

It's really almost Christmas in Dalkeith Country Park

There is lots to see and do in Dalkeith Country Park this year, before and after Christmas. Richard Purden sent in some lovely photos of the Spectacle of Light which is on now until the New Year.



PHOTO Richard Purden
Spectacle of Light

A visual, after dark extravaganza for the whole family to enjoy, Spectacle of Light will be running until 5th January 2020 and is designed to be enjoyed with family and friends exploring the night-time wonder of adventure park Fort Douglas all lit up under the stars.

Visitors will take an amazing journey up amongst the woodland canopy in the magical Sky Maze and marvel at the beauty of the 18th century Orangerie as they follow this visual feast of a trail around the gardens and across the River Esk. Adorned with illuminated parasols and majestic trees hosting giant mirror balls, meteors, pixie lanterns and much more, this magical and truly unique trail promises to delight all ages.



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Santa's Fun & Elf Run

The festive Santa fun run through the magical woodlands of Dalkeith Country Park on 15th December is the perfect way to stave off those inevitable Christmas calories whilst doing your bit for charity. We'll be donating a percentage of the proceeds to our chosen charity, CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). Join hundreds of other Santas on this jovial jog along a 5km route, it's sure to be a good day out to enjoy with friends, family and loved ones. Little helpers can get involved too in the 1km kiddies Elf Dash with prizes for best festively dressed child runner and most jolly looking dressed up dog.

HOB0 Cinema

After their hugely successful debut at Dalkeith Country Park in 2018, Rogue Village's Hobo Cinema is returning again this year from 20th – 24th December. This indoor winter wonderland

cinema is the perfect setting for a classic Christmas movie. Beautiful winter foliage, twinkling festoon with rich hot chocolates, spiced mulled wine and gourmet popcorn – all in the comfort of an indoor, heated venue. There will be a screening of a smorgasbord of Christmas classics from family favourites such as Elf and Home Alone to Hollywood heart-warmers including Love Actually and It's a Wonderful Life.

Christmas craft workshops

Adults and little ones alike can get their creative juices flowing with a variety of festive Christmas workshops throughout November and December, including a fun, hands-on workshop where kids of all ages can paint and glitter clay decorations and walk away with two unique pieces of keep-forever festive art. Adult workshops comprise a 'How to dress your table and create a centrepiece' with Edinburgh's top florist Narcissus as well as our ever-popular wreath making and table centrepiece sessions. What's more, parents can drop their kids off whilst they take some much needed me-time this Christmas.

