



Whitby Naturalists' Club

Workshop and Outdoor Programme 2017

When	Event	Contact
April		
Wed 12 09.00	Bird song identification at Scaling Dam with Graham Oliver. Meet in car park (Yacht Club end), NZ740126. Short level walk on the moor and through woodland, then viewing from bird hide. Binoculars useful.	GO
Sat 22 07.00	Small mammal trapping at Ravenscar with NT Ranger, Bill Blake. Bill will set live traps the night before, and we will observe the results. Meet Raven Hall Road, Ravenscar, NZ980014.	JS
Thu 27 10.00	Spring fungus foray at May Beck with David Minter. Meet May Beck car park, NZ893024. Specimens will be examined with microscopes afterwards in Whitby. Booking essential.	DM
May		
Tue 2 14.00	Grosmont. Wildflowers and history of the village with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Mike or Laura. Booking essential.	MY/LS
Thu 11 10.30	Pebbles on the beach at Robin Hood's Bay with Tony Kearsley. Meet at the Old Coastguard Station in Robin Hood's Bay, NZ954048. Explore the origins and journeys made by pebbles found on the beach near Robin Hood's Bay.	WE
Tue 16 10.00	Full day hoverfly workshop in Whitby Museum/Pannett Park with Joan Childs. A talk on hoverfly identification, followed by field work in Pannett Park. Tea and coffee will be available, but bring a packed lunch. Limited places. Booking essential.	AR
Sun 21 10.00	Natural history walk from Falling Foss with Marian Brockway. Meet at Falling Foss car park, NZ889036. The walk will finish at the Tearoom.	MB
Wed 24	Turtle doves at dawn with John McEachen & Graham Oliver. Meeting point details to be circulated nearer the time, or ring John. Listening for turtle doves and other species, followed by a visit to the Raptor Viewpoint.	GO & JMCE
June		
Tue 6 14.00	Danby Church and environs: the life story of Canon Atkinson with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Mike or Laura. Booking essential.	MY/LS
Tue 13 10.00	Tree identification at Golden Grove with Alan Ritson. Meet at south end of viaduct, NZ896095. A morning walk through woodland, identifying native trees.	AR
Sat 17	A Bioblitz in Grosmont. Organised by the North York Moors National Park Authority. Meet in the car park. Time and exact location of meeting point, plus other details to be circulated nearer the time, or ring Wendy.	WE
Thu 22 10.30	Gannets and Puffins at RSPB Bempton Cliffs RSPB Reserve with John McEachen. Meet at the reserve visitors' centre, TA197739. The cliffs at Bempton are used by tens of thousands of seabirds, and there are spectacular clifftop viewing platforms for visitors. Binoculars useful. A picnic site and café are available for lunch after the visit. Booking essential.	JMcE
Sun 25 09.00	CoCoast Bioblitz, Boggle Hole. Meet in the car park on Bridge Holm Lane, NZ952037. An event organised by the <i>Capturing our Coast (CoCoast)</i> project. Club Members welcome.	JP
Thu 29 11.00	Seals & seashore at Ravenscar/Stoupe Beck with Graham Oliver. Meet in Raven Hall Road, Ravenscar, NZ980014. A walk down steep steps to view the seals, continuing along the seashore to Stoupe Beck, returning by the Cleveland Way through the Alum Works. Bring a packed lunch.	GO
July		
Thu 6 21.00	Nightjar evening in Harwood Dale Forest with John McEachen. Meet in parking area west of Harwood Dale road, SE954990. We hope to hear and see nightjars and other nocturnal wildlife in the cleared forest, and John will be setting his mist net. Bring a torch, insect repellent and, if you have one, a protective face net - the midges bite!	JMcE
Sun 9 11.00	Plants and butterflies at Fen Bog with Wendy English & Graham Featherstone. Meet at the reserve access off the A169 near Eller Beck Bridge, SE857982. This Yorkshire Wildlife Trust reserve is a very sensitive habitat, with communities of rare plants and insects. We will circumnavigate the mire, but stout footwear, or wellies, are advisable.	WE
Sat 22	YNU VC62 Recording Meeting, Saltburn. Meet in the car park on Saltburn Bank, NZ668215. For further information, see the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union website [www.ynu.org.uk].	YNU
Tue 25 14.00	Hinderwell, St Hilda's Well and Scarecrow Week with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Mike or Laura. Booking essential.	MY/LS
Wed 26 11.00	Pannett Day. Family fun in Pannett Park, organised by Friends of Pannett Park. The Club will have a stand, and will run a quiz and a nature walk.	AR
Sat 29 11.00	In the footsteps of artist J. Ulric Walmsley with Jane Ellis & George Featherstone. Meet in Robin Hood's Bay at the 'bus stop on Thorpe Lane, NZ951053. A circular walk from Robin Hood's Bay to Boggle Hole, taking in points where Ulric painted the landscape. The walk will include steep steps and a beach walk, so stout footwear is advised.	WE

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August		
Sun 6 11.00	Butterflies, dragonflies and flowers at Scaling Dam with Wendy English & Graham Featherstone. Meet in the car park at the east end of Scaling Dam off the A171, NZ755128. Northumbrian Water has granted access to a wildflower meadow and pond near the car park. We will explore this area and the reservoir margin. Bring a packed lunch, and stout footwear.	WE
Wed 9 10.30	Young Naturalist Treasure Seekers, Saltwick Bay. A team challenge for Junior Members and their friends, with help from Whitby Naturalists. Follow clues and photograph treasures. Bring your smart 'phone or digital camera! Prizes. Further information will be posted later on the Whitby Naturalists' Club website [www.whitbynaturalists.co.uk].	WE
Wed 16 10.30	Pond dipping for adults and children, Ravenscar. Meet in Raven Hall Road, NZ980014. In the morning, we'll explore the aquatic life of Bluebell Pond and take water samples. After lunch, we'll examine the samples under a microscope for protists and other microscopic life. Steep walk down to pond. Bring wellies and a picnic. Booking essential.	AR
Tue 29 10.00	Rock art and heather on the Stoupe Brow Trail, with Jenny Bartlett & Chris Hansell. Meet in the car park near Ravenscar mast, NZ969013. An easy morning walk over moorland.	WE
September		
Fri 1 & Sat 2	Moth trapping in Pannett Park with Graham Featherstone. Meet outside Museum door. Graham will set up a moth trap in the park for a couple of hours at 20:30 on Friday evening, and will return on Saturday morning at 10.00 to display the most interesting specimens, before releasing them. Weather dependent.	WE
Sun 10 11.00	CoCoast Bioblitz, Runswick Bay. Meet in the car park at the bottom of the bank, NZ809159. An event organised by the <i>Capturing our Coast (CoCoast)</i> project. Club Members welcome.	JP
Sun 17 10.00	Great British beach clean, Saltwick Bay. Meet at top of path to beach, NZ915118 (limited parking). Organized jointly with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. All rubbish is analysed, to get information for marine conservation. Bring protective gloves.	WE
Sat 23 13.00	Circular historic landscape walk from Mickleby to Ugthorpe with Noel Barrett & Steve Hunneysett. Meet at Mickleby Village Hall, 37 The Lane, NZ802130. There will probably be a pub stop in Ugthorpe.	CK
October		
Sun 8 10.30	National Fungus Day Foray with David Minter. Meeting point to be announced later.	DM
TBA	Conservation work in Uppang Ravine. Meeting point, date and time to be announced. Cutting and raking the grassland over the past 4 years has resulted in clear improvement of the special flora and insects of this bank.	WE
Sat 14 & Sun 15	Workshop on molecular techniques. Venue: Whitby Museum. Paul Cannon & Brian Douglas (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) will introduce participants to DNA amplification using equipment suitable for resourceful amateur naturalists and local natural history societies. More details to follow. Places very limited. Booking essential.	DM

Notes

For events distant from Whitby please contact the event organiser if you need transport, or have spare places in your car, or want to car-share, so that everyone can access events and we minimise use of cars. All workshops have limited places and may be cancelled if support is insufficient. Early booking preferential for Club Members – book early to guarantee your place and ensure the event runs. Donations invited for workshops in the Museum. Some events are weather dependent – contact the event organiser for advice. Further details about these events will be sent by e-mail and posted on the Club website and Members' noticeboard in Whitby Museum. Extra 'ad hoc' events may be organized at short notice.

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