

Lothians

October

Ports, Prisoners and Pirates, 3rd to 31st, Free

A special exhibition will mark East Lothian's links with the slave trade. It will range from those who went to the Caribbean to profit from the trade to the pirates that looted and attacked the transatlantic slave ships.

John Muir's Birthplace, 126 High Street, Dunbar, EH42 1JJ

Saturday 4th October

Miscellaneous

Linlithgow Archaeology Day, 11:00-16:00, Free

Discover how people lived hundreds or even thousands of years ago, meet characters from the past and try out various historical activities. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Bring suitable clothing and footwear.

Linlithgow Palace, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 7AL

Geology of Yellowcraig, 10:00-15:00, £10

Join an expert for a guided walk around the beautiful sandy beaches of this stretch of East Lothian's coast, which are surrounded by a variety of igneous rock, the result of varied volcanic activity in the Carboniferous Period. Bring walking boots, waterproofs and lunch.

Yellowcraig Car Park, north of Dirleton, East Lothian.

Book: email-angus@geowalks.demon.co.uk or Tel. 0131 555 5488

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Sunday 5th October

Miscellaneous

Seed Collection, 14:00-16:00, Free

Ever wanted to grow your own tree? Well now's your chance. Take a walk up the old railway line and collect seeds for you to grow at home. Suitable for families.

Longniddry Station Car Park, East Lothian

Saturday 11th October

Miscellaneous

Flat Racemeeting, 12 noon, £20

Come horseracing at Musselburgh Racecourse – one of Scotland's most popular and stylish leisure venues. Your admission ticket gives you access to all public areas, including the 7 bars, numerous food outlets, plus a programme of the days racing.

Musselburgh Racecourse, Linkfield Road, Musselburgh
Tel. 0131 665 2859

The Big Draw, 11:30-13:00 & 14:00-16:00, Free (included in museum admission)

Part of the nationwide Big Draw event. What magnificent machines from our collections will inspire you. Suitable for families, ages three and older.

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Sunday 12th October

Miscellaneous

Geology of Traprain Law, 11:00-15:00, £7

Guided by an expert, explore on of the area's most impressive pieces of rock. Traprain Law is a laccolith, a mushroom-shaped intrusion that deformed layers of sedimentary rock as it squeezed in close to the surface. Bring walking boots, waterproofs and lunch.

Square, East Linton. Book: tel: 0131 555 5488
email.angus@geowalks.demon.co.uk

Scrap Heap Challenge, 11:30-13:00 & 14:00-16:00 Free (included in museum admission)

Search through the scrap, build something that flies, then see how far you can make it go. Suitable for families.

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Volunteer Task - Pond Clearance, 10:00-16:00

Help an overgrown pond come back to life by clearing it out. Suitable for 16+

Meeting point upon enquiry, Booking required.

Tel. 01620 827459 or dpriddle@eastlothian.gov.uk

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Monday 13TH October

Miscellaneous

Behind the Hangar Door, 11:00,12:00,14:00,15:00 & 16:00, Free (included in museum entrance)

Go behind the scenes with the curators on these free tours.

Suitable for adults

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East Meets West, 17:30, Free

Maggie Craig talks about her Glasgow novels and her forthcoming historical novel, One Sweet Moment, set in 1820s Edinburgh. A dynamic and entertaining personality, she will talk about her novels and the crossing of this great Scottish divide! Places are limited please book free tickets in advance from Gullane Library.

Gullane Library, East Links Road, Gullane, East Lothian, Tel: 01620 842073

or e-mail: gullane.library@eastlothian.gov.uk

Tuesday 14th October

Miscellaneous

Scrap Heap Challenge, 11:30-13:00 & 14:00-16:00

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Flight of the Kites, 14:00-15:30

Ever wondered how birds fly? Find out more about feathers and flight. Learn how to make your own simple kite, then have fun flying it on the beach. Suitable for families, children 5+.

East Beach Paddling Pool, North Berwick, East Lothian

Slavery Past, Prejudice Present, 19:00-20:30, Free

Prof Geoff Palmer OBE and local historian David Anderson will explore the historical connections between slavery in Dunbar and Scotland. Prof. Geoff Palmer will also reflect on prejudice and discrimination in Scotland today.

The Rossborough Hotel, Queens Road, Dunbar EH42 1LG

Booking essential: John Muir Birthplace, tel: 01368 865899

Or e-mail: info@jmbt.org.uk

Wednesday 15TH October

Miscellaneous

Fungi Fun, 14:00-15:30, Children £1

Mushrooms are pretty mysterious things. Come along to play some games, bust some myths and find some fungi for ourselves. Bring warm waterproof clothing. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult, accompanying adults free.

Preston Mill, East Linton, East Lothian

Booking: essential; email hleven@nts.org.uk or

tel. 08444 932124

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Thursday 16th October

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Woodland Art, 10:30-12.30

Your chance to get creative with natural woodland materials. Be inspired by the autumn colours and make your own work of art. Suitable for families.

Butterdean Wood Car Park, Gladsmuir, East Lothian

Grid reference: NT460730

Aberlady Goose Watch, 16:30, £4 (Members/Child £3)

Learn about geese from a local expert and watch the spectacle of thousands of birds flying in to roost on the reserve. Warm clothing advised, hot drinks available.

Meet at Scottish Birdwatchers' Centre, Waterston House, Aberlady, EH32 0PY.

Booking essential, Tel: 01875 871330

Or e-mail: mail@the-soc.org.uk

Friday 17th October

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Inveresk Lodge Gardens, Musselburgh, East Lothian

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Hogwarts for Beginners, 14:00-15:30

Want to be a proper wizard? Then you need to know how to make a broomstick. Come along and have some spooky fun making broomsticks, lantern and spells. Children 7+

Gifford Park, East Lothian

Saturday 18th October

Miscellaneous

Scrap Heap Challenge, 11:30-13:00 & 14:00-16:00

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Sunday 19th October

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Secret East Lothian, 11:0-13:00

Come along and discover one of the relatively unknown corners of East Lothian with one of the rangers as your guide. Bring sturdy footwear and a drink & snack.

Woodland picnic site, details upon enquiry.

Booking required: 01620 827279

Monday 20th October

Miscellaneous

Traces of Guilt, 19:30, Free

Lin Anderson created her character Rhona MacLeod, a forensic scientist engaged on investigation into seriously nasty murders in Glasgow and Edinburgh. She recently won a BAFTA Scotland award with her short story, River Child. Places are limited please book free tickets in advance from Ormiston Library.

Ormiston Library, 5a Meadowbank, Ormiston, EH35 5LQ.

Tel: 01875 616675

or e-mail: ormiston.library@eastlothian.gov.uk

Friday 24th October

Miscellaneous

Ghostly Gosford, 18:30-21:00

A walk in the woods to hear ghostly tales. Are you brave enough. Suitable for families.

Longniddry Community Centre, East Lothian

Booking required: 01620 827279

Thursday 30th October

Miscellaneous

East Lothian-A History from Earliest Times, 19:30, Free

Alistair Moffat recently wrote a short history for East Lothian Beautifully illustrated by the work of Borders photographer Liz Hanson. His writing clears the mist of early history. Places are limited please book free tickets in advance from Haddington Library.

Haddington Library, Newton Port, Haddington, EH41 3NA

Tel: 01620 822531

Or e-mail: haddington.library@eastlothian.gov.uk

Friday 31st October

Miscellaneous

Halloween Myth & Magic, 18:00-19:30, £1/£2

Don your scariest costumes for a spooky night-time walk on the estate and hear some fantastical stories and old beliefs about our plants and animals. Bring along your best carved pumpkin to enter into our lantern competition! All under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitor Centre, Newhailes, Musselburgh, East Lothian

Book: essential: email hleven@nts.org.uk or

tel. 08444 932124

Hopetoun's Halloween Walk, 17:30-19:00, £4.50

Are you brave enough to face Hopetoun's ghouls and goblins on this fright filled evening ghost walk? Come in fancy dress and bring a small lantern to win a prize. There will also be a creepy craft session. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult, accompanying adults free.

Front of Hopetoun House, South Queensferry.

Book: essential; email ranger@hopetounhouse.com or

Tel. 0131 319 3956

Air & Scare Halloween Party, 18:30-20:00

Free (include in museum admission)

Wear your costume and take part in creepy workshops in our haunted hangar!

Book: essential; tel. 01620 897240

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