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Weekend 

Friday 13 September 10am-4pm

Litter Pick, Snowdon

Love mountains, hate litter? Join experienced mountaineer Tamsin Fretwell with National Park warden Bethan Wynne on this challenging litter pick around Llyn Llydaw on Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon). Rugged mountain terrain – sturdy walking boots and mountain fitness required.

Dune Rescue, Morfa Bychan

Working alongside Rob and Katie from North Wales Wildlife Trust, you'll be cutting back scrub to protect the flower-rich grassland of the dune system at Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog. Families welcome to come along for the session and mix it up with a walk over to the beach to paddle and build a sand castle! Sturdy footwear essential.

Rhododendron Clearance, Nant Gwynant

Rhododendron ponticum is a highly invasive non-native species which has a massive detrimental effect on native plants and animals. Help us keep this menace under control using mattocks, saws and loppers with Llinos Alun from the National Park Authority in the woods of Nant Gwynant.

Footpath Maintenance, Craflwyn

The Craflwyn Estate has a historic network of footpaths that criss-cross its steep forested slopes. Using spades and mattocks you'll be working alongside National Trust ranger Ned Feesey to repair damaged footpaths for the public. Sturdy footwear essential.

Peatland Restoration, Migneint

Join Rachel Harvey of the National Park Authority to help protect one of the finest blanket bogs in Europe at Blaen y Coed, on the northern section of the Migneint. This activity will involve blocking gullies with heather bales to keep water and sediment on site, to help restore the bog to its former glory after years of drainage and over-grazing. Good waterproofs and sturdy wellies required – work will involve digging and pushing material down in to the small gullies using spades and is likely to involve getting quite wet and a bit muddy!

Saturday 14 September 10am-4pm

Conifer Clearance & Bryophyte ID, Cors Bodgynydd

Non-native conifers can be highly invasive on wetland and peatland habitats. For this activity we'll be pulling, cutting and clearing to protect the fabulous peat bog at Cors Bodgynydd with Rob and Katy from the North Wales Wildlife Trust. There will also be an opportunity to improve your bryophyte (moss and liverwort) identification skills along the way. Wellies essential.

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Waymark & Gate Making, Llennyrch

Get hands on as we team up with the Woodland Trust and Kehoe Countryside to build waymarkers and split timber gates at Llennyrch farm, a former upland homestead situated in a landscape containing the precious Celtic rainforest.

High Mountain Litter Pick, Cwm Clogwyn

Cwm Clogwyn on the south side of Snowdon is one of the mountain's quieter nooks and a delightful place to spend a late summer afternoon. Unfortunately, bounded by the Snowdon Ranger path on one side and the arête of the Rhyd Ddu path on the other, a fair amount of litter has gathered here over the years. Join experienced mountaineer Rob Collister to assemble both large and small detritus to be removed to a vehicular collection point. Please note that it is quite a long walk (an hour and a half) uphill to reach the cwm and wet underfoot in places so walking boots are essential.

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Sunday 15 September 10am-various

10am-12pm: Family Friendly Forest School, Beddgelert

Sara at Forest Holidays will be running a morning Forest School session in the woods near Beddgelert for families and young children taking part in this year's MaD Weekend. Go on, inspire them when they're young!

10am-1pm: Recording Ancient Trees, Craflwyn

Join Kylie from the Woodland Trust to improve your tree identification skills and for the chance to record some of the the venerable veteran species on the Craflwyn estate, as part of the Woodland Trust's Ancient Tree Inventory.

10am-2pm: Canoe Litter Pick on Llyn Padarn

Snowdonia Watersports have kindly donated a fleet of canoes for the day for a lake-based litter pick on Llyn Padarn, Llanberis. If you like the idea of messing about in boats while virtuously scooping all manner of rubbish out of our beautiful lake then this is the activity for you! Two people per boat, with experienced paddle instructors leading the session. Full waterproofs and wellies essential, lifejackets supplied. Limited places.

10am-3pm: Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Day

Reptile and amphibian discovery day at Gwaith Powdwr – join us at this fascinating former explosives factory to find out how wildlife is faring since industry left 20 years ago.

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10am-3pm: Bramble Clearance at Trigonos

Trigonos is a quiet retreat centre in the Nantlle Valley whose estate includes meadows, woodland, a stream and an organic vegetable garden which borders onto the National Park. Join Snowdonia Society's Dan Goodwin for a bramble clearing session on the estate to promote biodiversity, and sample some of the centre's home grown produce with a free lunch! Sturdy footwear required.

Book your place: www.snowdonia-society.org.uk

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