



Herts and
Middlesex

FESTIVAL *of* WILDLIFE



Celebrating the wildlife of Hertfordshire and Middlesex!

Welcome to the 2019 Festival of Wildlife. We hope you enjoy exploring Panshanger Park and discovering more about the wonderful wildlife of Hertfordshire and Middlesex. We would like to thank our event partners Tarmac for their generous support as well as new associate sponsor Maydencroft.



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PANSHANGER PARK

Tarmac's Panshanger Park covers almost 1,000 acres of countryside in the Mimram Valley. The park is made up of woodland, lakes, ponds, river, reedbed and grassland which together support a diverse range of wildlife. Highlights include the ancient Panshanger Oak and the beautiful Dragonfly Trail. We hope you enjoy exploring the park. Please keep dogs on leads and keep to the paths.

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| 1 Main festival site
- Information
- Talks marquee
- Arts and crafts
- Tarmac stand
- Catering | 5 Bird ringing | 11 Dragonfly Trail |
| 2 Longhorn cattle enclosure | 6 Birdwatching | - Operational quarry (no entry) |
| 3 Children's discovery area | 7 Chalk stream discovery | ♂♂ Toilets |
| 4 BNA/HIP Bioblitz | 8 Tractor tour | ⋯ Walking route |
| 9 Panshanger Oak (15 minute walk) | 10 Site of former Panshanger House | ▬ Traffic route |



WIN!
Don't forget to fill in your Festival Explorer sheet to be in with a chance of winning a £100 Amazon voucher, kindly provided by Tarmac!

Festival of Wildlife 2019 Programme



Please book your place on the guided walks and activities at the information marquee. Places are strictly limited and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Talks take place in the talks marquee and there is no need to book.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

WILDLIFE WALKS

MARVELLOUS MIMRAM 11 & 1.30

Find out about the globally rare chalk stream and the wildlife it supports.

BUTTERFLY DISCOVERY 11 & 2

(Sat only)

Join Butterfly Conservation on a hunt for colourful butterflies.

TREE IDENTIFICATION 11 & 2

(Sun only)

Can you tell your oak from your elm and your beech and ash? Learn how to identify trees all year round; suitable for beginners.

THE QUEEN'S OAK 11.30 & 2

Follow in the footsteps of Queen Victoria and visit The Great Oak - rumoured to have been planted by Queen Elizabeth I.

FLOWERS, PLANTS & TREES 11 & 1.30

Explore Panshanger's glorious greenery!

BRILLIANT BIRDS & MORE! 12 & 2.30

Learn about Panshanger's birds - from the winter wildfowl to the spectacular osprey.

DRAGONS AND DAMSELS 12 & 2.30

See how many of Hertfordshire's 26 species of dragonfly you can spot on this guided walk through the Dragonfly Trail.

BNA WILDLIFE DISCOVERY 12 & 2.30

Join the Hertfordshire branch of the British Naturalists Association to help record the wildlife found in the park.

PLUS!

Don't miss our drop-in sessions:

- Chalk stream discovery
- Birdwatching
- Bioblitz
- Children's activities
- Bird ringing

See map on p4-5 for locations



SATURDAY

WILDLIFE TALKS

BRITAIN'S GOT TALONS 12.30

Mike Illet introduces us to the majestic raptors that call Hertfordshire home.

HAVE I GOT MORE POOS FOR YOU? 1.30

Back by popular demand, Graham White returns to help identify mammal poos.

NATURE'S CHOCOLATE BISCUITS 2.30

Join water vole expert Martin Ketcher to learn about these elusive creatures.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NATURE 3.30

The Trust's Tim Hill shares his tips on how to make your garden a wildlife haven.

SUNDAY

SLIMY WRIGGLERS 12.30

EA's George Horne introduces us to the fascinating story of the European eel.

BATS: STARS OF THE NIGHT 1.30

Roger Havard and Chantal Helm take us into the world of these nocturnal hunters.

HERTFORDSHIRE ROCKS! 2.30

John Myres talks about the fascinating geology of Hertfordshire.

THE BEAUTY OF BUTTERFLIES 3.30

Hear all about Hert's winged beauties with Butterfly Conservation's Roger Gibbons.

SAT & SUN

TRACTOR TOURS

QUARRY TRACTOR TOUR

10.30 (Sun only), 12, 1.30 & 3

Enjoy a driven guided tour of Panshanger, exploring the geology of Hertfordshire and charting the Parks' restoration from quarry to country park and wildlife haven.

Please note that this tour lasts for an hour and may not be suitable for children. The tractor tour is very popular and books up quickly.

