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Fife Outdoor Access Festival gets under way

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Fife's Outdoor Access Festival gets under way on Saturday - with many events already sold out.

Organisers of the festival are gearing up for a busy nine days in the Kingdom's great outdoors as the third festival kicks off.

The event is to experience its most popular year to date with more than 2000 participants expected to take part in the Scotland's only dedicated outdoor access festival - a rise in participation of 100% on the previous year.

The extensive programme of over 100 outdoor events, 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 and 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 said: "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."

Dorothy Browse, Service Manager of Libraries, Arts and Museums at Fife Council, added: "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."

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