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Visitor Information Centre

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The friendly staff at the Visitor Information Centre will be delighted to help with any enquiry about the New Forest to help you make the most of your visit.

Find out about...

- Walks & bike rides
- Accommodation
- The New Forest Tour bus and the many other things to see and do in the National Park.



Opening hours

The Centre is open daily (Library is open Wednesday to Sunday) from 10am to 5pm. Last admissions to the Museum Complex at 4pm.

The Centre is shut Christmas Day, Boxing Day and 1st February.

Admission Prices to the Museum Complex

Accompanied under 16s go FREE
Standard ticket £4.00
Concession ticket £3.00
Entrance to the Gift Shop is FREE

Set in the heart of the National Park

Find us just off Lyndhurst High Street in the main car park. Follow the brown Visitor Centre signs.

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DISCOVER THE NATIONAL PARK



FIND OUT WHAT MAKES THE NEW FOREST SO SPECIAL

New Forest Museum

Explore our Family Fun Tree and discover the history, traditions and wildlife of this amazing area. How old is the Forest? Are the ponies wild? What is the connection with Alice in Wonderland? Find out the answers to these questions and many more. See the 'Impressions of the New Forest' film, take a look inside a traditional cob cottage and marvel at the richly coloured 7.62m (25') long New Forest Embroidery. Lots to see and do for all the family.

Events & Activities

Join in with our family friendly activities, book a guided walk and enjoy our many special talks.

See our website: newforestcentre.org.uk

or call for further details

See inside for **What's On**



Christopher Tower Reference Library

The essential resource for anyone researching this unique and special place. Discover a wealth of information about the New Forest.



New Forest Gallery

With a rolling programme of new and exciting exhibitions, you'll want to visit us time and time again.



January

Special Exhibition

LIDAR: Laser Mapping of the New Forest

Sat 7 Jan to Sun 5 Feb • 10am - 5pm
(Last entry 4pm)

This exhibition outlines the use of Lidar (Light Detection and ranging) which is a very precise method of laser based mapping. The exhibition also provides an opportunity to explain how the use of the data collected will assist with the Heritage Lottery funded, New Forest National Park's Second World War project. Standard entry charge.

February

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 1 Feb • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

LIDAR: Laser Mapping of the New Forest by the New Forest National Park Authority. This talk will complement the "Laser Mapping of the New Forest" exhibition and explain how lasers can help us protect archaeology. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

Special Exhibition

INSPIRIT: Three Artists in the Forest

Sat 11 Feb to Sun 11 Mar • 10am - 5pm
(Last entry 4pm)

Three artists, capturing the spirit of the Forest through different senses. Isobel Ross uses the sound of language to evoke a scene and the memory of it, whilst Caz Scott captures fleeting visions of her surroundings through quick and colourful sketches. Joan Scott on the other hand creates work that is imbued with a sense of place as captured whilst out walking. All three artists use a variety of medium to express their own very personal responses to the Forest.

Standard entry charge.

Discovery Days

Theme: I Love the New Forest

Tue 14 Feb & Thu 16 Feb • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

March

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 7 Mar • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

The History of the New Forest Association by Peter Roberts, Chairman of the NFA. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

Special Exhibition

CLIVE HALNAN: a Lyndhurst Artist

Sat 17 Mar to Sun 15 Apr • 10am - 5pm
(Last entry 4pm)

Clive Halnan, artist and illustrator draws on the Forest and the Solent for his inspiration. His work, often depicting boats on and around the water, conveys a sense of solidity and grandeur as well as a feeling of calmness and serenity. Many of Clive's exquisite paintings are also available as limited edition prints. Standard entry charge.

April

Discovery Days

Theme: Easter & Springtime Forest

Tue 3, Thu 5, Tue 10 & Thu 12 Apr • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Tue 3 & Tue 10 Apr • 1pm - 3pm

A unique chance to see the oldest still functioning court in the land, where the Court of Verderers meet in the historic Queen's House. Also a visit to the grave of Alice Hargreaves: hear the story about how she was the inspiration for Alice in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Thu 5 & Thu 12 April • 1pm - 3pm

Come to the New Forest Centre and join a walk to stunning scenery nearby guided by a friendly National Park Ranger ready to answer all your questions. Plus you'll get all the essential guides and maps to give you everything you need to know about the Forest in a nutshell. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 11 Apr • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

The History of Ipley Manor by John Pemberton, Trustee of New Forest Ninth Centenary Trust and member of the New Forest National Park Authority. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

Special Exhibition

Layered Landscapes by MARY SUTTON

Sat 21 Apr to Sun 27 May • 10am - 5pm
(Last entry 4pm)

Mary's inspiration comes from roaming the countryside of the New Forest and the Dorset Coastline; capturing landscapes, plants and wildlife that catch her eye. Her compositions are derived from photographs and her images achieved through a process of collaging papers, plastics and fabrics and then 'drawing' over them in machine stitch. She says of her work "I find that through layers of sheer fabrics, I can create a sense of depth and atmosphere as with painting". Standard entry charge.

May

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 9 May • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

Maritime History of Bucklers Hard. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Sat 12 May • 1pm - 3pm

An afternoon at Bucklers Hard Museum and village. Booking advisable. £14 non-members, £12 members.

Museums at Night: All About Owls!

Fri 18 May • 7pm - 9pm

Includes trails, quizzes and crafts. Drop-in event with pre-bookable walks. £2 adults.

June

Special Exhibition

Royalty in the Forest

Sat 2 Jun to Sun 8 Jul • 10am - 5pm (Last entry 4pm)

The power to create a forest is vested in the Crown and as such royalty has played a key role in the history of the New Forest. This exhibition examines the links between those of blue blood who visited or left their mark on the Forest we see today, following royal connections in the area from the foundation myths of Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms to Queen Elizabeth's visit in 1979. Standard entry charge.

Family Reception

To open our Royalty in the Forest Exhibition

Sat 2 Jun • 11am - 1pm

Join us for a special Family Reception held during the Queen's Jubilee celebration weekend. Jubilee themed activities and refreshments will be available to mark the opening of our Royalty in the Forest Exhibition. Children's activities continue until 4pm. FREE entry to the Gallery.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Tue 5 Jun • 1pm-3pm

A unique chance to see the oldest still functioning court in the land, where the Court of Verderers meets in the historic Queen's House. Also a visit to the grave of Alice Hargreaves: hear the story about how she was the inspiration for Alice in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

Discovery Day

Theme: World Environment Day

Tue 5 Jun • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Thu 7 Jun • 1pm - 3pm

Come to the New Forest Centre and join a walk to stunning scenery nearby guided by a friendly National Park Ranger ready to answer all your questions. Plus you'll get all the essential guides and maps to give you everything you need to know about the Forest in a nutshell. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

Discovery Day

Theme: Caring for the Forest

Thu 7 Jun • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 13 Jun • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

Royalty in the Forest by Richard Reeves, Librarian, Christopher Tower Reference Library. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

July

Special Exhibition

The Olympics Open Art Competition Winners

Sat 14 Jul to Sun 2 Sep • 10am - 5pm

(Last entry at 4pm)

In celebration of the Olympic Games, the National Park Authority in partnership with the Forestry Commission bring you the winners of their Olympic Open Art Competition. The competition run on a theme of 'gold, silver and bronze' features photographs, paintings and sculpture as well as stories and poems. Whatever the medium the results are sure to be Olympic Winners! Standard entry charge.

Family Reception

Celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay

Sat 14 Jul • 11am - 1pm

Join us for a special Family Reception on the day that the Olympic Torch travels through Lyndhurst. Olympic themed activities and refreshments will be available to mark the opening of our Olympic Open Art Exhibition. Children's activities continue until 4pm. FREE entry to the Gallery.

Browsea Island TALK

Wed 18 Jul • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

The History of Browsea Island: its flora and fauna by Gordon Furnell. Booking advisable. £6 non-members / £4 members.

Discovery Day

Theme: People of the Forest

Tue 31 Jul • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Tue 31 Jul • 1pm - 3pm

A unique chance to see the oldest still functioning court in the land, where the Court of Verderers meets in the historic Queen's House. Also a visit to the grave of Alice Hargreaves: hear the story about how she was the inspiration for Alice in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

August

Discovery Day

Theme: People of the Forest

Thu 2 Aug • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

Discovery Day

Theme: The Summer Forest

Tue 7 & Thu 9 Aug • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

Discovery Day

Theme: Be a New Forest Artist

Tue 14 & Thu 16 Aug • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Tue 7, 14, 21, 28 Aug • 1pm - 3pm

A unique chance to see the oldest still functioning court in the land, where the Court of Verderers meets in the historic Queen's House. Also a visit to the grave of Alice Hargreaves: hear the story about how she was the inspiration for Alice in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Booking essential. £58 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Thu 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Aug • 1pm - 3pm

Come to the New Forest Centre and join a walk to stunning scenery nearby guided by a friendly National Park Ranger ready to answer all your questions. Plus you'll get the essential guides and maps to give you everything you need to know about the Forest in a nutshell. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

Discovery Day

Theme: Your New Forest

Tue 21 Aug • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

Discover the National Park OPEN DAY

Thu 23 Aug • 10.30am - 4pm

A day of walks and activities in and around the New Forest Centre and historic Queen's House. Take part in craft activities, see the Verderers' Court, find out about the wildlife of the Forest and much more. FREE entry, small charge for materials on some activities. Drop-in event with pre-bookable walks.

Discovery Days

Theme: Creatures of the New Forest

Tue 28 & Thu 30 Aug • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

September

Special Exhibition

Within the Woods

Sat 8 Sep to Sun 14 Oct • 10am - 5pm

(Last entry at 4pm)

Using the Forest as a starting point, Peter and Sarah Shaw make work in direct response to the Forest environment. Peter's photography is a personal response to the grandeur and beauty of the Forest whilst Sarah, through her stylised models and illustrative paper-cut pictures presents us with a playful and whimsical view of the Forest. Standard entry charge.

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 19 Sep • 7 for 7.30pm - 10pm

Annual New Forest on Film evening at New Forest Community Centre. Raffle and interval refreshments will be available. Booking advisable. £6 non-members, £4 members.

October

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 10 Oct • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

"An Elementary Connection" A talk by Roger Straughan PhD., about Conan Doyle and his links with the Forest and Minstead in particular. Booking advisable. £6 non-members, £4 members.

Special Exhibition

Ancient Trees

Sat 20 Oct to Sun 25 Nov • 10am - 5pm

(Last entry at 4pm)

Come along to a fascinating exhibition exploring the history of the New Forest's ancient woodlands through the tales of its trees. Find out how trees have been viewed across the ages and how different uses have shaped the woods we know today. Standard entry charge.

Drop-in Pumpkin Carving

Sat 27 Oct • 11am to 2pm

£5 per pumpkin, (places and pumpkin supply permitting)

Pumpkin Carving

Mon 29 Oct • 3 sessions: 10am - 11am, 12.30pm - 1.30pm & 3pm - 4pm

Booking essential. £5 per pumpkin, (12 places per session).

Discovery Day

Theme: The Autumn Forest

Tue 30 Oct • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Tue 30 Oct • 1pm - 3pm

A unique chance to see the oldest still functioning court in the land, where the Court of Verderers meets in the historic Queen's House. Also a visit to the grave of Alice Hargreaves: hear the story about how she was the inspiration for Alice in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

November

Discovery Day

Theme: The Autumn Forest

Thu 1 Nov • 10am - 4pm

Drop in sessions of craft activities for all the family. Standard entry charge, small charge for materials on some activities. Booking not required.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Thu 1 Nov • 1pm - 3pm

Come to the New Forest Centre and join a walk to stunning scenery nearby guided by a friendly National Park Ranger ready to answer all your questions. Plus you'll get the essential guides and maps to give you everything you need to know about the Forest in a nutshell. Booking essential. £8 adults, £2 under 16s, under 5s free.

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 14 Nov • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

Ancient Trees by Bryan Wilson, Senior Tree Officer, New Forest National Park Authority. Booking advisable. £6 non-members, £4 members.

New Forest in a Nutshell WALK

Sat 17 Nov • 1pm - 3pm

Ancient Trees Walk with Bryan Wilson, Senior Tree Officer, New Forest National Park Authority. Booking advisable. £6 non-members, £4 members.

December

Special Exhibition

Forest Footprint

Sat 1 Dec to Sun 6 Jan 2013 • 10am - 5pm

(Last entry 4pm)

Forest Footprint looks at the identity of the New Forest and reflects on those elements that have shaped and formed its unique landscape. Work is by Diversity, a group of textile artists who are all local to the New Forest and use mixed media with textiles in various ways. They are regular exhibitors in the Lyndhurst Arts Festival and have exhibited at the Forest Arts Centre in New Milton. Standard entry charge.

Lyndhurst Fun Day

Sat 8 Dec • 10am - 4pm

Seasonal fun, crafts and activities as part of Lyndhurst Fun Day. FREE entry, small charge for materials on some activities. Drop-in event with pre-bookable walks.

New Forest in a Nutshell TALK

Wed 12 Dec • 7.30pm - 9pm • refreshments from 7pm

Members Christmas Night with mulled wine and mince pies. Booking advisable. £5 members only.

All details are correct at time of going to print.