

FIFE ARMS

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SUMMER ART ROOM



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



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elcome to the Fife Arms Summer Art Room programme – a space for curious minds and thoughtful making, where families are invited to explore the natural world through observation, illustration, and hands-on creativity.

This summer we are exploring the theme of zoology, inspired by Scottish naturalists who studied the animals, birds and wild landscapes of Deeside. In 1850, ornithologist William MacGillivray spent time in Braemar exploring its geology, vegetation, and wildlife. His careful approach to studying birds, and the habitats that sustain them, encourages us to slow down, observe closely, and find beauty in detail.

Alongside our self-led activities, guests can join an illustrated Birds of Deeside workshop and a tactile leaf printing session, using natural inks and gathered botanicals to create richly layered textile prints.

Throughout the summer, the Art Room invites families to notice, record, and respond to the landscape around them – turning observation into thoughtful making.

Remember to share images with us online using [#FifeArmsFamily](#).





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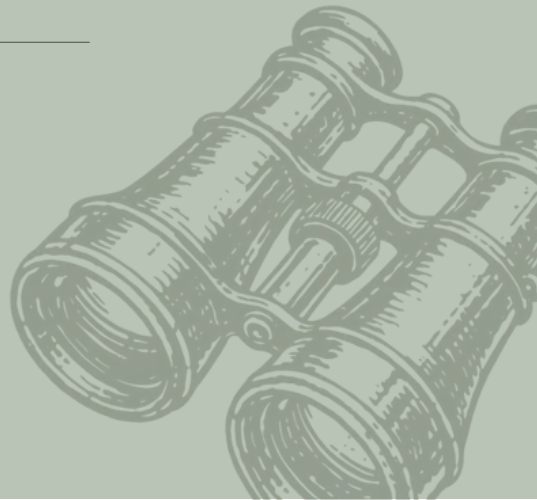
AGE 5 - 11



Step into the wild and see Braemar through the eyes of a real Ghillie. From the rustle of red deer in the heather, to a red squirrel darting up a Scots pine, or the flash of an osprey swooping over the River Dee, there is wildlife all around us if you know how to look.

Use our Wildlife Safari Guide to spot some of the birds, mammals, and insects that call the Cairngorms home.

You might glimpse a capercaillie hiding in the pine woods, discover delicate wildflowers along a sunny path, or track tiny creatures in the long summer grass. When you return, share your sights with the Ghillie team for a small reward.





ILLUSTRATING BIRDS WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 24TH JULY, 11AM - 1PM

AGE 8+

Inspired by the birds of Deeside, this illustration workshop invites participants to create texture papers and transform them into expressive bird collages.

Guided by artist Gabi Reith and influenced by William MacGillivray, the session combines observation, pattern-making and playful composition to bring local wildlife to life on paper.





CREATIVE TRAILS

ALL AGES



SCAVENGER HUNT

Hone your 'looking' skills and track down all the items on our Scavenger Hunt list!

Pick up a Scavenger Hunt guide from the Activity Room and see what you can spy and gather up on your family outings.

BRAEMAR FLORAL TRAIL

There are many wonderful plants and flowers that grow wild around the Fife Arms hotel. Use our Floral Trail to help you find and identify a few of them.

Why not draw the flowers and plants you find, or take a photograph of them, to remind you of what you found on your visit to Braemar.





SUMMER FABRIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 11AM - 1PM

AGE 8+



Join textile artist Helen Greensmith in the Activity Room to create your own printed tote bag using locally gathered leaves and natural textile inks.

Inspired by the shapes and textures of the Cairngorms, you'll explore simple monoprinting techniques to layer forms and create a unique design reflecting your time in Braemar. Old clothes are recommended!







FILM SCREENINGS



ALL AGES



After a day of exploring woodland paths, riversides, and wildflower trails, unwind with a private family film screening.

Book in advance at Reception and gather together in the Brae Room (up to 8 guests). Settle in with popcorn and enjoy nostalgic summer favourites such as *Swallows and Amazons*, *The Secret Garden*, *Paddington 2*, *Matilda*, or *The Railway Children*.

A relaxed and cosy way to round off a long Highland summer evening in Braemar.





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