

Fife Outdoor Access Festival Gears Up for Busiest Year Ever

Organisers of the Fife Outdoor Access Festival are gearing up for a busy 9 days in Fife's Great Outdoors as the third festival kicks off this Saturday, 31st July.

The Fife Outdoor Access Festival has experienced its most popular year to date with more than 2,000 participants expected to take part in the Scotland's only dedicated outdoor access festival, demonstrating a rise in participation of 100% on the previous year.

The extensive programme of over 100 outdoor events which are set to take place at venues across Fife has proven very popular with many of the events already sold out.

The festival is run jointly by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and Fife Access Forum and the events are run by a wide range of over thirty voluntary, commercial and public sector organisations including Fife Council Outdoor Education Team, Ramblers Scotland, Forth and Tay Disabled Ramblers, British Horse Society and Blown Away Land Yachts.

Festival co-ordinator, Tricia Fox commented, "We are extremely pleased at the uptake on events for this year's festival, with watersports in particular proving to be very popular this year. The Fife Outdoor Access Festival is now firmly established in Scotland's outdoors calendar and visitors are travelling from all over Scotland to participate. There are over 100 events to select from ranging from walks, to horse rides, to land yachting and even parkour. There truly is something for everyone."

This year's festival also plays a key role in the "Celebrating Fife" campaign which is co-ordinated by Fife Council.

Dorothy Browse, Service Manager, Libraries, Arts & Museums commented: "Fife Council's investment in the Fife Outdoor Access Festival recognises its importance as a key event in this special year of culture. Celebrating Fife 2010 showcases Fife's unique environment, cultural identity and lifestyle activities. The programme of events and opportunities is ambitious, and aims to raise awareness of Fife's heritage and its hidden cultural gems. There is something here for everyone and we know that visitors will take away vibrant images and strong memories of the Kingdom".

The full programme of events can be viewed and booked online at:

www.fifeoutdooraccessfestival.co.uk.

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