



News from the National Trust

As the countryside is slowly edging towards Spring, the National Trust Ranger team have been out and about auditing all of our estate, ranging from Wembury round to Dartmouth. The audit included recording all our fingerposts, way markers, omega signs and benches. This is important work as it means that we have a record of our estate furniture and this audit will ensure we keep everything in good repair.



We've been having great success with the Wembury volunteer ranger team and two work days have taken place so far. On Saturday 26 February the volunteers were out clearing scrub behind Wembury Beach (see photo). This practical task went really well and a large amount of the gorse was removed. The second of the two days took place on Thursday 3 March at Wembury Beach Car Park. This day was for the volunteers who were looking at a more face-to-face role with the public, talking to visitors and answering their questions. Both days were a huge success, many thanks to everyone who took part and we hope to see you again soon. If you would like to get involved with the Wembury volunteer group, please contact Lorna Sherriff (contact details below).

During the half term holiday our team ran a family orienteering event at Bolberry. On Tuesday 22 February interested families arrived at Bolberry for an afternoon spent learning how to use a map and compass. These skills were then tested out by following an orienteering course along the coast where participants had to find 15 markers, each of which had a letter on. The letters spelt out 'Enjoy South Devon', advice which the National Trust hopes people will follow!

Another one of our events was a photography workshop which we held at Overbecks on the 12th March. After the success of the previous photography workshop at Noss Mayo in January, expectations were high. The event was again run by photographer Dave Bassett who was illustrating to participants how to take the perfect photograph. The setting was inspiring. Overbeck's has beautiful tropical gardens and stunning coastal views, perfect for photo taking. Dave Bassett was explaining to people how to operate their cameras in order to take advantage of the most important thing in photography- light. Participants were then able to make use of this knowledge to take beautiful panoramic photos. If reading these events has inspired you why don't you join us on one of our upcoming events.

Paddle power - Canoe adventure: Friday 22 April 9-4.30pm

Join the National Trust ranger team for a paddle downstream in a Canadian canoe from Kingsbridge to Salcombe. Explore the shallow creeks and hidden beaches along the way and discover more about the history and wildlife of this beautiful area. The trip includes various stops with short walks and picnic spot. Finishing at Mill Bay and a lift back to the starting point at Kingsbridge. Lunch included. Suitable for more experienced paddlers 8 years +.

Adult £50 Child £35

Lets go fly a kite - Toddler toddle: Friday 29 April 11.30-2pm

Discover beautiful bugs on land and different types of birds in the sky at Bolberry. Round the day off by making a kite and enjoying a picnic.

Under Fives £5 (Accompanying adults Free)

Booking is essential for all these events. For more information and to book a place please contact south.devon@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01752 346585.

Please stop and have a chat to the team if you see us out working or if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust. For further information please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk