



Whitby Naturalists' Club

Workshop and Outdoor Programme 2018

April	
Sun 1 10.00	Seashore Bioblitz at Saltwick Bay organised by CoCoast/YNU. Low water 0.99 m at 11.38. Meet on grass parking area outside Whitby Holiday Park, NZ915107. Contact: JP.
Mon 16 10.00	Geology walk from West Cliff to Sandsend with Tim Burnhill. A gentle walk along the beach from Whitby to Sandsend visiting faults, Jurassic rivers, and glacial rafts on the way. Meet at the bandstand on the west pier at 10.00; low water 11.15. Contact: TB.
Tue 24 09.30	Spring flowers & birds, Cock Mill Wood with Wendy English & Graham Oliver. A circular walk in ancient woodland when spring flowers are in full flower, and birds are vocal. Meet at south end of viaduct, NZ897088. Parking off Larpool Lane. Contacts: WE/GO.
May	
Tue 1 14.00	Captain Cook in Staithes with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Laura or Mike. Booking essential. Contacts: LS/MY.
Thu 3 13.00	Veteran trees of Castle Hill Deer Park with Brian Walker. Following his winter talk, Brian has agreed to show us the ancient oak and lime trees on a private SSSI managed by the Forestry Commission. Meet at the entrance to Waterloo Plantation on the A170, 3 miles W of Helmsley, SE584815. Contact: WE.
Sat 12 14.00	Spring fungus foray near Danby with David Minter. Peter Woods has invited us to explore his woodland, which has a variety of trees and spring flowers as well as fungi. There will be the opportunity to examine specimens with microscopes afterwards in Whitby. Meet on the sharp bend N of Danby, NZ470509. Booking essential. Contact: DM.
Sun 20 10.00	Natural history circular walk from Birk Brow with Marian Brockway. A walk through various habitats including, moorland, farmland and Margrave Pools. Meet Birk Brow car park, NZ659149. Bring a packed lunch. Contact: MB.
Tue 29 11.00	Nature up close – microscope fun with the Whitby Naturalists. A workshop for kids at (and organized jointly with) the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Grape Lane, Whitby. Drop in anytime from 11.00 to 16.00. £1.00 or free with museum entry. Contact: DM.
June	
Sat 2 07.00	Wildlife survey at Crow Wood, Fylingdales Estate. Starting Friday evening, Club recorders will survey this woodland's use by birds, mammals and moths jointly with Chris Hansell of the Hawk & Owl Trust. The Saturday morning open session will include a bird ringing demonstration, and checking traps for small mammals and moths. Park N of B1416, NZ908040. Booking essential. Contact: WE.
Tue 5 14.00	Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, Marton with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Laura or Mike. Booking essential. Contacts: LS/MY.
Fri 8 21.30	Bat and moth night at Airy Hill School with Paul Armstrong, Wendy English and Graham Featherstone. A joint event with parents and children from the school. Meet at the school, YO21 1PZ. Contact: WE.
Mon 11 10.15	Botany at South Gare with Vince Jones, botany recorder for VC62. Vince will lead a full day hunt for rare plants on this important SSSI. Meet at the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust Coatham Marsh car park, TS10 5BW. Meeting organized jointly with the North East Yorkshire Botany Group. Contact: WE.
Wed 13 07.00	Turtle doves and raptors in Broxa Forest with John McEachen & Graham Oliver. A walk to listen for turtle doves calling, taking in Barns Cliff End, one of Mick Carroll's favourite raptor viewpoints. Meet Reasty Bank car park, SE965944. Contact: JMCE.
Tue 19 11.00	Seals & seashore at Ravenscar/Stoupe Beck with Graham Oliver. A walk down steep steps to view the seals, continuing along the seashore to Stoupe Beck, and returning on the Cleveland Way through the Alum Works. Meet Raven Hall Road, Ravenscar, NZ980014. Bring a packed lunch. Contact: GO.
Thu 28 21.00	Nightjar evening in Harwood Dale Forest with John McEachen. We hope to hear and see nightjars and other nocturnal wildlife in the cleared forest. John will be setting up his mist net. Meet in layby W of A171, SE967989. Bring a torch, insect repellent and, if you have one, a protective face net - the midges bite! Contact: JMCE.
July	
Tue 3 14.00	Whitby in Cook's time with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. A gentle walk describing the town as it was during James Cook's 9 years as a resident. Starting outside St John's Church, the walk will end near the Captain Cook Museum where an exhibition of "Whitby in Cook's era" can be viewed, hopefully at a discount. As normal, tea will be taken nearby. Contacts: LS/MY.
Sun 8 14.00	Butterflies and conservation in Ruswarp. Wendy Holliday, who manages her garden and pasture for wildlife, particularly butterflies, has invited us to visit and see the fauna and flora. We may be lucky enough to see the white hairstreaks that occur there. Meeting point information will be made available nearer the date. Contact: WE.
Thu 12 13.00	Land of Iron Project walk from Goathland with Tom Mutton. Following his winter lecture, Project Leader Tom Mutton will explain the restoration work to be done on some of the Rail Trail bridges over the Murk Esk, and show us the archaeological site at Comb's Mine. Meet Goathland NP car park, NZ833013. Contact: WE.
Sun 15 11.00	Plants and butterflies at Yatts with Wendy English & Graham Featherstone. In good weather, the meadow can be alive with butterflies. Meet Ruddings Rd, SE813886. Contact: WE.

July (cont.)	
Wed 25 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. Contact: AR.
Sat 28 11.00	Local history walk- a linear walk from Whitby Museum to Briggswath with Jane Ellis & George Featherston. This will including the site of the WWII Heinkel air crash, Ewe Cote and Featherbed Lane, with lunch at Victoria Garden Centre. Meet at Whitby Museum entrance (NZ894109). Buses return from Briggswath every half hour. Contact: WE.
August	
Thu 2 13.30	Young Naturalist Treasure Seekers, Saltwick Bay. A team challenge for Junior Members and their friends, with help from Whitby Naturalists. Bring your camera/smart 'phone. Meet at Whitby Holiday Park clubhouse, NZ915108. Contact: WE.
Thu 9 09.30	Morning river fly monitoring workshop at Danby Moors Centre. Roger Payn & Alan Ritson will give a practical demonstration of monitoring techniques on the Esk, followed at the Moors Centre by examination of specimens found, and explanation of their relevance to water quality monitoring. Meet Moors Centre car park, NZ718083. Booking essential. Contact: AR.
Sun 12 10.00	Bioblitz, Sandsend. An event organised by CoCoast/YNU. Club Members welcome. Meet in the car park next to Witt's End Café, NZ860129. Contact: JP.
Tue 14 11.00	Seaweeds of Whitby East Pier with Jane Pottas. Jane will lead study of seaweeds and other life on the pier wall and rocks of Whitby's east side seashore, followed by coffee in town. Meet East Pier slipway, NZ902115. Contact: JP.
Sat 18 10.00	YNU VC62 Recording Meeting, Sutton Bank. Club Members welcome. Meet at the National Park Visitor Centre, SE515831. Contact: YNU.
September	
Wed 5 19.45	Bat walk, Loftus, with Wendy English. The beck close to Loftus centre is used by bats, particularly Daubenton's. Cleveland Bat Group are loaning bat detectors, so everyone will have a chance to listen to bat calls. Meet Loftus Market Place, NZ723183. Bring a torch. Contact: WE.
Sun 9 09.00	Bioblitz, Boggle Hole. An event organised by CoCoast/YNU. Club Members welcome. Meet in the car park on Bridge Holm Lane, NZ95240371. Contact: JP.
Sun 16 10.00	Great British beach clean, Saltwick Bay. Organized in association with YWT. All rubbish is analysed to inform marine conservation. Meet top of path to beach, NZ915108. Limited parking. Bring protective gloves. Contact: WE.
Thu 27 10.45	Pebbles on the beach at Boggle Hole with Tony Kearsley. Explore the origins and journeys made by a sample of the pebbles found on the beach at Boggle Hole. Coffee in the YHA café afterwards. Meet at Boggle Hole slipway, NZ955040. Contact: WE.
October	
Sun 7 10.30	National Fungus Day Foray with David Minter. Meeting point to be announced later. Contact: DM.
November	
Thu 8 10.00	Morning conservation work in Uppang Ravine. Our annual grassland clearance on the bankside has resulted in clear improvement in the flora and dependent insects. Bring refreshments, tools and gardening gloves. Contact: WE.

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. 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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