

Wild Chalk Festival 2020

PROGRAMME

VIRTUAL EVENT:
SUNDAY 19 JULY –
FRIDAY 24 JULY

Celebrating the wildlife, history and amazing water filtering properties of chalk grassland. Brought to you by South Downs National Park Authority and Brighton and Hove City Council.

Free Virtual and Fun – head to the South Downs National Park Facebook page to catch all the action.



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SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



SUNDAY 19 JULY BUSY BEES

▶ **11:00 – FESTIVAL LAUNCH:** Professor Dave Goulson of the University of Sussex and author of 'The Garden Jungle', opens the festival, and talks about what we can all do to help our bees.

▶ **12:00 – FACEBOOK LIVE: 'BEE LINES'** with National Park Ranger Sophie Brown from the top of the South Downs showing us bees using pollinator corridors across farmland.

▶ **14:00 – SHORT FILM: 'BEE BANKS OF BRIGHTON'** Brighton and Hove City Council Ranger Sally Graham-Macleod talks us through creating an urban bee bank.

▶ **16:00 – 'WILD CHALK STORYTIME'** Settle down with storyteller Ben Fairlight to hear tales of past and present in the South Downs. Ben will be telling a story at the same time every day during the festival.

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Live elements of the programme are subject to change. Check our social media channels for the latest updates.

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MONDAY 20 JULY AMAZING GRAZING

▶ **10:00 – FACEBOOK LIVE: 'MEET THE SHEEP'** Meet the sheep that graze the chalk grassland of Whitehawk Hill with Brighton and Hove City Council Ranger Paul Gorringe.

▶ **12:00 – SHORT FILM: 'A TRADITIONAL SOUTH DOWNS FARM'** A tour of Saddlescombe Farm with National Trust Ranger Dan Fagan, and National Park Ranger Jan Knowlson.

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🌐 Take part in our Wild Chalk daily quiz starting on Sunday 19 July and win a **Wildlife Explorer Pack!** Every day there will be three fun and informative questions. At the end of the contest, five participants with the most correct answers will win a fantastic **Wildlife Explorer Pack** – including Nick Baker's Bug Safari kit, binoculars, bug catcher, a bird-spotting guide, and a "Bee Bomb" wildflower seed pack. To register and take part visit southdownswildchalk.makequiz.no/



TUESDAY 21 JULY 'FLOWER POWER'

▶ **10:00 – FACEBOOK LIVE: 'CHALK GRASSLAND FLOWERS'**: Dr Dan Danahar and National Park Ranger Jan Knowlson explore the flowers found in the chalk habitats of the South Downs in Sussex.

▶ **12:00 – SHORT FILM: 'CHALK GRASSLAND FLOWERS OF HAMPSHIRE'** National Park Ranger Maddy Crews explores the flowers found in the chalk habitats of the South Downs in Hampshire.

▶ **14:00 – INSTAGRAM LIVE: 'COLOUR THE FLOWERS OF THE DOWNS'** Download our colouring sheets and learn to colour like an artist with National Park Interpretation Officer Emily Summers and National Park Ranger. Chloe Goddard. (go to our Facebook page to find the downloadable sheets).

▶ **15:00 – SHORT FILM: 'CHALK GRASSLAND FLOWER NURSERY'** A visit to a bespoke nursery specialising in growing chalk grassland flowers with Sally Graham-Macleod.

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WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 'CHALK TALK'

▶ **10:00 – SHORT FILM: 'MAKE YOUR OWN CHALK AQUIFER'** Have fun watching Aimee Felus of The Aquifer Partnership (TAP) make a model of a chalk aquifer and learn how the chalk filters cleans the water we drink.

▶ **12:00 – SHORT FILM: 'KEEPING GREENKEEPING GREEN'** Hear from Simon Wells of Pyecombe Golf Club on how they are doing their bit to keep our water supply clean.

▶ **14:00 – SHORT FILM: 'SUDS NOT FLOODS'** Family friendly video on how we can all help to reduce surface flooding in our towns and villages.

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THURSDAY 23 JULY 'PREHISTORIC SOUTH DOWNS'

▶ **10:00 – SHORT FILM: 'CHALKLAND PREHISTORY'** with Dr Matthew Pope of UCL explaining how the Chalk Downs were formed and how people made their lives within them from the Ice Age through to Roman colonisation. Including visits to sites such as Black Rock raised beach, Whitehawk Neolithic Enclosure and Hollingbury Hillfort.

▶ **12:00 – FACEBOOK LIVE: 'STONE AGE ENCOUNTERS'**: Neolithic re-enactor Will Lord demonstrates fire lighting, flint knapping and hide tanning from his Stone Age camp.

▶ **14:00 – SHORT FILM: 'PREHISTORIC DEAD OF THE SOUTH DOWNS'** Explore some ancient burial places in Sussex and Hampshire with Dawn Cansfield of Winchester University.

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FRIDAY 24 JULY 'BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES, MARVELLOUS MOTHS'

▶ **8:00 – FACEBOOK LIVE: 'MOTHS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS'**: Robert Foreman of Sussex Wildlife Trust opens a moth trap to discover which moths inhabit the South Downs.

▶ **12:00 – SHORT FILM: 'BUTTERFLIES OF THE SOUTH DOWNS'** Brighton and Hove City Council Ranger Paul Gorrington explains which butterflies are most commonly seen on the South Downs.

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