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To find other activities in Findern see: [www.findernfootpathsgroup.org](http://www.findernfootpathsgroup.org)

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**'Get Active in the Forest' organise guided walks.**

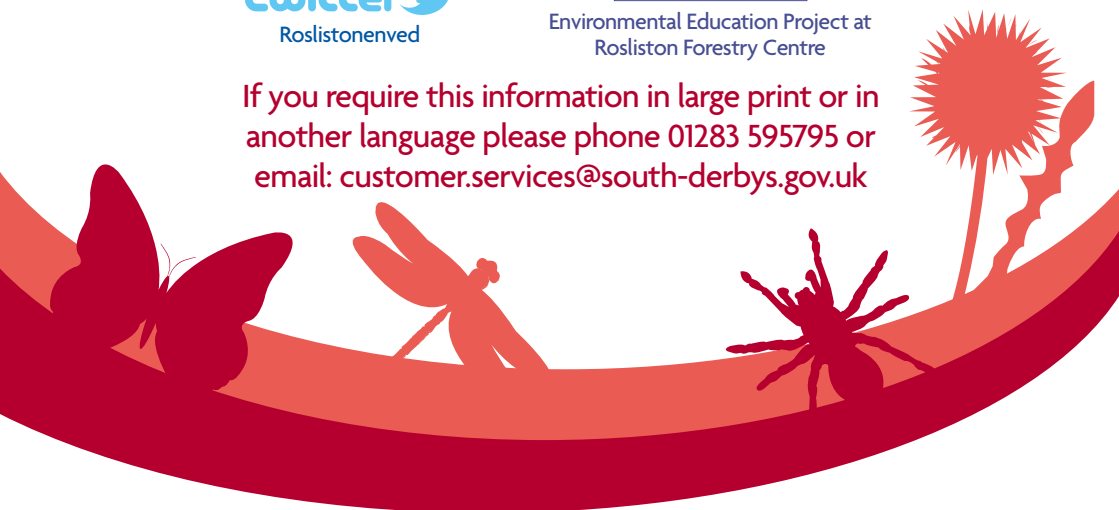
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**For a different type of exercise**, come and help us in the wildlife/herb gardens at Rosliston Forestry Centre on Monday afternoons (not Bank Holidays):  
2 - 4pm (winter) 2:30 - 4:30pm (summer)



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# Spring and Summer Walks 2012

## Exploring South Derbyshire



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## Thursday 22nd March From Pits and Pots to Parks and Woods

A gentle walk that contrasts modern Swadlincote with its dramatic industrial beginnings. An opportunity to enjoy the route of this recently published walk with the authors – Graham Nutt and Dot Morson who produced the leaflet in association with the District Council's Economic Development unit. Afterwards visit the Magic Attic to find out about their archives and take a drink in the new cafe at Sharpes Pottery.

Terrain: Town pavements with some steps and a steep slope to reach the viewpoint from Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet at 1.15pm outside Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street Swadlincote. Grid reference SK298195. Post code DE11 9DG.

**4.5 miles, no stiles. 2+ hrs.  
Donation to 'The Magic Attic'.**

## Thursday 19th April Dimminsdale & Southwood

We'll walk through Dimminsdale Nature Reserve to admire the spring flowers. Southwood is also full of natural history interest. Along the route we will see evidence of our industrial heritage: bell pits, tramways, early potteries and coal mines.

Terrain: boardwalks, woodland & field paths. Meet 1.30pm at car park at the southern end of Staunton Harold Reservoir. Grid reference SK220378.

**4 miles, 5 stiles. 2hrs. Leader: Dot Morson.  
£2 per person.**

## Thank you!

Over the past 2 years, money raised through these walks has enabled the Environmental Education Project to buy:

- Electronic bird sound equipment for school groups to use
- Gardening tools • A new shed!

Thanks very much.

## Saturday 5th May Dawn Chorus Walk

Experience dawn breaking over Rosliston, and find out which birds are out and about. We will set out as the sun rises and enjoy the amazing crescendo of bird song, guided by an expert who can pick out and identify the individual bird songs within the chorus.

Wrap up warmly as we will keep stopping to watch/ listen to the birds!  
PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE. Meet 5.00am in foyer at Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Rd, Rosliston Swadlincote DE12 8JX

**2 miles, no stiles (gentle walk). 2hrs.  
Leader: Dave Scattergood. £8 per person  
includes hot snack and drink in restaurant**

## Thursday 7th June Netherseal & the River Mease

We'll walk from Netherseal towards Clifton Campville following the River Mease and return along a more elevated route. Points of interest include Sir Nigel Gresley's grave, the natural history of the River Mease and a chance to see how the area is managed to improve biodiversity.

Terrain: Field paths and country lanes with wide ranging views over the Mease Lowlands. Meet at 7pm outside Netherseal Church DE12 8BZ Grid reference SK288128

**4 miles, 12 stiles. 2 hrs. Leader : Dot Morson  
£2 per person**

## Thursday 5th July Coton Wood & Hill Close Copse

An opportunity to appreciate the birds and butterflies of this rapidly developing area of the National Forest.

Terrain: field paths, woodland rides & country lanes. Meet in Coton in the Elms at the junction of Church Street and Mill Street (DE12 8HJ) on the village green by the telephone box at 7pm. Grid reference SK245151.

**3.5 miles, 2 stiles. 2 hrs. Leader: Dot Morson.  
£2 per person.**

## Wednesday 11th July Melbourne - A Walk into the Medieval Deer Park

Explore the historic Melbourne Parks area and Melbourne Hall's Park Ride along with views of Breedon.

Meet at 7pm at Church Square, Melbourne DE73 8EN

**3 miles. Level: Easy with one short climb.  
2 hrs. Leader: Barry Thomas. £2 per person  
(for Melbourne Footpaths Group - improving  
Melbourne's footpaths)**

## Thursday 2nd August Swainspark & Wadlands Woods

You may be surprised tonight. We're hoping to see some of the rarer plants and creatures of this quiet corner between Overseal, Church Gresley and Castle Gresley.

Terrain: surfaced paths and woodland trails. Meet by the entrance to Swainspark Wood (DE12 6JX) at 9pm. Bring a torch. Grid reference SK296170. Plenty of street parking.

**2.5 miles, no stiles. 1.5 hrs.  
Leader: Dot Morson. £2 per person.**

## Wednesday 22nd August Findern Historical Walk

A history trail and guided circular walk around the village and footpaths of Findern taking in the Trent and Mersey Canal. The walk starts on Findern village green and visits the wildlife sites managed by Findern Footpaths Group on behalf of Findern Parish Council. We cross the canal via the newly restored Hicklin Bridge and follow the towpath to the Nadee Restaurant.

We then rejoin surfaced paths and make our way back to the village green passing The Wheel Inn and some historic buildings on the way.

Meet 7pm at Findern Village Green, DE65 6AD. Grid reference SK 308304

**3 miles. 1 ¾ hrs. No stiles. Leader: Findern  
Footpaths Group. Free, donations to  
Findern Footpaths welcome.**

## Thursday 30th August Robin Wood, Heath Wood & Anchor Church

A walk of historical interest, including Knowle Hill, Foremark Hall and Anchor Church along the route.

Terrain: field paths, woodland tracks and country lanes. One steep ascent and descent – care needed. Meet at 7pm at the John Thompson Inn, Ingleby. DE73 7HW. Grid reference SK353269.

**4.5 miles, 6 stiles. 2 hrs. Leader : Dot Morson.  
£2 per person.**

## Tuesday 18 September Rosliston Bat Talk/Walk

An opportunity for youngsters to find out about bats with Derbyshire Bat Group – where they live, what they eat and how they find their way in the dark. Short talk followed by a dusk walk. Bat detectors will be available to make the high-pitched sounds of the bats audible to human ears!

Meet in Classroom at 6.30pm, Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Rd, Rosliston, Swadlincote DE12 8JX

**1 mile, no stiles (gentle walk). 1 ¾ hrs.  
£2.50 per person.**

### General Information:

- Strong shoes/boots with a good grip are essential. Please come prepared for the weather and consider bringing something to drink
- There is no need to book (unless stated); just turn up 5 minutes before the start time
- Dogs are not allowed unless they are a support for someone with a disability
- South Derbyshire District Council or the walk leader cannot accept responsibility for any damage, loss or injury which may occur during the walk, nor cancellation due to adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances.