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## **Peatland Walks Week in the Flow Country**

A programme of free guided walks led by The Highland Council Rangers on behalf of the Flows to the Future Project starts in earnest next week. This series of walks takes place across the Flow Country and west coast peatlands from Wednesday 18 May.

There are a variety of distances and terrains available and you can be sure to witness the stunning remote scenery of the peatlands.

So why not join the Rangers on the spectacular historic Moine Path walk from the south end of Loch Hope by Ben Hope and down to the Kyle of Tongue at Kinloch. You can also explore the Berriedale Strath or the remote Assynt “cnoc and loch” landscape around Drumbeg. Alternatively why not visit the ancient carved stones and a druids cave on the Clachtoll peat road?

Whichever walk you choose to take part in you are sure to see peatland landscapes and wildlife at their best and have some great opportunities to capture them with your camera.

Up and coming events include:

Wednesday 18 May – Moine Path

Thursday 19 May – Clachtoll Peat Road

Sunday 22 May – Berriedale Strath

Tuesday 24 May – Drumbeg Peat Road

More details can be found on the Flow Country website events page [www.theflowcountry.org.uk](http://www.theflowcountry.org.uk), along with lots of information about peatlands.

Make sure you bring suitable clothing, footwear and a packed lunch if necessary. Booking is required to secure your place but all walks are free.

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**PHOTOGRAPH: Guided walk in the Flow Country (Andy Hay – RSPB Images)**

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

The Peatlands Partnership includes Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry Commission (Scotland), Highland Council, RSPB Scotland, Plantlife Scotland, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, The Highland Third Sector Interface, The Flow Country Rivers Trust, The Northern Deer Management Group and The Environmental Research Institute. It liaises with local community groups, the Scottish Government's Rural

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