

## April

**Charity Garden Open Day in aid of The Salvation Army**  
Sunday 3rd April (membership void between 2pm and 4pm)

### Spring - Wild Days Out

Join the Rangers at 2pm for a variety of fun filled activities, aimed at children up to the age of 10, who must be accompanied by an adult. \*Additional £1.50 for materials

- Tuesday 5th April Mask Making\*
- Wednesday 6th April Marvellous Mini Beasts
- Tuesday 12th April Treasure Hunt
- Wednesday 13th April Sock Puppets\*

### Den Building

Sunday 10th April 1pm - 4pm.  
Have fun with the Rangers learning how to make dens in the woods.

### Cowboys and Indians

Sunday 17th April 1pm - 4pm  
Fun and action packed games with The Rodeo Rangers at Finlaystone 'Wild West' Country Estate. *Fancy dress welcome.*

### Easter Bunny Hunt

Sunday 24th April 1pm - 4pm  
An egg-citing afternoon of activities including an Easter Bunny Hunt, Bonnet Parade and traditional games.

### Duck Race

Monday 25th April 2pm - 4pm  
Race a plastic duck down the burn. Prizes to be won.

## May

### Get Lost!

Sunday 1st May 2pm - 4pm.  
Join this Ranger quest around the woodlands - complete the challenge and put your map reading skills to the test.

### Wild Frontiers

Sunday 15th May 1pm - 4pm.  
Ranger led 4 mile guided walk to celebrate 'Scottish Biodiversity Week' and discover some interesting flora and fauna. Some steep climbs.

### Teddy Bears' Picnic & Dolls' Tea Party

Sunday 22nd May 1pm - 4pm. Bring teddy or dolly and a picnic for a special tea party. Puppets, magic shows and games.

## June

### Volunteers Day

Sunday 5th June 10am - 4pm. Celebrate 'Volunteers Day' by joining the Rangers tackling a number of essential conservation tasks around the estate. *Tel. 01475 540505 for further details.*

### Pirate Kingdom

Sunday 12th June 1pm - 4pm  
Join an afternoon of swashbuckling games with The Finlaystone Pirates. *Fancy dress welcome.*

### A Midsummer Night's Dream *Ticket only Adult £7.50 Child £5*

Saturday 11th June 7pm  
Experience the magical atmosphere of our woodlands with this adaptation of this classic Shakespeare play performed by The Youth Section of Greenock Players.  
*Please bring own refreshments and a seat.*

### Flying High

Sunday 19th June 1pm - 4pm  
Celebrate Father's Day by making a kite or bringing your own to fly on the lawns overlooking the Firth of Clyde.  
*Additional £1 for materials.*

### Craft Fair

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th 11am - 4pm  
A wide variety of craft stalls selling their wares.  
*Anyone interested in booking a stall should ring 01475 540505*

## July

### Return of Spell Bound

Sunday 3rd July 1pm - 4pm  
Calling all wizards and witches for an afternoon of toil and trouble, fun and frolics. Help save the enchanted woodlands with your magical powers and spells. *Fancy dress a must !*

### Summer - Wild Days Out

Join the Rangers at 2pm for a variety of fun filled activities, aimed at children up to the age of 10, who must be accompanied by an adult. \* Additional £1.50 for materials

- Tuesday 5th July Scavenger Hunt
- Wednesday 6th July Birds
- Tuesday 12th July Mask Making\*
- Wednesday 13th July Ramble with a Ranger
- Tuesday 19th July Banner making\*
- Wednesday 20th July Marvellous Mini Beasts
- Tuesday 26th July Tracks and Trails
- Wednesday 27th Orienteering
- Tuesday 2nd August Woodland Art
- Wednesday 3rd August Let's Get Wet!
- Tuesday 9th August Sock Puppets\*
- Wednesday 10th August Ranger Runabout

### Flutter by Butterfly

Saturday 23rd July 2pm - 4pm  
Join us on a butterfly hunt to learn about these beautiful insects

Free tea or coffee for adult paying visitors is available in the Eye Opener **WEEKDAYS** 11am - 4pm during November, January, February

### Be a Ranger for an afternoon

Sunday 31st July 1pm - 4pm. Join the Rangers for a fun packed adventure by getting mucky and stinky by becoming a Ranger for the afternoon and celebrate 'World Ranger Day'.

## August

### Wild Night *Booking and accompanying adult required.*

Saturday 6th August.  
Join a Ranger for an overnight stay in the woods and have a go at building your own shelter. *£6.50 Adult £5 Child.*

### Fly by Night

Friday 12th August 8.30pm till after dark.  
As part of 'National Year of the Bat' join local experts and discover the fascinating nocturnal world of bats and moths.

### Finlaystone Games

Sunday 21st August 1pm - 4pm  
A mini Highland Games for children! Haggis hurling, tug o' war, three legged race and more.

### Teddy Bears' Picnic & Dolls' Tea Party

Sunday 28th August 1pm - 4pm. Bring teddy or dolly and a picnic for a special tea party. Puppets, magic shows and games.

## September

### Return of The Pirates

Sunday 4th September 1pm - 4pm  
An afternoon of fun and games with The Finlaystone Pirates.  
*Fancy dress welcome!*

### Food for Free

Saturday 10th September 1pm - 3pm  
Ever wondered which wild plants are good to eat ?  
Join a Ranger led walk to find safe and tasty edibles.

### Finlaystone Conker Championships

Sunday 25th September 1pm - 4pm.  
Join the Rangers to search for Conkers in the woods and then enter the Conker Championships.

## October

### Myths and Legends Walk

Saturday 8th October 11am - 1pm  
Be amazed by the fascinating natural world within the Estate. Join a Ranger to discover the folklore associated with the local flora and fauna.

### Scarecrows

Sunday 16th October 1pm - 4pm  
Come along with your old clothes to dress the estate by making silly scarecrows.

### Autumn Wild Days Out

Join the Rangers at 2pm for a variety of fun filled activities, aimed at children up to the age of 10, who must be accompanied by an adult. *\*Additional £7.50 for materials.*

- Tuesday 18th October Bird Boxes & Feeders\*
- Wednesday 19th October Autumn Art
- Thursday 20th April Recycling, *please bring 330ml plastic bottle.*

### Preparing for Halloween

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October 1pm - 4pm

Join us making scary masks, spooky lanterns and many more terrifying things in preparation for our halloween celebrations.

### Halloween (Ticket Only)

Monday 31st October

Featuring the Youth Section of Greenock Players.

Tickets for this popular event on sale from 1st October.

Adults £7.50 Children £5 including Pumpkin Soup.

## November

### Tag a Tree

From Saturday 19th November

Bring the family to choose and "tag" your Christmas tree.

Return in December to dig up or cut down your choice.

### Getting to know 'Yew'

Sunday 27th November 1pm - 4pm

Celebrate 'National Tree Week' on a Ranger led guided walk around the woodlands and afterwards help to decorate the trees on Captain's Field. *Please bring own materials.*

## December

### Christmas Tree Sales

Throughout December 9am - 4pm

Support the Estate by buying our home grown Christmas trees, freshly cut or bare rooted. *Free family admission if you buy a tree.*

Check our website for prices and wholesale opportunities.

### Santa's Grotto - Ticket Only

December weekends 3rd/4th 10th/11th 17th/18th

1pm - 4pm Follow the woodland trail to find Santa.

Tickets £9.50 per child, (1 accompanying adult free)

### Festive Craft Stalls in The Courtyard 11am - 4pm

## January

### Winter Wonderland Walk

Sunday 8th January 11am

Healthy 7 mile guided walk up to Knockmountain, including some steep climbs. *Bring packed lunch.*

### Big Garden Birdwatch

Sunday 29th January 1pm - 4pm

Join in with nationally important 'Big Garden Bird Watch' to see which birds live in Finlaystone's Garden.

## February

### Snowdrop Stroll

Every Sunday throughout February 2pm

Join an hour long Ranger led walk to explore the spectacular white carpet of snowdrops in Finlaystone's woodlands.

*Craft stalls available each weekend throughout February tel 01475 540505 for details.*

### Spring Wild Days Out

Join the Rangers at 2pm for a variety of fun filled activities, aimed at children up to the age of 10, who must be accompanied by an adult. *\*Additional £1.50 for materials.*

- Monday 13th February Mask Making\*
- Tuesday 14th February Ranger Hike
- Wednesday 15th February Lantern Making\*

### Snowdrops by Moonlight - ticket only

Saturday 18th February

Bring your lanterns and follow the candle lit trail to see the snowdrops by moonlight. Adults £7 Children £5, hot drink included.

### Go Nuts!

Sunday 19th February 1pm - 4pm

As part of 'National Nest Box Week' join the Rangers making bird boxes and feeders. *\*Additional £7.50 for materials.*

## March

### Spring Watch

Sunday 18th March 2pm - 4pm

Is there life out there yet? After a cold winter join a 2 hour Ranger led walk to try to find the first signs of spring.

### Conservation Days

Join the Rangers tackling essential tasks. Bring enthusiasm, old clothes, waterproofs and lunch. From 10am - 4pm

5th June, 1st October, 12th November.

In 2012 15th January, 4th and 25th March.

### Plant Sales

Plants grown on the Estate available from Easter - October.

Traditional holly wreaths during December

Snowdrop posies and potted bulbs for sale in February.

Snowdrop bulbs 'in the green' to order available in March.

**The Finlaystone Tea Room is open**  
**Daily April-October 11am - 5pm.**  
**Weekends November - March 12pm - 4pm.**  
**Serving home made cakes, soups, light lunches,**  
**hot and cold drinks and ice cream**



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### ADMISSION CHARGES

Adults £4. Children and Concessions £3.00

Finlaystone Members Free

(except Charity or ticketed events)

Meet at the Visitor Centre 5 minutes before the time stated. We reserve the right to amend or cancel any activity and accept no responsibility or liability for any accidents, loss or injury arising out of or in connection with these events and activities or your visit to the Estate.

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### Finlaystone Ranger Service

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