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CENTRE**



# Events Calendar 2016

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inspired by London's eight magical Royal Parks!

Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre, Hyde Park



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## ROYAL PARKS FOUNDATION EDUCATION CENTRE

Hidden in a copse of trees in Hyde Park, the Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre is a secret haven in the heart of London! With a living roof, bat boxes, a private sun terrace and pond, the Centre is a fantastic resource for you and your family to discover the wonder of nature.



**Whether you are looking for a family day out, to learn a new skill or simply to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, there really is something for you!**



**Come to one of our  
events in the Royal  
Parks and make the  
most of the magical  
green spaces on  
your doorstep!**



## **HOW TO BOOK**

Booking is essential for all our events (excluding Discovery Days where you can simply drop in).

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**'We had such a fantastic day!  
Thank you to all the lovely  
staff for their hard work  
and continuous enthusiasm.  
There was a great range of  
fantastic and interesting  
activities which kept the kids  
entertained all day'**

**John (8 year old Kate's dad), 2015**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016






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| <b>Nature Explorers:<br/>Winter Art</b> ●●●<br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tue 16 Feb            | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Flower Power</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 6 April                      | <b>Nature Explorers: Hedge-<br/>hogs &amp; Hedgerows</b> ●●●<br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tues 31 May | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>London's Lungs</b> ●●●<br><b>12:00–13:30</b> Fri 15 July |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Brilliant Birds</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 17 Feb           | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Flower Power</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 7 April                    | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Hedgehog Heroes</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 1 June                  | <b>Summertime Outdoor<br/>Vinyasa Flow Yoga</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 18 July      |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Brilliant Birds</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 18 Feb         | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>St James's Pelicans</b> ●●●<br><b>13:15–14:40</b> Wed 13 April | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Hedgehog Heroes</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 2 June                | <b>Nature Explorers: Beetles<br/>and Butterflies</b> ●●●<br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tue 2 Aug   |
| <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Wintry Water</b> ●●●<br><b>12:00–13:30</b> Fri 19 Feb | <b>Positively Yoga</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 25 April                                    | <b>Pilates in the Park</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 6 June                                | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Meadow Madness</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 3 Aug                |
| <b>London Bird Club:<br/>Birdwatching Sites</b> ●●<br><b>19:00–20:30</b> Wed 23 March   | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Dawn Chorus</b> ●●●<br><b>05:00–07:00</b> Sun 8 May            | <b>Water Lillies and Wine</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–21:00</b> Fri 17 June                            | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Meadow Madness</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 4 Aug              |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Animal Magic</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 30 March            | <b>ZEN in the City Through<br/>Healthy Eating</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 9 May            | <b>Laughing Yoga</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 20 June                                     | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Peter Pan</b> ●●●<br><b>11:00–12:30</b> Fri 5 Aug        |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Animal Magic</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 31 March          | <b>Walking Tours in the<br/>Park: Bat Walk</b> ●●●<br><b>20:45–22:15</b> Fri 20 May              | <b>Wellbeing Wander<br/>through Hyde Park</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 4 July             | <b>Walking Tours in the<br/>Park: Bat Walk</b> ●●●<br><b>20:45–22:15</b> Fri 5 Aug         |
| <b>Nature Explorers:<br/>Spring Hatchings</b> ●●●<br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tue 5 April     | <b>Morsels of Mindfulness</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 23 May                               | <b>Hyde Park Scavenger Hunt</b> ●●●<br><b>18:30–21:00</b> Wed 6 July                           | <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Wild Water</b> ●●<br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 10 Aug                   |

# EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF LONDON'S BEAUTIFUL ROYAL PARKS!

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| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Wild Water</b><br> <br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 11 Aug  | <b>Candle Light Flow Yoga</b><br>  <br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 5 Sept                               | <b>Yoga Celebration</b><br>  <br><b>08:00–10:00</b> Sat 15 Oct   |
| <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Peter Pan</b><br>  <br><b>11:00–12:30</b> Fri 12 Aug | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Bat Walk</b><br>  <br><b>19:45–21:15</b> Fri 9 Sept              | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Walkies in the<br/>Paradise Gardens</b><br>  <br><b>11:00–12:00,<br/>13:00–14:00,<br/>15:00–16:00</b> Sat 22 Oct<br>& Sat 29 Oct |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Meadow Madness</b><br> <br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 17 Aug  | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>St James's Pelicans</b><br>  <br><b>13:15–14:40</b> Wed 14 Sept  | <b>Nature Explorers:<br/>Wild Photography</b><br>  <br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tue 25 Oct   |
| <b>Sunset Safari</b><br>  <br><b>19:30–21:30</b> Thurs 18 Aug                          | <b>Walking Tours in the Park: A<br/>Right Royal Ramble</b><br>  <br><b>12:00–13:30</b> Fri 16 Sept | <b>Discovery Day: Hair<br/>Raising Halloween</b><br> <br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 26 Oct  |
| <b>Nature Explorers:<br/>Water World</b><br>  <br><b>10:00–15:00</b> Tue 23 Aug        | <b>Open House London</b><br> <br><b>11:00–16:00</b> Sat 17 Sept   | <b>Discovery Day: Hair<br/>Raising Halloween</b><br> <br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Thurs 27 Oct  |
| <b>Discovery Day:<br/>Wild Water</b><br> <br><b>11:00–15:00</b> Wed 24 Aug  | <b>Open House London</b><br> <br><b>11:00–16:00</b> Sun 18 Sept   | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Park at War</b><br>  <br><b>12:00–13:30</b> Fri 11 Nov   |
| <b>Sunset Safari</b><br>  <br><b>19:30–21:30</b> Thurs 25 Aug                          | <b>Innocently Sweet: How to<br/>Make Raw Desserts</b><br>  <br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 19 Sept      | <b>Walking Tours in the Park:<br/>Seasonal Stroll with<br/>Victoria and Albert</b><br>  <br><b>12:00–13:30</b> Fri 9 Dec   |
| <b>Walking Tours in the<br/>Park: Bat Walk</b><br>  <br><b>20:15–21:45</b> Fri 26 Aug  | <b>Positively Mindful</b><br>  <br><b>18:30–20:00</b> Mon 3 Oct                                    |   |

## Events in the Park

From guided walks and nature talks to family learning and discovery days - whatever your age, come and be inspired!

-  **Aimed at Families/Children**
-  **Aimed at Adults**
-  **Free**
-  **Cost**
-  **Booking Essential**





# FAMILY EVENTS

## • Walking Tours in the Park: Bat Walk

**Fri 20 May 20:45–22:15 £5**

**Fri 5 Aug 20:45–22:15 £5**

**Fri 26 Aug 20:15–21:45 £5**

**Fri 9 Sept 19:45–21:15 £5**

See and hear our native bats during this wonderful chance to walk in the parks at night.

\*Not recommended for under 8's

## • Walking Tours in the Park: Peter Pan

**Fri 5 Aug 11:00–12:30 £5**

**Fri 12 Aug 11:00–12:30 £5**

Join us on an interactive walk to find out how Peter Pan made his perilous journey from Bird Island in the Serpentine to the magical shores of the Long Water in Kensington Gardens.



## • Sunset safari

**Thurs 18 Aug 19:30–21:30 £12**

**Thurs 25 Aug 19:30–21:30 £12**

Get the family wrapped up and discover the magic of the Parks at night. Use a bat detector to identify the different species of bats before joining us around the campfire for toasted treats.

'It was a wonderful experience, exploring parts of the park which I've not been to before. It felt really special being in the park that late & the interesting, informative, friendly and knowledgeable staff really made the event! Thank you so much for taking the time to organise this unique experience!'

**Louise, August 2015**



# DISCOVERY DAYS:

**11:00–15:00** Free Entry

Discovery Days take place every Wednesday and Thursday during the school holidays, with a range of free and exciting nature inspired activities for the whole family to enjoy.

## • **Animal Magic** Wed 30 & Thurs 31 March

With the arrival of Spring explore our grounds and get creative as nature bursts back into life.

## • **Flower Power** Wed 6 & Thurs 7 April

Explore our nature trail, create crafty spring flowers or plant a seed to take home!

## • **Hedgehog Heroes** Wed 1 & Thurs 2 June

Spend time as a family becoming a hedgehog hero! Activities include exploring our nature trail unearthing hidden facts about our favourite garden animal, crafting your own hedgehog or learning how to design a hedgehog friendly habitat in your own garden!

## • **Meadow Madness**

**Wed 3, Thurs 4 & Wed 17 Aug**

From sweep netting to arts, crafts and nature trails, there really is something for everyone.



## • **Wild Water** Wed 10, Thurs 11 & Wed 24 Aug

Discover the secret underwater life on our pond. Take part in a host of nature based activities from getting crafty in our discovery rooms to pond dipping in our sunshine pond.

## • **Hair-Raising Halloween** **Wed 26 & Thurs 27 October**

Explore our nature trail and get into the Halloween spirit by taking part in a host of spectacularly spooky activities.



# 8-11 YEAR OLDS

## NATURE EXPLORERS:

10:00-15:00

Nature Explorers is the perfect place for your 8-11 year old to have a fun, outdoor day of discovery during the school holidays. Simply drop your little adventurer off at our Education Centre in the heart of Hyde Park for a full day of nature inspired activities guided by our expert team.

### • Spring Hatchings Tues 5 April £15

From pond dipping for tadpoles to discovering how birds make their nests and discovering more about the park's youngsters on our nature trail.

### • Hedgerows and hedgehogs Tues 31 May £15

Our team will provide a full day of guided activities; build a hedgehog friendly habitat and uncover prickly facts on our nature discovery trail.



### • Beetles and Butterflies Tues 2 Aug £15

Your little adventurer will use sweep nets to collect, identify and examine a host of species before creating some summer-inspired art to take home.

### • Water World Tues 23 Aug £15

Go pond dipping under the surface of the sunshine pond and use digital microscopes to experience up close encounters with the pond's miniature monsters!

### • Wild Photography Tues 25 Oct £15

Explore the wilder parts of the Park with camera in hand, taking part in some bug hunting and pond dipping! There's plenty to keep everyone entertained.



# GENERAL EVENTS

## • St James's Pelicans Walking Tour

**Wed 13 April & Wed 14 Sept 13:15–14:40 £5**

Discover the history of our oldest Royal Park before meeting the resident pelicans.

## • Dawn Chorus Walking Tour

**Sun 8 May 05:00–07:00 £5**

Join us as the day breaks to experience the joy of being surrounded by bird song!

## • Water Lilies and wine

**Fri 17 June 18:30–21:00 £18**

Enjoy an evening of relaxation - sip on a glass of wine on our private sun terrace, pond dip in the Sunshine Pond and take a guided walk around the park. 18+

## • London's Lungs Walking Tour

**Fri 15 July 12:00–13:30 £5**

Meet some of the 170 species of tree that provide a habitat for thousands!

## • A Right Royal Ramble Walking Tour

**Fri 16 Sept 12:00–13:30 £5**

Explore how the Royal Parks have been shaped and influenced by Kings and Queens over the centuries.

## • Walkies in the Paradise Gardens

**Sat 22 & Sat 29 Oct, 11:00–12:00,  
13:00–14:00, 15:00–16:00 £15**

Uncover Hyde Park's dark history including exclusive access to the Victorian pet cemetery!

## • Park at War Walking Tour

**Fri 11 Nov 12:00–13:30 £5**

A unique guided walk through Hyde Park discovering the important role the Park played in the World Wars. From uncovering hidden bomb damage to visiting iconic war monuments.

## • Seasonal Stroll with Victoria & Albert

**Fri 9 Dec 12:00–13:30 £5**

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped create the Christmas we know today - join us in Kensington Gardens to find out how.

## • Scavenger Hunt

**Wed 6 July 18:30–21:00 £5**

Come with us on a journey of discovery (with a hint of competition) in Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. 18+



# WELLBEING

Delivered in partnership with Yeotown Health Retreat

**18:30–20:00 £15**

Held fortnightly on a Monday, these inspirational and informative sessions are designed to bring you health, happiness and wellbeing.

- **Positively Yoga** Mon 25 April
- **ZEN in the City Through Healthy Eating** Mon 9 May
- **Morsels of Mindfulness** Mon 23 May
- **Pilates in the Park** Mon 6 June
- **Laughing Yoga** Mon 20 June
- **Wellbeing Wander Through Hyde Park** Mon 4 July
- **Summertime Outdoor Vinyasa Flow Yoga** Mon 18 July
- **Candle Light Flow Yoga** Mon 5 Sept



- **Innocently Sweet: How to Make Raw Desserts** Mon 19 Sept
- **Positively Mindful** Mon 3 Oct
- **Yoga Celebration** Mon 15 Oct 08:00–10:00

'What a fabulous idea in an idyllic location. I am a beginner to yoga and it was a great, well-balanced introduction to yoga practice.'

Yoga guest, 2015

# HOW TO FIND US

The Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre is located in the heart of Hyde Park and is easily accessible by public transport.

## Arriving by tube:

The closest underground stations are Marble Arch (Central Line) approx. 7 minute walk or Hyde Park Corner (Piccadilly approx. 11 minute walk).

## Arriving by bus:

- North : C2, 6, 7, 10, 16, 19, 23, 36, 52, 73, 82, 98, 113, 274, 390, 414
- South : 2, 36, 137, 148, 159, 436
- West : 9, 10, 14, 19, 22, 52, 74, 94, 148, 414
- East : 8, 15, 23, 30, 38, 274



## Arriving by car:

There is no vehicular access to our Education Centre. The nearest parking is the Triangle Pay and Display car park, off West Carriage Drive just north of the Serpentine Bridge (approx. 7 mins walk). However, we recommend that you avoid coming by car as space is limited.

**The Royal Parks Foundation, Education Centre, Hyde Park, London**

**Tel: 020 7036 8040**



**Email: [support@royalparksfoundation.org](mailto:support@royalparksfoundation.org)**

## Our work includes:

- **Welcoming over 10,000 visitors**, including children, adults, youth groups and school classes, both mainstream and special needs, to our Education Centre, to learn about science and the natural world
- **Carrying out a hedgehog conservation study** in The Regent's Park, the only central Royal Park still home to a breeding population of hedgehogs
- **Restoring Chester Road in The Regent's Park**, one of London's iconic treescapes, with 100 new Cherry Trees. These will support precious wildlife habitats as well as provide stunning spring and autumn colour displays.

**The Royal Parks Foundation is the charity supporting the magic of London's amazing Royal Parks, keeping them clean, beautiful and bursting with life all year round. That's eight Parks, 5,000 acres of precious green space and 500 years of history, enjoyed by over 77 million visitors every year.**

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