



**SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST
EASTBOURNE REGIONAL GROUP
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2012**

OUTDOOR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND WALKS

SORRY, NO DOGS AT THESE EVENTS AND WALKS, PLEASE

2012

JANUARY

Tuesday 24th SHINEWATER - An easy walk around the lake. Park and meet in Dallington Road outside Highfield School which is off the roundabout at the Hampden Park end of Lottbridge Drive.
10.00am

FEBRUARY

Thursday 23rd CUCKMERE HAVEN (EAST SIDE) - We will go along the concrete track and return along the river bank, hoping that the tide is right for birds. Meet at the waterside Pay & Display Car Park on A259 opposite the Seven Sisters Country Park Visitor Centre.
10.00am

MARCH

Tuesday 20th THE CUCKOO TRAIL - North from Hellingly, looking for signs of Spring. Meet at Cuckoo Trail Car Park on the South side of Station Road, Hellingly. Map Ref. TQ584121.
10.00am

APRIL

Saturday 28th BRIDLEGATE - A guided walk around this private land listening to Spring birdsong.
10.00am No dogs please. Map Ref. TQ537113

MAY

Tuesday 15th MONTAGUE FARM, HANKHAM - Martin Hole will take us, probably by Land Rover, over some of his land and hopefully we will see some breeding birds. Montague is off Hankham Hall Road, between Hankham and Jenkins Green. Go down the track and park by the farm buildings. Map Ref. TQ624058
10.00am

JUNE

Tuesday 5th ROCKS FARM, ASHBURNHAM - Keith Datchler will lead us on a walk through the ancient wildflower meadows of this private estate. Take the A271 towards Battle and then take the 1st turning on the left signed to Ponds Green & Woods Corner. Then take the 2nd right into Lakehurst Lane & follow this to the end of the road marked "Private Beech Estate". Continue up the drive and park on the left. Map Ref TQ689174.
10.00am

JUNE

Tuesday 26th OLD LODGE, ASHDOWN FOREST - This SWT Reserve has much to offer in the way of breeding birds and if the day is sunny, dragonflies. Meet in the Reserve Car Park which is on the West side of the B2026 between Maresfield and Hartfield. Map Ref. TQ469306
10.00am

JULY

Tuesday 3rd PEVENSEY MARSHES RESERVE - Another SWT Reserve but one that is usually closed to the public. The Reserves Manager will take us round and as well as plants and birds, we hope to see the rare Fen Raft Spider. From the roundabout at Pevensey, take the Normans Bay Road. Park off the road on the left at Map Ref. TQ665053.
10.00am

AUGUST

Tuesday 21st BUTCHERSHOLE BOTTOM - Given the right weather conditions we should see a good selection of butterflies. Meet in the Pay and Display Car Park on the Jevington Road. Map Ref. TV555994
10.00am

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 6th ARLINGTON - Not the reservoir but a walk around the fields and lanes. We will start from the Church, parking in either the nearby Village Hall Car Park or Pub Car Park.
10.00am

OCTOBER

Tuesday 23rd FUNGUS FORAY AT ST DUNSTAN'S FARM - A new venue that is mainly meadowland so we should see different fungi from our usual woods. Going North past Warbleton Church, the 1st turning on the left is Furnace Lane, at this junction take the rough track going north signed Three Ways Farm. Continue past here to the end, parking behind the farmhouse. Map Ref. TQ609196
10.00am

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20th CUCKMERE HAVEN (WEST SIDE) - To look for wintering birds. Could be muddy. Meet in the Golden Galleon Pub Car Park by Exceat Bridge
10.00am

Unless otherwise stated, walks will last from two to three hours.

We recommend that you bring something to drink.

Donations will be welcomed at all of the above Events and Walks, for which there is no formal charge.

HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNINGS

Part of the attraction of many wildlife sites is their wild nature. Visitors must be aware of potential hazards. The most obvious are the risks of tripping and slipping, particularly after rain. Beware of water in ditches, ponds, streams, and rivers. This can be deep and banks can be steep. Take care if you have to share a path with cattle or sheep. Do not eat or suck wild fruit, fungus, leaves, berries, or grasses. Watch out for poorly maintained stiles, overhanging branches, and brambles. Clifftops in our area are very dangerous, with sheer drops of many hundreds of feet. Cliff falls are frequent. Keep well away from the edge, and never allow children to run free on, or anywhere near, the clifftop.