

**Binoculars and Telescopes Open Weekend
Saturday 26, Sunday 27 and Monday 28 August
(Drop-in between 10 am-4 pm)**

Get some hands on advice about binoculars and telescopes from our friendly, impartial team. Have the chance to try them outdoors. Normal admission charges apply to non-members visiting the reserve, no additional charges for event.

☺ For families

The Holt is open most weekends and in the school holidays. This indoor space offers interactive boards and exciting self-led children's activities. Free of charge, donations welcome.

Explore our wildlife sensory garden – with nature's pipes, natural playpit, nature's drums, den building challenge and more, come and have fun discovering all that the garden has to offer.

Going exploring?

If you are off for a walk on the nature reserve, get a bigger eyeful of nature by hiring a pair of **binoculars** from us. £3 a pair for RSPB Puffins, £5 a pair for RSPB Avocets. We also have **Explorer backpacks** for families including a magnifying glass, binoculars, bug pots and more. £3 a backpack, one per family. Ask at the welcome desk for details.

When are we open?

The reserve is open from dawn to dusk daily (closed Christmas day).

The visitor centre (including shop and cafe) is open 9.30 am-5 pm daily (9.30 am-4.30 pm December and January). Closed Christmas Day.

Thank you for visiting Leighton Moss and Morecambe Bay nature reserve

Here are some ways to keep in touch and let us know how you enjoyed your visit



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What's on?

**Leighton Moss and Morecambe
Bay nature reserve**

August 2017

The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales
207076, in Scotland SC 037654

All our events are listed on our website
rspb.org.uk/leightonmoss

What's on in August 2017?

Events marked with ☺ are for young people or families.

☺ 'Magical Morecambe Bay' family trail

**Tuesday 1-Thursday 31 August
(Drop in between 9.30 am-4 pm)**

Bring your team and take part in this self-led family trail to discover more about Magical Morecambe Bay and why it is such a special place for wildlife. Normal admission charges apply to non-members (RSPB members free).

☺ Wildlife Explorers Club

Please note, there is no meeting in August. We will be meeting up again on Saturday 3 September. To find out more about this exciting monthly wildlife club for 8-12 year olds, email wildlife.explorers.leighton@gmail.com. Cost £2 (RSPB Wildlife Explorer members £1).

☺ Phoenix Group

Please note, there is no meeting in August. We will be meeting up again on Sunday 4 September. If you are aged 13-19, come along to discover ways of helping to save nature as well as meeting new friends. Find out more by sending an email to phoenix.leighton@gmail.com. Cost £2 (RSPB Phoenix members £1).

☺ "Butterflies in the Barn"

**Wednesday 2 and 16 August
(Drop-in between 1-3 pm)**

Come and discover more about our fluttering friends and their amazing life cycle. Make a butterfly feeder to take away and help Give Nature a Home in your garden. Normal admission charges to the reserve apply to non-members, no additional charges for the event. Donations welcome. No need to book, just roll up!

☺ 'Tots Tile Trail'

Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 23, Thursday 3, 10, 17 and 24 August (10.30-11.30 am)

Bring your team of tots and discover all things bright and beautiful in our sensory wildlife garden. Normal admission charges apply to non-members (RSPB members free).

☺ What Lives Beneath?

**Thursday 3 and 17 August
(Drop-in between 10.30 am-12.30 pm and 1.30-3.30 pm)**

What weird and wonderful wildlife likes to call our pond home? Our experts will be on-hand to help you discover the amazing creatures that can be found underwater on this pond dipping event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pond dipping kit to hire £3.50 per kit. Normal admission charges apply to non-members. No need to book, just roll up!

☺ "Birds in the Barn"

**Wednesday 9 and 23 August
(Drop-in between 1-3 pm)**

Come and discover more about our feathered friends with a fun orienteering session from the barn in our meadow. Let off some steam and complete the challenge you team, or even see who can collect the most birds! Normal admission charges to the reserve apply to non-members, no additional charges for the event. Donations welcome. No need to book, just roll up!

☺ Minibeast Safari

**Thursday 10 and 24 August
(Drop-in between 10.30 am-12.30 pm and 1.30-3.30 pm)**

Discover more about the strange and fascinating creepy crawlies that live in our orchard. Our experts will be on hand to help you at this exciting event. . Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bug-hunting kit to hire £3.50 per kit. Normal admission charges apply to non-members. No need to book, just roll up!

Meet the Moths at the Moss

Saturday 12 August (11 am-12 pm)

Leighton Moss is a terrific home for moths with almost 600 different species recorded and new ones found each year. Moths found overnight on the reserve and nearby will be on view for those who want to learn more about these fascinating insects. The moth trap will be opened at 11 am and will include a short introductory talk. Test out your identification skills with the help of the experts on hand or simply marvel at the variety of shapes, colours and sizes. Normal admission charges apply to non-members visiting the reserve, no additional charges for event. Donations welcome.

Wildlife Watch at Dusk

Monday 14, and 28 August (7 pm-dusk)

A relaxing evening walk to try and spot bats, red deer and other special summer wildlife. Cost: Adults £7 (RSPB members £5.50). Booking and payment in advance essential. Meet in The Holt next to the garden.

☺ Going batty at Leighton Moss

Saturday 19 and 26 August (7-9.15 pm)

Come and celebrate International Bat Night with us on this special event. We'll start the evening finding out all about bats from local expert Gail Armstrong, including experiencing her rescued bats up close! We'll then head out onto the reserve to see which bats we can detect hunting around Leighton Moss. Cost: Adult £11 (RSPB members £8.50). Children half adult price, first child free. Booking and payment in advance essential.