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Countryside Events

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Welcome to the countryside of Oldham

With its picturesque views, woodlands carpeted by wild flowers, meadows and moorland, Oldham's Countryside has something for everyone at any time of the year. There is so much to do, you could stroll along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, walk over Crompton or Saddleworth moors, discover the woodlands at Daisy Nook and Tandle Hill, find a fossil at Glodwick Lows or enjoy a craft day for all the family.

The Countryside Centres

There are three centres across the Borough where you can pick up information on events, your local areas and other sites across Oldham. At Daisy Nook and Tandle Hill there are café facilities.

For further information and opening times please ring 0161 770 4056 or the centre you are enquiring about.

Brownhill

Wool Road, Dobcross, Oldham, OL3 5PB.
 T: 01457 872598
 E: env.brownhill@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Times:

Thursday through to Sunday and Bank Holidays
 12pm – 4pm (until further notice)

Daisy Nook

The John Howarth Countryside Centre, Daisy Nook Country Park, off Stannybrook Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9WJ.

T: 0161 308 3909
 E: env.daisy.nook@oldham.gov.uk

Tandle Hill

Tandle Hill Country Park, Tandle Hill Road, Royton, Oldham, OL2 5UX.

T: 0161 627 2608
 E: env.tandlehill@oldham.gov.uk



Tandle Hills country park

Information for events and walks

All large groups of 6 or more must book on events. For all bookings and event information please ring 0161 770 4056

What to bring – Please bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks, particularly for day events.

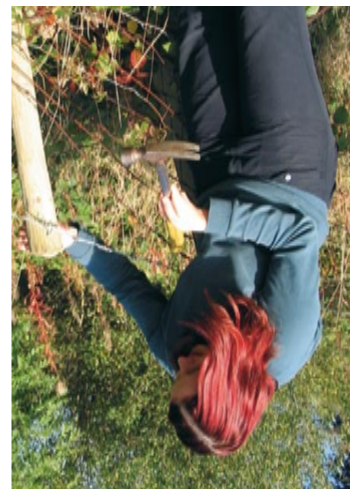
Charges – Some of these events may entail a nominal charge to cover for materials etc.

Children – Many of our events are suitable for children and their families, please ring if you are unsure. An adult must accompany all children under 8, for some events this applies to all children.

Accessibility – Some events may be suitable for those with prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs. Please ring for further advice.

Clothing – Please wear sensible clothing and stout footwear to suit the weather conditions. Waterproofs and a spare jumper for cold, wet conditions or a hat and sun protection for hot weather. For craft events please wear old clothes in case of spills. Please ring for advice if you are unsure.

Conservation Events – Help to look after your local countryside and get fit! Suitable for those over 14 only. Please wear old clothes, strong footwear and bring a packed lunch and drink.



If you would like to help to protect and improve your local countryside why not join our Volunteer Ranger team. You can learn how to lay a hedge, fell trees or record wildlife. There are so many things to do so why not give the Rangers a call on 0161 770 4056.

Volunteers

- Easy** (green dot) Suitable for all, approx. 2 – 3 miles.
 - Medium** (orange dot) Suitable for those of average fitness, approx. 4 – 7 miles.
 - Hard** (red dot) Suitable for fit people who are used to walking longer distances over more challenging terrain, approx. 8+ miles.
- Walks** – Make sure you are suitably dressed and bring enough refreshments, ring for advice if you are unsure. Graded according to difficulty as follows.
- Travel** – Help your local environment and reduce pollution, catch the bus to our centres and events, for further information on bus times and availability please contact G.M.R.T.E. on 0161 228 7811.

November

Woodland Ways

**Sunday 6, 10.30am – 4pm,
Oldham Edge opposite Whitehouse Pub**

Help get this new project underway as we start thinning out the woodland that was originally planted in the 1970's. Please wear old clothes, suitable footwear and bring a packed lunch.

Plant a tree

**Sunday 13, Crompton Moor 1pm – 3pm,
Meet at Brushes Clough Car Park OL2 8LS**

Help plant shrubs and trees on Crompton Moor to improve the habitat and benefit the wildlife in the woodlands on the moors. Please wear suitable old clothing and appropriate footwear.



Crompton Moor, Shaw

December

Seasonal Heights

Sunday 4, Brownhill ●

A medium walk of about 7 miles stopping off at the Royal Oak Heights for festive food available for a small charge. Please ring 0161 770 4056 to book a place.

Horseriders Carol Service

Saturday 10, 11am for 11.30am, Friezland Arena

All creatures great and small are welcome to this outdoor carol service lead by the Vicar of Friezland. A small admission charge will be made. Mulled wine and mince pies will follow the service.

(All animals must be under close control and comfortable in the company of other animals)

Crafty Christmas

Sunday 11, Tandle Hill

Come along and make your very own Christmas Wreath, decorate it with natural materials found in the park – along with some bows and ribbons. There will be a charge of £5 towards the cost of materials. No unaccompanied children. Please ring 0161 770 4056 to book a place.



Mistletoe Meander

Sunday 18, 11am – 3pm, Daisy Nook ●

On the way to Park Bridge discover the folklore of plants traditionally used at Christmas. At the Heritage Centre enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and make some decorations before walking back. Five miles. A small charge will be made for refreshments and decorations.

Crafty Christmas

Wednesday 21, Brownhill

Make your own Christmas Wreath using natural materials, bows, ribbons and a touch of glitter for the finishing touch. A charge of £5 will be made towards the cost of materials. No unaccompanied children. Please ring 0161 770 4056 to book a place.

January

Refreshing Ramble

Sunday 15, 1pm – 3.30pm, Tandle Hill ●●

A walk in the fresh country air from Tandle Hill to Chadderton Hall Park and back, a chance to enjoy the countryside after the holiday period.

Woodland Ways/Volunteer Ranger Taster Day

**Sunday 22, 10.30am – 4pm,
Oldham Edge opposite Whitehouse Pub**

Help with the continuing work of a new project to improve the woodlands originally planted in the 1970's. This is an opportunity to meet the Countryside Team and work alongside as a volunteer ranger for a day. Learn more about the skills needed for effective countryside management and conservation. Please wear old clothes, suitable footwear and bring a packed lunch.

Winter Bird Walk

Sunday 29, 10am, Daisy Nook ●

Join Countryside staff and local volunteers for a winter morning bird walk around Daisy Nook Country Park.



February

Hares on High

Sunday 5, Binn Green Car Park ●

You will need to book early for this hard 13 mile walk on the highest moors the area has to offer. We will be looking for mountain hares along the way. That may be easy or hard depending on the amount of snow! Places are strictly limited. Please ring 0161 770 4056 to book a place.



Hedge Preservation

Sunday 12, 10.30am – 3pm, Tandle Hill

Learn about hedge management the traditional way. Please bring old clothes, suitable footwear and a packed lunch.

Sun-catchers

Wednesday 22, Tandle Hill

Thursday 23, Daisy Nook

Friday 24, Brownhill

Come along and make sun-catchers using natural materials, card and ribbons. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £2.00 per child. Booking essential. Please call 0161 770 4056



Daisy Nook park. Photograph by Mark Buchan Jones

Castleshaw Circular

Sunday 26, 10.30am, Castleshaw ●

A morning walk around the Castleshaw valley looking for wildlife. Meet at car park near Centre.



Castleshaw upper reservoir

March

Picture pick up

Sunday 11, 1pm – 3pm, Tandle Hill

Join this short walk and scavenger hunt around the park to see what we can discover, then back to the centre to make a picture with our finds. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Hollinwood Canal Discovery Walk

Sunday 18, Meeting place on booking ●

Meet in Hollinwood for a six-mile medium walk led by a representative of Hollinwood Canal Society through Daisy Nook finishing at Droylsden where Hollinwood Canal joins the Ashton Canal. A café is available at Daisy Nook or bring a packed lunch. Ring 0161 770 4056 for more details and to book a place.

Medlock Meander

Sunday 25th, 10.30am, Strinesdale Car Park ●

A morning walk along the Medlock Valley to Daisy Nook looking for wildlife on the way. Please ring 0161 770 4056 if you require transport back to the start.