


Orkney Nature Festival 2026 Programme

Monday 11th May	Tuesday 12th May	Wednesday 13th May	Thursday 14th May	Friday 15th May	Saturday 16th May	Sunday 17th May
ONWP Mop Up Walk (Deerness, 10:00 to 12:00)	Guide in the Hide: Peatland Special (Evie, 09:30 to 12:30*)	Guide in the Hide: Cottascarth and Sky Dancing Hen Harriers (Rendall, 10:00 to 13:00*)	Nature Inspired Pottery with Robin Palmer (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 12:30)	Photography Workshop with Raymond Besant (Firth, 10:00 to 12:30)	Boat Trip and Snorkelling Safari (Stromness, 09:00 to 12:00)	Brodgar sunrise walk with Soma's Light SCIO and Species on the Edge (Sandwick, 03:30 to 05:00)
Nature and History walk at Rose Ness (Holm, 10:00 to 13:00)	Nature Inspired Pottery with Robin Palmer (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 12:30)	Unnatural Arrivals – The Stoat Crisis in Orkney (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 17:00*)	Unnatural Arrivals – The Stoat Crisis in Orkney (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 17:00*)	Unnatural Arrivals – The Stoat Crisis in Orkney (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 17:00*)	Nature Weekend – Skara Brae (Sandwick, 10:00 to 15:00*)	Guide in the Hide: Birsay Moors and Red-throated Divers (Evie, 10:00 to 13:00*)
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Weave a wall hanging of Orkney Seascape (Kirkwall, 13:30 to 15:30)	ONWP: Talk and Tech! (Birsay, 11:00 to 15:00*)	Spring Wildflowers in Stromness (Stromness, 13:30 to 15:30)	Moving Montanes with the Cairngorms Connect Tree Nursery (Online, 19:00 to 20:30)	Rock pooling Birsay (Birsay, 12:30 to 14:30)	Unnatural Arrivals – The Stoat Crisis in Orkney (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 17:00*)	Wildlife on the Water – Kayaking in Nature (Kirkwall, 10:30 to 14:00)
Evening Walk at RSPB Hobbister (Orphir, 19:00 to 20:30)	Paint or Draw Orkney Flora and Fauna (Kirkwall, 13:30 to 15:30)	The discovery of a potential flapper skate nursery in Scapa Flow (Online, 19:00 to 20:30)	Hoy Sunset Wildlife Cruise (Stromness, 19:00 to 21:00)	Social Shorewatch: The Gloop (Deerness, 13:00 to 14:30)	Social Shorewatch: Point of Ness (Stromness, 11:00 to 12:30)	WDC Shorewatch Training (Kirkwall, 12:00 to 14:00)
Hoy Sunset Wildlife Cruise (Stromness, 19:00 to 21:00)	The Apothecary By The Sea: In Conversation with Victoria Bennett (Kirkwall, 14:00 to 15:00)	Brilliant Beasties (Online, 19:00 to 20:30)		Suminagashi Workshop (Session 2) (Hoy, 13:30 to 15:00)	Weave with Orkney grasses (Kirkwall, 11:00 to 13:00)	Greener Orkney Beach Clean – Scapa (Kirkwall, 16:00 to 17:30)
	Botanical Sketchbooking in Graphite for Mindfulness (Stromness, 14:00 to 16:00)	Hoy Sunset Wildlife Cruise (Stromness, 19:00 to 21:00)		Needle Felted Orkney Flowers (Kirkwall, 13:30 to 15:30)	Birds and their beaks! (Stromness, 11:00 to 15:00*)	O Sweet Spontaneous Earth – Music Inspired by Nature (Kirkwall, 19:30 to 21:30)
	Rescue on the Edge: Marine Mammal Rescues in Orkney and Around the UK (Kirkwall, 19:00 to 20:30)			Daytime Snorkelling Safari (Burray, 15:30 to 17:00)	Marine Mammal Medic Course BDMLR (Kirkwall, 11:30 to 17:30)	
	The Orkney dive: a sustainable seafood story (Online, 19:00 to 20:30)			Talk: Whales and Dolphins of the Northern Isles (Kirkwall, 19:00 to 20:00)	Rockpooling with Seasearch (Birsay, 13:00 to 16:00*)	
				Frances Scott: Walking the Coastlines of Orkney (Kirkwall, 19:00 to 20:30)	Wader Conservation Open Day and BBQ (Birsay, 13:00 to 15:00)	
				Hoy Sunset Wildlife Cruise (Stromness, 19:00 to 21:00)	Social Shorewatch: Yesnaby (Sandwick, 14:00 to 15:30)	
				Evening Snorkelling Safari (Burray, 21:00 to 22:30)	ONWP Guide Without a Hide (Birsay, 16:00 to 19:00*)	
				Bat Night Out with Species on the Edge and Tim Dean (Firth, 21:30 to 23:00)	Westside Cinema – Songs of Earth (Stromness, 19:15 to 21:45)	

* - drop in events are marked with a star - these can be visited at any time during the time listed!

Please note:

- Some events require a booking and may be fully booked, and some require payment, please check before attending.
- The end times of each event is approximate, and the location of each event is approximate to a parish.
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