



wild about plymouth

**Family-friendly science
and natural history events
November 2009 to June 2010**

Fascinated by flowers?

Impressed by insects?

Rave about rocks?

Buzzing about bugs?

Now's your chance to explore the 'wild side' of the city and get 'up close and personal' with the natural environment of Plymouth and its surrounding areas.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events soon!

C/O PLYMOUTH CITY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
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Web: www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk and select
'Events and activities'

Museum Travel Information

A number of our events take place, start or finish at Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus. Here are some details to help you plan your journeys!

Bus: Plymouth City Bus 8, 9, 16, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29, 35 and 42. Services to nearby stops are fast and frequent.

Park and Ride: Services to the city centre are available from Milehouse, Coypool and Roborough. The Museum is a 5-10 minute walk from the stop.
Train: Regular train services to Plymouth station which is 10-15 minute walk.

Parking: Long stay car parks on Regent Street and Drake Circus Shopping Mall. Short stay on-street parking on Regent Street and Tavistock Place.

Directions: Directions and a downloadable map are available from the 'Planning your visit' page of www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk

Access: Wheelchair and pushchair access via Tavistock Place. A lift to our first floor is available.

**Lost in Space:
International Year of Astronomy 2009**

*Saturday 14 November, 10am to 4pm
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery
and University of Plymouth*

Free admission. Booking required for the Immersive Vision Theatre Screenings. Call 01752 304774 by 6 November and state your preferred time: 11am, 12 noon, 2pm or 3pm. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis so please don't leave it to the last minute to call if you wish to get a particular slot! There is no need to book for the space activities at the Museum.

Help us mark 2009's International Year of Astronomy with a day of NASA-approved activities! Find out more about the Solar System and the Milky Way and enjoy our space-themed craft activities (non-bookable, drop in for as little or as long as you like). Then come with us across the road to the University of Plymouth's Immersive Vision Theatre for a space simulation and a chance to glimpse what it's like inside a spacecraft (bookable, limited places available).

In Darwin's Footsteps

Saturday 12 December, 11am to 1pm
Royal William Yard and Beyond

£2 per adult / £1 per child / Under 5s go free
Complete and return the booking form by 4
December

Travel: Plymouth City Bus from Royal Parade 34

Parking: Public transport is the best option for
this event as we will not be following a circular
route

Meet us outside the Butchers Arms pub, just next
to the entrance to the Royal William Yard.

Walk in the footsteps of the great naturalist Charles Darwin. Starting at the Royal William Yard, just across from Barn Pool where the Beagle was moored, we'll look out onto the site of Clarence Baths where Darwin stayed before setting sail on his voyage around the world. We'll then retrace his steps - his daily walk 'into Plymouth' to the Athenaeum, which at the time was the hub of scientific and artistic activities in this part of England. The walk will end at Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery where you will be given a voucher for a free hot drink in the Museum's café!

Eternal Creatures

Saturday 23 January, 12 noon to 3pm

Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus

Free admission, no need to book in advance

Discover how scientists preserve animals for future generations in this fun and unique event. Pinned, pickled and stuffed creatures of all shapes and sizes from the Museum's natural history collections will be on display. There will be plenty of opportunities to try a bit of preservation and labelling for yourself too!

Fishy Goings On

*17 and 18 February, 6.30am to 8.30am
Barbican Fish Market, Coxside, Plymouth*

**£3 per adult / £2 per child / Under 5s go free
Complete and return the booking form by 29
January**

**Parking: There are public car parks and on-street
parking around Lockyers Quay and The Barbican
Meet us in front of the National Marine Aquarium**

Get a glimpse into the life and smells of the Barbican fish market before the sun has risen! Watch the auction, come face to face with fish of all sizes, then relax and eat breakfast in a local café.

**Change:
National Science & Engineering Week 2010**

*Saturday 20 March, 11am to 4pm
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus*

Free admission, no need to book in advance

Join us for a day packed with activities that explore how our planet is changing. Look at how animals and plants have vanished in the past and how those that exist are changing in order to adapt to the conditions of our modern world.

Tudors and Tussie Mussies

Saturday 24 April

10.30am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3pm

Elizabethan House, 32 New Street, The Barbican

£2 per adult / £1.50 per child / Under 5s go free

Complete and return the booking form by 16 April

Travel: Plymouth City Bus 25

Parking: There are pay and display car parks on Lambhay Hill and Notte Street plus lots of on-street short term parking (2 hours maximum) around the Barbican

Find out how and why the plants in the Courtyard and Cook's Gardens at our historic Elizabethan House were chosen and step back in time with our hands-on activities. 2010 marks 80 years since the house and garden were saved from demolition by the Old Plymouth Society and opened as a museum!

Vanished Lives

*Sunday 30 May, 12 noon to 3pm
Mount Wise Recreational Ground*

**Travel: Plymouth City Bus 34
Meet us at the Mount Wise Recreational Ground,
Richmond Walk (towards James Street)**

Come to Mount Wise with us for fun-filled event all about fossils. See specimens from the Museum's collections. Discover what Woolly Mammoths ate in Plymouth 20,000 years ago. Learn how scientists use fossils to understand environments that are millions of years old! Fun activities for the all the family and the local tea shop will be open too!

**Big Bug Hunt:
National Insect Week 2010**

*Saturday 26 June, 11am to 1pm
Efford Marsh Nature Reserve*

**Free admission, no need to book in advance
Travel: Plymouth City Bus 46 or 47
Parking: On street parking available
Meet us at the entrance to the reserve on Deer
Park Drive (this is the entrance near the top of the
hill just above Taw Close)**

Our old favourite is back for another year! Join our bug experts as we dip, dig and delve to see what creepy crawlies we can find in one of the city's best nature reserves.

Groups and Children

If you are intending to bring a large group to a Wild About Plymouth event please telephone us in advance to let us know on 01752 304774. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Public Transport Contacts

Plymouth City Bus: 01752 662271

First Devon and Cornwall: 0845 600 1420

National Rail Enquiries: 0845 648 4950

www.thetrainline.com

www.plymouth.gov.uk/publictransport

www.plymouth.gov.uk/parking

Dress to Impress

As some of our events are outdoors please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather – and remember sun screen if it's hot!