

Nature Rangers is for children aged 5—11 yrs and is run by West Rainton Green Group. We meet at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve from 1-3pm on each Tuesday of the school holidays. Children under 8 must bring a grown up (over 16) with them. **There is a charge of £1 per family to help cover our costs. Includes refreshments.**

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**Feb half term—Tues 17th Feb** - Creature Feature Camera Fun! Take part in National Nest Box Week by building bird nesting boxes AND THEN putting cameras inside the boxes so that we can watch what goes on in them all year round.

**Easter Holidays—Tues 7th April**— Worms and woodlands. Join us for a mini-beast hunt in the woods and then help us make a wormery so that we can worm watch all year.



**Tues 14th April**— Hard workers with detective skills needed for a Spring clean and hunt. Wildlife on the reserve is waking up and making nests so lets see if we can spot the signs and make their habitats welcoming for the new babies.

**Spring Half Term—Tues 26th May**—Birds, Babies and Binoculars. Hide in the hide and see what you can see, check out the nest box cameras for eggs and chicks and enjoy some bird games and activities.

**Summer Holidays—Tues 28th July**—What's in the pond? Come pond dipping and find out, then help set up an indoor aquarium for the visitors centre.



**Tues 4th August**—What does a water vole look like? Where do they live? Have you ever seen one swimming? Have we got any at Rainton Meadows? We'll have a water vole expert with us to help us find out and we'll be doing lots of water vole games and activities.

**Tues 11th August**—Owls are visiting. Not just the ones that live at Rainton Meadows but remember the one we adopted? She's coming back to visit us and bringing some friends.



**Tues 18th August**—Animal homes and dens. How do animals make warm, waterproof shelters? Can you do it?

**Tues 25th August and Tues 1st September** - We've left these dates free for you to make your own suggestions for activities. There may be some jobs need doing on the reserve that you'd like to help with or a particular animal or habitat you'd like to find out more about. Let us know at the start of the holidays and we'll do our best to sort something out.

**October half term—Tues 27th October—\*4 til 6pm\*** Bring a torch for a bat walk to be followed by some batty games and activities in time for hallowe'en.

**Xmas hols—Tues 22nd December**—Wrap up warm for a winter walk to collect ideas and things for making Christmas decorations and pressies.

**Tues 29th Dec**—Fat faces in the woods. Help the birds on the reserve to survive the winter but wear old clothes as it'll be a messy job.



Nature Rangers should be a fun place to be so if anyone behaves in a way that upsets you please tell the leader or phone the Watch Helpline on: 08450700065. The line is open between 9am and 5pm on weekdays