harestanes

countryside visitor centre

Open daily 10am-5pm
23 March - 31 October
FREE ENTRY

www.scotborders.gov.uk/harestanes
Celebrate Harestanes’ 21st anniversary and the Year of Natural Scotland 2013!
Set in beautiful countryside and with a great outdoor play park, there’s plenty to do, whatever the weather. Discover for yourself why Harestanes is one of the Borders best-loved attractions.

Great tasting coffee and fresh baked cakes
Savour the taste of freshly-ground Fair Trade coffee and enjoy delicious scones and traybakes in Gill Orde’s lovely café.

Planning a birthday party?
Hire our courtyard room for parties and group visits. Assistance available for school and nursery classes.

Gold Award - Green Business
Harestanes is committed to reducing its impact on the environment by reducing energy and water use each year, and recycling as much as possible. Visit www.green-business.co.uk for details.

Walking and cycling
Discover the local countryside by foot and by bike. Harestanes is on St Cuthbert’s Way, a day’s walk from Melrose. A network of quiet public roads provides a choice of options for cyclists, including the 4 Abbeys Route.

Disabled access
The visitor centre ground floor is wheelchair-accessible with parking at the main entrance. A courtesy wheelchair is available for use around the building.

Travel by bus
The nearest request stop for buses is the A68 / B6400 junction, 15 minutes’ walk from Harestanes. Visit www.travelinescotland.com for timetables.

Stay in touch
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Events
23 March – 31 October

Bookings with payment can be made over the telephone from 23 March 10am-5pm daily by calling (01835) 830306.

No refund if a booking is cancelled within 14 days of an event. A 50% refund will be made if a booking is cancelled more than 14 days before an event. Full refund if an event is cancelled.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays 16th April – 28th May 1330-1430
Thursdays 18th April – 20th June 1000-1100
Music Time with Pooee and her Puppets!
Singing, playing instruments, dancing and puppets for pre-school children. £3 per session (five sessions per booking). For details call Pooee Pitman on 01835 823155 or 07979 902891. Further dates TBC.

Thursdays 18th April – 31st October 1200-1600
Harestanes SoftPlay
New for Harestanes! Indoor soft play for toddlers. £1 per child and enjoy a special discount in the café. 0-4 years. All children must be with an adult.

MARCH

Fri 29th – Sun 31st 1000-1600 Approx. 1 mile.
Outdoor event
Easter Treasure Trail
Buy a treasure map, follow the clues and collect an Easter egg prize! Children must be with an adult. £1.50 per map. No booking required.

Sat 30th 1100-1300, 1330-1530 [approx. 20mins]
Indoor event
Decorate Your Egg!
Give your egg an Easter make-over. Bring your own egg or buy one for 30p. Under-8s must be with an adult. £1.50 per decorated egg. No booking required.

Sun 31st 1100-1300, 1330-1530 [approx. 20mins]
Indoor event
Decorate Your Egg!
See 30th March for details.

APRIL

Mon 1st 1000-1600
Approx. 1 mile.
Outdoor event
Easter Treasure Trail
See 29th March for details.

Wed 3rd 1400-1600
Indoor event
Arty Wednesday
Create your own nature-based art work to take home. A different theme each week.

Ages 4+, under-8s must be with an adult. Max. of 10 participants. £5. Booking: Advised.

Sat 6th 1300-1630 inc. break
Indoor event
Weave a Willow Deer
Sun 7th 1300-1630 inc. break
Indoor event
Weave a Willow Hare
Make your own beautiful willow sculpture under expert guidance. Ages 12 to adult.

Wed 10th 1400-1600
Indoor event
Arty Wednesday
See 3rd April for details.

Sat 13th 1000-1600
Training event
Freshwater Invertebrate ID
Improving our knowledge of wildlife relies on accurate identification. Freshwater biologist Dave Colvill leads a workshop identifying pond invertebrates.
Ages 16 to adult. Max. of 12 participants. FREE. Organised by The Wildlife Information Centre. Booking: Essential (via www.wildlifeinformation.co.uk)

Sun 14th 1400-1630
Indoor & Outdoor event
Draw in the Wild

Sun 21st 1400-1500
Indoor event
Tim Stead: His Life and Work
Maggy Stead Lenert presents an illustrated talk on her late husband Tim’s passion for uncovering the beauty of wood through his unique furniture and sculpture. £3. Booking: Advised. This event complements With the Grain: A Celebration of the Life and Work of Tim Stead in Harestanes Gallery Sat 23rd March – Mon 27th May.

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May

Sat 4th 1300-1630 inc. break
Indoor event
Weave a Garden Plant Support
Use willow to make your own elegant plant support under expert tuition. Ages 16 to adult. Max. of 8 participants. £18. Booking: Advised.

Sun 5th 1300-1630 inc. break
Indoor event
Weave a Garden Plant Support
See Sat 4th May for details.

Mon 6th 1100-1300, 1400-1600 (approx. 20 mins)
Indoor event
May Day Make
Celebrate Spring with fun art and craft activities for everyone! Ages 4+, under-8s must be with an adult. £2. No booking required.

Sun 12th 1300-1600 inc. break
Indoor & Outdoor event
Draw in the Wild
See 14th April for details.

Sat 18th 0500-0730
Outdoor event
Dawn Chorus Woodland Walk
Hear the dawn chorus at its best and enjoy a springtime walk through beautiful woodland. Ages 8+. Under-16s must be with an adult. Max. of 24 participants.

Wed 22nd 1400-1530
Outdoor event
Harestanes Butterfly Survey
Take part in a national survey for Butterfly Conservation over a 1 mile route. No experience necessary. Under-16s must be with an adult. No dogs. FREE. Max. of 10 participants. Booking: Advised. Part of Scottish Borders, Naturally! 18th May-16th June. More details at www.scotborders.gov.uk/naturally

Sat 25th 1030-1400
Hosted event
Toddleathon for UNICEF
Complete a toddler ‘marathon’ to raise funds for UNICEF in support of children around the world, and receive a certificate! For children 2-5 years accompanied by parent(s). Details and sponsor forms from Ken Henderson, tel. 01750 20112, email: kennethhenderson420@btinternet.com or turn up on the day.

Sun 26th 0930-1700
Outdoor event
Laurie Campbell Photography Workshop (Beginners & Intermediates)
Join wildlife and landscape photographer Laurie Campbell in a practical small group workshop. Expert advice on all aspects of outdoor photography. Participants must bring a camera, tripod and outdoor clothing. Sandwich lunch and refreshments provided. Ages 16 to adult. Max. of 8 participants. Adult £65, Conc. £50. Booking: Essential.

Wed 29th 1400-1530
Outdoor event
Harestanes Butterfly Survey
See 22nd May for details. Part of Scottish Borders, Naturally! 18th May-16th June. More details at www.scotborders.gov.uk/naturally

Wed 29th 2000-2200
Outdoor event
Evening Woodland Walk

Sat 1st 1300-1600
Outdoor event
Harestanes BioBlitz
Help to identify the wide range of animals, fungi and plants that make Harestanes their home and continue a long tradition of wildlife recording. Experts from TWIC (The Wildlife Information Centre) and other organisations will be on hand to lead recording parties. Ages 8 to adult, under-16s must be with an adult. FREE.

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Sat 1st 1000-1700
Hosted event
Tesco Bank 4 Abbeys Challenge
A hike & bike charity challenge by Tesco Bank staff in aid of three nominated charities following the 4 Abbeys Cycle Route.
Sun 2nd 1200-1600  
Indoor & Outdoor event  
Harestanes Wildlife Family Fun!  
Try pond-dipping, listen to underwater sounds in the wildlife garden, make a bumblebee house or create your own leaf art! There’s lots of activities and hands-on advice from wildlife experts too. FREE entry. Part of Scottish Borders, Naturally! 18th May-16th June. More details at www.scotborders.gov.uk/naturally

Wed 5th 1400-1530  
Outdoor event  
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Sat 8th 1300-1600  
Indoor event (Courtyard Meeting Room)  
Beekeeping in the Borders  
Ever thought about keeping bees? Come along and meet members of the Borders Beekeepers Association and discover why so many people are taking up this ancient and rewarding activity. FREE. No booking required. Part of Scottish Borders, Naturally! 18th May-16th June. More details at www.scotborders.gov.uk/naturally

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Sat 15th 1000-1600  
Outdoor & Indoor event  
BeeWalk Workshop: bumblebee survey training  
Would you like to help the Bumblebee Conservation Trust monitor one of our most important groups of pollinators? Come along and learn how to survey bumblebees and identify the most common species. Ages 16 to adult. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Outdoor clothing required. No dogs. FREE. Booking: essential as spaces are limited. Contact BBCT Officer Elaine O’Mahony, tel: 01786 467818 or email: beewalk@bumblebeeconservation.org Part of Scottish Borders, Naturally! 18th May-16th June. More details at www.scotborders.gov.uk/naturally
**JULY**

**Wed 3rd 1400-1600**
Indoor event
*Arty Wednesday*
See 3rd April for details.

**Wed 10th 1400-1600**
Indoor event
*Arty Wednesday*
See 3rd April for details.

**Fri 12th 1400-1545**
Outdoor event
*Muckle Minibeasts*
Discover an incredible world of animals at your feet! Ages 4+, under-8s must be with an adult. Max. of 15 participants. £3. Booking: Advised.

**Sun 14th 1300-1600 inc. break**
Indoor & Outdoor event
*Draw in the Wild*
See 14th April for details.

**AUGUST**

**Fri 2nd 1400-1545**
Outdoor event
*Muckle Minibeasts*
See 12th July for details.

**Sun 4th 1200-1600**
Indoor & Outdoor event
*Harestanes Craft Fair*
Craft designers from the Scottish Borders, selling quality gifts and products. Craft activities for all the family too. FREE entry.

**Wed 7th 1400-1600**
Indoor event
*Arty Wednesday*
See 3rd April for details.
**SEPTEMBER**

**Sun 8th 1300-1600 inc. break**
Indoor & Outdoor event
**Draw in the Wild**
See 14th April for details.

**Sun 29th 0930-1700**
Outdoor event
**Laurie Campbell**
Photography Masterclass
Join renowned wildlife and landscape photographer Laurie Campbell for a small group masterclass. Practical expert advice on all aspects of outdoor photography. Participants must bring a camera, tripod and outdoor clothing. Sandwich lunch and refreshments provided. Ages 16 to adult. Max. of 4 participants. Adult £120, Conc. £100. Booking: Essential.

**OCTOBER**

**Tues 1st 1930-2130 inc. interval**
Indoor event
**Laurie Campbell’s Scottish Nature 2013**
Celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland in the company of one of Scotland’s top award-winning landscape photographers. A spell-binding evening
of astounding images, including recent work. Adult £6, child £4. Booking: Essential.

Sun 6th 1100-1600 Indoor & Outdoor event Apple Day Celebrate autumn’s bounty at Harestanes’ annual apple extravaganza, in partnership with Borders Organic Gardeners. Apple ID, organic gardening advice, games, folk music and local food. A great family day out! FREE.

Sat 12th 1400-1600 Approx. 2km Outdoor event Harestanes Fungal Foray Harestanes is a great place for fungi! Discover more on a walk with an expert. No dogs. Ages 8 to adult. Under 16s must be with an adult. Adult £5, Child £3. Booking: Advised.

Sun 13th 1300-1600 inc. break Indoor & Outdoor event Draw in the Wild See 14th April for details.

Wed 16th 1400-1600 Indoor event Arty Wednesday See 3rd April for details.

Sat 19th 1300-1600 Indoor & outdoor event River Action Celebrating the Year of Natural Scotland 2013. An afternoon of activities, complementing ‘Working the Tweed’ 9th – 31st October, led by artists Kate Foster, Jules Horne, Claire Pençak & James Wyness. Project supported by Creative Scotland and developed with assistance from Southern Uplands Partnership and Tweed Forum. FREE. No booking required.

Sun 20th 1300-1500 Outdoor event Harestanes Anniversary Orchard Help plant a fruit tree in our new orchard and celebrate Harestanes’ 21st anniversary! Fun fruity craft activities too. FREE.

Sat 26th 1530-1700 Indoor & outdoor event Hallowe’en at Harestanes There are strange animals stirring in the woods. Be prepared for something spooky! Hallowe’en dress optional (suitable for outdoors). Ages 4+, under-8s must be with an adult. £5. Booking: Advised.

Sun 27th 1530-1700 Indoor & outdoor event Hallowe’en at Harestanes See Sat 26th October for details.

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Sat 23rd March – Mon 27th May

**With the Grain**
A Celebration of the Life and Work of Tim Stead
Tim Stead (1952-2000) spent his early working years at Harestanes, on his way to becoming one of the country’s most respected and talented artist craftsmen. This is the final opportunity to see this exhibition which features some of Tim’s keynote pieces and includes furniture and sculpture available to purchase. **With the Grain** is a collaboration between the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Maggy Stead Lenert.

Sat 1st June – Mon 26th August

**SuperNature**
Celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland!
Harestanes Gallery showcases some of the best natural sites in the Scottish Borders in a super-sized exhibition of giant animals, plants and fungi. FREE.

Sat 31st August – Thurs 3rd October

**The Hain Family Art Show**
Rob Hain’s paintings of Scotland and its iconic architecture are increasingly sought after, featuring at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and beyond. Here he shares gallery space with his wife Margaret Scott, their son Alex and daughter Philippa. Work available to purchase.

Wed 9th – Thurs 31st October

**Working the Tweed**
Kate Foster, Jules Horne, Claire Pençak & James Wyness
Celebrating the Year of Natural Scotland 2013.
Four Scottish Borders artists collaborate to explore the hidden worlds, maps and languages of the River Tweed. Project supported by Creative Scotland and developed with assistance from Southern Uplands Partnership and Tweed Forum. See related event River Action on Sat 19th October.
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