

Discover Ecology – Summer Program in Scotland

SAMPLE ITINERARY 2015



Please note: dates and times of external visits are subject to change.

Sunday 24 May		Arrival at Edinburgh Airport
Monday 25 May	10am	Introduction / Induction; Campus Tour and Programme Overview
Tuesday 26 May	1 - 4pm 7pm	Habitat Management – Principles Conservation Skills – Techniques: Local Site Visit Cultural Evening: Welcome to Scotland
Wed 27 May	9am – 4pm	Day visit to explore West Lothian ecological sites Cultural Visit: Linlithgow Palace
Thursday 28 May	9am – 4pm	Cultural visit: Loch Leven Castle A day visit to discuss habitat management at freshwater / wetland site
Friday 29 May	9am – 4pm	Visit to Prehistoric Site – Cairnpapple and site management from a habitat / people management perspective.
Saturday 30 June	9am – 4pm	Tour: Loch Lomond & the Trossachs, ascent of Conic Hill & boat trip to Inchailloch Island Nature Reserve (Activities for all levels of fitness)
Sunday 31 May		Free Day
Monday 1 June	9am – 4pm	Day visits Project Visits: Habitat Management with Scottish Wildlife Trust Reserves Manager: Conservation Skills – Project Planning Local Site Visit
Tuesday 2 June	9am – 4pm	Practical exercises in flora and fauna identification to: Grangemouth - RSPB Nature Reserve Bo 'Mains Meadow – Scottish Wildlife Trust
Wed 3 June	9am – 4pm	Pentland Hills Regional Park: Practical exercises in flora and fauna identification
Thursday 4 June	9am – 4pm	Practical Ecological Management Skills – Bird Ringing
Friday 5 June	9am – 4pm	Practical Ecological Management Skills
Saturday 6 June	9am – 4pm	Cultural Visit: The Falkirk Wheel & Antonine Wall (The end of the Roman Empire and World Heritage Site) and Flanders Moss (Nature Reserve)
Sunday 7 June		Free Day
Monday 8 June	9am – 4pm	Team Work – Project Planning and Local Site Visit
Tuesday 9 June	9am – 4pm	Team Work – Project Planning (create a conservation project plan for a site) and Local Site Visit
Wed 10 June	9am – 4pm	Complete Project Plans Habitat Surveying
Thursday 11 June	9am – 4pm	Carry out Projects onsite
Friday 12 June	9am – 4pm	Carry out Projects onsite
Saturday 13 June	9am – 4pm	Cultural Visit: Prehistoric and Ancient Celtic Kingdoms. Visit to Kilmartin, Dunadd and Crinan canal: Highland Scenery, History and Habitats
Sunday 14 June		Free Day
Monday 15 June	9am – 4pm	Project write up: Practical Ecological Management Skills
Tuesday 16 June	9am – 4pm	Project write up and evaluation Practical Ecological Management Skills
Wednesday 17 June	9am – 4pm	Day Visit - East Lothian Cultural and Ecological Sites – John Muir Country Park, Trap - Traprain Law, Eaglescairn Mains (Agriculture and Wildlife)
Thursday 18 June	9am – 4pm	Royal Highland Show
Friday 19 June	9am – 4pm	Farewell activity: Wildlife Safari to Firth of Forth (Seabird Centre/Bass Rock)
Saturday 20 June		Departure