

# Amman Valley Wildlife Events

# January – December 2023



## Summary of Events

To celebrate the wonderful wildlife of the Amman Valley, and our nature conservation work over the past few years, INCC are running a series of nature conservation events, walks and activities throughout 2023. If you are interested in any of the events below, please email Rob Parry (rob.parry@incc.wales) or phone 07821 397625. Thanks to our funders, all events and activities are free, but donations to INCC are always welcome.

Thank You.

Activity	Date	Physicality
Marshy Grassland Restoration	12 <sup>th</sup> January	High
Dipper Walk	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Moderate
Hedgehog Box Building	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Low
Spring Wildlife Walk	20 <sup>th</sup> April	High
Dawn Chorus Walk	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Moderate
Bat Emergence and Moth Trap	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Low
Marsh Fritillary Walk	30 <sup>th</sup> May	Moderate
Moth Morning and Breakfast	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Low
Wildflower Walk and Seed Collection	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Moderate
Evening Bat Walk	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Low
Dormouse Nut Hunt	12 <sup>th</sup> September	Moderate
Fungi Walk	7 <sup>th</sup> October	Moderate

## What to Bring

The events will take place throughout the year and at different times of day so please dress appropriately to the weather, and please bring spare clothes, sturdy boots or wellies as well as food and water.

## Booking is Essential

To book your place on any of the above events, please contact Rob Parry (rob.parry@incc.wales) or 07821397625.

#### Marshy Grassland Restoration

**Activity**: Help to restore marshy grassland habitat for the benefit of wildflowers and marsh fritillary butterfly by clearing bramble and willow scrub from the marsh.

Location: Cwmberach Uchaf

Physicality: High

Date: Thursday 12th January

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 4 hours



#### Dipper Walk

**Activity:** A walk along the River Amman counting the numbers of breeding pairs of the iconic Dipper, one of the wildlife

highlights of the valley. **Location:** Ammanford to

Garnant

Physicality: Medium

Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 3 hours



### **Hedgehog Box Building**

Activity: Making hedgehog feeding boxes for use in gardens across the Amman Valley. Ready just in time for when the hedgehogs emerge from hibernation.

Location: INCC Wildlife Garden

Physicality: Low

Date: Saturday 18th March

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 3 hours



#### Spring Wildlife Walk

**Activity**: A guided walk around some wildlife-rich areas of the Amman Valley to look for early wildlife including spring flowers

and, birds and butterflies. **Location:** Amman Valley **Physicality:** Medium **Date:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 4 hours



#### Dawn Chorus Walk

Activity: An early morning walk around the Amman Valley experiencing and learning about the birds that make up the dawn chorus.

**Location:** Amman Valley **Physicality:** Medium **Date:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

(International Dawn Chorus Day).

**Time**: 07:00am **Duration**: 4 hours



#### **Bat Emergence & Moth Trap**

Activity: An evening in the chapel yard experiencing the bats emerging from their roost in the chapel roof. Followed by a check of which moth species have been attracted to the trap.

**Location**: To be confirmed.

**Physicality**: Low **Date**: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Time**: 20:30pm **Duration:** 3 hours



#### Marsh Fritillary Walk

**Activity**: A visit to a known marsh fritillary colony in the Amman Valley to see this wonderful butterfly and its marshy grassland habitat up close.

**Location**: Cwmgors **Physicality**: Medium **Date**: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Time**: 14:00pm **Duration**: 3 hours



#### Moth Morning and Breakfast

Activity: An early morning spent identifying the moths that have been attracted to the traps overnight. A fascinating insight into the amazing diversity of moths that can be found in the area. Followed by breakfast in the Bowls Pavilion Café

Location: INCC wildlife garden

**Physicality**: Low **Date**: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Time**: 06:00am **Duration:** 2 hours



# Wildflower Walk & Seed collection

Activity: A guided walk around the wildflower meadows and habitats in the valley, learning about the species present and collecting some seed to use in local meadow restoration projects.

**Location**: Amman Valley **Physicality**: Medium **Date**: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 4 hours



#### **Bat Walk**

**Activity:** An evening guided walk around the valley with bat detectors to experience the sights and sounds of some of the valley's nocturnal occupants.

**Location**:

Physicality: Medium

**Date**: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August (International Bat Night)

**Time**: 19:30pm **Duration**: 2 hours



#### **Dormouse Survey**

Activity: We will be searching for hazelnuts that have the characteristic signs that show they have been eaten by one of the rarest mammals in Wales, the Dormouse.

Location:

Physicality: Medium

Date: Tuesday 12th September

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 3 hours



#### Fungi Walk

Activity: Fungi are among the most important organisms in the world. With the help of an expert, this guided walk will help you learn about the array of fungi present in Amman Valley.

**Location:** 

**Physicality:** Medium **Date:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Time**: 10:00am **Duration**: 4 hours

