

WORK PARTIES

Meet at the corner of Greendown and Troopers Hill Road. BS5 8BS

Have fun, get fit and help maintain Troopers Hill at our 2 hour Work Parties. Afterwards join us for a chat over coffee or tea and biscuits. We supply gloves and tools but please wear long sleeves and suitable footwear.

Saturdays (1st of each month) - 10am-noon

5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

Evening 1 hour work parties - 7pm-8pm

Wednesdays 17th July and 14th August

MEETINGS

Friends of Troopers Hill meetings are held at **Summerhill Methodist Church**, 5 Air Balloon Rd BS5 8LB

Our meetings are very informal and light hearted. We would be very pleased to see anyone who has an interest in the hill, its history or its wildlife.

Thursdays 7.15pm-9pm

24th January, 7th March, 30th May, 25th July, 26th September, 14th November.

Walks with the St George Strollers

2-3 mile twice monthly health walks to interesting places, usually starting in St George. To download the latest programme and view photos of previous walks visit

www.troopers-hill.org.uk/strollers
or phone Clare Willott on 0117 941 4514

MUSIC on The Hill

from 6.00pm
Saturday, 22nd June

Join the **Ambling Band** for a summer evening of music on Troopers Hill.
'a rich cacophony of sights and sounds'
Enjoy the views over Bristol while listening to some wonderful music.
Bring a picnic (no BBQs)
theamblingband.co.uk

Family Fun Picnic

from 4pm
Saturday, 10th August



Bring a picnic (no BBQs) includes a
Bugs and Beasties Hunt
with expert Rupert Higgins identifying your finds and a fun
Craft Tent.

Stay after the event to enjoy the view of Balloon Fiesta hot air balloons

Slide Show Review of 2013

7.15 - 9.00pm

Thursday, 5th December
Summerhill Methodist Church
Join us for a show including slides and videos of the year's events.



FREE GUIDED WALKS

(booking essential - details on back page)

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| February
Sunday, 3rd | Geology Walk
10.30am-noon
Expert Andrew Mathieson will lead us through Troopers Hill's 350 million year geological story. |
| March
Sunday, 17th | Dawn Chorus Walk
6.30 – 8am
A guided walk to listen to bird song and spot birds led by expert Ed Drewitt. |
| May
Sunday, 26 th | Tree Gazing Walk
10.30am – noon
Walk through Troopers Hill woods with tree expert Tony Titchen. |
| November
Sunday, 3rd | Fungi Foray 10.30am
Join expert Justin Smith in a hunt for mushrooms and toadstools on Troopers Hill |
| December
Sunday, 8 th | Avon Valley History
10.30am – 1.00pm
Join Rob Acton-Campbell for a tour of Troopers Hill & Avon Valley Woodlands talking about the fascinating history of the hill and the surrounding area. |

LOCAL EVENTS

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| March
Saturday, 9 th
St Aidan's Church and Hall, Fir Tree Lane | St Aidan's Community Fair
11am-2pm
Come and visit our stands. |
| Friday, 29 th
Organised by local churches | Troopers Hill Good Friday Service
Procession starts from Summerhill Methodist Church. |

Booking for Guided Walks

The walks are free, but we need to limit numbers so booking is essential. Please phone Judith on 0117 955 9819 from Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am -5pm or Susan at other times on 0117 947 5037 or email events2013@troopers-hill.org.uk

Meet on Troopers Hill Field at the end of Malvern Rd. BS5 8JA

Our 2013 Walks are funded by the BIG Lottery as part of the Community Spaces Programme through our Stepping Forward Project.

www.troopers-hill.org.uk/steppingforward

Other Events

All our events are free and open to all. Look for our gazebos on the top of the Hill.

Bad weather may lead to events being changed or cancelled at short notice; for the latest news and updates, phone 0753 161 5983

To protect the wildlife and grassland on the hill please clean up after your dog; do not bring disposable BBQs and take your litter home.

"Leave Only Footprints, Take only Photographs"

There is **no on site car parking**, see our website for details of how to get to Troopers Hill by public transport.

Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve

Troopers Hill in St George, East Bristol, is a hillside that has been quarried and mined in the past and overlooks the River Avon. The hill contains a fascinating mix of history, wild plants and animals. With heather and broom, rocky crags, spoil heaps and gullies, stunning views and two listed chimneys, Troopers Hill is one of the most spectacular wildlife spots in the city.

Contact Friends of Troopers Hill for your free copy of a set of three leaflets describing the hill, its wildlife, history and geology.

Friends of Troopers Hill

We aim to:

- Provide a friendly community focus for people who care about Troopers Hill.
- Carry out practical conservation work to help look after Troopers Hill.
- Organise public events such as walks and talks.
- Work with Bristol Parks to make sure Troopers Hill is well looked after.

To find out more sign up for our regular newsletter 'The Hill' or get in touch via the details below, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact Details

Friends of Troopers Hill

Information line: 0753 161 5983

www.troopers-hill.org.uk

events2013@troopers-hill.org.uk

Phone Susan or Rob on 0117 947 5037

Bristol Parks

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**Troopers Hill Local
Nature Reserve is
managed by Bristol Parks
in partnership with the
Friends of Troopers Hill.**