

PROJECTS

We are continuing to work with Leeds City Council's warden at Otley Chevin to promote the geology and heritage of the Chevin, working with the Friends of Otley Chevin. We have written a geological guide which is linked to a short walk which will be marked by carved stones. An audio trail will be produced this summer. Renewal of the interpretation board at Surprise View is still to come and the project will be completed in August.

We are also involved in a large project covering the Southern Pennines, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project started in March and we will be able to survey and interpret six geological sites on the high Pennines during the next three years. We are organising five seminars about how to manage geological sites and held the first one for local people and organisations in Marsden, Huddersfield recently.



Surveying in Chevin Forest, Otley for the leaflet about the geological trail.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Castle Hill, Huddersfield

Landscapes around the Hill

Saturday 29th May 1.30 – 4.30

Organised by Kirklees Council

3 mile walk around Castle Hill on footpaths to look at the geology of the Huddersfield landscapes and the influence of underlying rocks on vegetation and wildlife. Suitable footwear needed.

Meet Sheila Dyson and Michael Brook at 1.30 at the lay-by below Castle Hill on Castle Hill Lane (SE 139 152)

Cow and Calf Rocks, Ilkley

Building stones and the formation of the Cow and Calf

Saturday 19th June

2 similar sessions from 10.00 – 12.00 and repeated at 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by the Friends of Ilkley Moor

Meet Alison Tymon at the Cow and Calf car park (SE 132 467), prepared for a short walk on some rocky footpaths. We will identify and explore quarries and the rocks and landscapes of the moor.

Booking is essential so contact the projectofficer@ilkleymoer.org

Pule Hill, Marsden, Huddersfield

Fossils and building stones of Pule Hill

Sunday 20th June 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Kirklees Council

Meet Alison Tymon on Mount Road, at the signpost for Boat Lane (SE 131 101) where there is some parking space on the road. We will do a short walk of about 1 mile to see fossils in shales and Marsden's building stones in Pule Hill Quarry, and look at the spectacular landscapes on the tops of the Pennines. Bring waterproofs and wear strong shoes or boots. Bring a hand lens, if you have one, to see the fossils clearly.

Roundhay Park, Leeds

Saturday 10th July 1.30 – 4.00

Organised by the Friends of Roundhay Park

Meet Bill Fraser outside the Mansion House Visitors Centre, LS8 2JL, at 1.30 pm (SE 330 383) in Roundhay Park.

A guided walk of approximately 1.5 miles around a marked Geological Trail taking about 2.5 hours, with stops for discussion. Features seen are shales and several different types of sandstone (some of which contain fossils), as well as sedimentary and tectonic structures.

Footpaths are graded for easy walking but can be muddy in wet weather.

Annual General Meeting at Brighouse Library followed by an excursion

Saturday 17th July 11.00 – 3.30

11.00 – 12.00 for Annual General Meeting followed by lunch then a short visit to a Local Geological Site, to be arranged. Further details will follow in June.

Todmorden Moor

Rocks and Fossils of Todmorden Moor

Saturday 31st July at 11.00 – 3.00

Organised by Calderdale Council

Park near Sourhall Cottages, Sourhall Road, Todmorden (SD 917 247)

Meet Alison Tymon for a walk of about 3 miles along roads and tracks to see old coal mines and quarries, with a chance of finding fossils on the way. Todmorden Moor is high and exposed so bring waterproofs, wear good shoes or boots and warm clothing, if needed. Bring a hand lens to see fossils clearly. Packed lunch and drinks needed.

GEODAY FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS!

Sunday 1st August

Oakwell Hall Country Park, Kirklees (SE 217 272) Times to be announced

Exhibitions of rocks, minerals and fossils and photographs showing the geology of West Yorkshire. Bring your own rock, mineral and fossil specimens for identification. Many learning and play activities for children with an interest in dinosaurs.

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Saturday 7th August

Anglers Country Park, Winterset, Wakefield (SE 375 153)

Waterton Countryside and Discovery Centre 11.00 – 4.00

Exhibitions of rocks, minerals and fossils and photographs showing the geology of West Yorkshire. Bring your own rock, mineral and fossil specimens for identification. Many learning and play activities for children with an interest in dinosaurs.