



FAMILY EVENTS

It's a Blast at Westbury Quarry

Saturday 10th August 10.00am-3.30pm

Launch event for Mendip Rocks! 2019. Stancombe Lane, Westbury Sub Mendip, near Wells. Open day to discover how this unique quarry has been restored for wildlife and is now used for explosive research. Enter the raffle to be the lucky person that pushes the button to blow a car up! Plus 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 Funday & 10th Anniversary Open day at Somerset Earth Science Centre

Wednesday 21st August 10.00am-4.30pm

Painting fossils, making clay fossils, explore the Mendip Rocks! 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 parking at SESC. Refreshments available, bring your own picnic lunch. Boots/waterproofs needed for quarry tours. 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, fondle fossils, time travel along the geo time-trail, plus pebble painting, cave art using natural pigments and hunt in the limestone grassland for bugs and butterflies. Bring in fossils for identifying and view the Mendip Rock Box. Parking in lower car park of Burrington Combe/Burrington Inn BS40 7AU

"Explore Ebbor Gorge"

Sunday 20th October 10.00am-4.00pm (Earth Science Week)

Rocks/fossil activities. Exciting family day out of 'sand pit fossil digs', story-telling, guided walks to gorge and caves and much more to reveal the reserve's unique geology and rare archaeological finds. With Mendip Hill's AONB, SESC, The Mendip Society and Natural England. Family activities/rocks and fossils. Refreshments. Ebbor Gorge National Nature Reserve, ST 520484. Car park on Priddy to Wookey road.

MENDIP ROCKS! 2019

FESTIVAL WALKS & TALKS

Botany & Geology Walk

Saturday 10th August 11.00am-2.00pm

Led by Liz McDonnell, Somerset Rare Plants Group & Peter Hardy, author, The Geology of Somerset. Westbury Sub Mendip Quarry, as part of 'It's a Blast' event.

Kilmersdon Coalfield Walk

Wednesday 14th August 1.00-4.00pm

Led by Richard Frost of The Mendip Society. Discover the industrial archaeology of the Somerset Coalfield remains, including mines, batches and railways. Meet outside Radstock Museum, parking in town.

Blackmoor Lead Mining Walk

Sunday 18th August 2.00pm

Led by Richard Frost The Mendip Society. Discover the fascinating history of the Mendip lead industry at Charterhouse. Parking at Blackmoor Reserve Car Park. ST505 556.

Exploring Fairy Cave Quarry Walk with Armchair Caving Talk

Thursday 22nd August 2.00pm-5.30pm

This beautifully 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 Limekiln 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 ST554458. Parking in Wells or on B3139 in layby.

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 Somerset). Meet in lower car park, by toilets.

The History and Hydrogeology of Mendip's precious water resources

Saturday 7th September 2.00pm

A talk and tour by Mike Sumbler, Bristol Water. Chew Stoke Pumping Station, BS40 8SS.

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.

Banwell Bone Cave Tours

Saturday 14th & 28th September, 2.00pm-5.00pm

A rare chance to see this early 19th Century pleasure garden with unique bone cave, follies and grottoes, not often open to the public. Eventbrite tickets only, pay on day at caves £15 includes refreshments. Parking at The Caves, Bridewell Lane, Banwell 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 damselfly fossil was found. Wear suitable clothes & boots, bring collecting bags, snacks/drinks & hammers, goggles provided. Parking on Waterloo Road and town centre. 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 01749 840156
for more information

MENDIP QUARRY TOURS

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL TOURS
PAY ON THE DAY £5 PER PERSON**

Wear or bring boots, but no shorts please. Safety wear provided

Batts Combe, Cheddar

Tuesday 13th August 10.00am & 2.00pm

Meet at Batts Combe Quarry reception, Warrens Hill, BS27 3LR on the Green.

Moons Hill, Somerset Earth Science Centre

Wednesday 21st August 10.00am-4.00pm (4 Tours)

As part of the Fossil Funday family event, Stoke St. Michael, BA3 5JU

Torr Works, Frome

Thursday 12th September 10.00am

Meet at Somerset Earth Science Centre for minibus tour.

Halecombe, Leigh on Mendip

Wednesday 2nd October 10.00am & 2.00pm

Meet at Somerset Earth Science Centre for minibus tour.

MENDIP ROCKS! ART EXHIBITION

"Marking Time" at Somerset Earth Science Centre

15-21st August (not Sunday 18th) 10.00am-4.00pm.

Mendip and Somerset geology inspired artworks to celebrate 10th Anniversary of Somerset Earth Science Centre opening. 10% 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.

Refreshments available for sale.

10TH AUGUST TO 20TH OCTOBER 2019

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK 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 Ania Losiak (Exeter 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!**



Prof. Iain Stewart

12-20 October 2019
'Geoscience is for everyone'
Earth Science Week



A chance to visit places normally off limits!

For more information & to book online:

www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/events

Queries and phone bookings to Somerset Earth Science Centre (SESC)
01749 840156 or adel@earthsciencecentre.org.uk

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A festival of events celebrating the 450 million year geology of the mendip hills!

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GEO WALKS & TOURS

ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

DRYSTONE WALLING

FOSSIL FUN

+ MORE!

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August - October

