

NIDDERDALE MOORLAND FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 2017

**CELEBRATE OUR INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT
HEATHER MOORLANDS - WALKS, TALKS AND WORKSHOPS
WITH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL EXPERTS**



**EVENTS
INCLUDE:**

**CURLEW TALK BY
MARY COLWELL-HECTOR
LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY
MOORLAND SAFARI
MOUNTAIN BIKING
FORAGING**



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Mary Colwell-Hector,
Author & BBC
conservation producer
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Photography

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Moorland 4x4 Safari

Bat Detecting

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Foraging

Star Gazing

Working Dogs

Peat Bogs



People have influenced – and been influenced by – Upper Nidderdale's moorland landscape for hundreds of years.

This is your chance to experience it first hand and celebrate with us the past, present and future of moorland life.

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**Join us this Autumn
to enjoy and explore
Upper Nidderdale's moorlands**

Our Moorland Festival is the ideal opportunity to visit this beautiful area and we have events to suit all tastes, from walks and talks to star gazing and mountain biking.

To book visit uppernidderdale.org.uk.
For enquiries call 01423 712950.

These wild-looking moors have had a profound impact on the culture of the people who have lived here over the centuries, from prehistoric settlers through to the present-day landowners, gamekeepers and farmers.

The Moorland Festival celebrates this iconic landscape and helps us to understand why Upper Nidderdale's moorlands are so important.

NIDDERDALE HERITAGE FORUM

Archaeology, Farming and Mining

Come and hear about the different ways Nidderdale's unique heritage is being celebrated by the Upper Nidderdale Landscape Partnership and local heritage groups. A day of exciting archaeological discoveries, photographic presentations and a field trip to a lead mine.

Cost includes refreshments and buffet lunch.

Date:

7th October

Time:

10.00am - 4.30pm

Cost:

£8 per person
(*under 16 yrs free*)

Where:

Pateley Bridge

NIDDERDALE LICHENS

by Dr Judith Allinson, Botanist & former FSC tutor at Malham Tarn

A beginner's guide to walls, woods and moors. Come and enjoy Judith's enthusiastic style of botanical identification. This is an introductory lichen identification workshop taking a beautiful walk in Upper Nidderdale, examining walls and woodland lichens in the stunning moorland scenery.

Date:

8th October

Time:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Lofthouse

UPLAND FARM TOUR

A Working Moorland Farm

Visit a working farm to see how the challenges of traditional farming affect the upland farmer. Meet the characters of the moorland who live and work the extremes, rearing cattle and sheep at the top of Upper Nidderdale. Understand the challenges they face and what these farmers are doing to ensure this traditional method of farming continues today.

Date:

12th October

Time:

10.15am - 12.45pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Middlesmoor

MOORLAND MANAGEMENT SAFARI

Moorland Management for Conservation

Understand how moorlands are managed for conservation, grouse and farming, providing a vital habitat for upland birds. A 4 x 4 wheel drive across inaccessible moorland observing the management techniques used by land owners to safeguard wildlife including successful chick rearing for grouse and improving habitats for wading and upland birds. Including a moorland walk (2-3 miles), gamekeeper talk and warming cuppa/cake at a moorland shooting lodge.

Date:

12th October

Time:

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost:

£10 per person

Where:

Lofthouse



THE WADING BIRDS OF THE MOORLAND

Guest Speaker Mary Colwell-Hector, Author and BBC producer & Tara Challoner, Upper Nidderdale Landscape Partnership

Mary Colwell-Hector will speak about her passion for curlews and the moorlands they call home. Highlighting her adventures on a 500 mile curlew walk, her latest book, *Curlew Moon: 500 Miles for Curlews*, will be out in Spring 2018. She was awarded the Dilys Breese Medal by the BTO for services to conservation.

Tara Challoner, Farming and Wildlife Officer, reports on the national and local importance of moorlands as habitats for wading birds and will share Upper Nidderdale's survey results highlighting what improvements have been observed over the past few years.

Mary is an author, producer and conservationist specialising in natural history and the environment. She has gained many awards for her work in radio, TV and internet production. Mary has also produced natural history series such as *Saving Species*, *Natural Histories* and *Shared Planet*.

Date:

14th October

Time:

4.00pm - 6.00pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Lofthouse

GET THE CYCLING BUG

Mountain Bike Tour

Have you seen the Tour de Yorkshire on TV? Ever wanted to try off-road cycling? Why not join a qualified mountain bike instructor from The Dales Bike Centre for a introductory guide to mountain biking around Upper Nidderdale.

Enjoy the breath-taking views from Gouthwaite to Greenhow. Learn about bike set up, how to improve your riding technique and the skills needed to enjoy the bridleways of Upper Nidderdale. Get on your bikes and head off for an action packed day enjoying the best of Upper Nidderdale on two wheels.

All riders need to be competent, confident cyclists; all equipment (bikes and helmets) and lunch provided.

Date:

15th October

Time:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost:

£10 per person
(suitable for
14 yrs plus)

Where:

Pateley Bridge

PRACTICAL USES FOR RIVERSIDE PLANTS

by Chris Bax, Taste the Wild

Learn from the expert about what amazing resources we have along the River Nidd.

Chris will guide you along the river pointing out plants and foliage that can be used for food or to make things. You can have a go at trying these techniques for yourself, for example making cordage from nettles.

Outdoor waterproof clothing and robust footwear are essential; lunch will be provided.

Date:

19th October

Time:

10.00am - 3.00pm

Cost:

£10 per person
(suitable for
14 yrs plus)

Where:

Pateley Bridge

ALL ABOUT BATS

by Dr Anna Berthinussen, Ecologist and Bat Specialist

Join renowned bat expert Dr Anna Berthinussen for an informative and illustrated bat talk. Learn how to identify bats from their calls, see bats in flight through night vision filming and get an opportunity to look at bat detecting equipment used to identify bats.

Anna will also explain the best places in Upper Nidderdale to find bats, what species you might find and how you can get involved in national bat surveys.

Date:

20th October

Time:

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Cost:

£5 per person
*(suitable for
10 yrs plus)*

Where:

Pateley Bridge

THE LIFE OF MOORLAND WORKING DOGS

by Natasha Bujnoch, Professional Gundog Trainer

Previously a gamekeeper, Natasha now trains gundogs and works her own dogs throughout the shooting season with local grouse, partridge and pheasant shoots. Meet dogs and puppies from different breeds and watch them work the moorland. Ask the expert how to train your dog.

A walk across rough terrain of approx. 2 miles.

Date:

22nd October

Time:

10.15am - 12.30pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Middlesmoor

MOORLAND MEMORIES

by Dr Robert Light, Moorlands Oral History Project

Enjoy an afternoon hearing and sharing memories of the moorlands and upland communities of Nidderdale. The Moorlands: People, Places, Stories oral history project has been recording interviews about life, work and play in the upper dale. We'll be playing extracts from the interviews and would love you and your family, young and old, to come along and share your thoughts, recollections and photographs of the Nidderdale Moorlands.

Date:

22nd October

Time:

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Cost:

Free drop-in
event for all

Where:

Lofthouse

DARK SKIES - STAR GAZING

*by Martin Whipp, Lime Tree Farm
Observatory*

Join members of York Astronomical Society at Lime Tree Observatory for a family-friendly evening under the stars.

Find out what you can expect to see in the sky as the nights start getting longer.

You will learn what can be seen by the naked eye with simple equipment such as binoculars or a small telescope.



Date:

24th October

Time:

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Grewelthorpe



WILD LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

by *Paul Harris, Professional Photographer*

Paul worked for organisations including The Sunday Times, Geographical Magazine, The National Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park, BBC Countryfile Magazine and Survival International. Paul now works from his moorland residence in Upper Nidderdale.

This photographic workshop covers the theory and practical techniques required to take the perfect landscape photograph and concentrates on honing your skills as a visual communicator of the moorland top's dramatic scenery.

Date:

25th October

Time:

2.00pm - 5.30pm

Cost:

£10 per person

Where:

Lofthouse

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Date:

26th October

Time:

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Grewelthorpe

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH BOGS

by *Dr Tim Thom, The Yorkshire Peat Partnership*

Peatlands are hugely important habitats and home to an array of unique plants and animals. Globally, peat contains the largest amount of carbon of all terrestrial ecosystems.

The Yorkshire Peat Partnership is working in Upper Nidderdale to restore this delicate ecosystem.

Dr Tim Thom will present an illustrative and informative talk discussing the types of peat bogs that can be found locally. He will explain what work the Yorkshire Peat Partnership have been doing to restore degraded peatland habitats, highlighting the increasing biodiversity and reduction of CO₂ being released into the atmosphere. Through careful restoration these peatland habitats can be enjoyed by future generations to come.

Date:

31st October

Time:

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Cost:

£5 per person

Where:

Pateley Bridge

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They are internationally important for conservation because of their rich concentration of rare plants and wildlife, such as the sphagnum moss that makes up blanket bog and ground-nesting birds like curlew and lapwing.

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