

Scotland's big nature festival

Tickets
£12
Children **£2**
(under 5 FREE)

Levenhall Links, Musselburgh
23-24 May 2015

Get back to nature
and meet the experts
including Bill Oddie



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Join us for a wild day out at Scotland's big nature festival! Our new venue, Levenhall Links is located just behind Musselburgh Racecourse and is a beautiful mix of open space, fresh water and coastal views.

This year we're expecting over 6000 visitors and so to keep you all amused and informed we'll have bush craft displays, storytelling, bug hunts, puppet shows, willow weaving, pond dipping and loads more to keep wildlife explorers of all ages entertained the whole weekend!

With over 100 exhibitors stands, a packed programme of fun, activities, walks and talks together with live music, artisan foods a farmers' market and bar, there really will be something for everyone at this award winning festival.

Opening times

Saturday 23 May

10am-5.30pm

(food, bar & music until 7pm)

Sunday 24 May

10am-5.30pm



Visit the children's section on our website to plan your family visit, beat the queues and book your tickets online:

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"A really great day out for the whole family. There's so much to do! We're there next year for sure."

Sarah Lauder
Edinburgh



© Lawrence Clark



Levenhall Links



Bill Oddie

"The bird being tagged was my favourite thing. I got to hold and release one!"

Alex Laurie (6)
Edinburgh



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Start your wildlife adventure

We have loads of great nature activities to inspire and entertain your family like special talks, workshops, puppet shows, games and storytelling. Be sure to collect your passport to adventure on the way in – collect all your stamps to become a star explorer!

For wildlife experts...

For the serious enthusiast we have a dedicated talks tent with in-depth, local and international specialist speakers. Over 100 exhibitors will be displaying a huge range of kit, science, art, literature and optics, with digi scoping, bird ringing, walks, and workshops.

Connect with nature!

Get your sleeves rolled up and learn more about the wildlife on your doorstep. Try your hand at pond dipping, capture and identify mini beasts in the bio blitz, release a bird at the bird ringing demo, and touch and feel at the sensory box or investigate and identify some skulls!

Feeling peckish?

Enjoy fantastic, locally sourced artisan foods and treats for all ages. Visit our farmers market in association with Visit Scotland's Year of Food and Drink, and join in some cookery demos or try your palate at whisky and real ale tasting – yum!

Bush crafts

Visit the yurt, tipi, or bushcraft marquee to learn new survival and wilderness skills with our experts, or try your hand at some wild crafts like willow weaving, fire starting, charcoal burning and lots more...



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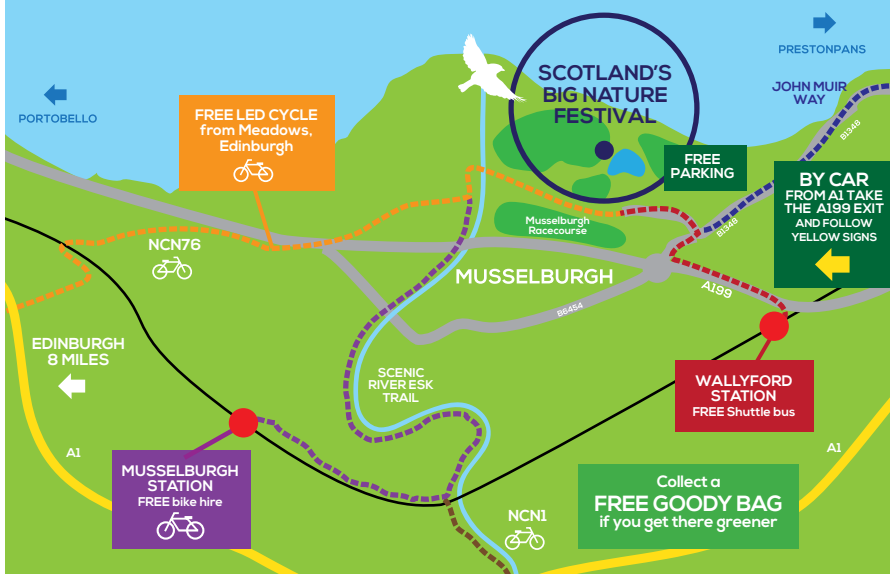


Get there greener! We've developed lots of ways to get here easily without the car:

Join in one of our **FREE led cycle rides** from the Meadows, Edinburgh (30/40 mins, over 12's) or try our **FREE bike hire** from Musselburgh station and cycle the scenic route along the River Esk. Or cycle from Midlothian or Pencaitland along the Railway Path, or from Prestonpans or Cockenzie along the John Muir Way.



There's also **FREE shuttle buses** or an easy pedestrian route from Wallyford train station and park and ride – so why not leave the car at home?



By car (FREE parking). **From the west:** Follow the Edinburgh City Bypass round, then take the A1, and get off at the A199 exit to Musselburgh/Tranent and follow the yellow signs for Scotland's big nature festival. **From the east:** Follow the A1 out to Musselburgh and exit at A199 to Musselburgh/Tranent and follow the signs for Scotland's big nature festival.

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All for a good cause! This year, our featured bird is the curlew. Funds raised by Scotland's big nature festival, the Scottish Birdfair will help us to continue our work to protect this and other remarkable birds.

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