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Volunteer

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12.15 Castle Tour, 2.00pm Margam Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival.

#### Sunday 11th **Eternity with Love Wedding Fayre**

in the Orangery Free entry margamorangery.com

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Wiggle Dragon Ride The UK's most prestigious Sportive, a non-competitive cycling marathon held over a mountainous course using public Roads in South Wales and the Brecon Beacons. www.wiggledragonride.com

### Friday 16th

Take a Tour with a Park Volunteer

12.15 & 2.00pm castle Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival.

#### Sunday 18th

**PUGFEST NEW for 2017** PugFest returns to Wales for its

biggest Welsh event yet! With a medieval theme there will be lots of activities for the whole family - the grand Pug dog show. live jousting, doggie dash, stalls, pug kissing booth, medieval enactments! And much much more! 10 - 4. Special entry fee applies Adults £8, Children (3-15) £4. pugfestevents.com

#### Friday 23rd and 30th

Take a Tour with a Park Volunteer

12.15 & 2.00pm castle Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival

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#### Saturday 1st

**Burn Series Adventure Race** includes running, cycling and kayaking. There are two distances to chose from, one for beginners and children and the other for more experienced adventure racers.

Distance One: BURN: 10Km run, 1km kayak, 40km mountain bike orienteering.

Distance Two: MINI BURN: 3km run, 1km kayak, 10km mountain bike. burnseries.co.uk

### Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th

**Glamorgan Vintage Iron Horse Society Display of Tractors** Discover a huge range and variety of unusual tractors and vintage farm machinery and talk to the glamorganironhorse.webs.com

# Saturday 15th

The Great Celtic Trail Marathon

Another great value event brought to you by Challenge Wales. chwales.com/the-great-celtic-trailmarathon

### Friday 21st

**End of Term Party with Fat** Barry's Join us in the Orangery for a party to start the summer holidays. £28.00 per head margamorangery.com

> **New for the Farm Trail** for 2017 Come and see the **Shire Horses**

Saturday 22nd July to School Summer Holiday

# Saturday 22nd July to **Chris Crane Sculpture**

Wednesday 26th July **Summer Wildlife Explorers** Fabulous Flowers- FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre between 10.30 and 2.30.

# **August**

**Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd Wedding Showcase** 

See the Orangery at it's very best. margamorangery.com

#### Wednesday 2nd

**Summer Wildlife Explorers Marvelous Minibeasts** 

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30-2.30.

#### Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th **Lions and Lilies - Medieval Knights and Archers**

A weekend of archery, combat and sword demonstrations. The Knights and Squires in the Lions and Lilies have been trained by a renowned sword Master, great medieval fun! lionsandlilies.com

### Wednesday 9th

**Summer Wildlife Explorers Ships Ahoy** 

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30 - 2.30.

#### Wednesday 16th **Summer Wildlife Explorers** storytelling

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30 - 2.30.

#### Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th **Dolls House Exhibition**

In Margam Castle presented by West Glamorgan Dolls House Club. A fascinating display in miniature!

#### Wednesday 23rd **Summer Wildlife Explorers Fantastic Foragers**

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30-2.30.

#### Saturday 26 to Monday 28th

Margam Model Boat Club Model Boats of all types – great to watch! Demonstrations on New Pond (fee applies on 28th)



Monday 28th **Dragons - Myths** and Legends

Come and see our dragons, do they hatch from eggs, what are they called? Find out more in our spectacular dragons

**Margam Model Boat Club** will be demonstrating on New pond.

Special entry fee applies: Children £5.00, Family (2+2)

# **September**

**Autumn/Winter Season** and shop open on weekends

#### Saturday 9th **Welsh Long Bow Championships**

East Lodge. margamarchers.net

### October

#### Saturday 7th

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Distance One: BURN: 10km run. 1km kayak, 40km mountain bike orienteering.

Distance Two: MINI BURN: 3km run, 1km kayak, 10km mountain bike, burnseries.co.uk

#### Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th The Margam Park Antiques. **Art & Design Fair**

The most interesting, varied and exciting fair in Wales Entry £4 per person, margamorangery.com

#### **Saturday 14th Tough 10K**

Take on a Tough 10 run for Cancer Research UK, 10k of steep, muddy trails testing you on steep inclines and slippery declines. Try to keep your eyes off the view and on your footing. Beat Cancer Sooner. www.cancerresearchuk.org

#### Sunday 15th **Eternity with Love Wedding Favre**

At the Orangery Free entry margamorangery.com

#### Sunday 22nd **South Wales Boat lumble**

Open 10am. Compass Events 01803 835915 boatjumbleassociation.co.uk

### 28th Oct – 5th November October Half Term Activitie

#### **Tuesday 31st** Halloween Disco

Children's Halloween Disco and entertainment in the Orangery Details TBC margamorangery.com

### **November**

#### Wednesday 1st Wildlife Explorers Spving on Spiders

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30 - 2.30.

#### Friday 10th

Back 2 the 80's Step back to an evening of live entertainment celebrating the 1980's. £28.00 per head margamorangery.com

### December

Friday 1st, 8th and 15th **Christmas Party Night** In the Orangery Join us for an evening of live entertainment and fine food. £33.50 per head (8th Featuring Fonz and the Poet, 15th featuring Fat Barry's Soul Band) margamorangery.com

> **Santa Specials dates** to be confirmed

### Contact us

Email:

Website:

More details events listings are available on the Park website Tickets for all activities can be purchased on arrival from the Park Entrance cabin.



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An Events Guide 2017







### **Regular Activities:**

Free Guided Groups Tours: for your group? Each tour is managed by an experienced volunteer tour guide who will meet and greet your group, deliver the tour, and offer any completely flexible. Free Tours-donations are welcome. Parking charges Co ordinator 01639 881635

Friends of Margam Park Walks: Wednesday Walking Group -Would you like to be fitness? 1 hour and on flat surfaces - suitable for all. Meet in the Castle Visitor Centre Led by qualified Friends of Margam Park walk leaders. Sundays - Capel Mair start at

#### **Mountain Bike** & Pedal Go Kart Hire

pedal go karts, tag alongs and the Castle Visitor Centre

**Tickets for all activities** can be purchased from Park entrance cabin

## **April**

This year's Spring /Summer season starts 1st April

### **Saturday 8th**

**Come and try Canoeing** with Margam Park Adventure. 1hr beginners coached session. Suitable from ages 7+. £12 per person. Sessions at 10.30, 11.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 advance booking required. margamparkadventure.co.uk 07825446846.

#### **Sunday 9th** Great British Dog Walk

This will be a fab walk for dog lovers of all ages! By coming along, you'll be helping to raise vital funds to train more life-changing hearing dogs. A hearing dog demonstration, face painting, stalls with lots of great gifts, homemade crafts and refreshments. Registration from 10.00am, Walk starts 11. Adults: £10. Children

(under 16): Free Free parking for all our pre-booked walkers. hearingdogs.org.uk Come and try Stand Up

### **Paddle Boarding with Margam** Park Adventure.

1hr beginners coached session. Suitable from ages 7+. £12 per person. Sessions at 10.30, 11.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 advance booking required.

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#### **Monday 10th**

#### **Easter Crafts with the Friends** of Margam Park

Make an easter card, cut out and colour in easter eggs, make a finger puppet and more! Great fun for all ages. 11-3 in the castle. Free Activities - donations welcome. friendsofmargampark.co.uk **PondNet Spawn Count 2017!** What tadpole is it? Is it a frog or a toad? Join Hannah from the Freshwater Habitats Trust to learn to

identify frogs and toads from the

eggs and tadpoles to adults (live

specimens). Find out and take part in the Margam PondNet Spawn Count 2017. Take a survey form away with you to survey your own local ponds.

Castle Education Rooms: 10.30-1.00 No booking required.

#### **Tuesday 11th**

the Castle.

#### **Egg-cellent Eggs**

Come and get creative designing your own unbreakable craft egg make a Minion, a bunny, a chick ... Adult supervision required. Sessions in the Castle 11, 12,15, 1,45, 3,00 (25 children per session) Tickets £3 per child Margam Archery Club -**'Have a go'** 11-4 at the rear of

#### Wednesday 12th **Zoolab – Springtime - Lets** look at lifecycles!

Find out how our special ZooLab animals deal with winter and what happens in springtime. Get hands on with our critters! Sessions in the Castle 11, 12,15, 1,45, 3,00 Tickets £3 per Child (ticket numbers limited) **Margam Archery Club -**'Have a go' 11-4 at the rear of the Castle.

#### Thursday 13th **Super Soapy Soap Socks**

Learn about felt making and have a go at making felt soap socks – they look pretty, and they're great for cleaning green fingers and muddy hands. Adult supervision required. Sessions in the Castle 11, 12.15, 1.45, 3 (25 children per session). Tickets £3 per child

RSPB Come and meet the RSPB. Find out which habitats are on the Park and some of the birds and animals that you might be able to spot. 10-4 on the Castle Lawns.

#### Take a Tour with a Park Volunteer

12.15 Castle Tour, 2.00 Margam Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival.

#### **Come and try Stand Up Paddle Boarding with Margam** Park Adventure.

1hr beginners coached session. Suitable from ages 7+. £12 per person. Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 advance booking required. margamparkadventure.co.uk

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with the Margam Model Boat Club on New Pond

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**Easter Monday** Monday 17th April 'Charge of the Dark Knight' **Family Fun Day** 

Cheer on your favourite knight vou cheer on the Black Knight or the Noble and Heroic Lillies re-enactment group who display the colour and Edward III.

'Have a go' with the Margam Model Boat Club

#### **Tuesday 18th**

**Funky Foam Door Hangers** Come along and get crafty, make your very own funky foam door

hanger, 11-12, 12.15-1.15, 1.45-2.45, 3-4 (25 children per session) Adult supervision is required. Sessions in the Castle. Tickets £3 per child.

**Margam Archery Club** Have a Go 11-16 At the rear of the Castle

#### Wednesday 19th **Zoolab Minibeasts**

Take a close look at Minibeasts! Don't let size fool you, they might be small but these critters all play an incredibly important role in the natural world. Getting up close and hands on with the fascinating creepy crawlies. Sessions in the castle 11, 12,15, 1,45 and 3, (Sessions approx. 45 minutes, numbers limited).

#### Tickets £3 per child. **Spring Forward**

FREE drop in sessions at the Discovery Centre between 10.30 and 2.30.

## **Margam Archery Club**

Have a Go 11-4 at the rear of the Castle

### **Thursday 20th**

#### Family Bushcraft – Fire through the ages

Learn the survival skill of lighting a fire, try out the different techniques used throughout the ages. Get hands on using modern fire steels, even try rubbing two sticks together! Age 5+, adult supervision required (3:1) Sessions 1 hour 10.30, 12.00, 1.30 and 3.00 (18 per session). Tickets £3 per child. Take a Tour with a Park

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#### Friday 21st

#### 'It's a Bugs Life' Craft **Activities with the Friends of** Margam Park

Pipe cleaner dragonflies, dot to dot butterflies...all things buggy! Great fun for all. Free activities donations welcome 11-3 Meet in the Castle. friendsofmargampark.co.uk **RSPB** 

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#### Saturday 22nd Come and try Canoeing with Margam Park Adventure details as 8th April

#### Sunday 23rd Come and try Kayaking with Margam Park Adventure.

1hr beginners coached session. Suitable from ages 7+. £12 per person. Sessions at 10.30, 11.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 - advance booking required. Book online at margamparkadventure.co.uk 07825446846.

#### Thursday 27th, 28th Take a Tour with a Park Volunteer

12.15 Castle Tour, 2.00pm Margam Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival.

## May



**Monday 1 May** 'Animal Magic' **Family Fun Day** 

Wear vour best animal onesie Featuring: Creature Feature 'Meet the Mountain Gorillas' Los Kaos - 'Bjorn the Polar Bear' - Creature Encounter -'Adventures Down the Honopopo' and 'Acorn Academy'; Thingumajig Theatre - 'Yeshe the Yak' and

# 'The Flying Dodo's'

Margam Model Boat Club

Special entry fee applies:

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#### Saturday 20th

Musicals in Margam loin us in the Orangery for a night at the musicals £49.50 per head margamorangery.com

#### **Thursday 25th** Take a Tour with a Park Volunteer

12.15 Castle Tour, 2.00pm Margam Tales Myths and Legends. Collect your free tour ticket from the cabin on arrival.



27th May -1st July (including Half Term) First time in Wales -

Virtual Reality

### Saturday 27th - Monday 29th **Margam Model Boat Show**

Come and see model boats of all shapes and sizes on New pond (special entry fee applies on 30th)

#### Saturday 27th – Monday 29th **Margam 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 30th).



#### Monday 29 May 'Pirates of Port Talbot' **Family Fun Day**

International Kite Festival) Come dressed up as your

**Margam Model Boat Club** Show on New Pond

Adults £7.00.

#### Wednesday 31st

**Energy Everywhere FREE drop in** sessions at the Discovery Centre 10.30 - 2.30.