

Tisbury & District Natural History Society 2024 Field Trips

1. **Monday 6th May. 5.30 pm. Guided bird walk at Chicksgrove** organised by Peter Shallcross with ecologist Nick Adams.

Anticipated end time: 8.30 p.m

The focus will be on spring migrant birds. Bring binoculars if you have them. **No dogs.**

Meet at the Nadder Centre for 5:15pm departure or Manor Farm, Upper Chicksgrove SP3 6NA, at 5:30pm. Follow signs for Farm and park at the farm buildings [updated postcode 28.04.24]

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear - approximately 2.5km / 1.5 miles in grass fields and meadows on uneven ground. There will be a couple of short steep slopes but mostly the walking will be on flat ground; muddy patches are possible. The pace will be very slow and there will be an opportunity to finish half way through the walk.

Stout footwear with good grip recommended, full leg covering is advised.

TO MINIMISE DISTURBANCE, THERE IS A LIMIT TO NUMBERS ON THIS WALK. To reserve a place please email us via the Contact page.

2. **Saturday 25 May. 10.15 start. Butterflies in Bentley Wood.** Organised by Andrew Graham

Anticipated end time: We will probably conclude the walk around 2pm with arrival back to the Nadder Centre by 3pm.

If weather permits the focus will be on butterflies but there will be ample opportunity to look at the flora as well. **No dogs.**

Meet at the Nadder Centre car park for a 9:30am departure or at Bentley Wood Eastern Car Park, West Dean, for a 10:30 am start. (GR SU 258 291. What3Words: filled.village.screches)

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear - Less than 4 km on flat tracks through woodland. Stout shoes should suffice. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments.

Bentley Wood is a 1,700 acre (688 ha.) nature reserve and SSSI and some interesting information about its history can be found on this blog :-

<https://www.hiddenwiltshire.com/post/bentley-wood>

3. **Saturday 8th June. 10.30 am. Ham Wall RSPB Nature Reserve, near Glastonbury BA6 9SX.** Organised by Debbie Carter & Andrew Graham

Anticipated end time: Departing Ham Wall at 3:00pm to arrive back at the Nadder Centre by 4:15pm.

The focus will be on birds but there should be many other wildlife to see. Bring binoculars if you have them. **No dogs.**

Meet at the Nadder Centre car park at 9.30am or approximately 1 ¼ hour later at the Ham Wall Nature Reserve BA6 9SX. The car park is at OS ST44893959. What3words [biggest.sharpened.clots](https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/ham-wall/location) <https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/ham-wall/location>

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear: Approximately 5 km/3 miles on flat gravel paths which may be a bit muddy if there has been recent rain. Good stout shoes should suffice rather than wellingtons. Climbing steps may be necessary to enter hides. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments.

5. **Sunday 6th July. 10:30am. Wild Woodbury, Bere Regis.** Organised by Andrew Graham

Anticipated end time: Returning to Tisbury by 3:30pm

Guided walk by Seb Haggett around this rewilding community project. **No dogs.**

Meet at the Nadder Centre car park at 9:30am or up a short track off Southbrook Road, opposite Eldon Road in Bere Regis.
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qXbC482vgk4pZ6Qt6> What3words permanent.kings.chef at 10:30am

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear. Approximately 4km/2.5 miles across uneven ground. If you are used to walking poles it will be worth bringing them. Walking shoes/boots are advised. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments.

More information www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/tag/wild-woodbury

6. **Sunday 18th August. 11:00am. Arne RSPB.** Organised by Andrew Graham & Julia Willcock

Anticipated end time: Conclude at Arne by 3pm returning to Nadder Centre by 4pm.

A walk through varied habitats of heathlands, woods and wetlands with views over Poole Harbour. To get to see a good variety of habitats we will be walking 4-5 miles. **No dogs.**

Meet at the Nadder Centre car park at 9:30am or at the Arne car park at 11:00 am (OS Grid reference SY972 878) or What3Words [wings.poetic.crown](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=wings.poetic.crown) . The car park (charges for non- RSPB members) is located on the right at the beginning of Arne village from the Stoborough direction.

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear: Arne is a terrific place for wildlife. Seasonwatch has been broadcast from here a number of times, it is so good. It would therefore be a shame not to see a good part of its varied habitats. So, weather permitting, we will aim to spend the day here. There is relatively easy walking on paths and tracks with some slopes. Stout shoes should suffice unless wet. Bring bins, a packed lunch and refreshments.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/arne/location>

7. **Saturday 21st September. 10.00 am. Fungi foray at Rushmore Park.** Organised by Andrew Graham. **No dogs.**

Anticipated end time: Concluding at 12:30 at Rushmore with return to Nadder Centre by 1pm.

A walk through the woods which spread out near the Golf Club. We will be looking to see how many different fungi we can find in this ancient semi-natural woodland. We will not be able to take any home.

Meet at the Nadder Centre car park for 9:30am departure.

<https://www.rushmoregolfclub.co.uk/cms/about-us/how-to-find-us/>

Distance, Difficulty and Footwear. A maximum of 2 miles with plenty of stops before lunch. Some minor pathways can be muddy and slippery underfoot. There are a few inclines, but they are relatively short. Hiking boots should be fine, rather than wellies, although it is always worth packing them. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments.