**Bat Walk**
Meet the batty residents of Middleton Park! Guided walk using detectors to find out whose flying tonight. Bring a torch and sensible outdoor footwear.

Meeting Place: Middleton Park Visitor Centre  
T 0113 3781142  
E Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk

**Middleton Park**

**Sunday 15 September**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Beeston Wood Walk**
A look specifically at the medieval boundary, Wood Pit, trams and the Ice House. Some off path walking – please wear good walking shoes.

Meeting Place: Visitor Centre  
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E info@fomp.co.uk  
W fomp.co.uk  
F friendsofmiddletonpark
Lotherton
Sunday 15 September
Outdoor Cinema
Favourite films, shown on a giant outdoor screen, with traditional cinema food and drinks available. Updates on facebook and website.

Gott’s Park, LS12 2QX
Saturday 21 September
6.45pm – 8.45pm
Family Bat Evening
Fun and informative evening learning about bats and going into the park using bat detectors to see what we can find. Please bring a torch and wear suitable footwear.
T 07891 277006
E claire.rogers@leeds.gov.uk
W facebook.com/wadesranger

Lawnswood Cemetery, LS16 6AH
Friday 27 September
7.30pm – 9pm
Bat Walk
Search for the different species of bat that live and hunt in the cemetery using bat detectors. Bring a torch and wear suitable shoes for outdoor walking.
T 0113 3788102
E Nicholas.Denman@leeds.gov.uk
F Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery

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