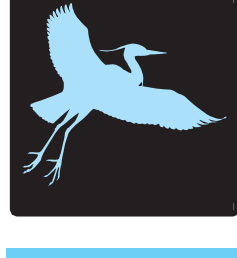


BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION



WHAT'S ON

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Saturday 12th August 2017 Mersea Island's SE Coast Walk, Essex, - Fossils, Tudor Fort & Coastline Wild Plants

Leader: Roger Tabor
From Brightlingsea: be on Town Jetty (Waterside, CO7 0AX) by 10am, ferry to Mersea Island leaves at 10.05am. (Ferry to E. Mersea £3.50 child £2.50). Ferry for return leaves East Mersea 12.15pm.

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2017 Nature Spotting at the Lozenge, Brightlingsea, for Families

Leader: Roger Tabor
Lozenge Nature Area, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0LG Open 11.30am - 4.30pm
Opportunity for families to help youngsters to be able to recognise some wild flowers & wildlife in the reserve, & maybe win some prizes!

HERTFORDSHIRE

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Sunday 3rd September REDBOURNE AND FLAMSTEAD AREA

for late summer wildlife and lichens
Leaders: Andrew Harris (Tel. 01582 840598) and Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639 Mob 07791 986951)
Meet in car park off West Common (TL103119) Redbourne at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

Sunday 17th September TRING AREA

for mammal recording
Leader: Michael Demidecki (Tel. 01442 823514, Mob. 07887 980004)
Meet in Hastoe Lane, Tring (SP924109) at 9.30 am. Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide. Please note the early start time

Saturday 30th September PATMORE HEATH NATURE RESERVE, NEAR ALBURY

for fungi and other autumn wildlife
Leader : Chris James (Tel. 01462 742684, Mob. 07771 902976)

Meet and park near large pond at SW corner of Patmore Heath (TL442255) at 10am.
Bring lunch, field guides, hand lens.

Saturday 14th October NORTHAW GREAT WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE NEAR CUFFLEY

for fungi.
Leader : Claudi Soler (Tel. 020 8882 3082)
Meet in the car park (TL282040) off the B157 at 10 am
Bring lunch, a hand lens, a field guide and £1 for the car park

Sunday 29th October HITCH WOOD near ST. PAUL'S WALDEN

for fungi
Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326)
Meet in small car park at junction of Hitchwood Lane and B651 (TL196238) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide.

LINCOLNSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Contact Dr. Robert Tansey FLS MBNA Tel: 01 777 948369
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Saturday the 23rd of April Upper Teesdale National Park

Cowgreen Reservoir, Weardale, DL12 0HX.
(Rare orchids and other plants)
Toilet at site, but no other facilities. Take packed lunch, walking boots, and winter coats.
Meet at King and Miller Retford, Notts, at 8.30 am prompt.

Saturday the 6th of May BNA Conference

The Forest School, Epping Forest, Hertfordshire.
Conference and activities, all the TV and natural history presenters have attended this bi-annual event to receive BNA awards over the years.
Meeting will be chaired by Roger Tabor (TV Presenter and catexpert).
Members who have been upgraded to Associate, Registered Member, or Fellow status will be officially received. (We have at present 3 members who will be participating in this ceremony.
Meet at King and Miller Retford, Notts, at 7 am prompt.

Wednesday the 19th of May Wicken Fen Reserve National Trust

Lode Lane, Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP
Entrance Fee: £6.65 Nat Trust Members free.
Take packed lunch or eat in café.
Meet at King and Miller Retford, Notts, 9 am.

Saturday the 8th of July BNA Annual General Meeting / Attenborough Nature Reserve

Barton Lane, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 6DY.
Day full of activities., and our national AGM. We are organising this event with the support of the South Yorkshire Branch. We would appreciate it if all branch members could attend this important event and if need be help out. Our esteemed member Alan Heath will be received as a Fellow of the BNA at this event, and Janette K Robinson, granddaughter of the Associations founder Edward Kay Robinson, will be the guest of honour. . Take packed lunch or eat at café.
Meet at the King and Miller Retford, Notts, at 8.00 am.

Special Projects: Bat detecting, Butterfly and Insect Recording will be undertaken fortnightly from spring through to Autumn/details will be given via email or phone. Amphibian activities please contact Debs directly.

NENE & WELLAND BRANCH

Contact: J White Tel: 0844 892 1817

Branch walks take place on the third Sunday of each month except in December when we meet on Boxing Day morning. Please telephone for details.

OUSE & NENE BRANCH

Contact: T J Thomas FBNA Tel: 0844 892 1817

1st Sunday of every month 10 a.m. Woodland Walks & Survey

Venue: West Wood near Souldrop on A6 between Rushden and Bedford.
Meet at entrance gate by cottages, not the farm side.

OXFORDSHIRE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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Oxfordshire & Gloucestershire BNA

BNA's newest Branch and currently building membership. We will shortly be arranging a programme of events which will be based primarily within the Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire counties, with the occasional trip further afield.

Some of the activities we are planning include badger watching, moth trapping nights, botanical surveys, fungus forays, insect days, bird watching excursions and occasional indoor meetings.

We will also be arranging presentations and workshops lead by expert naturalists as well as short courses for members. These activities will cover various aspects of natural history, field skills and biological communication topics such as wildlife photography.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Contact: Steve Rutherford MBNA Tel: 07504 356028



BNA South Yorkshire

August 12th Natural History of a Village

Meet at 4pm. Park at Bay Horse in Scholes Village, a visit to a private meadow to sweep for insects, walking back through the village to look at galls and trees on Scholes Lane, back to the pub for evening meal

September 9th Bats at Newmillerdam

Meet 7.30pm. An evening bat detecting over the resevoir and maybe hear Daubenton's bat

October 28th Fungi at Wharnclyffe

Meet 10am in the Trans-Penine car park on Finkle Lane to search for fungi in the woods. *This venue may change further details will follow*

November 9th to 11th

Birding in Northumberland, a two night short break on the North East coast visiting the bird hotspots in the area, fully booked

December 9th Natural History in the Garden

Wentworth Garden Centre, 10am

TAW & EXMOOR BRANCH

Contact: Brian Sims Tel: 01 271 343607



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Friday February 24th indoor meeting.

The Castle Centre, Barnstaple
7.30pm. An illustrated talk by wildlife photographer and TV presenter Nick Baker. Admission by ticket: £6, includes tea/coffee and entry into the raffle.

Sunday March 19th Early Spring flowers, early Summer migrants and late Winter migrants.

Meet at Arlington Court main car park at 11.00 am. About 2½ miles of rolling countryside over fields and through woodland. Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday April 23rd Dawn chorus walk.

Meet at 6.00 am opposite the Surf Shop at Vellator (Map Ref SS 487 357) to amalgamate into fewer cars to go to a local reserve. About a mile and a half walk with a hill. Further walk afterwards, and then a possible fish and chip lunch.

Saturday May 20th A repeat visit to Emsworthy Mire for bluebells and Summer migrants.

Meet at Map Ref SX 748 762 at 11.00 am followed by a visit to Bovey Heath nature reserve (Map Ref SX 825 765) for more flowers, birds and butterflies. Bring a packed lunch, cream tea afterwards.

Sunday June 11th A chance to see beavers.

Meet at Cookworthy Forest Office (Map Ref SS 413 013) to amalgamate into fewer vehicles at 5.00 pm. Need wellington boots. Stay on afterwards for possible bats and nightjars. Fairly level. Limited to the first 20 to book.

Sunday July 9th Hunter's Inn, Heddon Valley

Meet at 11.00 am. Hopefully to see butterflies including the high brown and dark green fritillaries. About three miles, hilly in places but spectacular views. Bring a packed lunch, possible cream tea afterwards.

Sunday August 13th East Titchberry

Meet car park at 11.00 am (Map Ref SS 244 270) for sea birds, cliff top flowers, good views and fresh air at Hartland Point. About 3 miles, bit hilly. Bring packed lunch, possible cream tea afterwards.

Sunday September 10th A visit to the Seaton Wetlands

Possible Autumn vagrants. Amalgamate into fewer cars at Barnstaple Leisure Centre car park at 9.00 am. Bring packed lunch. Level walking

Sunday October 15th A coach trip to Westonbirt Arboretum to see the spectacular Autumn colours.

Leave Bideford at 8.30 am and Barnstaple 9.00 am. Restaurant on site or bring your own food.

Saturday November 11th Annual General Meal, at The Thatched Inn at Abbotsham

Meet 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. After the meal there will be entertainment before the serious part of the evening when you decide what outings you would like for your branch in the forthcoming year.

Sunday December 10th Sert Point, near Bridgwater

A trip to a new birdwatching location, before going on the RSPB reserve at Greylake. Meet at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre car park to amalgamate into fewer cars at 8.30 am. Bring a packed lunch, hot drink and warm clothes.