

HALF TERM HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES ON THE DEEPDENE TRAIL

23 – 30 October 2017

This autumn half term, join us on The Trail for a whole host of spooky fun and activities from 23rd to the 30th October. Choose from donning your favourite Halloween costume for Coady the lion's creepy creature Halloween Hunt, a morning listening to tales of ancient remains and a cursed gem, or an evening braving the darkness for our moonlight Bat Walk!

Councillor Vivienne Michael, Leader of Mole Valley District Council said, "Activities on The Trail are a great way of encouraging more people to come and discover the history and heritage behind Deepdene's gardens. We recently hit 15,000 visits to The Trail, many of these visits were from those attending our special events such as this Halloween themed week. I would encourage everyone to get out and about to enjoy all of Mole Valley's green spaces this autumn."

23rd – 30th October: Coady's Halloween Hunt

Coady's creepy creature friends are coming to his Halloween feast at Deepdene. They are each bringing a spooky treat. Put your costumes on and explore the Gardens of Deepdene to find out who is bringing what and which spooky treat is left for Coady to bring. Take your answer to Dorking Halls and collect a treat of your own!

25th October: Deepdene History Detectives Walk

Time: 10.30am, Duration: up to 1.5 hours, Meeting point: The Deepdene Trail main entrance, Price: £3 per ticket, under 5s go free.

Join us for the Deepdene's History Detectives Walk, perfect for those fascinated by mysterious maps, ancient remains and a cursed gem.

This walk is ideal for families, lasting around 1.5 hours around the Gardens and Terrace of Deepdene and led by Gail Mackintosh our Activities Co-ordinator. Gail will provide a fun, mini-adventure for all ages and light refreshments will be provided.

Book tickets via Dorking Halls Box Office from 22nd September.

28th October: Deepdene Bat Walk

Date: Saturday 28th October, Time: 5.15pm, Duration: up to 2 hours, Meeting point: On the Village Green outside The Royal Oak, Brockham, Surrey, RH3 7JS. Price, £5 per person, £3 under 14's. Not suitable for children under 8 years old.

Another chance to attend the popular **Deepdene Bat Walk** with expert guide Jim Storrar as the bats start to prepare for hibernation. This walk explores the nocturnal world of the Deepdene's landscape using professional bat detecting equipment to attempt to spot these fascinating creatures as they emerge at night. This walk includes an atmospheric visit to Betchworth Castle, the perfect eerie backdrop for spotting bats.

Jim Storrar, an independent field ecologist, will lead you on this exploration tracking these often-misunderstood mammals. Jim is an experienced group guide, with a personal passion for the countryside. He spent many years as a National Trust Ranger on Leith Hill and he currently utilises his wealth of ecological knowledge to inform and inspire others.

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Whether you attend one or all of these special Halloween events, upload your photos to social media with #Deepdenetrail so we can see you in action!

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Notes

Leaflets for the Halloween Hunt will be available to download online at www.deepdenetrail.co.uk from mid October. They will also be available at Dorking Halls and at The Trail's entrance, subject to availability.

Treats available from Dorking Halls box office in opening hours, one treat per completed form handed in.

For additional information on parking and accessing The Trail please see www.deepdenetrail.co.uk.

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