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**Alfresco Parkland Food Festival at Swinton Park  
A celebration of regional food, harvest and artisan culture  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Following on from the success of their first Alfresco food festival in May this year, Swinton Park has announced plans for their second event to be held in the parkland, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The concept of the event is to make the connection between the countryside and food real. By serving the food in an alfresco style in a beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> century landscape, visitors can appreciate the freshness and quality of the produce and the important role that the Yorkshire countryside plays in it.

Visitors will follow a culinary trail, enjoying tasting dishes served at alfresco kitchens en route, with ingredients such as venison, smoked trout and heather blossom sourced from Swinton Estate. There will be a choice of routes to follow between the Deerhouse, Walled Garden and lakes, with the Harvest Moon café in the woodland serving homemade soups, freshly roasted coffee and cream teas, with Morris Dancers and live music to entertain. Guided tours will be given in the woodland with local wild food expert Chris Bax, and in the walled garden with the garden designer Susan Cunliffe-Lister.

There will also be an artisan craft area, with demonstrations and plenty of hands on opportunities such as print making, willow hurdle making, corn dollies, Raku pottery and rustic chair making. The Deerhouse will be home to the Real Ale bar, with an extended area for demonstrations on Apple Juicing and Cider Making, Cheese and Butter Making and Blind Wine Tasting.

At the end of the trail there are family activities such as face painting, pony rides, bouncy castle, falconry displays and an animal corner. There is a Gourmet Food Marquee with a wide selection of local food producers including cheese, breads, herbs, beer, fruit wine, oils, soup, sausages and bacon, and also a Cookery Demonstration Theatre and cookery shop.

11.00am – 4.00pm. Entry : Adults £10 (includes a two course tasting meal or afternoon tea)  
Children (4 – 12yrs) £5 (includes 1 course voucher) 3yrs and under FREE

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