The Country Park Events Guide offers a fun packed, diverse programme of events and activities throughout the year.

Come along and discover South Lanarkshire’s Country Parks.

- Children’s craft workshops
- Animal activities at Calderglen Zoo
- Guided talks and tours
- Treasure hunts
- Seasonal and themed events
- Art and photographic displays
- Environmental education
- Toddler and adventure play areas
- Birthday Parties at Calderglen
- Chatelherault’s Oaks Café
- Weddings at Chatelherault
- Meeting and Conference Hire
- Private Function Hire

Opening times

Both country parks are open all year excluding Christmas and New Year public holidays.

**Calderglen**
October to March: 10am – 4pm
Last admission: 3.30pm
April to September: 10am – 5pm
Last admission: 4.30pm

**Chatelherault**
Monday to Sunday 10am – 5pm
Oaks Café and Gift Shop: 10am – 5pm
Chatelherault’s West lodge may be closed due to Weddings or Private Functions.
Contact reception on 01698 426213 for further information.

Details of all events within the country parks are posted on our website and Facebook pages: [www.slleisureandculture.co.uk](http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk)

- Children’s activities in South Lanarkshire
- Cultural activities in South Lanarkshire
- Leisure in South Lanarkshire

Contact

**Calderglen Country Park**
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**Chatelherault Country Park**
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Talks and tours at Calderglen

Calderglen Zoo
Talk and Tour

We offer two different animal activities: an animal encounter or a feeding tour.

Animal encounter: involves the group getting to meet some animals such as snakes and lizards up close. The animal keeper will tell the group all about the animals. The animal encounter takes place inside the conservatory so weather does not affect it. Animal encounters and feeding tours are specifically for organised groups, nurseries and schools.

Suitable for ages 5+. 40–60 min. Weekdays only.
Minimum of 10, maximum of 30.

Feeding tour: involves the group getting to watch animals such as the coatis, meerkats, guinea pigs and rabbits being fed. The animal keeper feeding them will also tell the group all about the animals. The feeding tour takes place in the outside zoo area so groups should wear weather appropriate clothing. Animal encounters and feeding tours are specifically for organised groups, nurseries and schools.

Suitable for ages 7+. 30–40 min. Weekdays only.
Minimum of 10, maximum of 25.

Costs

All talks and tours need to be booked in advance and have a one off payment which includes entry fees for all adults and children to the Conservatory and Zoo.

Maximum group size for all talks and tours is 25, minimum group size is 10. £31.85

For further information and booking availability

Please email us at calderglenconnpark@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk giving details of your group, including contact person, address, phone number and email address.

Please also include the number of children and number of adults and any additional needs or requirements. All talks and tours are suitable for people with disabilities.

Birthday Parties at the Glen

Calderglen offers you a unique children’s birthday party. Exclusive use of the Courtyard Gallery, Calderglen party invitations plus free adult entry to the Conservatory for the party group. Enhance your party with one or both of the activities below:

• Animal Encounters –
  A close up animal session

• Arty Activities – Arts and crafts
Tours at Chatelherault
Group lodge tours and guided walks can be booked at Chatelherault Country Park. For more information please contact Reception on 01698 426213 and select option 0.

The Visitor Centre
Gallery at Chatelherault

March 2019
Art Exhibition
by Hamilton District Arts Guild

June 2019
Photographic Exhibition
by the Royal Photographic Society

July 2019
Art Exhibition
by William Hird

August 2019
Photographic Exhibition
by Hamilton Camera Club

September 2019
Photographic Exhibition
by SL Photographic

October 2019
Art Exhibition
by Stuart Waugh

All exhibitions are open between 10am and 5pm.
Experience what it is like to be a zoo keeper.

Show off your true zoo keeper skills by feeding our animals including the foxes, meerkats, owls, monkeys, coatis, kookaburras and guinea pigs and rabbits. You can also handle a variety of animals including creepy crawlies, rats, a lizard and snake. If there is time, you may even be able to make some food toys for the animals.

Available for 7–14 year olds
Morning sessions 11am – 1pm, afternoon sessions (April to October only) 2pm – 4pm.
Two adult admissions are included in the Little Zoo Keeper package. Only available on weekdays.
Discover and Learn with Calderglen Zoo

Animal experiences

**Little Zoo Keeper** (Weekdays only)
You can feed and provide food toys for the zoo animals and handle a variety of animals including a snake and a lizard. Show off your true zoo keeper skills!

Available for 7-14 year olds

**Meet the Meerkats** (Weekdays only)
A chance to get up close to our mob of meerkats at Calderglen Zoo. You will have the opportunity to feed them and spend some quality time with them.

Available between 11am and 4pm.

Suitable for ages 6+

**Wake up the Zoo** (Weekdays only)
Wake up the zoo animals with their favourite treats. Participants will get to feed the coatis, meerkats, kookaburras, owls, guinea pigs, rabbits, Scottish wildcats, polecats, and monkeys.

Suitable for ages 7+

Group experiences

**Animal Encounter** (Weekdays only)
Children will have the opportunity to meet some of Calderglen’s friendliest animals up-close including a snake, a lizard and a creepy crawly. Animal encounters are educational and are specifically for organised groups. Minimum of 12 children.

Suitable for 5 years +

**Feeding Tour** (Weekdays only)
This keeper-led tour focuses on a few of our visitors’ favourite animals here at Calderglen Zoo. Watch and learn from our zoo keepers feeding the animals including the coatis, meerkats, guinea pigs and rabbits. Feeding tours are educational and specifically for organised groups. Minimum of 12 children.

Suitable for 5 years +

Cost: £32.80 per group

For further information or to book
www.slleisureandculture.co.uk
Contact reception on: 01355 236 644
Email: natalie.martin@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk
**March**

**Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea**
Chatelherault Country Park

Sunday 31 March 2019
12pm – 4pm

Treat your Mother to an afternoon she will never forget with afternoon tea served in style within the grand Banqueting Room at Chatelherault! For more information or to reserve a table, please contact the Oaks Café on 01698 543402.

Cost: £12.90 per adult, £6.40 per child.

**Make Mums Day**
Calderglen Country Park

Sunday 31 March 2019
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Show mum just how special she is, come along to Calderglen conservatory and make your mum a unique mother’s day gift.

Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.

Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft

**Easter Hunt**
Calderglen Country Park

Saturday 30 March to Monday 22 April 2019
10am – 4pm

Roll up, roll up and join in our Easter hunt, have fun exploring the conservatory, ornamental gardens and zoo following the clues to solve the Easter puzzle. Treasure maps and mask available from the gift shop. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.

Cost: £1.60
April

Spring Craft Workshops
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 1, Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 April 2019
2pm – 4pm
Get crafty this Easter and join us in the Calderglen conservatory and have an eggciting afternoon.
Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.
Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft

Science Experiments
Chatelherault Country Park
Tuesday 2 April and Tuesday 9 April 2019
12pm
Join us in Edward’s Lab for some fun science experiments. Make everything from a volcano to your own goo! This is a messy one so make sure you wear some old clothes!
Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Cupcake Decorating
Chatelherault Country Park
Wednesday 3 April and Wednesday 10 April 2019
12pm
Throw on your best apron and join us in decorating some yummy cupcakes. We’ll provide you with colourful icing and everything you need to decorate some wonderful treats. This may get a little messy so make sure you wear old clothes!
Cost: £4.50 per child. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.
Easter Craft Activities
Chatelherault Country Park
Thursday 4 April and Thursday 11 April 2019
12pm – 1pm, 1.30pm – 2.30pm and 3pm – 4pm
Come along and take part in some Easter themed craft activities. We’ll provide everything you need to get crafty this Easter!
Cost: £2.50 per child. Spaces are limited so booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Animal Handing Sessions
Calderglen Country Park
Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Handling sessions at 11am and 2.30pm
Come along and handle a variety of Calderglen Zoo’s animals! Drop in session, no booking required. First come, first served.
Cost: £3.30 per child. Pay on the day at Reception.

Easter at Chatelherault
Chatelherault Country Park
Friday 19 April to Monday 22 April 2019
10am – 4pm
Easter themed craft activities and quizzes and outdoor Easter hunt!
A small charge will apply for each activity.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!
Chatelherault Country Park
Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April 2019
10am – 12pm
Come along and join the Easter Bunny for breakfast in the Oak’s Café Foyer! Available between 10am and 12pm, enjoy a full breakfast with tea or coffee for £6.00 per adult and £3.85 per child.
To book breakfast with the Easter Bunny please contact the Oaks Café on 01698 543402.
Egg Painting with the Easter Bunny
Chatelherault Country Park
Sunday 21 April 2019
12pm – 4pm
Get crafty this Easter and decorate an egg before heading to the top of the hill for some traditional Easter Sunday egg rolling with the Easter Bunny!

A small charge for each activity will apply.

Easter Craft Workshop
Calderglen Country Park
Sunday 21 April 2019
2pm – 4pm
Get crafty this Easter and have an eggciting afternoon at Calderglen Country Park!

Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.

Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft

Save the Date!
Wedding Open Day at Chatelherault
Chatelherault Country Park
Sunday 28 April 2019
12pm – 4pm
Come along to Chatelherault Country Park and enjoy a complimentary glass of our Duke and Duchess punch whilst you view our magnificent Banqueting Room dressed for a Wedding Ceremony and Celebration Meal. All couples who book on the day will receive a free goody bag and all couples who confirm their booking within three weeks will receive a complimentary glass of sparkling wine for each of their day guests on their big day!
Teddy Bears Picnic
Chatelherault Country Park
Sunday 5 May 2019
1pm
If you go down to the wood’s today. You’re sure of a big surprise!
Join us as we take a walk through the woods at Chatelherault and you may just come across a few surprises on the way! We’ll round off the walk with a good old fashioned teddy bear’s picnic because, today’s the day the teddy bears have their picnic!
Don’t forget to bring your own teddy bear too so they don’t feel left out and there will be a competition for the best dressed teddy bear!
Cost: £4.95 per person. Spaces are limited so book in advance by calling Reception on 01698 426213.
This is an outdoor activity so appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn. The activity is suitable for ages 2 years and over and is buggy friendly. If the weather is particularly inclement, this event may be moved indoors.

Science Experiments
Chatelherault Country Park
Monday 6 May 2019
12pm
Join us in Edward’s Lab for some fun science experiments. Make everything from a volcano to your own goo!
This is a messy one so make sure you wear some old clothes!
Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space.
To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

May Day Crafts
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 6 May 2019
2pm – 4pm
Come along and demonstrate your artistic skills at our drop in craft workshops.
Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.
Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft
**Dinosaur Days**
*Calderglen Country Park*
**Tuesday 7 and Friday 24 May 2019**
**11am – 4pm**
Celebrate dinosaurs at Calderglen. Dig for fossils in the sand and maybe you will be lucky enough to find your own dinosaur bones. Learn all about extinction past and present. A small charge will apply for this activity.

Drop in session, no need to book.

**Porsche In the Glen**
*Calderglen Country Park*
**Sunday 19 May 2019**
**12pm – 4pm**
Come along and see the Scottish Porsche owners as they display their classic and modern cars on the main lawn.

Cost: Free admission.

**Calderstock 8**
*Calderglen Country Park*
**Saturday 25 May and Sunday 26 May 2019**
**12 noon – 4pm**
Two days of musical entertainment on stage within the Courtyard. On Saturday, local young musicians will perform whilst on the Sunday a selection of local acoustic performers will take to the stage. A fantastic, free family event to enjoy with live music, children’s rides, face painting, BBQ and more! Strictly no alcohol.

Cost: Free admission.

**Creative Clay Day**
*Chatelherault Country Park*
**Monday 27 May 2019**
**12pm**
Let your imagination run wild and create a beautiful piece of clay art. All pieces can be taken away as we use air dry clay. This may get messy so make sure you wear some old clothes! Depending on the weather, this workshop may take place outdoors.

Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space.

To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.
**June**

**Photography Days**  
**Calderglen Country Park**  
Sunday 9 June 2019  
9am – 11am  
The chance to take photographs of Calderglen’s resident animals at close range in a behind-the-scenes experience. Perfect for photography enthusiasts! Maximum of 10. Places are limited. Book in advance to avoid disappointment. A small charge will apply for this activity.  
Drop in session, no need to book.

**Bookbug**  
**Chatelherault Country Park**  
Saturday 15 June 2019  
11.30am – 12pm  
Join the SLLC Libraries Team and sing songs and rhymes with lots of actions. Have great fun bonding with your child.  
Cost: Free. Drop in sessions.

**Slime and Clay Modelling**  
**Chatelherault Country Park**  
Saturday 15 June 2019  
12.30pm – 1.15pm  
Come along and have messy fun! Suitable for children aged 3 years and over (children must be accompanied by an adult).  
Cost: £5.00 per child/ACE inclusive.

**Summer Dinosaur Hunt**  
**Calderglen Country Park**  
Saturday 29 June to Sunday 1 September 2019  
10am – 4pm  
Come along and join in the fun, search the Conservatory, gardens and zoo for the missing bones, fossils dinosaurs to complete our prehistoric treasure trail. Treasure maps and mask available from the gift shop. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.  
Cost: £1.60
July

July and August Craft Workshops
Calderglen Country Park

Every Monday and Wednesday in July from Monday 1 July to Wednesday 14 August 2019
2pm – 4pm

Come along and demonstrate your artistic skills at our drop in craft workshops. Crafts include plaster and ceramic painting, sun catchers, wind chimes, badges, fridge magnets and key ring making.

Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.

Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft

Ed’s Lab Science Experiments
Chatelherault Country Park

Every Tuesday from 2 July to 13 August 2019
12pm

Join us in Edward’s Lab for some fun science experiments. Make everything from a volcano to your own goo! This is a messy one so make sure you wear some old clothes!

Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Cupcake Decorating
Chatelherault Country Park

Wednesday 3 July, Wednesday 17 July, Wednesday 31 July 2019
12pm

Throw on your best apron and join us in decorating some yummy cupcakes. We’ll provide you with colourful icing and everything you need to decorate some wonderful treats. This may get a little messy so make sure you wear old clothes!

Cost: £4.50 per child. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.
Creative Clay Day
Chatelherault Country Park
Thursday 4 July, Thursday 18 July, Thursday 1 August 2019
12pm
Let your imagination run wild and create a beautiful piece of clay art. All pieces can be taken away as we use air dry clay. This may get messy so make sure you wear some old clothes! Depending on the weather, this workshop may take place outdoors.

Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Family Fun Day
Calderglen Country Park
Sunday 7 July 2019
12pm – 4pm
Calderglen’s flagship event with something for all the family. Have a fun day out with arena events, stalls, children’s rides and live music.

Cost: Free admission.

Little Explorer’s Outdoor Adventures
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 15 July to Friday 19 July 2019
10am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Chatelherault Country Park
Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July 2019
10am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Explore the great outdoors with our outdoor play programme – Little Explorers Outdoor Adventures! Learn new games, get muddy and enjoy the outdoors at Calderglen Country Park and Chatelherault Country Park. Every day we will be doing something different outdoors so you can book per day or book for the full week!

Suitable for 5-8 year olds.

Cost: £6.60, £3.30 concession, ACE inclusive per child per day
£33.00, £16.50 concession, ACE inclusive per child per week

Spaces are limited. Please book in advance to secure your space by calling Reception on 01698 426213 and select option 0. Please bear in mind that this is an outdoor activity so appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn. Only where the weather is particularly inclement will indoor activities will be offered instead.
Fossil Hunt
Chatelherault Country Park
Wednesday 10 July, Wednesday 24 July, Wednesday 7 August 2019
12pm
Help us search the grounds of Chatelherault for some hidden gemstones and fossils. Dig out your hidden treasure with the tools provided. This is an outdoor activity so wear suitable footwear and clothing.
Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Lego Workshop
Chatelherault Country Park
Thursday 11 July, Thursday 25 July, Thursday 8 August 2019
12pm
Use your imagination to build anything from a skyscraper to a spaceship!
Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space. To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Summer School
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July 2019
10am – 3pm
Are you animal mad? Would you like to spend the whole week doing animal activities? We have animal handling sessions, animal themed scavenger hunts, animal crafts and a zoo keeper sports day to keep you amused. You can even create your own animal enrichment toys for animals to play with, and build some animal homes to keep some little critters happy.
New for 2019 – ZooDunnit?!
Solve the animal mystery by following clues around the zoo!
Cost: £20 per day or £90 for full week.
Places are limited to 30 children so book in advance to avoid disappointment. Suitable for 6-11 year olds. Must be booked in advance by calling Calderglen reception on 01355 236644.
August

Big Bug Bonanza
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 5 August to Friday 9 August 2019
Handling sessions at 11am and 3pm
Delve into the fascinating world of insects at Calderglen’s Big Bug Bonanza. You will have the chance to hold some exotic creepy crawlies with 2 bug handling sessions daily. A small charge will apply for this activity.
Drop in session, no need to book.

September

Science Experiments
Chatelherault Country Park
Friday 21 September 2019
12pm
Join us in Edward’s Lab for some fun science experiments. Make everything from a volcano to your own goo! This is a messy one so make sure you wear some old clothes!
Cost: £3.30 per child/ACE inclusive. Spaces are limited therefore booking and pre-payment is required to secure your space.
To book, call Reception on 01698 426213.

Get Crafty at Chatelherault
Chatelherault Country Park
Monday 24 September 2019
12pm
Come along and get crafty by taking part in some fun craft activities! Suitable for 5-12 year old.
Cost: £3.30 per child. Spaces are limited. Booking in advance by calling Reception on 01698 426213.
Dirty Duo
Calderglen Country Park
Sunday 29 September 2019
The Calderglen leg of the SLLC Super Race Series takes place in and around the trails of Calderglen. An exciting Duathlon event for children and adults starting on the main lawn and both running and cycling round set routes in the trails and around the park. Entries can be made at Calderglen reception or online via the QBuster website.

October

October Spooky Hunt
Calderglen Country Park
Saturday 12 to Sunday 27 October 2019
10am – 4pm
Experience some spooky goings on with our Halloween themed hunt to gather clues hidden all around!
Treasure maps and gift available from the gift shop.
Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.
Cost: £1.60

Autumn Crafts Workshop
Calderglen Country Park
Monday 14, Wednesday 16 and Friday 18 October 2019
1.30pm – 3.30pm
Come along and demonstrate your artistic skills at our drop in craft workshops. Crafts include plaster and ceramic painting, sun catchers, wind chimes, badges, fridge magnets and key ring making.
Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied.
Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.
Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft
Creepy Craft Workshop
Calderglen Conservatory
Sunday 27 October 2019
2pm – 4pm
Dare you come along to our craft workshop? Try your hand at creating a suitably scary piece of art at Halloween time.
Drop in session, no booking required. All materials supplied. Suitable for 5-12 year old or younger if accompanied by an adult.
Cost: £1 – £3 dependent on craft

Wizarding School
Chatelherault Country Park
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2019
10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm
Come along to our Wizarding School and take part in a variety of magical activities that are sure to turn any muggle into a fully trained wizard! Activities include spells, potion classes and wand making.
This is a drop off session so our first spell is ‘guardium disappearium’ (how to make your parent or guardian disappear for two hours!).
Cost: £10.00 per child/ACE inclusive.
Spaces are limited. To book, contact Reception on 01698 426213.
South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture offers a fantastic range of themed birthday party packages. For more information, booking and ACE members discount, visit our website or contact one of our venues.

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The entrance to the country park is within the village of Ferniegair, 2.5 km south east of Hamilton on the A72 Hamilton, Larkhall / Lanark, Clyde Valley tourist route. The park is also accessible by train with daily half hour service stopping at Chatelherault Station on the Hamilton, Larkhall line.

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Calderglen Country Park

Map

Key

1. Conservatory, shop and toilets
2. Portaloo’s
3. Infants play area
4. Adventure play area
5. Golf starters office
6. Ranger Station
7. Gallery enter via Courtyard
8. Courtyard
9. Barbecue site
10. Courtyard Café enter via Courtyard
11. Trail start point
12. Car park
13. Picnic area main lawn
14. Zoo and Ornamental Gardens entry via Conservatory
15. Duck pond and picnic area