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Join us and celebrate the

English Riviera Global Geopark Festival 2012

Saturday 2 to Sunday 10 June



Paignton Geoplay Park Opening

Saturday 2 June

Fantastic and free fun all day! Activities, events and entertainment for all the family to enjoy celebrating the opening of Paignton Geoplay Park. Geopark Marquee, geostquest musical workshops, geo-parade, fancy dress, storytelling, live music, stalls, local food and drink.

Meet: Paignton Geoplay Park,
Paignton Seafront

Time: 11am - 4pm
(Official opening ceremony 2pm)

Cost: Free (some activities individually priced); no booking required

More info: www.englishrivierageopark.org.uk

Kents Cavern Fossil Trail

Saturday 2 - Sunday 10 June

Follow the new fantastic fossil trail in the woodlands

Meet: Kents Cavern

Time: Daily Kents Cavern opening hours

Cost: Free to cave visitors;
no booking required

More info: 01803 215136 or visit
www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Geopark Trail

Saturday 2 - Sunday 10 June

Pop into a Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust Visitor Centre at Berry Head National Nature Reserve, The Seashore Centre and Ocombe Farm and pick up a Geopark Trail leaflet. Can you solve the clues and collect all of the brass rubbings that are hidden on engraved plaques at these sites? Discover wonderful wildlife and fascinating fossils at Berry Head, see marine life past and present at The Seashore Centre and visit a working organic farm at Ocombe Farm. Suitable for ages 5+.

Meet: Berry Head, The Seashore Centre or
Ocombe Farm Visitor Centres

Time: Drop in between 10am to 4pm

Cost: 50p per trail leaflet;
no booking required

Murder in the Caves

Sunday 3 June

Join us for an interactive paleontology themed tour of the caves – ending in disaster! Then settle down to enjoy a three course dinner as you piece together the clues to determine who committed the crime – can you solve the murder mystery?

Meet: Kents Cavern

Time: 7pm start

Cost: £40 per person (ages 13+)

Booking: Essential on 01803 215136 or visit
www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Queen's Jubilee Beacon Celebration

Monday 4 June

The beacon at Berry Head will be one of three lit across the Bay to mark this important and historic moment in the Queen's reign. Celebrate in style, with a "Last Night of Proms" style party, BBQ, beer tent and more. Don't forget to bring your union jack flag and a torch.

Meet: Guardhouse Café, Berry Head

Time: From 6pm, lighting of beacon around
10.30pm

Cost: Free Entry, car parking from £1;
no booking required

Rockpool Wildlife Hunt

Monday 4 June



Help the Trust's marine rangers in a race against the tide to discover as much rockpool wildlife as possible. Discover shining snakelock anemones, daring devil crabs and beautiful starfish that live in the rockpools that have been created in the Geopark's 400 million year old rocks. This event

will help create a snapshot of the wildlife that lives at Shoalstone.

Meet: Shoalstone outdoor swimming pool

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: Adults £2.50 / Children £2.50;
no booking required

Geopark Cruise

Saturday – Sunday 10 June

Travel aboard the Clipper or Torquay Belle for a fantastic cruise which allows you to explore the wonders of our Geopark. This cruise lasts for 1 hour and is a must for any Geopark enthusiast.

Meet: Torquay Harbour and Brixham Harbour

Time: Daily at 11.30am

Cost: £5 per person

Booking and more info on 01803 882811

Marvellous Marble Exhibition

Saturday - Sunday 10 June

A fascinating insight into South Devon's forgotten industry.

Meet: Torquay Museum

Time: Daily Torquay Museum opening hours

Cost: Standard museum admission;

no booking required

More info: 01803 293975 or visit

www.torquaymuseum.org

Ice Age Cave Painting – children's art competition

Saturday 2 - Sunday 10 June

A free art competition for children aged 12 and under. Produce a prehistoric style cave picture. Art materials will be available for use during normal museum opening hours. Competition commences during the Geopark Festival 2012 with a closing date of 26 October. Prizes will be awarded in November.

Meet: Brixham Heritage Museum

Time: Drop in during Museum hours

Cost: Free with paying adult to museum

No booking required

More info: 01803 856267

Maritime Day

Saturday 2 June

Celebrating the history and heritage of Brixham with a wide range of events and activities all day; craft market, local food, cookery demonstrations, birdman competition, traditional skills, trawler tours, sea shanties and firework finale. Part of BrixFest 2012.

Meet: Various locations around Brixham Harbour

Time: 10am - 10pm

Cost: Free

(some activities individually priced)

Booking: Some activities require booking

More info: www.brixfest.org

Exploring a Dramatic Landscape!

Sunday 3 June

A walking exploration and explanation where once desert sands, a submerged volcano and earthquakes rent the ground apart. Finish at Broadsands, returning by bus or on foot.

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 10am - 1pm

Cost: Adults £3 Children Free

Booking: No booking required

More info: 01803 844102

Joyful Jubilee Minibeasts

Tuesday 5 June

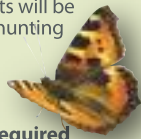
Join in and become an Occombe nature explorer with the rangers and discover some of the weird and wonderful beasts that live in the Geopark. We will hunt for beetles, bugs and butterflies in the meadows, woodlands and hedgerows along the nature trail. We will take photos of the creatures and send anything special to the iSpot website and the National Insect Week website. Equipment and picture charts will be provided but you can bring your own bug hunting pots too if you like.

Meet: Outside Cookery School,

Occombe Farm

Time: 10am – 12pm

Cost: £2.50 per child; no booking required



Family Archaeological Dig

Wednesday 6 June

Children accompanied by adults are invited to drop in and assist Brixham Museum's archaeological team investigate a site that has produced finds dating from Prehistoric times through to World War 2.

Meet: Berry Head (the dig site will be signed from main car park)

Time: 10am - 3pm

Cost: Free but donations welcome;

no booking required

More info: 01803 856267

Geology in Buildings

Wednesday 6 June

This guided walk will open your eyes to the wide array of different building stones that have been used in Torquay.

Meet: Torquay Museum

Time: 1pm - 2pm

Cost: £6 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 293975

Stone Age Survival

Wednesday 6 June

Would you survive if you lived in the stone age? Walk back through time to a hidden rocky cove where you will be given basic survival equipment and learn some fire-making skills, shelter building and wild foraging. Your hard work will be rewarded with toasted marshmallows over an open fire!

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 1pm - 3.30pm

Cost: £4 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 520022

Treasures of the Museum

Wednesday 6 June

A rare opportunity to see some of the amazing objects that are usually kept in the museum stores.

Meet: Torquay Museum

Time: 2pm - 3pm

Cost: Standard Admission + £1

Booking: Essential on

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Bat Walk

Wednesday 6 June

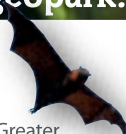
A unique opportunity to see the rare Greater Horseshoe Bats of Berry Head National Nature Reserve that live in limestone caves hidden from daylight in the headland. The evening includes a walk through the site to look at how our cows help the bats! Then watch the spectacle of the bats emerging from the roost. Tune in with bat detectors to hear their calls.

Meet: Berry Head Visitor Centre

Time: 8.30pm – 10pm

Cost: £4 Adults / £2.50 per Child

Booking: Essential on 01803 520022



Rake and Bake!

Thursday 7 June

Discover the incredible edibles that come from our Geopark soil. A fun workshop for children – Join us in the garden and learn some gardening skills, collect some produce and then get cooking with it in the kitchen!

Meet: Outside Cookery School, Ocombe Farm

Time: 10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm

Cost: £5 per child

Booking: Essential on 01803 520022

Beneath the Rocks with

Dr Chris Proctor

Thursday 7 June

A specialist visit into Kents Cavern, one of Europe's top ancient human cave dwellings sites, followed by a behind the scenes look at the paleontological collections at Torquay Museum. The visit will include a private viewing of the 41,000 year old Kents Cavern human jawbone which attracted international media exposure in November 2011 when that the bone was confirmed as being the oldest human fossil ever discovered in northwestern Europe.

Meet: Kents Cavern

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Cost: £30 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 215136 or visit

www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Funky Fossils

Thursday 7 June

Learn about fascinating fossils and join in a fun craft activity making your own fossils (for ages 8-12).

Meet: Torquay Museum

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Cost: Standard Admission + £1

Booking: Essential on 01803 293975

Junior Bushcraft

Friday 8 June

Travel back in an imaginary time machine to the Stone Age. Try your hand at making a fire with wood and natural tinder. Go foraging for some woodland wild food and cooking something simple over the flames. Try your hand at natural jewellery too. (for ages 5-15, children must be accompanied by no more than one adult)

Meet: Kents Cavern

Time: 10am - 1pm

Cost: Children £6, accompanying adult free

Booking: Essential on 01803 215136 or visit www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Kids Learn to Snorkel

Friday 8 June



Join us on our snorkel adventure and see the weird and wonderful creatures that live in the shallows of Tor Bay. Spot colourful fish, cheeky

crabs and stunning starfish! Children will be given an introductory training session on safe snorkelling and instructors will be with them throughout the session as they master the basics of using a mask and snorkel. 10yrs + participants should be water confident and able to swim. Equipment provided. Adult must accompany child (from shore is fine).

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 10am – 12pm

Cost: £12 per child

Booking: 01803 520022

Summer Woodland Crafts

Friday 8 June

Get creative in the woods! Make weird and wonderful woodland tree spirits using clay from the red Geopark soil and have a go making natural sculptures, crowns, journey sticks and other woodland arts.

Meet: Outside Cookery School, Ocombe Farm

Time: 10.30am-12pm or 2pm – 3.30pm

Cost: £2.50 per child; no booking required

Curious Crystals

Friday 8 June

Find out how crystals are formed and make a model Crystal Cave (for ages 8-12).

Meet: Torquay Museum

Time: 2pm - 3pm

Cost: Standard Admission + £1

Booking: Essential on 01803 293975



Prehistoric flint knapping workshops

Thursday 7 June

Join Flint Knapping expert Karl Lee for a hands on workshop to learn about and make prehistoric tools. Suitable for ages 8+ (Two sessions – see below).

Meet: Brixham Heritage Museum
Time: Children's workshop 10am to 12pm
Adult Workshop 1pm - 3pm
Cost: Adults £4.50 / Children £3
Booking: Essential on 01803 856267

Go Wild Caving!

Thursday 7 June

This half day wild caving adventure is a unique opportunity to challenge yourself, explore a vast underground environment, and do something very different. Explore fossil passages, walk, climb, crawl, squeeze - it's up to you where we go! The cave we use is brilliant for novices and for the more experienced caver and so has something for everyone. All equipment provided.

Meet: Details provided on booking
Time: 10am - 1pm
Cost: £40 per person (age 8+)
Booking: Essential on 01803 215136 or visit www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Mussels by Moonlight

Thursday 7 June

An unforgettable evening boat trip exploring our amazing Geopark coast with a marine ranger who will tell you more about the local geology and will help spot dolphins, seals, seabirds and other amazing marine life. As the sun goes down enjoy a dish of delicious local mussels and crusty bread cooked up by expert chef David Jones of Manna from Devon Cookery School.

Meet: Inner Harbour, Brixham
Time: 7.15pm - 9.15pm
Cost: £25 adults / £10 children
Booking: Essential on 01803 520022
Event also runs on 26 July, 23 August, 6 September

Marbles & Other decorative Stones of South Devon: their Geology, Sources and Usage

Thursday 7 June

An Evening Lecture by Dr Graham Lott of the British Geological Survey at Torquay Museum

Meet: Torquay Museum
Time: 7pm
Cost: Adults £5
Booking: Essential on 01803 293975

Stories in the Caves

Friday 8 June

Free, fun story telling in the caves for families with children up to age 11 by Torbay Libraries. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet: Kents Cavern
Time: 9.30am - 10.30am
Cost: Free entry to story session – does not grant full access to Kents Cavern for which normal admission prices apply
Booking: Essential on 01803 208300

Canoe the Coves

Saturday 9 June

Explore Torbay's spectacular Geopark coastline on this memorable canoe adventure – this is the perfect way to discover the Bay's stunning marine wildlife and fascinating geology. You will be kitted out and shown canoeing techniques by an experienced instructor before taking to the water to begin your sea voyage. You will be accompanied by a marine ranger throughout the trip to help you spot spectacular marine wildlife such as seals, dolphins and seabirds. We will stop in a secluded cove to enjoy a beach picnic and a brief rockpooling session. During your return journey, you will have the chance to test your canoeing skills by weaving in and out of the rocky crevices.

Meet: Grenville House, Brixham
Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: £50 per person
Booking: Essential on 01803 520022
Event also runs on 21 Jul, 11 Aug, 25 Aug, 1 Sept



Coastal Capers and Aquatic Adventures - Wild Swimming through the English Riviera Geopark Sunday 10 June

Prepare to get wet and go wild, as Sophie Pierce (BBC Radio Devon) and Matt Newbury lead you on a geological journey through the waters of South Devon's beautiful bay, taking in coasts, caves, cliffs and coves. The talk will provide a fascinating insight into the popular pastime of wild swimming, as well as an illustrated guide to six swims that will allow you to enjoy the English Riviera Geopark from a completely different perspective.

Why not take a dip after the talk followed by a chance to socialise in the cafe? The cafe is fully licensed and food and snacks will also be available. The last Cliff Railway leaves at 6pm. Please note the swim is entirely at your own risk and not part of the organised event.

Meet: Oddicombe Beach Café
Time: 4pm
Cost: £6 (includes return trip on the Babbacombe Cliff Railway and a hot drink (tea, coffee or hot chocolate) in the cafe.

Booking: Essential on 0844 474 22 33 or at Torquay Tourist Information Centre

Time and Place

Sunday 10 June to Thursday 19 July

To celebrate the Geopark Festival finale the highly skilled local artists and craft workers of Cockington present an exhibition of stunning pieces inspired by the English Riviera Global Geopark.

Meet: Kitchen Gallery, Cockington Craft Centre
Time: Daily 10am to 5pm
Cost: Free
More info: 01803 607230

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