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We are now almost through the school summer holidays and the weather has been its usual hit and miss with some cracking sunshine and some amazing downpours. Our Thursday summer fun events have been well attended with visitors enjoying various activities at Wembury and South Milton Sands. We have also trialed some 'pop up' events on the better weather days at these beaches which has also worked well. We hope to do these when we have good weather in other school holidays and will let people know about them via our Facebook page. Our Wembury Beach fun event at the end of July went well, but the weather was against us and by 2pm we were sheltering inside our marquees from the torrential downpours. Saying that, the visitors which braved the weather along with the AONB team, Military experiences, Marine centre team and our Rangers all enjoyed it.

We are having some issues with people camping at Wembury Point and leaving rubbish, broken bottles and damaging nearby trees. We are concerned that the rubbish and broken glass etc could harm the ponies and wildlife in the area. Camping is not allowed on National Trust land except at permitted camp sites. If you do see anyone camping at Wembury point then please call the Rangers office and leave a message on the answerphone and if we can, we will try and get over there to let them know that camping is not allowed. Thank you to my volunteer pony welfare checkers who have alerted the Rangers to this issue and have also cleaned the rubbish up from the site.

The ponies at Wembury point are doing well and during September, the mares with their foals will be taken back to their home on the moors for their vet checks and passports; some other ponies will be brought down in their place.

If you are looking ahead and wanting to plan some great days out then have a look at our events listed below and for further information go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Saturday 9th September 16.00 – 21.30 Big Night on the Beach – South Milton

This family favourite is back again, celebrating the end of summer with family activities and the spectacular sundown parade. You'll also have the chance to try out watersports, rock pooling, crafts, and beach games, with storytelling, a bird walk and more too. In partnership with the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, this event is not to be missed. The event is free to attend, but small charges apply for some of the taster sessions.

Saturday 16th September 10.30 – 12.00 Beach watch beach clean – South Milton

Sunday 17th September 10.30 – 12.00 Beach watch beach clean – Wembury (in partnership with Wembury Marine centre)

Our coastlines are enjoyed by millions of people every year, which is why we're taking part in the Great British Beach Clean again this year. By cleaning these beaches, we can ensure these wonderful areas stay in ship-shape condition for visitors every year, and protect the marine wildlife that lives along our shores. Working alongside the Marine Conservation Society, we'll be picking up litter and noting what we collect for the MCS annual litter survey results. Please bring a pair of gardening gloves and shoes suitable for getting wet. Dress for the weather. Booking is not required, but you can register your interest via www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/

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