

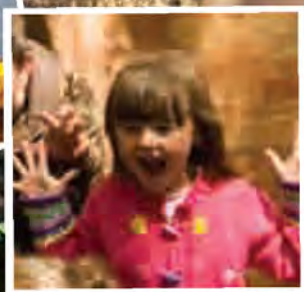
Spring 2012

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WHAT'S ON

YOUR GREAT DAYS OUT AT KIELDER WATER & FOREST PARK

Welcome to the Kielder event guide -
the one stop shop for news and
events in Kielder Water & Forest Park.



Half term and Easter
Events and activities to keep
the whole family busy

In our spring 2012 issue...

Junior Aurora events

Star gazing for
all the family

Woodland experiences

Learn how to survive,
Bear Grylls style

The Winter Warmer

The first round of
The Bike Place
marathon series



We're on Facebook - 'like'
Kielder Water & Forest Park
to become a fan.

Events listing
inside...

Kielder Water & Forest Park

Enjoy your great outdoors!

NORTHUMBERLAND

There's a whole host of activities you can do in your own time such as walking, cycling and mountain biking. But we also have an exciting events programme all year round.

This handy guide should help make the most of your time or plan an upcoming visit. For more information, go to **www.visitkielder.com**.

The Winter Warmer

The first round of The Bike Place Marathon Series

Saturday 25 February 2012

A great way to kick start the season after your winter lay off, and help raise funds for local charities. The first of a three round series, The Winter Warmer consists of three laps of mixed tracks including forest roads, man made trails and some off piste sections. The total distance will be around 55kms.

New for 2012 are team entries, so if you don't fancy cycling the whole distance, get together with your pals and take a lap each! For more information go to **www.thebikeplace.co.uk**.



School's out

Keeping the kids entertained over the half term and Easter holidays is simple when the great outdoors is their playground. As well as the usual activities here in the Park, we're putting special events on for the school holidays.

Try a child friendly Observatory event, special activity taster days at Calvert Trust Kielder, such as High Ropes Day or Water Day, or Nordic walking.

Look in our events listing for the special symbols



Easter event



Half term event



Wild about Kielder

Celebrating excellence in social care

Calvert Trust Kielder offers activity holidays for disabled people as well as popular activities for day visitors such as the high ropes course and the King Swing.

We're delighted to announce that the centre was nominated for a **Care Team Award** at the recent **Great North East Care Awards**. The team was nominated by one of their regular respite care guests and everyone was very proud to bring home a 'finalist' trophy.

Tara Martin, from CTK, said: "The award has been a lovely boost to team morale and has shown that our work is really appreciated by those who count the most, the people who come and use our services."



GET ACTIVE

at Calvert Trust Kielder

Drop in to Calvert Trust Kielder during the holidays and take part in exciting outdoor adventure activities. All activities are suitable for the whole family. Try your hand at shooting, test your head for heights or maybe you prefer the peace and quiet of the water? There's something for everyone: **Sharp Shooters Days, Water Days, High Ropes Days** and **Swing and Climb Days**.

See the events listing for half term and Easter dates.

For more details check out

www.calvert-trust.org.uk/kielder/activity-drop-in-days
or telephone **01434 250 232**.



Activity taster day



Learn a new skill

NEW FOR 2012

Twenty Seven B&B in Kielder Village and Kielder Active is providing courses in the following: **'back yard bush craft', Nordic walking, Nordic snow-shoeing** (if the snow is right), **navigation and guided walks, drawing, watercolours, painting, big knitting, textiles, cup cake cookery, photography** and more...

See the website www.staykielder.co.uk for details.

By popular demand

NEW FOR 2012

Events at Kielder Observatory always go down a storm. To get the best of the darkest night skies in England, the events usually take place from 8pm till late. Many of you asked for specific astronomy events for children and your wish has been granted.

During the school holidays there are plenty events aimed at families with children aged ten and over – the events start at 5pm so it will still be dark but there will be an earlier finish.

Let the famous Observatory team bring bags of knowledge and enthusiasm and fire up your children's passion for star gazing. For more information go to **www.kielderobservatory.org** and click on the event calendar or telephone **07805 638 467**.

Woodland experiences

NEW FOR 2012

Falstone Barns has teamed up with Wild North Discovery to offer days out with a difference. Enjoy a magical adventure exploring nature's wonders, becoming a woodsman for the day, cooking in the wilderness or being a wildlife detective. All at a day and time that suits you.



Learn how to survive, Bear Grylls style, or try a craft such as willow basketry. For more information call **01434 240 251** or visit **www.falstonebarns.com**.

events 2012

RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS BY TO
E-NEWS ALERTS AT www.visitkielder.com

FEBRUARY 2012

Fridays 3 and 24 & Saturdays

4 and 25 February

AURORA NIGHT AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Northern Lights! Tour the Observatory and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm
Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Sunday 5 February

INTRODUCTION TO NORDIC POLE WALKING

Keep your 2012 fitness revolution by trying the latest health and fitness walking technique.

Age 16+. Time: 10am – 1pm

Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person

Wednesday 8 February

PUBLIC OBSERVING AT

KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Experts on hand to guide you around the sky and to help you use the telescopes. Time: 7pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

Friday 10 February

FAMILY ASTRONOMY AT

KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Chat with an expert astronomer, and learn to use our powerful telescopes. Time: 5pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £9, concessions £7, family £25

Friday 10 February

NIGHTWATCH AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY



An introduction to astronomy and Kielder's dark night skies. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

Saturday 11 February

THE UNIVERSE AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Enjoy an expert talk, tour the facility and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

Sunday 12 February

NORDIC WALK



A 10km Nordic walk through the beautiful Kielder Water & Forest Park. Age 16+.

Time: 10am – 1pm

Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person

(£7 if using own poles)

Sundays 12 and 19 February

SHARP SHOOTERS DAY AT

CALVERT TRUST KIELDER



Test your shooting and aiming skills with laser clay pigeon shooting and the archery range.

Age 5+. Time: drop in between 11am and 3pm

Cost: £20 per person

(includes 30 clay and 15 arrows)

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Monday 13 February

WATER DAY AT CALVERT TRUST KIELDER

Half hour canoeing or kayaking for beginners on Kielder Water. Age 5+.

Time: drop in between 11am and 3pm

Cost: £10 per person

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)



Monday 13 February

HALF TERM ASTRONOMY AT

KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Experts on hand to guide you around the sky and to help you use the telescopes. Time: 7pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £9, concessions £7, family £25

Wednesday 15 February

HIGH ROPES DAY AT CALVERT

TRUST KIELDER



Climb, swing and jump into thin air whilst 35ft high.

Time: drop in between 11am and 3pm

Cost: £10 per person

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 February

FAMILY ASTRONOMY AT

KIELDER OBSERVATORY



Chat with an expert astronomer, and learn to use our powerful telescopes.

Time: 7pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £9, concessions £7, family £25

Friday 17 February

SWING AND CLIMB DAY AT

CALVERT TRUST KIELDER



Brave our exhilarating King-Swing or challenge our fantastic indoor climbing wall.

Age 5+. Time: drop in between 11am and 3pm

Cost: £10 per person

(two turns on each activity)

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)

DON'T FORGET

The landscape and weather here can be different from home.

Please wear the right footwear and clothing for the activity - if you're not sure what to wear call us on **01434 220 616**.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Please look out for the following symbols to help you when choosing the most suitable event for yourself or your family.

Accessible



Families & all ages welcome



Dogs welcome



Half term event



Activity taster day



Wild about Kielder



Easter event



Friday 17 February 
PLANET NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY

A chance to see Jupiter, Mars and Venus.

Time: 7pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Saturday 18 February
4X4 SAFARI 

A family orientated event, follow guides trail blazing in the heart of the Park.

Time: 10am to 4pm

Call: **08445 889 965** or go to www.glon.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £50 per vehicle

(includes breakfast voucher for driver)

Saturday 25 February
THE WINTER WARMER

A cross country mountain bike race that raises


money for local charities. Time: 10am to 4pm

Call: **01434 250 457** or

www.thebikeplace.co.uk

(booking essential)

Monday 27 at 7pm and Wednesday
29 February at 8pm

AURORA SPOTTING AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY 

Northern Lights! What are they, how do we see them? Tour the Observatory and use the telescopes.

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

MARCH 2012

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 March 
AURORA NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY

Northern Lights! What are they, how

do we see them? Tour the Observatory and

use the telescopes. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Sunday 4 March

INTRODUCTION TO NORDIC POLE WALKING

Put a spring in your step and try the latest health and fitness walking technique. Age 16+.

Time: 10am to 1pm


Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person

Wednesday 7, Thursday 15 &
Wednesday 21 March

PUBLIC OBSERVING AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY 

Experts on hand to guide you around the sky and to help you use the telescopes. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

Friday 9 & Saturday 17 March
THE UNIVERSE AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY

Enjoy an expert talk, tour the facility and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £9, concessions £7, family £25

Saturdays 10 & 24 March
GOSHAWK WALK 

Join local bird of prey expert, on a five mile walk to spot these impressive birds of prey.

Time: 9am to 12pm

Call: **01434 220 242**

(booking essential)

Cost: £6 adult, £5 concession,

£16 family of four


Saturday 10 March
JODRELL BANK & ET AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY 

Astrophysics research - after the talk enjoy a tour of the observatory and use the telescopes to gaze into space. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Saturday 17 March (spectators only)
BRICK AND STEEL BORDER
COUNTIES RALLY 

Competitors travel from across the UK to compete in a variety of vehicles, from the most modern WRC challengers to classic cars. Time: 9am to 4pm

Cost: £10 per car day pass for spectators

(includes event programme)

Sunday 18 March
MARCH NORDIC WALK

A 10km Nordic walk through the beautiful Kielder Water & Forest Park. Age 16+.

Time: 10am to 1pm

Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person


Friday 23, Saturday 24 & Friday 30 March
AURORA NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY

Northern Lights! What are they, how do we see them? Tour the Observatory and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm

Booking essential via

www.kielderobservatory.org

Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Saturday 31 March
4X4 SAFARI 

A family orientated event, follow guides trail blazing in the heart of the Park.

Time: 10am to 4pm


Call: **08445 889 965** or

go to www.glon.co.uk (booking essential)

Cost: £50 per vehicle

(includes breakfast voucher for driver)

APRIL 2012

Sunday 1, Monday 9 & Sunday 15 April
INTRODUCTION TO NORDIC
POLE WALKING 

Try the latest health and fitness walking technique. Age 16+.

Time: 10am to 1pm

Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person

Sundays 1, 8 & 15 April 
SHARP SHOOTERS DAY AT
CALVERT TRUST KIELDER

Test your shooting and aiming skills with laser clay pigeon shooting and the archery range. Age 5+.

Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm

Cost: £20 per person

(Includes 30 clay and 15 arrows)

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Monday 2 April 
WATER DAY AT CALVERT TRUST KIELDER


Half hour canoeing or kayaking for beginners on Kielder Water. Age 5+.

Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm

Cost: £10 per person

Call: **01434 250 232**

(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Monday 2 & Tuesday 10 April
EASTER NORDIC WALK 

A 10km Nordic walk through the beautiful Kielder Water & Forest Park. Age 16+.

Time: 10am to 1pm

Call: **01434 250 462** or email

nordic@staykielder.co.uk

(booking essential)

Cost: £12 per person

Wednesday 4 April
HIGH ROPES DAY AT CALVERT



TRUST KIELDER
Climb, swing and jump in to thin air whilst 35ft high.
Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm
Cost: £10 per person
Call: **01434 250 232**
(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Fridays 6 & 13 April
SWING AND CLIMB DAY AT CALVERT



TRUST KIELDER
Brave our exhilarating King-Swing or challenge our fantastic indoor climbing wall. Age 5+.
Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm
Cost: £10 per person
(two turns on each activity)
Call: **01434 250 232**
(booking not required, can pay on the day)

**Friday 6, Saturday 7,
Friday 20 & Saturday 21 April**



**AURORA NIGHT AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY**
Northern Lights! What are they, how do we see them? Tour the Observatory and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm
Booking essential via
www.kielderobservatory.org
Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

Monday 9 April
WATER DAY AT CALVERT TRUST KIELDER



Half hour canoeing or kayaking for beginners on Kielder Water. Age 5+.
Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm
Cost: £10 per person
Call: **01434 250 232**
(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Wednesday 11 April
HIGH ROPES DAY AT CALVERT



TRUST KIELDER
Not for the faint hearted – do you dare to climb, swing and jump in to the thin air whilst 35ft high?
Time: drop in between 11am and 4pm
Cost: £10 per person
Call: **01434 250 232**
(booking not required, can pay on the day)

Thursday 12 April
DEER SAFARI



An evening exploring deep into England's largest forest for roe deer and other wildlife with an expert ranger.
Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Cost: £10 per person
Call: **01434 250 209**
(booking essential)

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 April



THE UNIVERSE AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Enjoy an expert talk, tour the facility and use the telescopes. Time: 8pm
Booking essential via
www.kielderobservatory.org
Cost: Adults £9, concessions £7, family £25

Saturday 21 April
DEER SAFARI



A morning exploring deep into England's largest forest for roe deer and other wildlife with an expert ranger. Time: 6am to 8am
Cost: £16 per person
Call: **01434 250 209**
(booking essential)

Friday 27 April
**NIGHTWATCH AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY**



An introduction to astronomy and Kielder's dark night skies. Time: 8pm
Booking essential via
www.kielderobservatory.org
Cost: Adults £8, concessions £6, family £22

Saturday 28 April
**SPACE TOURISM AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY**



Hear a pioneer of spaceflight engineering speak about current spaceflight technology... and when you'll be able to go there yourself. Time: 8pm
Booking essential via
www.kielderobservatory.org
Cost: Adults £10, concessions £8, family £27

HOW TO FIND US

Coming from Jedburgh/the north east of Scotland take the A68 heading south then the B6320 from Otterburn to Bellingham. Follow the brown signs to Kielder Water & Forest Park. Those travelling from the north west of Scotland should follow the A7. Leave the road at Canonbie to join the B6357 to Newcastleton and Kielder Water & Forest Park is signposted from there.

From Newcastle or Carlisle, follow the A69 to Hexham then follow the B6320 to Bellingham (brown-signed Kielder Water & Forest) and then the C200 to Kielder Water & Forest Park.

Please remember to fill up before you begin your car journey as there are no petrol stations in the immediate Kielder Water & Forest Park area.



CONTACTS

For more information about Kielder Water & Forest Park please contact Bellingham Tourist Information Centre.
Call: **01434 220 616**
Email:
bellingham@btconnect.com

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www.visitkielder.com

