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Woodland and Wildlife at the Dean Heritage Centre

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The days may be drawing in but the Dean Heritage Centre is firing up its activities programme to take visitors through the colder months. After closing briefly for essential building works to repair damage caused by a fire in December 2009, the heritage centre reopens this Saturday for a weekend of seasonal activity.

On Saturday 13th November, wrap up warm for an autumn walk around Soudley Ponds. The guided walk will take visitors through woodland aflame with colour and share the stories of the wildlife that is preparing for winter. The walk costs £2 per person (under 5s go free) and can be booked by calling 01594 822170. Meet at reception at the Dean Heritage Centre at 1.45pm. Wrap up warm and dress for being outdoors. Sturdy footwear is advisable.

On Sunday 14th November, visitors are guaranteed to spot wildlife as Phil Mugridge brings the animals of the Forest of Dean to you in his illustrated talk, 'Wildlife On Your Doorstep.' Phil has been photographing the Forest for many years and will be telling the stories behind his work and sharing the secrets of the animals that has enabled him to capture them at their best. The talk costs £2 per person and can be booked by calling 01594 822170. Examples of Phil's beautiful work will also be on sale throughout the day.

Activities will continue throughout November with a conservation event on the traditional art of woodland management, a talk by Wendy and Terry Wall on exotic wildlife and readings from and signings of the latest book to be published by the Forest of Dean Writers. Please see www.deanheritagemuseum.com or the DHCs Facebook page for more details.

From the 13th November 2010 the Dean Heritage Centre opens from 10am to 4pm daily.