FAMILY EVENTS

It’s a Blast at Westbury Quarry
Saturday 10th August 10.00am-4.00pm
Launch event for Mendip Rocks! 2019. Stanscombe Lane, Westbury, Mendip, near Wells. Open day to discover how the unique quarry has been restored for wildlife and is now used for explosive research. Enter the raffle to be the lucky person who pushes the button to blow up a car pile! Lots of children’s wildlife, rock and fossil fun. Geology tour at 11.00am and 2.00pm and a wildlife walk at 2.00pm. Refreshments available.

Fossil Fundy & 10th Anniversary Open day at Somerset Earth Science Centre
Wednesday 21st August 10.00am-4.30pm
Painting fossils, making clay fossils, explore the Mendip Fundy and tour inside a working Mendip quarry to see the oldest Mendip rocks. Discover the “Step back in time geological trail in the woods”. All welcome. Car park at SESC. Refreshments available. bring your own picnic lunch. Boot’s waterproofs needed for quarry tour. You can also see the arts festival inspired by mendip and somerset geology.

Burrington Combe Family Fun
Wednesday 28th August 11.00am-4.00pm
Learn how the enigmatic Burrington Combe and the Mendip Hills were made make a piece of limestone rock, find fossils, time travel along the geo time-trail, plus pebble painting, cave art using natural pigments and retired lecturer from Bristol University. Meet Tor Hill Lane, Wells 625144.8. Parking in Wells or on B3139 in layby.

“Explore Ebboro Gorge”
Sunday 20th October 10.00am-4.00pm (Earth Science Week)

BOTANICAL EVENTS

Botany & Geology Walk
Saturday 10th August 10.00am-2.00pm
Led by Liz McDowell, Somerset Rare Plants Group & Peter Hardy, author. The Geology of Somerset. Westbury Sub Mendip Quarry, as part of It’s a Blast event.

Kimmeridge Coalfield Walk
Wednesday 14th August 1.00-4.00pm

Blackmoor Lead Mining Walk
Sunday 18th August 2.00pm

Exploring Fairy Cave Quarry Walk with Armchair Caving Talk
Thursday 22nd August 2.00pm-5.30pm
This beauty named quarry has become renowned for its important cave systems. Walk around the quarry to see the caves then visit them safely from your chair! Walk will be followed by a short slideshow at Somerset Earth Science Centre by Peter Glanville, caver and photographer, plus refreshments. Parking on Limetree Lane. midway between Stoke St Michael and Oakhill, by edge of Fairy Cave Quarry.

The Ancient Springs of Wells Geo Walk
Saturday 24th August 10.30am-12.30pm
Discover how the water and history of this beautiful small city are linked as you stroll around the ancient sites. Led by Doug Robinson, local geologist and retired lecturer from Bristol University. Meet Tor Hill Lane, Wells 615544.8. Parking in Wells or on B3139 in ladyboy.

Burrington Combe: Deserts, Mountains & Seas Geology Walk
Wednesday 28th August 2.30pm
Discover how this cherished combe was created and moved half way round the world. Led by Peter Hardy (Author. The Geology of Mendip) Meet in lower car park, by toilets. A talk and tour by Mike Sumbirc, Bristol Water. Chew Stoke Pumping Station. ST503415.

MENDIP ROCKS! ART EXHIBITION

‘Marking Time’ at Somerset Earth Science Centre
15-21st August (not Sunday) 10th August 10.00am-4.00pm. Mendip and Somerset geology inspired artworks to celebrate 20th Anniversary of Somerset Earth Science Centre opening. 20% proceeds to Mendip Rocks! Artworks from Melanie Deegan & Watchet Art group (7 artists), Jennie Thomas, David Parfitt, Christina White and other local artists. Art workshops with some artists on Wednesday 21st August during SESC Anniversary open day. Works include: watercolours, acrylics, print making, photography and 3D sculpture in the grounds at SESC.

Referrals available for sale.

PREMIERE “The Buried Treasure of Fairyland”
Friday 20th September 7.00pm-9.00pm
The first showing of the film that showcases the important Fairy Cave Quarry and it’s underground cave systems at Priddy Village Hall.

BARNEWELL BONE CAVE TOURS

Sunday 21st & 28th September, 2.00pm-5.00pm
A rare chance to see this early 19th Century pleasure garden with unique bone cave, follies and grotesbies, not often open to the public. Events tickets only. pay on day at caves. EJ includes refreshments. Parking at The Caves, Bridewell Lane, Barnewell BS29 6NA.

Fossil Fun at Writhlington, Radstock
Saturday 21st September 2.00-4.00pm
Staff from SESC and Simon Carpenter, expert local geologist, will reveal the amazing fossils at this internationally important site where the world’s earliest known damsel fly fossil was found. Wear suitable clothes & boots, bring collecting bags, snacks/drinks & hammers. goggles provided. Parking on Moors Hill, BS26 2BP – Meet at Upper Combe Lane car park or Meet opposite Radstock Museum.

“What Lies Beneath”
Wednesday 25th September 2.00pm
Walk to explore Priddy caves above ground. Led by Peter Glanville, consultant geologist. Approx. 3.5 miles. Meet village hall, parking on the Green.

ALL EVENTS MUST BE BOOKED
Visit the Eventbrite link at: www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk or call 01749840156 for more information

MENDIP ROCKS! 2019

10TH AUGUST TO 20TH OCTOBER 2019

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL TOURS
PAY ON THE DAY £5 PER PERSON
Wear or bring boots, but no shorts please. Safely provided.

Batts Combe, Cheddar
Tuesday 13th August 10.00am & 2.00pm
Meet at Batts Combe Quarry reception. Womans Hill, BS27 3GR on the Green.

Moons Hill, Somerset Earth Science Centre
Wednesday 22nd August 10.00am-4.00pm (4 Tours)
As part of the Fossil Fundy family event, Stoke St Michael, BS23 5JN

Torr Works, Frome
Thursday 12th September 10.00am
Meet at Somerset Earth Science Centre for minibus tour.

Halecombe, Leigh on Mendip
Wednesday 21st October 10.00am & 2.00pm
Meet at Somerset Earth Science Centre for minibus tour.
A chance to visit places normally off limits!

For more information & to book online: www.mendipillsaonb.org.uk/events

Beacon Hill: Geology, Scenery & Archaeology Walk
Saturday 12th October 10.00am-12.30pm
A very special hill in East Mendip where the volcanic rocks can be found. Led by Doug Robinson, local geologist and retired lecturer from Bristol University.
Meet at Somerset Earth Science Centre to car share 9.45am, or parking in gateway of Beacon Hill Woods. ST637461.

10th Anniversary Geo Lecture Day at Somerset Earth Science Centre
Saturday 12th October 12.45pm for 1.00pm-5.00pm
Selling Planet Earth: communicating geology to the public by Prof. Iain Stewart (Plymouth Uni) Plus Dr Anta Lisaiu (Easter Uni), Prof. Tony Watts (Oxford Uni) & Prof. Mike Benton (Bristol Uni) and others. Tickets to include tea and cake. £20pp (pay on the door).

Black Down to Shute Shelve Geo Walk
Sunday 13th October 2.00pm-4.30pm
The grand tour of geological highlights on the Mendip Hills. Led by Prof Tony Watts (Oxford Uni), meet in lower car park of Burrington Combe by Burrington Inn BS40 7AT

From Rock to Tap: How Cheddar gets its water
Wednesday 16th October 10.30am-12.30pm
Walk and tour of Cheddar Treatment Works with Mike Sumbler (Bristol Water). Meet at Upper Pond in Cheddar Gorge.

Explore Ebbor Gorge Open Day
Sunday 20th October 10.00am-4.00pm
Discover how the gorge was formed and walk to Gully Cave, the archaeological dig, to learn about the early mammals that lived in the last ice age. Guided walks by Prof Danielle Schreve (Royal Holloway Uni).

FASCINATING EVENTS TAKING PLACE ALL OVER THE MENDIPS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES!