



Urban Wild on the Common - Event Information



Welcome to Urban Wild on the Common!

Southampton National Park City invites you to dive into Urban Wild on the Common - an amazing day and evening full of art, activities, workshops, performances, and music that celebrates our wild spaces in Southampton - and the people that take care of them.

Important Information when visiting the event

Southampton National Park City encourages you to reduce your waste as much as possible - please bring your own reusable cups, containers and cutlery. Water on site will be limited so make sure to also bring your own water bottles. To increase your enjoyment of the day, please also bring your own camping chairs or picnic blankets! There will be food on site, including at Hawthorns Café. There will be first aid onsite as well as a quiet area and 'listening post' provided by KVLS Counselling, where you can sit and chat if you're feeling overwhelmed or overstimulated. Toilet access (including accessible toilets) can be found at the Hawthorns Wildlife Centre. Apologies, we cannot let dogs on site except for guide dogs and other disability support dogs. There's no smoking permitted anywhere on site.

Getting here

Please travel by public transport to all events - Southampton has lots of ways to get around the city by foot, bicycle, rented e-scooter and public transport. Learn more by following this link to [Southampton City Council's website](#).

Why not download the [Breeze Travel App](#) as your one stop shop to navigating the city, whether you need to check a bus route, rent Voi e-bikes and e-scooters or purchase tickets?

Urban Wild on the Common will have very limited parking available, due to stallholders using spaces for pick up and drop off - please contact urbanwild@nationalparkcity.org if you have any questions around this. Please do not use Cowherds car park unless you plan to buy anything there.

Who are Southampton National Park City?

We are a volunteer-led campaign group consisting of local people working towards a greener, healthier and more connected Southampton. To find out more about us and what we do, please visit our website at www.southamptonnpc.com.

And to find more about the National Park City movement, visit www.nationalparkcity.org. Please feel free to get in touch with us at southampton@nationalparkcity.org or urbanwild@nationalparkcity.org.

How is Urban Wild funded?

We're very grateful to be funded as part of the [Youth for Climate and Nature](#) scheme for this festival. This comes as part of Southampton National Park City's partnership in the wider scheme, administered by the New Forest National Park Authority and funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.



Cowherds

Tree cover

Marquee & stage

Seating and standing area

Scrub land

Tree cover

Small Marquee

Scrub land

Wellbeing and quiet area

first aid

site entrance and welcome

Pathway

Cargo bike display area/bike parking

Hawthorns

Path to play area

Waterway



List of stallholders

Wellbeing - KVLS listening post

Lord Mayoral Charities

YouCAN - Youth and Climate Action

Southampton National Park City Welcome Tent

In Focus Photo Booth

Southampton Voluntary Service/Green Network

Caustic Bloom

Crystal Creations

Zaman Condiments

Man Made Burnings

Hidden Jem - Baked Goods

Emman Egyptian Desserts

Face Painting

Willow and Crafts

Bevois Mount

Sholing Valleys Study Centre

Wonderseekers

Viv Hughes - Nature Art

Bombacious - Bath and Skincare

Friends of Portswood Rec.

Friends of Peartree Green

We Make Southampton

Not Just Trash

Keepers Artist Collective

Bird Aware Solent

SCAPPS

Greenpeace

Southampton Cycling Campaign

Transition Southampton

Friends of the Earth

Sweet Arts Jewellery

The Environment Centre

October Books

Tribe Alternative Stage School

Solidaritee

Junior Conservationists - Solent Seascape

Southampton Climate Action Network

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Final Straw Foundation

Southampton City Council Park Rangers



Performance List

MAIN MARQUEE

XR Rhythms

11:00 - 11:15

Retrospective Dance Group

11:15 - 11:45

Call Me, Mother Nature (Ri Baroche)

12:00 - 12:45

University of Southampton - iPACT talk

13:00 - 14:00

BREAK 14:00 - 14:30

Theatre for Life: Bringing the Outside In

14:30 - 14:45

Claudia Murg - Comedy Performance

15:00 - 15:15

J Pyrite - Poetry Performance

15:30 - 15:50

Theatre for Life: Bringing the Outside In

16:00 - 16:15

Delicious Sounds Choir

16:30 - 17:00

Angling for Farthings (Traditional Folk Songs)

17:15 - 17:45

Bunker178's Take Over! (Music Set)

18.00: KINESIS 4

18.50: The Guillotine Union Boys

19.35: Watching The Buzzards

20.10: Fossilheads Climate Crisis Cabaret

EVENT CLOSE 21.00

SMALL MARQUEE

J Pyrite - Poetry Performance

11:45 - 12:00

Southampton Red Stars Choir

12:15 - 12:30

Chris Townsend - Creature Teacher

Storytelling and a chance to find yourself your dream creature. A fantastical imaginary journey

12:45 - 13:45

Wild Singing Workshop with Fiona Funnell

14:30 - 15:30

Jess Turpin - Music Performance

15:45 - 16:00



Workshops

Fiona Funnell - Wild Singing Workshop

Join this workshop 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the small marquee. Learn gorgeous songs celebrating nature, wildflowers and the earth, totally a capella. Optional performance: Sing the songs with Delicious Sounds Choir in the main marquee at 4.30pm!

Fiona leads choirs, writes original songs and performs her own shows. Email fiona.funnell@aspects.net to book or just turn up on the day.

Tribe Alternative Stage School

Family friendly creative fun! Join Tribe on the hour (11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm) for an imagination workout inspired by nature. Create characters, play games and be part of an interactive story invented by YOU! Tribe are a responsive and child led not-for-profit outdoor arts organisation. They work throughout Hampshire inviting non-competitive spaces where young people feel nourished and inspired by nature, working together and letting their imaginations roam free.

Sholing Valleys - Bat box making

Join Sholing Valleys Study Centre from 11am–4pm to build your very own bat box and learn why bats are special!

You'll get to take your bat box home for free and find out the best places to hang it to help bats make a new home. Find out about the importance of bats, their role in our ecosystem, and how you can support them. Using pre-cut and pre-drilled wood, you will assemble bat boxes with guidance from the team. Parent and carers support will be required for younger children.

Willow and Crafts

Make star at the stall or purchase a kit to make a fish while sitting watching the stage acts. There will be a small charge for each of the activities – £1 for the star and £5 for the fish – and you can bring your fish back over to the stall for final trimming.

Keepers Artist Collective

In collaboration with Southampton Parks Rangers. Some members of the Keepers will be showcasing a creative installation using single use barbeques left behind in Southampton parks. These items have been collected by the Southampton Park Rangers team and from volunteers to make a visual representation of the damages caused to our parks and green spaces all over the city when those items are not properly used or disposed of. Most of the installation structures will be have prepared prior to the event and finishing touches will be added on the day The installation will be exhibited in the Hawthorn Urban Wildlife centre after Urban Wild. The Keepers Artist Collective members may also use the event to exhibit and show cases some of their artwork.

Caustic Bloom

James Hewins leads 'Caustic Bloom' as part of the ZEST Collective, which aims to transform Southampton's grasslands into wildflower areas, enhancing local biodiversity. Come to the stall to make your own seed bombs!



Walks and Bike Rides

Bevois Mount History - Walk

11:30 – 13:00

A one and a half hour walk, taking in some of the key features of Southampton Common and explaining their history e.g. the artesian well.

Meet at the Gates of Hawthorns Centre.

New Forest Youth Board- Walk

12:00 – 13:00

Chat to New Forest Youth Board about exploring the New Forest, protecting the natural environment, and helping with ideas to drive change while wandering through the Common. Meet at the New Forest National Park stand at 12 noon. Book on at bit.ly/YouthBoardWalk

Yarrow Townsend Writing Workshop

13:00 – 14:00

Join author Yarrow Townsend for a relaxed introduction to Nature Writing. Suitable for all abilities (including absolute beginners). Take a short walk through some of the Common's most inspiring habitats, noticing nature and taking inspiration from even the smallest of creatures to kick-start your creativity. Spaces are limited, so please sign up in advance. This event is aimed at adults but is suitable for keen writers of all ages.

Booking is essential, book here; bit.ly/NoticingNatureCommon

Kidical Mass Southampton - Bike Ride

Assemble at 14:00 for 14:30 ride

Join an eclectic mix of riders on this family friendly (fully marshalled) ride, where the aim is to have fun and draw attention to the value that cycling can bring, especially to getting about with kids! Whilst the route is short (1-2miles), all riders need to be able to ride independently as the ride will be using the public roads. Little riders need to be able to pedal without stabilisers. Passengers in trailers, bike seats, cargo bikes etc are of course very welcome.

If you or a family member would like to take part but can't ride independently, please do contact Kidical Mass Southampton on sotonkidicalmasse@gmail.com.

Southampton City Council Rangers - Walk

15:00 – 16:00

Join a guided walk with Southampton City Council's Rangers team to learn more about Southampton's natural environment, sustainability initiatives and the work the team does around the city, including volunteering opportunities. Meet at the Rangers stall to join the guided walk around the Common.

Chris Townsend - Earth Walk

16:00 – 17:00

Get immersed with delicious natural delight with Chris Townsend (Creature Teacher). An hour or so long immersive, engaging, funny, delicious, experiential, sniffy, tasty, exploratory, surprising, informative nature ramble in the woods. Meet at the SNPC Information Tent.