It's Christmas! Where better to buy your tree than from Kielder Forest?

Friends Scheme
Become a friend and help us to enhance our spectacular Park.

Kielder Viaduct
Discover and share the heritage of this 19th Century structure.

Welcome to the Kielder event guide - the one stop shop for news and events in Kielder Water & Forest Park.

Join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary in the enchanted forest and make magical memories to last a lifetime.

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Tourism experience of the year
There's a whole host of activities you can do in your own time such as walking, cycling and mountain biking. But we also have an exciting events programme all year round. This handy guide should help make the most of your time or plan an upcoming visit. For more information, go to www.visitkielder.com or if you’re onsite, pop into one of our three visitor centres – Tower Knowe, Leaplish Waterside Park or Kielder Castle.

Kielder Water & Forest Park is officially England’s best tourism experience (VisitEngland 2013) so what better excuse is there to pay us a visit and come and see for yourself.

There's also the main man himself. The day isn’t complete without a visit to Father Christmas in his secret hideaway, guided by the elves through the twinkling forest.

New for 2013, get starry eyed and capture a Christmas wish upon a Winter Wonderland star. Also, to celebrate our 10th anniversary, we are lighting England’s darkest skies with beautiful twinkly lights on one of the tallest growing Christmas trees in the forest.

With gifts for the whole family to take home, skating and snow tubing and the chance to visit Snowy Owl and friends at the Birds of Prey Centre, Kielder Winter Wonderland will certainly be a magical day out.

A full day out including all the activities costs £32 per person in November. Saturday 30 November and all December dates cost £35 per person. For children under the age of one the cost is £5. A booking fee of £4.50 also applies. Book tickets online at our new website www.kielderwinterwonderland.com or by calling 0845 155 1553.

Why not make your visit extra special and stay overnight in a woodland lodge – book our exclusive Lewisburn lodge with outdoor hot tub. At the end of the day your children can snuggle up in their pyjamas with milk and cookies and listen to special bedtime stories. To book a Kielder lodge and Winter Wonderland tickets together call 0845 155 1553 from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Group bookings of 12 persons or more should also be booked by telephone.

Book a lodge break for the opening weekend on Friday 15 November and you will enjoy the exclusive experience of seeing Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas arrive into their magical home and switch on the Christmas tree lights.
There isn’t a single part of Kielder Water & Forest Park which doesn’t look striking in the cold and crisp winter, and Kielder Viaduct is no exception.

Originally, Kielder Viaduct was used by the Border Counties Railway and was a vital lifeline for small rural communities. The line was closed in 1958 and by 1966, the viaduct was on the verge of being demolished.

It was saved at the last minute by the Northumberland & Newcastle Society who purchased it from the Forestry Commission for just £1!

Now, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund; Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust, Kielder History Group, Northumberland & Newcastle Society, Bellingham Heritage Centre and a team of consultants, have joined forces to delve into the chequered history of this remarkable 19th century structure.

The ‘Kielder Viaduct, Your Heritage’ project is going full steam ahead but the team want you to get on track and share memories, personal stories and photographs to help bridge the gaps in the viaduct’s history and Kielder’s social and industrial heritage.

The stories will be retold as part of a fascinating new programme of discovery for the local community, visitors and schools. See www.visitkielder.com/ourhistory or visit the Kielder Historical Project page on www.facebook.com.

The breath-taking viaduct also forms part of the course for Kielder Duathlon, held on Sunday 1 December – book your place at www.highterrainevents.co.uk.

It’s Christmas! As well as our popular Kielder Winter Wonderland event, the Park is filled with a whole host of festive offerings.

This year, Kielder Castle will hold a two-day Christmas Fayre complete with craft stalls and carols guaranteed to get you in that special holiday mood.

There will be something for everybody, including children’s activities and seasonal food and drink.

Also, where better to buy your REAL Christmas tree than from the magical Kielder forest? There will be freshly cut pines, fir and spruce on sale.

Join us for the festive fun in the courtyard between 11am – 4pm.

Be our friend...

We recently revealed our exciting new Friends scheme at Kielder Water & Forest Park.

For just £24 every year, your valued support will enable Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust to continue to enhance the great leisure and recreation attractions and activities, from Kielder Observatory to Heritage trails.

As a Friend, you will also benefit from exclusive Friends events, including exciting offers and promotions across the visitor centres and activities.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.visitkielder.com/friends.
Every weekend from Saturday 16 November until Sunday 22 December, including Friday 20 December

KIELDER WINTER WONDERLAND
See cover and inside story for full booking details – tickets only.

Friday 1 November
SWING AND CLIMB DAY AT CALVERT TRUST KIELDER
Fly through the air on the brilliant King-swing or conquer our mighty indoor climbing wall. (indoor wall also comes with a session on the Velcro Olympics) Age 5+.
Time: 10am – 12.30pm King Swing, 1pm – 3pm indoor climbing wall
Cost: £10 per person, per activity.
Call: 01434 250 232 (booking not required)

Fridays 1, 8, 15 and 22 November
TRADITIONAL CRAFT SERIES
A variety of crafts - make your own bath bombs, bath salts and soaps. Meditate your evening away making beautiful folded paper shapes. Choose from three pieces of glass to decorate. Make a beautiful willow arbour or angel and fill it with lights. Age 16+.
Time: 6pm – 8pm
Cost: £10 per person
Book via www.northernadventure.org or email athenaevents@rocketmail.com (booking essential)

Saturday 2 November
4 X 4 SAFARI
A family orientated event, follow guides trail blazing in the heart of the Forest.
Time: 10am – 4pm
Cost: £55 per vehicle
Call: 08445 889 965 (booking essential)

DON’T FORGET
The landscape and weather here can be different from home.
Please wear the right footwear and clothing for the activity - if you’re not sure what to wear call us on 0845 155 0236.

KEY TO SYMBOLS
Please look out for the following symbols to help you when choosing the most suitable event for yourself or your family.

Accessible
Families & all ages welcome
Dogs welcome
Bush craft events

Saturdays 2, 16 and 30 November
SURVIVAL TRAINING UK
Learn the basics of outdoor survival; shelter building, fire starting, food prep and cooking and natural navigation. All courses are hands on – choose between an 8 hour or overnight 24 hour session. Age 15+.
Time: 9am
Cost: £65 for 8 hour, £125 for an overnight 24 hour session.
Call: 07712 172 768 or email james@survivaltraininguk.co.uk (booking essential)

Friday 1 November and Saturdays 9 and 23 November
BIG UNIVERSE AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
From the Big Bang to the cold, dark empty end of everything! Includes a tour of the facility and use of the powerful telescopes. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

November 2013
Every Friday and Saturday throughout November
FAMILY ASTRONOMY AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
A fun-packed family event including an interactive multimedia presentation, talks with astronomers, a tour of the Observatories and using our powerful telescopes to investigate the sun. Age 5+.
Time: 5pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

Friday 1 November
KIELDER WINTER WONDERLAND
See cover and inside story for full booking details – tickets only.
Friday 8 November
AN EVENING WITH THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Mankind’s space telescope orbits around Earth transmitting back mind-blowing images and making incredible discoveries. Event includes expert discussion and use of the telescopes.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

Friday 22 November
CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS AT KIELDER CASTLE – STAINED GLASS DECORATIONS
Make Christmas sparkle in your home with our stained glass hanging decorations. Create two or three unique glass star and/or angel hangings. Learn how to cut the glass and copperfoil the edges. Workshop includes lunch.
Time: 10:30am – 3:30pm.
Cost: £25 per person.
Call: 01670 620 450 (booking essential).

Thursday 14 and 28 November
VOLUNTEER DAYS
Get your hands dirty and help us look after the Forest. A fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, keep fit, socialise and enjoy working in the great outdoors. Bring along a packed lunch.
All protective equipment, tools and refreshments provided.
Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm
Cost: Free
Call: 01434 250 209 for more info

Friday 22 and Saturday 30 November
AURORA NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Northern Lights! What are they, how do we see them? The science behind aurora is as fantastic as the myths and stories that have surrounded them for millennia. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 November
COMET ISON AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Not to be missed! If Comet ISON makes its way around the sun, scientists are predicting it to be anywhere from as bright as the moon…to 15 times as bright as the moon!
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

Wednesday 3 November
SHARP SHOOTERS DAY AT CALVERT TRUST KIELDER
Test your aiming skill on our laser clay shooting and archery ranges. Age 5+.
Time: drop in between 10am – 3pm
Cost: £10 per person, per activity (includes either 30 clays or 15 arrows)
Call: 01434 250 232
(booking not required)

Friday 15 November
CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS AT KIELDER CASTLE – LINO PRINTING
Prepare for Christmas and make your own hand-printed Christmas cards and gift tags in a day-long lino printing workshop. Learn how to carve the lino and print your design onto Christmas cards and gift tags to give to friends.
Workshop includes lunch.
Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm
Cost: £25 per person
Call: 01670 620 450 (booking essential).

Wednesday 2 November
NEW MOON OBSERVING AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Gaze and learn about the incredible dark skies with experts on hand to guide you around the sky and to help you use the instrumentation. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

Thursday 14 November
PUBLIC OBSERVING NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Learn about Kielder’s incredible dark skies. Experts are on hand to guide you around the sky and to help you use instrumentation or bring your own telescopes. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £12, concessions £10, family £35
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Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December
CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT KIELDER CASTLE
Come and buy more than just your ‘real’ Christmas tree from Kielder Forest! There will be something for everybody from the gift and craft stalls. Children’s activities and seasonal food and drink are also available.
Time: 11am – 4pm.
Cost: Free (car parking charges apply)
Call: 01434 250 100 for info.

Sunday 1 December
KIELDER DUATHLON
A 7km trail run, followed by a 24km mountain bike ride and finishing with a further 6km run. Age 18+
Time: 10.30am
Cost: Individual entry £25 British Triathlon members, £28 non-members. Relay entry £35 British Triathlon members, £41 non-members.
Book via www.highterrainevents.co.uk or call 07811 184 812.

Saturday 7 December
AURORA NIGHT AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Northern Lights! What are they, how do we see them? The science behind aurora is as fantastic as the myths and stories that have surrounded them for millennia
Age 10+
Time: 8pm
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AT KIELDER OBSERVATORY
Northern Lights festive style…with mulled wine and mince pies! What are the Northern Lights, how do we see them? The science behind aurora is as fantastic as the myths and stories that have surrounded them for millennia. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £15, concessions £10, family £40
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

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4x4 SAFARI
A family orientated event, follow guides trail blazing in the heart of the Forest. Time: 10am – 4pm
Cost: £55 per vehicle
Call: 08445 889 965 (booking essential)

Tuesday 31 December
NEW YEARS EVE AT
KIELDER OBSERVATORY
See in the New Year in astronomical style with stargazing, eco-friendly candle lanterns, an open fire and our famous team of astronomers. Tour the Observatory, use the telescopes and ponder the nature of time itself as the year ends. Age 10+.
Time: 8pm
Cost: Adults £45, concessions £30, family £125
Book via www.kielderobservatory.org

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KIELDER OBSERVATORY
For more events at Kielder Observatory throughout January please visit www.kielderobservatory.org.

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Learn the basics of outdoor survival; shelter building, fire starting, food prep and cooking and natural navigation. All courses are hands on – choose between an 8 hour or overnight 24 hour session. Age 15+.
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It’s a common misconception that the whole Park closes during the winter. While some of the visitor centres, shops and pubs in the area close or have different opening times, there is still plenty to do.

The team at the Birds of Prey Centre are so dedicated they are there every single day of the year except Christmas day!

There is lots going on at Calvert Trust Kielder throughout winter too. The hydrotherapy pool and sensory room are the perfect way to warm up on chilly days. From mid December they will be available between 10am – 4pm except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day.

There are also half and full day activity sessions available on selected dates for all ages and abilities. For more information or to book your place call 01434 250 232 or email enquiries@calvert-kielder.com.

If you need a warming beverage and hot food visit the Anglers Arms, or Kielder Castle café is open 11am – 4pm in November and December until Sunday 22 December. The café will re-open from Thursday 26 December to Sunday 29 December.

The free exhibition inside Kielder Castle will remain open alongside the café.

To check the opening times of the visitor centres before you arrive, please download our Winter Opening Hours guide from www.visitkielder.com or call 0845 155 0236.