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Friends of Margam Park Walks Friends of Margam Park are based in the Turbine House (close to the entrance cabin). Pop in and see us, we are happy to arrange a bespoke guided walk/tour of points of interest within the park for both large or small groups - even family groups

Please contact us either on Facebook, Website (www.friendsofmargampark.co.uk) or by phone (01639) 374255, for more information. Margam Park Adventure Situated in the Castle Visitor Courtyard, we have something for everyone and an Adventure you'll remember forever! Daily Go Kart & Bike Hire \*Mountain Biking \*Canoeing & Kayaking \*Stand-up Paddle Boarding \*Archery \*Orienteering \*Raft building margamparkadventure.co.uk 07825 446846

Why not Go Ape! Our Tree Top Adventure at Margam boasts our biggest Tarzan Swing in the UK. You'll have to gear yourself up for a leap of faith, which features a stomach - wrenching drop of six metres! Book on goape.co.uk/days-out/wales/margam

# July

# Sunday 20th Summer Family Fun Day Kick off the school holidays with a great family day out featuring your favourite characters -Paw Patrol Chase and Sky, Hey Duggee, Fireman Sam and lots more. The day will feature live shows and performances, dancin

teature live shows and performances, dancing, singing, photo opportunities and lots of fun! Join in the 'Fairytale Adventure' for an interactive sing- a-long, dance-a-long experience with your favourite princesses, circus and play workshops, Lucy Lost-it shows, enjoy 'Bee-yond the Garden Gate', see the 'Bicycle Bistro Show' f famous Circo Rum Ba Ba, Fire Shows from the amazing Va Entertainment Team.

#### A day not to be missed.

The event has limited ticket capacity with advance tickets ONLY. PLEASE NOTE :-DISCOUNTED Tiered TICKETS available. CAR PARKING Fee is INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE. ee applies (The event will take place whate Ithough maybe subject to slight changes)

Monday 21st 'Beach Day' with the 'Friends of Margam' Colour a beach scene, make a greeting card with shells plus lots

more craft activities. Great fun for all. Free activities – donations welcome. Donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30- 3

## **Tuesday 22nd**

Dino World Mystery: Step into the thrilling Dino World Mystery workshop, where young explorers become detectives to uncover who attacked the mighty Brachiosaurus! With fun clues, fossil facts, and prehistoric puzzles, kids will crack the case using teamwork and dino-logic. Join us for a roaring adventure full of excitement, discovery, and Jurassic surprises! Suitable for age 4+. Times: 10am/11.15am/12.30pm/1.45pm/3pm (sessions last 1 hour, max 25 children per session)

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#### Thursday 24th

Step into the enchanting world of Fairy Belle and discover the magical skills needed to become a junior **Fairy or Dragon** trainer! Master Your Training: Under Fairy Belle's guidance, you'll explore the secrets of mythical creatures, learning how to communicate with fairies and tame dragons. Create a Magic Potion: One lucky volunteer will assist in completing a mystical potion, unlocking its hidden powers. Will you be the chosen one to stir the final ingredient and witness its magical effects? Learn Enchanting Moves: Channel your inner magic and practice spellbinding movements to fill the Mythical Meter to 100%! Only then will Fairy Belle be able to introduce you to a brand-new dragon friend. Meet a Mystical Companion: With the meter full, prepare for an exciting encounter with a majestic dragon. Discover where he comes from and uncover the wonders of his homeland. Ready to step into the world of magic? Fairy Belle is waiting for you! Sessions start at 11:30, 1 and 2 (approx. 30 minutes)

## **Tuesday 29th**

Mission to Mars: Blast off into our Mission to Mars workshop, where kids dive into the world of spaceflight and discover the incredible journey of the Mars Rovers! Aspiring astronauts will design, build, and test their own landers in the thrilling Egg Drop Challenge. It's a hands-on space adventure packed with exploration, creativity, and STEM-powered fun! Suitable for age 4+ Times: 10am/12pm/2pm (sessions lasts between 1 & 1.5 hours, max 40 per session)

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bottles, glitter tattoos available, prices start from £4, meet in the Castle 11-3

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Wednesday 30th Wizards, Witches and Whimsical Tales - Come and join our magical guests for a story-time like no other! A magical story to inspire the imagination of the whole family. Expertly delivered by costumed characters with a little help from their fantastical puppet friends. Meet in the Castle 11.30, 1.30 and 2.30.

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## Thursday 31st

Sunswept stories with Owen Staton Join storyteller and Host of the Time Between Times podcast, Owen Staton, as he explores the myths and legends that spring to life in the summer months. Tales of Witches, Dragons and the Tylweth Teg who once wandered this green woodland realm. Sessions in the castle at 11.30, 12.30, 1.30 and 2.30. Recommended ages 5 plus

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# August

## Friday 1st

"Bee Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Come along and meet 'Ade our Beekeeper' with his amazing Beehive, make a scene with Bee stickers plus lots more craft activities. Free activities donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30- 3

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd Fun-filled family 'Paint Along' Sessions Join Frantastic Art Moments and create your very own cheerful painting - (Amazing Alpacas on 2nd Delightful Deer on 3rd!!) Inspired by the friendly faces in the Park, this creative session is perfect for 5 +, no experience needed. Fran will guide you step-by-step to make a masterpiece you'll be proud of! Sessions 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30 In the Castle, Tickets  $\pm 15$  per person (includes all materials and car park charges) We kindly ask that for every two children, one adult also joins in to paint. Parents to remain. Contact Fran 07709136570 @FrantasticArtMoments

Summer Craft Days, paint your own pottery and sand art bottles, glitter tattoos available, prices start from £4 – meet in the Orangery Gardens beside the Children's Village 11– 3

Tuesday 5th 'Ocean Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Make an ocean scene, see what damage litter can do in our oceans, decorate an ocean creature plus lots more craft activities. Great fun for all. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30-3

Forensic Science Join The Great Chocolate Robbery forensic science workshop, where young detectives use real investigation techniques to crack a chocolatey mystery! Through hands-on activities like chemical analysis, footprint tracking, and fingerprint matching, kids will uncover the truth behind the stolen chocolate recipe. It's a fun-filled adventure of science and sleuthing! Suitable for age 4+. Times: 10am/11.15am/12.30pm/1.45pm/3pm (sessions last 1 hour max 25 children per session) Tickets bookwhen.com/experimentalscienceevents

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## Friday 8th

'Farm Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Make a split pin farm animal, decorate a farm scene plus lots more craft activities. Great fun for all. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle, 11-12.30 1.30- 3

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th Summer Gift and Craft Market in the CASTLE. Beautiful Bespoke Gifts... Stunning Art... Delicious Home Baked Sweet & Savoury Delights Gorgeous Craft... Amazing Small Businesses.. Plus Lots More... Free Entry - Open 11- 4

#### Sunday 10th

Meet your local Coastguard Rescue Team and the British Divers Marine Life Rescue. Come and meet the teams. Learn about staying safe on the coast, see the equipment, try your hand at throwing a lifeline and even step inside the portable command centre. Discover how the Marine Life Rescue help our marine wildlife. The Teams will also be answering questions about how you can join as a volunteer! On the Castle Lawns. 10-3

#### Sunday 10th

The Big Cycle. This challenging and exciting sportive is being held annually in aid of Prostate Cymru that helps raise awareness and support for men in Wales with prostate cancer. A testing, tough and historic route awaits those who enter this fun, popular and rapidly growing event. Enjoy cycling through the breath-taking scenery of South Wales on Wales' premier sportive in aid of Prostate Cymru, the leading prostate health charity in Wales. There's a choice of two routes: 54 and 72 miles. prostatecymru.com/the-bigcycle/ home/9th Sat

#### Monday 11th

Kidzfun - Summer craft day, paint your own pottery and sand art bottles, glitter tattoos available, prices start from £4, meet in the Orangery Gardens by the children's village 11 - 3

#### Tuesday 12th

Radical Rockets: Blast off with Radical Rockets - an actionpacked workshop where you'll build your own high-flying rocket and launch it skyward! Experience the thrill of rocketry firsthand with mind-blowing demonstrations that soar to ridiculous heights. Perfect for curious minds and future engineers, this is hands-on science at its most extreme! Suitable for age 4+. Please note that this session will be held outdoors. Times: 10am/12pm/2pm (sessions lasts between 1 & 1.5 hours, max 40 per session) Tickets bookwhen.com/experimentalscienceevents

Wednesday 13th Kidzfun - Summer craft day, paint your own pottery and sand art bottles, glitter tattoos available, prices start from  $\pounds$ 4, meet in the Orangery Gardens by the children's village 11 - 3

#### Thursday 14th

Louby Lou interactive storytelling- Argh me hearties! Looks like a swashbuckling crew have landed in the Fairytale Village in search of shiny treasure. Perhaps you could give them a helping hand (or hook)? Just make sure no crocodiles have followed them in this exciting storytelling experience. Free Activities come along and join in - 30 minute sessions start at 11am, 1pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm

#### Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th

Life In Miniature - real life scenes on a small scale... A fascinating display in miniature! In the Castle, presented by West Glamorgan Dolls House Club. 11-3. Free entry - donations welcome.

Photographic Exhibition 'Friends of Margam Park' in the Castle. Pop along and see some of the amazing pictures that the group have captured. 11-3. Free entry - donations welcome.

Step back in time with Medieval Knights and Archers from the Medieval Combat Society. A weekend of archery, combat and sword demonstrations. Ask questions, learn how to shoot a longbow and try on armour, learn about handicrafts and the food of the era. Great fun day out. 11-3

#### Monday 18th

'Tree Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Follow a tree trail and see what trees we have in the park, decorate a card with leaves lots more craft activities. Great fun for all. Free activities – donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30- 3

The Time between Times As the shadows start to lengthen and the colours of Autumn start to show, join Storvteller Owen. Staton as he explores the darker side of Welsh Foklore. Tales of Ghosts and mysterious creatures that walk the Welsh woodlands . Sessions in the castle at 11.30, 12.30, 1.30 and 2.30. Recommended ages 8 plus.



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#### Thursday 21st

Fairy Belle's Mythic Adventures, Join Fairy Belle on a magical journey as she shares enchanting stories about her dragon friends, Dexter and Fern. This interactive storytelling session will transport you to a whimsical world of bravery, friendship, and wonder. Perfect for dreamers of all ages, this is a tale where fairies and dragons unite to inspire imagination and joy. Sessions start at 11:30, 1 and 2 (approx. 30 minutes) Meet in the Castle.

#### Friday 22nd

'Flower Power Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Make your own cards and flowers, lot of stickers to choose from, plus lots more craft activities. Great fun for all. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30- 3

#### Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th

International Kite Festival Bring your kite along and join in the fun! Kites of all shapes and sizes (Bank Holiday Entry fee applies for Monday 25th August).

## Monday 25th

'A Festival of Dragons!' August Bank Holiday Family Fun Day Featuring the Margam International Kite Festival. A Bank holiday family fun day out featuring DRAGONS OF ALL SHAPES AND featuring DRAGONS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES... find out how to train yours with shows and performances. Discover 'Epico' with a once in a lifetime opportunity for all to get up close and personal with biggest, brightest and most beautiful creature ever seen, you could make friends... but only if you dare! Calling all young knights, warrior maidens, Princes and Princesses - Your country needs you – He's green... breaths smoke... its 'SMOKED'- Come and say 'Hello'!. Jo in a 'Mythical Adventure' with Fairy Belle and her friends - Dexte the big Welsh Dragon, Baby Ferne and Dewi a friendly dragon wit scales and fur! The event has limited ticket capacity with advance tickets ONLY.

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#### **Tuesday 26th**

Princess and Pirates with the 'Friends of Margam'

Discover what it is like to be a real Pirate or Princess. Great fun for all. Free crafty activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30-3

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## Wednesday 27th

**Bat Fest NPT** Discover the fascinating world of bats at Margam Park, one of the best sites for bats in the UK! Whether you're a bat enthusiast or just curious about these incredible creatures, there's something for everyone. Join us for bat walks, talks and family activities. More information at naturenpt.cymru/whats-on

### Thursday 28th

Wizards and Whimsical Tales - Stories to delight and inspire all ages delivered by magical costumed characters with a little bit of help creatures Meet in the Castle 11.30

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'Mask Day' with the 'Friends of Margam'. Come along there will be different types of masks to colour in and different material to decorate your favourite mask plus lots more craft activities. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30-3

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'Bug and Pond Day' with the' Friends of Margam' Discover what lives beneath the water surface and what wonderful bugs you might see! Great fun for all. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle. 11-12.30 1.30-3

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Thursday 7th Island Party in Orangery Set sail on a magical journey across the sea! Join us for an unforgettable island adventure filled with tropical fun and brave characters. Little voyagers will navigate through island challenges discover hidden treasures, and dance to the rhythm of the waves. Don't forget to come

dressed as your favourite little characters and be ready to set sail for a party full of excitement, friendship, and plenty of surprises! More details and tickets.

#### Tales from the Otherworld with Owen Staton

Storyteller Owen Staton returns with tales of the Fairy folk and otherworldly encounters from the Valleys and forests of Wales. Discover the Tylweth teg and the magic and mischief they weave and perhaps learn a little of the wonderful myths of Wales. Sessions in the castle at 11.30, 12.30, 1.30 and 2.30. Recommended ages 5 plus.

## **Tuesday 19th**

Slimy Science: Get ready to mix, stretch, and squish at our Slimy Science slimemaking workshop! Discover the cool science behind slime as you create your own gooey, colorful creations to take home. It's messy, fun, and the perfect hands-on adventure for curious kids and budding scientists! Suitable for age 4+. Times: 10am/12pm/2pm (sessions lasts 1 hour, max 40 per session)

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Friday 29th 'Our planet and the Universe' with the 'Friends of Margam'. What is really out there? Make planet mobiles and all sorts - Great fun for all. Free activities - donations welcome. Meet in the Castle, 11-12:30 1:30-3

## Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st

Barrio Fiesta SA Wales 2025 organized by Filipinos in Wales. Witness our cultural, food, music and dance showcase. It's with full of surprises and fun!! www.barriofiestawales.com

## September

## Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th The Great British Food Festival.

Back for our sixth year at the beautiful Margam Country Park! More than 'just another food festival', The Great British Food Festival combines the nation's love of great food and drink with some of the country's most treasured locations, providing a unique opportunity to explore new flavours and beautiful venues, all at the same time!

Free on-site parking - Entry Fee Applies Open 10am-7.30pm Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcon Tickets and further details greatbritishfoodfestival.com



