

# Nature Ranger's Club

Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010



## Challenge 1: Creatures of the Night!

Spring is in the air and our nocturnal creatures are beginning to come out and about. Choose a clear fine evening and at twilight see if you can spot any bats flying around. If you have no luck at home try your local park, Cockington is good particularly around the lakes. You could also go on one of the Trust's organised bat walks, including at Berry Head where we have a rare Greater Horseshoe bat colony. Remember to stick your bat sticker on your Club Poster if you succeed at the challenge!

### Wacky Facts:

- Bats use sound to find their way in the dark. They make high pitched sounds, which humans can't hear, and use the echoes they get back to tell them what is ahead. This is called echo-location.
- Bats are the only mammals that can fly.
- Bats hang upside down to sleep.



### Linked Event:

"Bat Walk at Berry Head" Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Enjoy a talk about the rare Greater Horseshoe bats in our new visitor centre, and then we'll walk through the site to watch the spectacle of the bats emerging from the roost. Tune in with bat detectors to hear their calls.

The new Guardhouse Café will be open for you to purchase refreshments before the event.

Meet: Berry Head Visitor Centre, Northern Fort

Time: 6.45pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Adults £3.50, children £2.50

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035 or book online [here](#)

### Fun Activities:

Bat colouring sheets <http://www.coloring.ws/bats1.htm>

Things to make and do [http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/fun\\_batty\\_things\\_to\\_do.html](http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/fun_batty_things_to_do.html)

Bat Videos <http://www.arkive.org/greater-horseshoe-bat/rhinolophus-ferrumequinum/video-08.html>

Batsense online game

[http://www.horniman.ac.uk/naturebase/games/batsense\\_preloader.html](http://www.horniman.ac.uk/naturebase/games/batsense_preloader.html)

### More Information:

Devon Bat Group <http://www.dbg.me.uk/>

Bat Conservation Trust <http://www.bats.org.uk/>