



Six Mile Water Biodiversity Survey & Events 2008

Woodland Management (Conservation Volunteers NI), Sat 12 January, 10am-12pm

Do you know your native trees? Do you know your native plants? This is your opportunity to get to know more about native trees and woodland management and have a go at building habitat piles to help encourage invertebrates and fungi to the area. Lunch will be provided.

Bird Box Building, Sat 10 February, 10am-12pm

A Valentine's Special – help build some bird boxes which will create a safe haven for nesting birds in the spring. We will then go in search of suitable sites to put them in.

Meadow Management (Conservation Volunteers NI), Sat 29 March, 11am-3pm

Did you know a meadow can provide a rich habitat for insects and butterflies? Find out how to identify some of our wildflowers such as Common Knapweed and Mallow Rattle and why we need to manage meadow areas to ensure they are healthy and diverse. We will be helping to create a small stretch of meadow in the park. Lunch will be provided.

Bat Winterways Survey (NI Bat Group), Wed 16 April, 9am-11am

Learn about the bats that live in our area, including the Daubenton's bat, which forages over open water, taking insects on or near the surface of the Six Mile Water. Discover how to identify their calls, which is only possible with the use of specialised equipment.

Wetland Bird Survey, Sat 20 April, 10am-12noon

Do you know your Grey Wagtail from your Diver? Come along and learn how to identify water bird species through the water. We will be monitoring the Six Mile Water then report on them for the future.

River Monitoring Training (Community Waterways Club), Sat 26 April, 10am-12noon

Freshwater Bug Sampling will provide equipment, training and support for those who wish to help monitor the health of the Six Mile Water. The training will include a survey for aquatic insects, such as mayflies, which are excellent indicators of environmental change. No previous experience necessary.

Invasive Species Day (EHS), Sat 26 April, 10am-12noon

Alien invaders on the river bank!! Find out who they are, how they spread and what you can do to help. Then, April's band to map, monitor and control some of the invasive plant species in the area. Lunch will be provided.

A great opportunity to learn about wildlife recording and practical conservation skills, whilst enjoying the outdoors along the Six Mile Water. Training is free or charge and suitable for all abilities. No previous experience necessary. It may also be suitable for children over 8 years, who must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please bring a water proof coat.

To book your place or for further information, please contact Elaine Untch or Ruth Wilson, Antrim Borough Council T. 9446 3113.