

## European Geoparks Week in North West Highlands Geopark Scotland, UK 2016

Dates of geoparks week: **20th May to 5th June**

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Category	Date	Activity / Event
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<b>1. Geo &amp; Geo</b>	25.05 And 03.06	<b>KNOCKAN CRAG DEEP TIME WALK 11:00 -13:00</b> Join a North West Highlands Geopark Geo-ranger to explore Knockan Crag, a National Nature Reserve with a visitor center, toilets and interactive exhibits just off the main road. This is <i>the</i> place to get an introduction to our unique landscape, how it formed and why it looks the way it does. A well-constructed path takes a short and steep climb to amazing views across to Stac Pollaidh and beyond. Walk through Deep Time from 3 Billion years ago to a 6 thousand year old archaeological and modern crofting landscape. Meet at Knockan Crag NNR car park, 2.5 miles south of Elphin at 11am.
	27.05	<b>GEO-CLIMB</b> Join a local climbing instructor for an introduction to Rock Climbing and the Geology of the NWH. Contact <a href="mailto:info@hamletmountaineering.com">info@hamletmountaineering.com</a> to book Cost: Adults £45, Children £35
<b>2. Geo &amp; Culture/Music/ Literature/Arts</b>	24.05	<b>DRUMBEG PEAT ROAD RANGER WALK 11:00 -15:00</b> Stunning walk in the remote Assynt “cnoc and lochan” landscape. We will be walking through the Drumbeg common grazing land full of history and teeming with wildlife. This walk is part of the Peatland fortnight of events. Meet at Drumbeg view point car park. Grid ref: NC 120330. Grade B. Free event.
	26.05	<b>CLACHTOLL COAST RANGER WALK</b> Join us on this beautiful coastal walk through a crofting township rich in wildlife, to the iron-age broch. Hear the stories of skeletons, ancient saunas and catastrophic collapse. Find extraordinary ancient life forms. Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park. Grid ref: NC 040273. Grade B. Adults £9.00, conc. £5.00, family £24.00.
<b>3. Geo &amp; Education</b>	26.05	<b>SCOURIE LOCH LEATHAD TRAIL – HIGHLAND COUNCIL RANGER WALK 10:30 - 13:30</b> Guided walk over moorland track amongst lochs and woodland. Meet at Scourie Depot Road 300m south of village sign. Grid ref: NC 157437. Grade C.
	30.05	<b>SCOTTISH PRIMROSE RANGER WALK 10:30 – 13:00</b> Guided coastal walk along a beautiful beach and a wander over Faraid head in search of these rare flowers. Meet at Balnakeil Beach car park by Durness. Grid ref: NC 392687. Grade B. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00. Contact Donald on 01971 511756 or <a href="mailto:donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk">donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk</a> .
	31.05	<b>GOLDEN EAGLE WALK 09:00 -15:00</b> A journey to hopefully glimpse one of the Golden Eagles that live in Assynt. No guarantees of course but come prepared for a day on the hill. Booking Essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade D. Adults £9.00, conc. £5.00, family £24.00.
	31.05	<b>BAT WATCHING 21:00 – 22:00</b> Join us to watch one of nature’s amazing spectacles as up to 100 pipistrelle bats leave their roost. We will start with a short illustrated talk on bats at the Assynt Visitor Centre. Booking essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade A. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00.

	01.06	<p><b>HARBOUR SEALS WALK 11:00 – 14:00</b> Visit to the beautiful estuary of Oldany where there is a seal colony and a chance of seeing otters and other birds. Booking essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade B. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00.</p>
	02.06	<p><b>BLACK THROATED DIVERS WALK 11:00 -13:00</b> Accompany the Ranger to look for these stunningly beautiful birds on a traditional breeding loch. A speciality of this area, its eerie calls are some of the most evocative sounds of the remote lochs of Assynt. Booking essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade B. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00.</p>
		<p><b>SECRET LIFE OF OTTERS TALK 19:30- 21:00</b> The secret life of the otter in Assynt, come along and hear about how to see them. Booking essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade A. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00.</p>
		<p><b>LATE NIGHT CORNCRAKE RANGER WALK 22:00 – 23:30</b> Night walk listening for rare Corncrakes around Durness village. Weather dependent. Booking essential. Meeting place given on booking. Grade C. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00. Contact Donald on 01971 511756 Or <a href="mailto:donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk">donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk</a></p>
	03.06	<p><b>PUFFIN SEARCH RANGER WALK, DURNESS 10:30 – 13:00</b> Guided coastal walk along a beautiful beach and a wander through amazing dunes – chance of seeing puffins. Meet at Balnakeil Beach car park by Durness. Grid ref: NC 392687. Grade B. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15.00. Contact Donald on 01971 511756 or <a href="mailto:donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk">donald.mitchell@highland.gov.uk</a>.</p>
<b>4. Geo &amp; EGN/GGN</b>		