



Event Programme

Tuesday 2nd April

2:00-5:30pm

Drop-in Family Activities

Drop-in and take part in free creative activities inspired by the incredible night skies of Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve.

Take part in arts and crafts, train to be an astronaut or relax and read magical tales about space in our story corner.

Activities are suitable for children of any age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **There is no need to book.**

2:00-5:30pm

Dark Sky Information Drop-in

Are you looking to find out more about how you can limit light pollution in your home or business? Dark Skies Advisor Steve Tonkin from Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve will be on hand to help to give you help and advice.

There is no need to book, just drop by.

Wednesday 3rd April

10:00am – 5:00pm

Drop-in Family Activities

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Take part in arts and crafts, train to be an astronaut or relax and read magical tales about space in our story corner.

Activities are suitable for children of any age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **There is no need to book.**

10:00am-5:00pm

Dark Sky Information Drop-in

Are you looking to find out more about how you can limit light pollution in your home or business? Come and take a look at our displays and take away information booklets from Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve.

There is no need to book, just drop by.

10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00noon, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm

Family Planetarium Session

Wonder at a simulation of the night sky in our pop-up planetarium. Enter the dome and immerse yourself in projections of the night sky. See how the sky moves, learn where the planets are and watch the effects of light pollution. Discover the incredible history and mythology of our constellations.

This activity is suitable for families with children aged 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To enter the planetarium you will need to crouch to go through a dark passageway, if you have particular accessibility requirements please get in touch with us at info@cranbornechase.org.uk.

Please arrive five minutes before the start of your session. Families can also take part in drop-in creative activities at the Allendale Centre on the same day.

Please book a place for each family member taking part. **The sessions are free but booking is essential.**

Family Session: 7:00-7:45pm (for children aged 7+)

Adult Only Session: 8:00-9:00pm

Storytelling with Lizzie Bryant

Join Storyteller Lizzie Bryant for stories inspired by the stars in Wimborne. Let your imagination come to life with incredible tales of astromythology.

The Family Session (7:00-7:45pm) is suitable for families with children aged 7+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please meet at the Allendale Centre 5 minutes before the beginning of your session. The Storytelling will take place in the Allendale Centre in the case of bad weather.

Sessions are free but booking is essential. Please book a place for each family member taking part. If you have particular accessibility requirements, please let us know at time of booking.

8:30-10:00pm

Stargazing Evening at Damerham

Learn more about the sky at night and our wonderful dark sky environment at this **free** event, taking place during International Dark Sky week and Cranborne Chase National Landscape's StarFest 2024.

Do bring your own binoculars or telescope if you have them. A number of telescopes will also be set up to show a selection of planets, star clusters, galaxies, and nebulae.

This is a free event, but **booking is essential.**

Thursday 4th April

10:00am-3:00pm

Drop-in Family Activities

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Take part in arts and crafts, train to be an astronaut or relax and read magical tales about space in our story corner.

Join authors and storytellers Ewen and Michaela Sedman, along with their fictional hero Alphi, with fun arts and crafts whilst learning about the stars and our environment.

Activities are suitable for children of any age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **There is no need to book.**

11:00am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Art Workshop with Mary McIntyre

Join artist, astronomer and astrophotographer Mary McIntyre on a guided art workshop to create your own pastel drawing inspired by planets and the night sky.

This session is suitable for teenagers if accompanied by an adult.

The sessions are free but booking is essential. Please book a place for each family member taking part.

Please arrive five minutes before the start of your session.

10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 2:15pm

Kamishibai Storytelling with Ewen & Michaela Sedman

Join authors and storytellers Ewen and Michaela Sedman to hear magical tales about the night sky, performed through Japanese Kamishibai puppets.

Perfect for children aged 5-8 years but any age can join. **The sessions are free but booking is essential.** Please book a place for each child taking part, all children must be supervised by an adult. Sessions run for 25-30 minutes.

Families can also take part in drop-in creative activities at the Allendale Centre on the same day.

3:00pm-5:00pm

Astrotourism Talk with Richard Darn

Are you a local business with a focus on tourism and hospitality? Join Astronomer Richard Darn to learn more about how your business can take advantage of its location in Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve to encourage visitors.

Find out more about how to promote the dark sky to visitors, support stargazers with equipment and become a Dark Sky Friendly business.

Sessions are free but booking is essential.

[Book Sessions Here](#)



All sessions are **FREE**, but booking is **essential** (excluding events highlighted as 'drop-in'.)

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