

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION



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ESSEX

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Saturday 28th April

Invertebrate sampling "pond dipping", Chelmsford, Essex, Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation
Leader: Ken Biggins
Meet on towpath at Springfield Lock, Wharf Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6YT
10.30am - 12.00

Wed 27th - 30th June 2018

Brightlingsea, some joint events with BNA S Yorks visitors
Details TBA

Saturday 11th August 2018

Summer Coast Walk, Brightlingsea, Essex,
Leader: Roger Tabor
10am - 12.30
Details TBA

Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 2018

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
(This annual event is a jointly organised by the BNA & the Cinque Port Liberty of Brightlingsea).

HERTFORDSHIRE

Contact: Trevor James FLS, FRES, FBNA Tel: 01 462 742684
<http://hertsbna.org.uk/index.html>



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Sunday 19th August

BERRYGROVE and ABBOTS WOOD near ALDENHAM for lichens and summer wildlife
Leaders: Andrew Harris (Tel. 01582 840598) and Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639 Mob. 07791 986951)
Park in Aldenham and meet by St. John the Baptist Church in Church lane (TQ 139984 – WD25 8BE) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

Sunday 2nd September

AYOT GREEN area for late summer wildlife
Leader: Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707 654131 Mob. 07951 990908)
Meet in Ayot Green Way Car Park off Ayot St. Peter Road (TL 222144 – AL6 9BD) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides

Saturday 15th September

BRENT PELHAM area for autumn wildlife including fungi
Leader: Chris James (Tel. 01462 742684, Mob. 07771 902976)
Park carefully in High Street & meet at parish church (TL 434308) at 10am.
Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens & field guide

Sunday 30th September

HERTFORD HEATH and BALLS WOOD for fungi
Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326)
Meet by the College Arms PH (TL 352108 – SG13 7PW) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide

Saturday 13th October

BISHOPS WOOD and BATCHWORTH HEATH for fungi
Leader: Claudi Soler (Tel. 020 8882 3082)
Meet in the Bishop's Wood Car Park off White Hill (TQ 069915) at 10 am
Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide
www.threerivers.gov.uk/download?id=36645

Saturday 27th October

ASHRIDGE ESTATE for deer rut and autumn wildlife
Leader: Mike Demidecki (Tel. 01442 823514 Mob. 07887 980004)
Meet in the car park on Tom's Hill, near Aldbury (SP 970118 – HP23 5SA) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides

LINCOLNSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Contact Dr. Robert Tansey FLS MBNA Tel: 01 777 948369
<http://lincs-notts-naturalists-branch.weebly.com/>



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Branch Affiliated Groups and Societies:

LENS Long Eaton Natural History Society: Marion Bryce / lensnaturalhistory@gmail.com /
DANES Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society: David Budworth / abud01@aol.com /
NBG Nottinghamshire Bat Group: Michael Walker / nottsbatgroup@gmail.com

The Canal and River Trust/BNA Partnership

Please contact event organisers to check for last minute diary changes, or permission to attend if you are not a member of that specific group.

Note: **LENS** meets monthly at the Long Eaton School NG10 3NP at 7 pm every second Monday unless otherwise advised. Practical conservation sessions are undertaken at Forbes Hole Nature Reserve NG10 1FX at 10am every Monday.

Note: **BNA** undertakes small mammal trapping activities at Notts Wildlife Trust Reserves in North Notts, which may not all be noted in the diary, if you wish to participate contact BNA organiser. Bat Detecting and Moth Trapping are undertaken every month Spring to Autumn at dusk (Chesterfield Canal Drakeholes Depot) contact BNA organiser for times and dates, weather permitting.

Note: **NBG** undertake regular bat detecting evenings throughout the year, along with some training sessions, please contact them directly for up to date details etc.

Saturday 3rd February

Vole and badgers survey
Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey 10-12am BNA

Monday 12th February

Indoor Talk: Introducing Dormice
Long Eaton School
7.15 pm LENS

Wednesday 14th February

K and M Beckingham Marsh RSPB Reserve.
12am meet BNA

Saturday 3rd March

Invertebrate survey
Drakeholes Canal Trust Depot
10-12am BNA

Monday 5th March

AGM NBG
7.30pm

Monday 12th March

Indoor Talk: Bats in Romania
Long Eaton School
7.15pm LENS

Wednesday 14th March

Idle Valley: Invertebrate survey and small mammal trapping
1pm BNA

Saturday 17th

Retford Library: Natural History Day-all-welcome
10am-4pm BNA

(For details of Bat Detecting/Moth Trapping/Small Mammal Trapping April to September contact organiser)

Saturday 7th April

Potteric Carr YWT Reserve/Doncaster
Meet in reserve car park: (Entry Charge)
11am BNA

Wednesday 18th April

Idle Valley: Invertebrate survey and small mammal trapping
1pm BNA

Saturday 21st

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12 noon BNA

1-4th May

Bempton and Flamborough Boat trip
to be arranged, cost approx £13-15 plus travel to Bridlington BNA

Saturday 10th May

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
12th -12pm BNA

Saturday 16th June

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

Saturday 21st July

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

Sunday 22nd July

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society Exhibition
ShIPLEY Country Park Visitor Centre, DE75 7GX DANES
11-4pm

18th August

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

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

Contact: Kara Majerus Tel: 0844 892 1817



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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

March 11th – Walk along the TPT

By the railway line at Elsecar to look at hedgerows, meet in the car park at 10am.

April 14th – Moth Trapping and Pond Dipping in Historic Gardens at WGC

Meet at the entrance to the gardens at 10am

May 5th – Spring visit to Staveley Wild Life Trust Reserve

A chance to see flowers and trees as they start growing and hear bird song, meet in the car park at 11am

June 10th – Evening in Visit to Old Moor wild flowers and orchids

meet in the car park at 5.30pm; remember to be off the reserve by 8pm

June 27th - 30th – Summer at the Seaside a short break to Brightlingsea

Staying 3 nights B&B including a day visit to Mersea Island, wildlife along the sea wall and a special guided walk from Roger Tabor over the salt marshes, more details to follow – *booking is essential*

July 22nd – Biodiversity in Long Grass Area at Wentworth Garden Centre

Studying and recording the species found in the habitats we have created at the back of the farm; meet outside the entrance to the farm at 10am

August 11th – Visit to Adwick for birds, wild flowers & grasses,

Meet in the car park at 10am

September 8th – Visit to Spottbrough Flash Woodlands for late summer flowers and birds

Car share is essential as there is limited parking, meet in the car park on Nursery Lane at 10am

TAW & EXMOOR BRANCH

Contact: Brian Sims Tel: 01 271 343607



@devonbna

day March 11th

A visit to our local RSPB reserve at Isley Marsh for wetland and river birds followed by a walk around the neighbouring Home Farm Marsh reserve.

Meet on the Yelland Business Park road at 11.00am Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday April 22nd

Dawn chorus walk. Meet at 6.00 am, just west of Parkham Ash (Map Ref SS 3635 2075) another walk afterwards to Peppercombe and then a possible pub lunch. Warm clothes and a warm drink for elevenives.

Sunday May 20th

By popular request, a repeat visit to Gooseham Mill for fritillary butterflies and Spring flowers. Meet there (Map Ref SS 232 172) at 11.00 am. A walk down to the coast in the afternoon. Bring a packed lunch, probable cream tea afterwards.

Sunday June 24th

Another requested repeat visit to the DWT Reserve at Meeth for flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds. Meet there (Map Ref SS 543 081) at 10.30 am. Could go on to the adjoining reserve at Ash Moor afterwards. Bring a packed lunch. Probable cream tea afterwards. Not completely level walking.

Sunday July 15th

Butterflies and dragonflies at a new venue, the Devon branch of Butterfly at Bystock in conjunction with the Devon branch of Butterfly Conservation. Amalgamate into fewer meetings at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre car park at 9.30 am or meet there (Map Ref SY 033 844) at 11.00 am. Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday August 19th

An evening meeting requested for bats. Meet at The Puffing Billy car park, Torrington at 7.30 pm. With luck may see an otter as well. Level walking. May need insect repellent.

Sunday September 9th

A walk around Morte Point for seals, sea birds and cliff top flowers. Meet at Morte Point car park at 11.00 am complete with a packed lunch and be ready for the last cream tea of the season.

NATIONAL EVENTS

NATIONAL INSECT WEEK

18-24 June. Royal Entomological Society.

UK FUNGUS DAY.

Weekend of 6-7th October 2018.

The outreach arm of the British Mycological Society. Raising awareness of the amazing fungal kingdom.

Please Note: Outdoor Meetings

- It is advisable to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Sorry, but we do not allow dogs to accompany our walks. We would urge members to share car transport to events. If you need to arrange a lift, please telephone. However a spare seat cannot be guaranteed. Should you intend to join any outdoor activity somewhere other than at the meeting place, the leader should be told in advance. We remind you that you will not then know if the walk is cancelled or changed at the start.

BNA cannot be held responsible for any mishaps or accidents that may occur on Branch outings. There is public liability insurance cover for field and indoor meetings arranged by the Branch.

The insurance policy does not cover personal accidents.