

MARINE FEST 2021

WEEK 1: MONDAY 31ST MAY TO SUNDAY 6TH JUNE

Explore the wonders of Scotland's marine environment at our first ever Marine Fest! This programme lists all of our bookable events, but please keep checking our website and social media for additional activities such as evening boat trips, live science shows and silly science busking over the weekends.

MONDAY 31 MAY

OFFICIAL OPENING AT THE CENTRE

10:00 – 17:00 (FREE)

Drop into the Centre to find out more about what's happening over the next two weeks and be one of the first to check out our Marine Fest special features in the shop, café and Discovery Experience.

TUESDAY 1 JUNE

UNDER 5'S STORYTELLING

11:00 – 12:00 (FREE)

Take a seat in the marquee on Anchor Green outside the Scottish Seabird Centre and let our Discovery Experience staff transport you to the underwater worlds of a few of our favourite sea-themed short stories.

This event is suitable for pre-school children with an accompanying adult. Learn more and book [online](#).

WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE

COASTAL WILDLIFE WALK

13:30 - 15:00 £7.50 (£6.75 Silver members / £6 Gold members)

This introductory session to shorebirds, seabirds, and cetaceans will involve a walk along Milsey Bay beach up to Haugh Road beach and will give participants the opportunity to learn about, and hopefully see, the birds that exist in the Firth of Forth.

Learn more and book [online](#).

FELTING WORKSHOP WITH THE CRAFTY KIT COMPANY

19:00 - 21:00 £20

Join the Crafty Kit Company on-line for this fun, relaxing needle felting workshop where you will learn how to 'paint with wool' to create a cheeky puffin in a hoop. Needle felting is an easy, therapeutic craft that really takes your mind off your worries! This class is suitable for absolute beginners, aged 10+ and all materials and UK postage are included. £10 from the sale of each ticket will be donated to The Scottish Seabird Centre.

To book your kit and place on the workshop please visit www.craftykitcompany.co.uk/products/puffin-in-a-hoop-workshop

THURSDAY 3 JUNE

UNDER 5'S STORYTELLING

11:00 – 12:00 (FREE)

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MEET THE SCIENTIST - PACKAGING POLLUTION UNWRAPPED

19:00-20:00 £5 (£4.50 Silver members / £4 Gold members)

Live zoom with Dr Clare Cavers and Dr Kerry Dinsmore, Fidra

Food packaging, whether it's wrappers from picnics to fish boxes from industry, is familiar to us all in marine litter. But the impacts go beyond the visible. Here we dive deeper into pollution issues and take a look at the chemicals that contaminate our environment long after the original packaging has disappeared.

Learn more and book [online](#).

FRIDAY 4 JUNE

FIDRA OUTREACH STAND

11:00 -16:00 (FREE)

Visit the Fidra stand to find out how you can be the solution to pollution! Explore the environmental issues affecting our oceans and find how we can solve them including: how to spot the chemicals in packaging, what's a nurdle and where to find them and preventing the pollution from packaging to pitches, plus much more!

ROCKPOOL RAMBLE

17:00 - 18:30 £7.50 (£6.75 Silver members / £6 Gold members)

Discover the amazing wildlife that can be found in the rockpools of North Berwick! Enjoy a brief talk followed by a guided ramble along the nearby rocky shore. You'll be amazed by the variety of life and the different adaptations of the creatures you meet.

Learn more and book [online](#).

FRIDAY 4 JUNE

LEWIS & CLARKE'S EVENING AT THE SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE

From 19:30 Set menu £55

Enjoy a bespoke tailored menu (canapés, 3 courses & petit fours) by celebrated chef team behind renowned Gifford eatery **Lewis and Clarke Artisan Kitchen**. Soak up the spectacular views across the Firth of Forth & Bass Rock while you indulge in their delicious menu. Vegetarian options are available.

To book please email: info@lcartisan.co.uk

SATURDAY 5 JUNE

(World Environment Day)

MAKE A ROCK POOL BOOK WITH JILL CALDER (ZOOM WORKSHOP)

10:30 - 12:00 £5

Live Zoom workshop with Jill Calder. Celebrating the rockpool pages in her popular children's book, 'The Sea', illustrator Jill Calder will inspire you to draw amazing creatures and tiny predators and then teach you to illustrate and make your very own folded picture book!

Learn more and book [online](#).

TOURS OF THE FIRTH OF FORTH LOBSTER HATCHERY

12:00 – 16:00 FREE (Donations welcome)

Drop in on the day, first come, first served (max 4 persons per group).

Learn how the hatchery repopulates lobster stocks by rearing juvenile lobsters from eggs.

Learn more [online](#).

DEEP SEA VOYAGERS! - A FAMILY DRAWING ZOOM WORKSHOP

15:15 - 16:15 £8

Join Jill Calder, illustrator of 'The Sea', for a deep-sea adventure! On your journey you'll meet many beautiful and strange creatures from the clowns of the air to the ever-hungry gulper eel, discovering and drawing them all as you descend through the depths. This fantastic voyage ends with everyone creating a monster deep sea drawing!

Suitable for all ages. Materials provided.

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SUNDAY 6 JUNE

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SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST

15:00-16:30 FREE Register at our desk on the East Beach from 14:45

Try your hand at creating a sand sculpture on the East Bay on any marine-related theme. You could create a desert island, a giant whale, an underwater world...the choice is yours! Build time will be 15:00-16:00. Judging from 16:00-16:30. Prizes to be won.

SEAWEED SCIENCE

18:30 - 20:00 £7.50 (£6.75 Silver members / £6 Gold members)

Join seaweed expert Dr Hannah Grist for an introductory talk about the fascinating world of seaweeds followed by a species hunt on the local shore. Recommended age 16+.

Learn more and book [online](#).

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WEEK 2: MONDAY 7TH TO SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

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MONDAY 7 JUNE

COASTAL WELLBEING WALK
10:00-11:30 £7.50 (£6.75 Silver members / £6 Gold members)

Get your week off to a great start with a walk along the west bay, where you will learn to be mindful and engage all of your senses.

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TUESDAY 8 JUNE

(World Oceans Day)

DROP-IN BEACH CLEAN

10:00 - 16:00 (FREE)

Borrow a beach clean kit from the Scottish Seabird Centre and help to clean up the coastline – a great way to help improve marine habitats and protect wildlife.

After you've finished your beach-clean, please bring your kit and the litter you've collected back to the Scottish Seabird Centre. We'll clean the kit ready to be used again and dispose of the litter, recycling it where possible.

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SEASIDE STORYTELLING WALK - GRACIE THE GANNET'S GREAT ADVENTURE!

18:00 - 19:15 £5 (£4.50 Silver members / £4 Gold members)

Join the Scottish Seabird Centre team for an outdoor, interactive storytelling walk that follows the life of Gracie - a gannet from Bass Rock who's about to go on an amazing adventure full of challenges and rewards!

Learn more and book [online](#).

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE

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WASTE WORKSHOP WITH LIL (ONLINE EVENT)

19:30 - 21:00 £10

Join the team from Lil who will help you understand the impact of your domestic waste and cut unnecessary consumption.

Lil (Lower Impact Living) champion a better, more sustainable way to live. This is an opportunity to examine the everyday choices we make and how they impact upon our local environment. Learn more and book [online](#).

FRIDAY 11 JUNE

LOBSTER HATCHERY TALK

14:00 - 15:00 (FREE)

Learn about the work of the Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery and meet some live lobsters.

Learn more and book [online](#).

FRIDAY 11 JUNE

MEET THE SCIENTIST

19:00 - 20:00 £5 (£4.50 Silver members / £4 Gold members)

Will we lose reefs of the deep? (Zoom Talk) - Dr Sebastian Hennige, University of Edinburgh.

Cold-water coral ecosystems are spectacular, but because they live out of sight in the depths of the ocean, they are extremely difficult to work with, and many people are unaware they even exist. Here we explore the massive coral ecosystems just off the west of Scotland and ask the question, will they survive this period of rapid environmental change?

Learn more and book [online](#).

SATURDAY 12 JUNE

MINI SEASIDE BIOBLITZ

09:30 - 11:00 £7.50 (£6.75 Silver members / £6 Gold members)

Join the Seabird team in this race against the clock to discover and record as many species as possible on North Berwick's East Beach.

Learn more and book [online](#).

LIL POP-UP SHOP IN THE WELCOME WALKWAY

10:00 - 15:00 (FREE)

A selection of zero waste, plastic free, sustainable supplies from Lil (Lower Impact Living).

More information [online](#).

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SPEED SKETCHING BY THE COAST

14:00 - 16:00 £12

Inspired by our stunning coastal location you will learn speed sketching skills with guidance from Mark, the Edinburgh Sketcher. From close up studies of shells and plant life to sea views out to Bass Rock, you will create a number of drawings in ink and watercolour to keep.

Learn more and book [online](#).

SUNDAY 13 JUNE

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MARINE CITIZEN SCIENCE TOOLKIT

11:00 - 12:30 (FREE)

A session for anyone interested in being outdoors, learning about the natural world, and contributing to science! Join our Conservation Officer for an outdoor, interactive introduction to marine citizen science.

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