

PENDLE ON A PLATE

Grab a slice of the action and enjoy a taste of the local landscape

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership is gearing up for a celebration of local produce in the first ever Foodie Foray.

This exciting new event celebrates local food producers and the distinctive local dishes found at the foot of our landmark hill. Starting on **Saturday, October 13**, the five-day programme includes guided walks, foraging, talks and cookery demonstrations.

A programme of walks and talks, which explore the landscape and the wild and cultivated foods found within it, will be backed up by some mouth-watering feasts at some of the area's most popular eateries.

Events are still being added to the programme, but highlights include:

- A food to fork foraging lunch at Gazegill Organic Farm
- A 'Summit Safari' linear walk linking two local gastropubs
- Unique set menus at participating venues
- A celebratory autumn feast showcasing the best seasonal local produce

The Foodie Foray is one of the initiatives organised as part of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership initiative – a four-year programme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which will improve awareness of and access to the distinctive upland landscapes on both sides of the hill.

The Landscape Partnership's sustainable tourism officer Hetty Byrne said: "Autumn is traditionally a time of plenty – and there's certainly plenty going on.

"We're looking forward to five days of walks, talks, foraging and feasting. This event celebrates the landscape, producers, chefs and local delicacies that originate in the communities that nestle beneath Pendle Hill.

"It's a great way to explore the breath-taking scenery and discover more about the amazing foods that are produced here – both by the local farming community and by Mother Nature herself.

"We've uncovered some unusual and unique local delicacies and forgotten recipes. We're hoping to bring people from both sides of the hill together for a celebration of local food and culinary traditions."

Supported by the Assheton Arms, the Barley Mow, the Spread Eagle, the Free Masons and a host of hospitality businesses across Pendle and Ribble Valley, special menus and dishes will be available at participating food outlets.

Look out for a Bowland Pie on the menu for a limited period at Greendale View Kitchen at Chatburn, 'Stew and Hard' at the Cabin, Barley, and a field to fork farm tour at Gazegill Organic Farm.

And for anyone counting calories and worried about over-indulging, many of the tasting events are combined with a guided walk through the stunning landscapes surrounding Pendle Hill.

For further details and bookings visit www.pendlehillproject.com/foodie-foray

There's still time for local businesses to get involved. Get in touch with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Team on 01200 420420 or email hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk

EDITORS NOTES

- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is led by the Forest of Bowland AONB.
- The partnership aims to:
 - I. restore, enhance and conserve the heritage and landscape of Pendle Hill
 - II. reconnect people with their past and their landscape
 - III. bring the two sides of the hill together
 - IV. create a sustainable future for the environment, heritage and for visitors' experience of Pendle Hill
- The scheme was awarded a National Lottery grant of £1.8million by the Heritage Lottery Fund in January 2018. These funds will be delivered from 2018-2022 and will be matched with a further £1m raised locally.
- The scheme is made up of a dozen projects which safeguard the area's wildlife and heritage and improve people's access to this popular countryside area. We will do this by providing opportunities for training and volunteering; by supporting research and devising creative and digital interpretation to inspire a new generation about our heritage; by restoring important landscape features, and by working with communities to re-tell the stories of radical Pendle people. The scheme will increase pride in this special place and raise aspirations amongst communities, and it will bring in new investment to support the environment and the economy.
- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is supported by National Lottery players through the Heritage Lottery Fund and by the Forest of Bowland AONB. Partners include representatives of parish councils, the landowning and farming community, Pendle and Ribble Valley Borough Councils, Lancashire County Council, statutory bodies, tourism businesses and volunteers.
- Projects will be delivered by the AONB team, plus local delivery partners including In –Situ Arts, the Dry Stone Walling Association, Mid Pennine Arts and Ribble Rivers Trust.
- The Pendle Hill LP covers 120 square kilometres, stretching from Gisburn down to Whalley, and from Clitheroe across to Nelson and Padiham.
- The Hill is well known as a beauty spot and is heavily visited by residents of the local towns: it is a perfect place for walking and cycling. The area's heritage is dominated by the story of the Pendle Witches, but there are lots more stories to tell including the founding of the Quaker movement, non- conformists and radicals, Roman and Bronze Age settlers, medieval farming systems and early industrial developments. The network of dry stone walls and hedgerows give the area a distinctive feel, and the landscape is also important for its wild moorland, rare birds and woodlands.
- For further information contact the LP Scheme Manager cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk on 07891 537835 / 01200 420420
- Visit the project website at www.pendlehillproject.com or visit our Facebook page 'Pendle Hill Project' for up to date news and views.

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