

## Spring/Summer Outings Programme 2015

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Outing to Coulter Waterhead, South Lanarkshire**

**Leader: Ewan Douglas 0141 886 5232**

**Meet at the Watermill car park, Paisley at 9am.** We will proceed to the services at Junction 13 on the M74 for a 10 minute break, then on to the A702 to Coulter and drive from there on an unclassified road south to NT031311. The walk is 3.5 km on surfaced road and the area is excellent for viewing Ring Ouzels, Wheatear, Stonechat, etc. There are no facilities at the site so bring packed lunches, drinks and warm clothing. A sheet will be circulated at the PNHS April meeting for names and contact details of those wishing to go.

**Parking at the site is limited so car-sharing will be required.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Outing to the SWT Loch Ardinging reserve near Strathblane.**

**Leader: Norman Tait 07789128787**

**Meet at the Watermill car park, Paisley at 10am.** Following the March talk given by David Shenton about the Scottish Wildlife Trust reserves, we now have an opportunity to visit the SWT Loch Ardinging reserve for ourselves. David Shenton has kindly volunteered his free time to give PNHS members a guided walk around this attractive wetland reserve where he will tell us more about the plants, animals and the history of the site. We will meet David at 11am in the car park at the Dam, Loch Ardinging and expect to return around 3pm. Please note that waterproof footwear is recommended and remember to bring a packed lunch.

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**Saturday 29th August**

**Proposed outing to Lochranza, Arran**

**Leader: Tom Byars**

**Meet at Ardrossan Ferry terminal at 9.15am (ferry departs at 9.45).** We should be able to see breeding Black Guillemots at the harbour. The sailing takes about 50 minutes, so we could do some sea-watching, looking out for Manx Shearwater, Gannets, Fulmar, Kittiwake, Sandwich Terns, Guillemots, Razorbills or maybe a Puffin. There is a slight chance of encountering something rarer like a Great or Arctic Skua or even Storm Petrel! On arriving at Brodick we will take the bus to Lochranza and then walk to the distillery, looking out for Red Deer & Red Squirrel. The main objective is the iconic Golden Eagle and the picnic tables at the distillery visitor centre is the best place to view the nearby mountain ridgeline. On the lower hill slopes we could look for Scotch Argus and any interesting plants species. The ferry leaves Brodick at 16.40 or 18.00 depending on how the day goes.