

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION



WHAT'S ON

National Conference 2017

A Decade of Change 2007 - 2017

Saturday 6th May

at

The Forest School

Snaresbrook – London E17 3PY

www.forest.org.uk

ESSEX

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August

Coastal walk in Brightlingsea, date to be confirmed

28 August 2017

Nature Spotting at the Lozenge

Annual family event led by Roger Tabor

HERTFORDSHIRE

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<http://hertsbna.org.uk/index.html>



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Saturday 1 April 2017

Frogmore Lakes, Nr Park Street

for willows and other spring wildlife led by Mike Demidecki
Meet 10 am Car Park at end of Hyde Lane, of A5183

Saturday 15 April 2017

Thunderfield Grove and Wormley Wood

for spring wildlife led by Trevor James
Meet 10 am Bencroft Wood west car park, off White Stubbs Lane

Saturday 29 April 2017

Harpden Common

for insects led by Joe Gray
Meet 10 am Car park off St Albans Road

For later events visit their website
<http://hertsbna.org.uk/meetings.html>

or telephone the Branch Secretary
on 01462 742684

LINCOLNSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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<http://lincs-notts-naturalists-branch.weebly.com/>



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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 cat expert).

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

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

April 22nd

Woodland Flowers along Silkstone Wagonway.

Meet at Pot House Hamlet for breakfast at 10am followed by a walk along the Wagonway to see the woodland plants and birds

June 10th

Nature Walk at Anston Stone Woods

Meet at 11am. A visit to this SSSI reserve which includes magnesium limestone grassland and scrub to look at the wild flowers and their pollinators

July 29th

Wild flowers and bees at Staveley Nature Reserve

Meet at 11am. Car share up to this Wildlife Trust Reserve near Boroughbridge for a day of wild flowers and pollinators

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 Wharnccliffe

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*

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

Nature 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 some 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

Stert Point, near Bridgwater

A trip to a new birdwatching location, before going on to 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.