

PRESS RELEASE

Pensthorpe Launch New Nature Events to Commemorate 30th Anniversary

For 30 years [Pensthorpe Natural Park](#) has been a source of inspiration and enjoyment for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts alike. So to commemorate three decades of conservation and good, old-fashioned fun outdoors, the Fakenham-based attraction has launched a new programme of events which lift the lid on the natural world!

From expert-guided walks to tutored bird identification classes and even opportunities to hear the majestic dawn chorus as the sun rises over the reserve, the events are open to all and aim to enhance visitors' knowledge of the nature and wildlife.

Deb Jordan, owner of Pensthorpe, comments: "Having a connection with the outside is one of the greatest pleasures we can have.

"There is a growing desire to spend more time disconnected from technology and immersed in nature so these events offer the perfect opportunity to re-engage with the natural world, develop knowledge, and see parts of the reserve that aren't usually open to the public at those times of day.

"Our new events not only celebrate 30 years of the evolution of this beautiful corner of Norfolk, but they champion some of the wonders of the natural world and we welcome everyone from avid wildlife enthusiasts to nature novices!"

Wednesday 21st February 2018

Tracks Walk, 8am – 11am

A morning exploring how to identify wildlife in winter, including looking for animal prints and observing and using a camera trap. Includes a hot drink and breakfast bap. Wear suitable footwear and bring binoculars if you have them.

Members £12 p/person / Non-members £15 p/person

Wednesday 7th March 2018

Farm Walk, 8am – 11am

Enjoy a tour of some of Pensthorpe's farmland areas not usually accessible to the public. Visit ponds and arable crops and find out more about the progressive farming techniques implemented by owner Bill Jordan and discover what wildlife is living out on the farmland areas of the Pensthorpe estate. Includes a hot drink and breakfast bap. Wear suitable footwear and bring binoculars if you have them.

Members £12p/person / Non-members £15 p/person

Friday 23rd March 2018

Bird ID, 10am – 3pm

A perfect beginners guide to bird identification. Discover unique bird features to spot, how to use binoculars and learn about the diverse range of habitats they live in. Includes lunch. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them.

Members £20 p/person / Non-members £25 p/person

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Night Time in the New Hide, 7.30pm – 9pm

A rare opportunity to visit the reserve in the evening. Watch the birds come in to roost amongst the reed beds. Includes a glass of prosecco, dinner optional (arrive for dinner at 6.15pm)

Members £12 p/person excluding dinner, £18p/person including dinner

Non-members £15 p/person excluding dinner, £21 p/person including dinner

Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Dawn Chorus, 5.30am – 8am

Witness one of the greatest wonders of the natural world. Watch the sun rise across the Pensthorpe lakes and catch the sweet song of the breeding birds. The early start brings great rewards for anyone interested in birds and birdwatching. Includes a hot drink and breakfast bap. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Members £12 p/person / Non-members £15 p/person

Wednesday 9th May 2018

Dawn Chorus, 5am – 7.30am

Witness one of the greatest wonders of the natural world. Watch the sun rise across the Pensthorpe lakes and catch the sweet song of the breeding birds. The early start brings great rewards for anyone interested in birds and birdwatching. Includes a hot drink and breakfast bap. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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Thursday 17th May

Three Gardens Walk, 7.30pm – 9pm

Join Pensthorpe's Head Gardener, Jonathan Pearce, for an early evening walk around three of the reserve's most contrasting gardens: the Wildlife Habitat Garden, Wave and Wave Line Garden and the newest colour-infused garden outside Hootz House. Dinner optional (dinner starts at 6.30pm)

Members £12 p/person excluding dinner, £18p/person including dinner

Non-members £15 p/person excluding dinner, £21 p/person including dinner

Wednesday 13th June

Wildflower Meadow Walk, 7pm – 9pm

Join our Reserve Manager, Richard Spowage, for a stroll out to see one of Norfolk's biggest wildflower meadows. Playing an important role in the ecology of the Wensum Valley, the wildflower meadow hosts an array of Orchids and Wildflowers and is a haven for Dragonflies, Butterflies and Banded Demoiselle Damselflies. It's also a notorious hunting ground for barn owls! Includes a glass of prosecco, dinner is optional (dinner starts at 6pm).

Members £12 p/person excluding dinner, £18p/person including dinner

Non-members £15 p/person excluding dinner, £21 p/person including dinner

Wednesday 18th July

Butterfly Walk, 1pm – 3pm

Learn about the butterflies on the reserve and enjoy a guided walk around the wildflower meadow and woodlands. Includes a hot drink and a slice of cake.

Members £12 p/person / Non-members £15 p/person

Saturday 18th August

Guided Tour of the Millennium Garden, 6pm – 8pm

Choose from one of two dates to join our Head Gardener Jonathan Pearce, for an early evening walk around world-renowned planstman Piet Oudolf's first public UK garden, the first of his gardens he redesigned 10 years later. Includes a glass of prosecco, dinner is optional (dinner starts at 5pm).

Members £12 p/person excluding dinner, £18p/person including dinner

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Friday 14th September

Guided Tour of the Millennium Garden, 6pm – 8pm

Choose from one of two dates to join our Head Gardener Jonathan Pearce, for an early evening walk around world-renowned planstman Piet Oudolf's first public UK garden, the first of his gardens he redesigned 10 years later. Includes a glass of prosecco, dinner is optional (dinner starts at 5pm).

Members £12 p/person excluding dinner, £18p/person including dinner

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Wednesday 19th September

Sunrise on the Pensthorpe Explorer, 6.30am – 8.30am

Hop on board the Pensthorpe Explorer for a special opportunity to witness the wonders of wildlife at dawn's first light, whilst the park is quiet, serene and truly magical. Includes a hot drink and a breakfast bap.

Members £12 p/person / Non-members £15 p/person

Spaces are limited and pre-booking is essential. For full details or to book please visit pensthorpe.com or call 01328 863628.

Editors Notes

Pensthorpe Natural Park is on the A1067, one mile from Fakenham and just over 20 miles from the city of Norwich. Open all year, 1st January – 28th February 10am – 4pm, and 1st March – 31st December 10am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Entry prices: Adults £11.95, Seniors £10.95, Children £10.95, Under 3's free. Annual Members are free. Parking is free.

£3 off per person during Winter (January and February).

Online booking discount of £1 per person applies to tickets booked in advance (except during winter pricing).

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