

Land of mystery & imagination

10th Caithness & Sutherland
WALKING FESTIVAL
19th - 26th May 2013



The Wick Pothos Project



Let's Go North

PROGRAMME - MAY 2013

Sunday 19th - DUNCANSBY TO SKIRZA (Morning)

Enjoy a beautiful cliff top walk viewing the dramatic rock scenery and amazing sea bird colonies on the way accompanied by your guide a Highland Ranger. Meet at Duncansby Lighthouse, Car Park at 11.30pm. 4 hour walk. Bring packed lunch. Rough terrain. Walking boots, waterproofs and binoculars necessary. Grade B walk. £5 Adult £3 Conc./Child. **Contact - Marina: 07818588256. marina.swanson@highland.gov.uk**

Monday 20th - St JOHN'S LOCH TO BROUGH (Morning)

Try and beat the record of spotting 60 species of birds in one hour on a walk accompanied by the naturalist and bird specialist, Julian Smith. Meet at St John's Loch, Dunnet at 9 am. Walking boots, waterproofs and binoculars necessary. Grade A walk. Booking essential. Donations to SJL will be gratefully received. **Contact - Julian: 01847 851280. julian@stjohnspool-birds.co.uk**

Monday 20th - PUFFINS, SKIES AND PIES (Evening)

Illustrated slide show of Caithness seabirds followed by a walk to the Puffin colony in Dunbeath area with a Highland Ranger guide. Grade A walk. Meet at Lairdchay Museum café Dunbeath. 7.30pm. Talk includes tea, coffee and home baking. £6 Adults, £5 Conc./Child Booking essential. **Contact - Marina: 07818 588256. marina.swanson@highland.gov.uk**

Tuesday 21st - THOMAS TELFORD HERITAGE WALK (Morning)

A guided walk to discover the history of Telford's industrial planned town of Pulteneytown, Wick with special interest in the architectural features of the buildings etc. Meet in Mackays Hotel at 10.30am Grade A walk. Booking advised. Walk and talk includes soup and sandwich lunch. £6 Adult, £5 Conc./Child. **Contact - Mackay's Hotel 01955 602323. info@mackayshotel.co.uk**

Tuesday 21st - HERBS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS ON THE RIVERSIDE (Afternoon)

A guided walk in the afternoon along the Wick Riverside looking at various herbal plants and rare grasses. Meet at Norseman Hotel, Wick, 4.00pm. Grade A walk. £3 Adult. £2 Conc./Child. Walk includes tea, coffee and shortbread afterwards. **Contact - Norseman Hotel 01955 603344 info@norsemanhotelwick.co.uk**

Wednesday 22nd - BERRIEDALE TO BRAEMORE (Morning)

A 5 hour guided hike with the Waybaggers through a beautiful moorland landscape to the foot of Morven. Stout walking boots, waterproofs, binoculars and packed lunch. Essential. Meet at Berriedale Post Office Car park. 10.30am. Grade C walk. **Contact - Robbie. 01955 604 773 (after 6pm please)**

Wednesday 22nd - TALK - ARTEFACTS OF MYSTERY (Evening)

Visit the Flagstone Industry Exhibition at Castletown Heritage Centre, Castletown and a talk by Muriel Murray on some unusual artifacts donated to the museum. Meet at the Castletown Heritage Centre. 7pm. Donations to the museum gratefully accepted. **Contact - 01847 821204 castletown.heritage@talk21.com**

Thursday 23rd - DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF THURSO EAST (Morning)

A guided heritage walk from Thurso Castle along the coast to Harold's Tower. Meet at Thurso Castle Gatehouse 10.30am 3

hour walk. £3 Adults £2 Conc. Grade B walk. Stout shoes, waterproofs and packed lunch recommended. Booking required. **Contact - Caithness Castle Creations. 07428955316. caithnesscastlecreations@gmail.com**

Friday 24th - WALK TO THE UNKNOWN (Morning)

A guided walk through Borgie Forest to encounter the mysterious ancient man on the hill. Meet at Borgie Forest Log Cabin, Bettyhill 10.30am start. Stout shoes, waterproofs and packed lunch recommended. Donations to Borgie Forest Trust will be gratefully received. Grade B walk. **Contact - Marilyn: 01641 521 210. marilyn@amacf.plus.com**

Friday 24th - THE GAELIC ALPHABET WALK (Afternoon)

An easy stroll to discover the relationship and connections of particular trees in the Gaelic language. Meet at Borgie Forest Log cabin, Bettyhill. 2.30pm. Come early and have your packed lunch in the cabin. Donations to Borgie Forest Trust will be gratefully received. Grade A walk. **Contact - Marilyn.01641 521210. marilyn@amacf.plus.com**

Friday 24th - HENRIETTA'S STORYTELLING SESSION (Evening)

Listen to Caithness and Sutherland folklore stories on the Selkies, Fairies and Vikings sitting round an open fire. Meet at Thurso Castle Gatehouse. 7.30pm £5 Adults £3. Children. Includes tea, coffee and biscuits. **Contact - Caithness Castle Creations. 07428955316. caithnesscastlecreations@gmail.com**

Saturday 25th - ROBERT DICK WALK (Morning)

A guided walk through the town and along the picturesque Riverside to discover the history of Thurso and it's famous baker, naturalist and botanist Robert Dick. Meet Caithness Horizons. 10.30 am start. Have your lunch afterwards in Horizons café. Grade A/B walk. **Contact - Caithness Horizons 01847 896508. info@caithnesshorizons.co.uk**

Saturday 25th - A WALK AROUND CAEN VILLAGE (Morning)

As part of the Kildonan Clearances Bicentenary, join us for a walk into the past as we explore the township remains, including longhouses, kilns and field boundaries. Discover the history of the inhabitants who lived here. Meet at Timespan, Helmsdale 10.30am. £3 Mini bus charge. Walking boots, waterproofs and packed lunch. Grade A/B walk. An opportunity to visit the Museum and Gallery afterwards and have a coffee in the café. **Contact - Timespan 01431 821327. enquiries@timespan.org.uk**

Sunday 26th - CAIRN OF GET WALK (Morning)

Discover some of the rich archaeology of Caithness with the Caithness Field Club looking at Neolithic cairns, standing stones and hill forts in this area. Meet at either Thurso Railway Station. 9.30am Wick Railway station at 9.45am or 10.15 at Loch Watenen Car park, Ulbster. Rough terrain. Walking boots, waterproofs and packed lunch recommended. Grade B walk. **Contact - Marion. 01847 892 999. marow@tiscalii.co.uk**

Sunday 26th - DUNNET HEAD TO BROUGH (Morning)

A guided walk with a Highland Ranger to see spectacular cliff scenery, whales, dolphins, plants and birds at the most northerly point of Scotland. Details of time and meeting place will be given on contact. Rough walking. Walking boots, waterproofs, binoculars and packed lunch essential. Grade B walk. **Contact - Paul 01847 821531. paul.castle@highland.gov.uk**