

## Events for 2012

There's always something going on at Almond Valley.....

Life on the farm changes with the seasons, so there are different things to see and do throughout the year. You'll find a timetable of the day's activities when you arrive at Almond Valley. There's also a programme of special events throughout the year:

**The First Tingles of Spring**, Saturday 11th February - Monday 20th February

Dash around the farm in search of the first signs of spring, then retreat to the warmth of the museum to make stunning snowdrop hats, build a catkin tree, create some seedy creatures, and perhaps meet the first chicks of the year.

**Easter Eggcitement**, Saturday 31st March- Monday 16th April

Meet lambs, chicks and other new arrivals on the farm, hunt for hidden eggs, and crack the clues in the springtime trail. Make Easter bonnets, and rabbit masks, and join in with other seasonal silliness. With additional attractions over the four days of Easter (6th - 9th April), including our famous plastic duck race along the mill lade.

**Creating a Scented Story Dome**, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May

Join crafts and games as a giant dome of living willow is created in Charlesfield. Run as part of the 2012 Festival of Museums.

**Wild Adventures**, Daily from Saturday 30th June until Sunday 19th August

Go wild in the great outdoors in a summer-long programme of activities recreating the lives of our prehistoric ancestors. Every day, children and their families can all lend a hand in constructing a prehistoric encampment and learn skills essential for prehistoric living. There's a shelter and fences to be built, crops to plant, and livestock to tend. And between all of this hard work there's need to make fire, prepare food, make clothing and bedding, and even go hunting.

**Spooky Happenings**, Saturday 13th October - Sunday 28th October

As the days grow shorter, strange creatures begin to emerge from the the darkest and scariest corners of the old mill and farm buildings. Encounter unearthly creatures on a trail of terror, collect the clues and claim a small prize for your bravery. Join in with creepy crafts and gruesome games, and have a spine-tingling good time.

**Friday Fright Night**, Friday 26th October 6pm-9pm

Doors re-open after dark for traditional Halloween games, a moonlight trail, and a ghost train journey into the depths of the night. Come dressed to kill.

**Santa at Almond Valley**, 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23/24th December.

Jolly old Santa is at home in his farmyard cottage handing out early Christmas presents. Join in Christmas crafts, meet the animals in a special winter scene, and enjoy the magic of a traditional Christmas.

## Open all year

## Amazing value!

You're welcome every day of the year from 10am to 5pm, except for the 25th & 26th of December and the 1st and 2nd of January when we take a holiday.

Admission charges are affordable by all; £5.50 per adult, £4.00 per child (aged 3-16 inclusive). A family ticket covering 2 adults and 2 children costs only £17.

An annual Friends Membership provides unlimited access to Almond Valley for individuals or families, whilst our Corporate Membership provides a family ticket that can be passed between work colleagues. Special discount admission is available to schools and community groups.

Tractor and trailer rides operate most weekends and holiday periods, and the narrow gauge railway runs on summer weekends. A modest additional charge is made for these rides, and for an indoor play session in Morag's Meadow; our magical soft play area.



Morag's Milk Bar is open daily for tasty meals and snacks.



We also run wonderful birthday parties.

## How to find us,

Almond Valley is only 15 miles from central Edinburgh and is signposted from junction 3 of the M8; just follow the brown "Almond Valley Heritage Centre" signs.

Almond Valley is only a mile from Livingston North railway station.



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## A wonderful day of adventure and play



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Welcome to

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Welcome to a special place where all the family can spend the day together exploring, making discoveries, and having fun. There's something for everyone on a green, riverside site stretching almost half a mile.

The centuries-old mill and farm buildings are home to a range of friendly farm animals that children can get nose-to-nose with. There's tons of space to play safely, wander by the river, or just sit back and unwind with a tasty snack from the tearoom. In the warmth of the museum there are levers to pull and tunnels to explore whilst discovering the secrets of West Lothian's past.

- 1 Way in, shop and reception
- 2 Crafts and activities space
- 3 Shale Oil Museum
- 4 Flora's Forest baby play room
- 5 TOILETS
- 6 Morag's Tearoom
- 7 New Life small animals
- 8 Morag's Meadow soft play
- 9 Uninvited guests: rats and mice
- 10 Milking byre
- 11 Livingston Mill
- 12 Threshing barn
- 13 Pedal tractors
- 14 Bones and Stones
- 15 Trampolines & play mine
- 16 Quoiting green
- 17 Orchard and bouncer
- 18 Pedal go-karts
- 19 Wartime garden
- 20 Pigs in the trees
- 21 Den building area
- 22 Palace of ducks
- 23 Pig sty
- 24 Animal house and paddocks
- 25 Mill pond
- 26 Oilshale Adventure Zone playground
- 27 Picnic benches, rabbit burrows and bouncy cow
- 28 Tractor & trailer rides
- 29 Display barn with old farm machinery
- 30 Picnic barn
- 31 Narrow-gauge railway
- 32 Playground and picnic benches
- 33 Path to nature trail and riverside walk
- 34 New small animal area (under development)



Pedal cars



Tractor rides



Animal House



Playground



Growing our own



Tractors



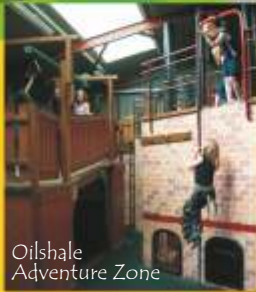
Bottle time



soft play



washing the Clydesdale horse



Oilshale Adventure Zone



Milking in the Byre