

Wanstead Park & Wanstead Flats

BioBlitz

Wildlife Weekend

Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th June 2018

Become a wildlife explorer for the weekend and discover what's living right on your doorstep by joining in at your local BioBlitz event.

With interactive activities for youngsters, grown-ups, beginners and experts alike there is something for everyone including Guided Walks, Children's Crafts, Nature Table, Dawn Chorus Walk, Bat Walk, Pond-dipping, Grass-Sweeping, Stalls and much more - and it's all free!



Saturday 23 June

10:00 - Bees walk in Wanstead Park. Meet outside Temple. Led by Tony Madgwick and Mirza Rashid.

10:30 - Spider survey on Wanstead Flats. Meet at Centre Road Car Park. David Carr will lead.

11:00 - Walk with Ferndale Area Residents Association. From Ferndale Road, into Bush Wood and beyond. With renowned local expert Tricia Moxey supported by Tim Harris, Mary Holden and James Heal.

11:00 - Plant Galls walk. Meet at the Tea hut, Wanstead Park. With Tommy Root supported by James Heal.

14:00 - Larks, Butterflies and Flowers. Meet Centre Road Car Park. With Gill James and Tim Harris

21:00 - Bat walk. Meet at tea hut in Wanstead Park. Come and join Conservation Ranger, Frances Castro and search for pipistrelles, Noctules, Daubenton's and other bats. Bring a torch and suitable clothing for an evening walk. (approx. 90 minutes)

Sunday 24 June

05:00 - Dawn Chorus walk. Meet at corner of Bushwood (Road) and cut-through. Local birder James Heal leads the crack-of-dawn walk around the wood to listen to the sounds of the dawn chorus, see a new generation of young birds and maybe encounter a surprise or two. (approx. 2 hours 30 minutes).

Please note that events may be liable to change - check website or 'Like' our Facebook page for updates.

10:00 - Stalls in Park. Information stall by tea hut. Stalls in Temple enclosure, including;

- * Wren ID stall with microscope, field guides and more
- * London Wildlife Trust
- * Wild Wanstead

11:00 - 15:00 - Duck Champion Stall. With Epping Forest Centenary Trust's new duck champion project officer Ute Villavincencio. Crafts, treasure hunt, quiz and more.

10:30 - Eight Legs and Counting. Spiders in Old Sewage Works. Meet outside riding stables. With David Carr.

10:30 - Snail Trail in Old Sewage Works. Meet outside riding stables, Aldersbrook Road. With Nick and Penny Evans.

11:00 - 1300 Pond-dipping in Perch Pond. The park's lakes hold a surprising amount of aquatic life, from large fish to tiny invertebrates, including dragonfly larvae and even crayfish. Help Derek and Cathy McEwan study this endless array of life-forms. (approx. 90 minutes).

14:00 - Wanstead Nature Club. Meet at the Temple Enclosure. Mini-beast hunt, crafts and more. Children aged 2-7. Children must be accompanied.

14:00 - Wildflowers and Butterflies Walk. Meet at the Temple. With local expert Tricia Moxey and Mirza Rashid

14:00 - 15:30 - Pond-dipping in Shoulder of Mutton Pond. With Derek and Cathy McEwan

16:00 - Close

*Please wear suitable clothing and bring a torch for evening walks
All under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Come join us at the Wanstead Park and Wanstead Flats BioBlitz weekend. There will be a range of fun events where you can learn about the amazing animals and plants of your local area and also help experts record its exceptional diversity.

Situated at the southern edge of Epping Forest and boasting deciduous woodland, acid grassland, freshwater lakes and the River Roding, it is little wonder that Wanstead Flats and Wanstead Park between them have an extraordinary range of animals and plants. Come and find what's out there including....bats, birds, butterflies, trees, flowers, mini beasts and what lives in the ponds.

The Wren Wildlife and Conservation Group is holding a BioBlitz weekend where you can learn about and help record this amazing diversity

Organised by the Wren Wildlife Group, and supported by the City of London Corporation, our team of experienced naturalists and wildlife watchers need your help to find and identify as many different species of birds, bugs, plants and beasties as we can, all against the clock over the course of just one weekend.

Everything that is identified and counted will be fed into local and national databases helping to promote and protect your local area for everyone. You need no prior knowledge. All events will be fun, interactive and appeal to all ages.



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