

CLEVELAND NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

PROGRAMME DETAILS SUMMER 2016

Please note that, in addition to the scheduled walks included in this programme, our intention is to also have several adhoc events which are best organised at short notice because they are highly dependent on suitable weather conditions. These include moth trapping with Paul Forster, some bat walks and a number of recording meetings at different times of the year at both the North and South Gares. If you are interested in events such as these, please let either Eric Gendle or Neil Baker have your contact details (an email address if possible) and we will ensure you are kept informed about them as and when they are arranged.

Sunday, 17th April, 10:30 am, leader Colin Chatto ☎ 01642 599616

GR NZ572036. **Greenhow Plantation.** Meet in Clay Bank car park. A walk of about 7 miles. We will be observing the early spring flowers, birds and insects in this forest environment.

Saturday, 23rd April, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 01642 884719

GR NZ483363. **Hart to Haswell Walkway.** Meet at the Walkway entrance. There is roadside parking on the nearby Ocean Road. A pleasant and easy walk, mostly on the level.

Wednesday, 27th April 1.30pm, leader Ian Lawrence ☎ 01642 828858

GR NZ613249. **Redcar Stray.** Meet on Redcar Stray opposite Zetland Park close to the roundabout. An easy walk along Redcar Stray to examine the flora.

Wednesday, 4th May, 6:30 pm, leader Malcolm Birtle ☎ 01642 649938

GR NZ518316. **Seaton Carew.** Meet in the car park next to Newburn railway bridge, on the coast road between Seaton Carew and Hartlepool. A short walk over reclaimed areas with interesting casual botanical records and which is important for coastal birds.

Sunday, 8th May, 10:30 am, leader Andy Ferguson ☎ 01642 311831

GR NZ570128. **Roseberry Topping.** Meet in the car park. A springtime walk around Roseberry Topping and the surrounding woodland.

Wednesday, 11th May, 10:30 am, leader Vincent Jones ☎ 01325 361547 (Neil Baker)

GR NZ477020. **Swainby area.** Meet near the church in Swainby. A botanical walk of about 3 miles through lanes, woodland and pasture, which will include some gentle climbing.

Saturday, 14th May, 10:30 am, leader Colin Chatto ☎ 01642 599616

GR SE168857. **Jervaulx Abbey.** Meet in the tea room car park. We will look around Jervaulx Abbey, then its an easy, level walk of about 6 miles along the rivers Ure and Cover.

Wednesday, 18th May, 6:30 pm, leader Ian Lawrence ☎ 01642 828858

GR NZ463189. **Maze Park.** Meet by the short lane on the south side of the river Tees, immediately east of the bridge over the barrage. An easy walk.

Saturday, 21st May, 10:30 am, leader Andy Astbury ☎ 01642 823114

GR SE537897. **Hawnby Hill and Easterside.** Meet at Dalicar Bridge, Hawnby. A moderately strenuous circular walk of about 6 miles with some climbing but with some fine views.

Wednesday, 25th May, 10:30 am, leader Vic Fairbrother ☎ 01287 633744

GR SE769861. **Beadale Wood.** Meet near the east end of Wrelton village for a short walk of about 4 miles. We have permission to explore the private woodland which we surveyed 5 years ago.

Sunday, 29th May, 10:30 am, leader Eric Gendle ☎ 01642 281235

GR SE461300. **Ledsham Vale.** Meet in the car park before the village. A YWT limestone grassland site with a rich flora and fauna. There are several other YWT sites within a few miles.

Wednesday, 1st June, 10:30 am, leaders Peter & Ruth Waterton ☎ 01642 724270

GR SE535882. **Gowerdale area.** Meet in the parking area at Peak Scar Top. There are a few steep climbs.

Wednesday, 8th June, 11.00am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ556276. **South Gare Rocky Shore.** Meet at the Life Boat station. A search of the rocks and pools around South Gare. Please bring a net and small bucket if you can.

Wednesday, 15th June, 6:30 pm, leader Eric Gendle ☎ 01642 281235

GR NZ563107. **Little Ayton.** Meet in Great Ayton High Green car park. A level walk of 2 miles in total to see the superb display of Southern Marsh orchids near Little Ayton.

Wednesday, 22nd June, 1.30pm, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 01642 884719

GR NZ479254. **Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park.** Meet in the visitor centre car park. An easy walk, mostly on the flat, on well maintained paths.

Saturday, 25th June, 11.00am, leaders Maggie & Graeme Boyd ☎ 01287 634707

GR NY968233. **Teesdale Railway Walk.** Meet at the old Mickleton station car park. A botanical walk along the old railway to Middleton, returning to the cars for lunch. The

afternoon is free to explore your own choice of this lovely area. Some good ideas can be given, if required.

Wednesday, 29th June, 10:30 am, leaders Mark & Hazel Stokeld ☎ 01642 783819

GR NZ332337. **Bishop Middleham Quarry.** Meet on the minor road verge at the reserve entrance, where there is room for a few cars. Otherwise, park in the village and walk to the start.

Sunday, 3rd July, 10:30 am, leader Eric Gendle ☎ 01642 281235

GR SE514173. **Brockadale.** Meet in the reserve car park. Brockadale is a YWT reserve with a good mix of habitats. A few little gentle climbs involved. A rich flora and an excellent butterfly site.

Saturday, 9th July, 10:30 am, contact Tony Wardhaugh ☎ 01642 322935

GR SE571844. **Ashberry YWT Nature Reserve.** This is the YNU VC 62 meeting. Park at Ashberry Farm, by kind permission. Please see the YNU website events page for further details.

Sunday, 10th July, 10:30 am, leader Malcolm Birtle ☎ 01642 649938

GR NY966192. **Balder Valley Reservoirs.** Meet in the Hury Reservoir car park at the south end of the dam. A hunt for invertebrates in the Balder Valley.

Sunday, 17th July, 10:30 am, leader Malcolm Birtle ☎ 01642 649938

GR NY966306. **Five Pikes.** Park on the roadside above Little Egglesthorpe on the B6278 Eggleston to Stanhope road. Moorland invertebrates. A medium distance walk on exposed moorland.

Saturday, 23rd July, 11.00am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ810160. **Runswick Bay.** Meet by the café at the bottom of the hill. There is a small beach car park close by and a larger one opposite the Cliffmount Hotel in Bank Top Lane. Both are pay and display. A day (weather permitting) exploring the rock pools and fossils at Runswick Bay. Please bring a net and small bucket if you can.

Wednesday, 27th July, 6:30 pm, leader Vic Fairbrother ☎ 01287 633744

GR NZ740125. **Scaling Dam.** Meet in the car park at the west end of the reservoir for a short 3 mile circular walk with a little climbing but at a gentle pace. This is one of the walks contributed by the Club to *Wildflower Walks in the Lower Tees Valley* published by the Wildflower Ark in 2007.

Wednesday, 3rd August, 10:30 am, leaders Mark & Hazel Stokeld ☎ 01642 783819

GR NZ398152. **Coatham Stob.** Meet in the car park just off the minor road between Longnewton and Urray Nook. An easy walk around this interesting site.

Saturday, 6th August, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ444167. **Bowesfield Nature Reserve.** Park at the end of the road just past the Archers Law building. An easy full day walk. This is a joint meeting with the Darlington Naturalists.

Wednesday, 10th August, 10:30 am, leaders Dave & Jackie Barlow ☎ 01642 562625

GR NZ711196. **Skinningrove area.** Meet in the car park near St. Helen's church in Carlin How. A botanical walk in an interesting area seldom visited by the Club.

Saturday, 13th August, 10:30 am, leader Bill Hall ☎ 01642 823170 or 07753 663589

GR SE648611. **Strensall Common.** Meet at the car park on Lords Moor Lane by the cattle grid. A walk with a focus on dragonflies and damselflies held jointly with the YDG.

Wednesday, 17th August, 6:30 pm, leader Malcolm Birtle ☎ 01642 649938

GR NZ403284. **Tilery and Brierley Woods.** Meet in the car park beside the A689. A short exploration of a site that has been subject to recent conservation management actions in the woodland.

Wednesday, 24th August, 1.30pm, leader Tony Wardhaugh ☎ 01642 322935

GR NZ551168. **Eston Moor.** Meet in the Flatts Lane Country Park car park. We will walk up to Eston Moor from there, which will involve some climbing. We should find plenty to interest us.

Sunday, 4th September, 10:30 am, leader Andy Astbury ☎ 01642 823114

GR NZ663105. **Comondale Moorland Circuit.** Meet outside the Cleveland Inn. An easy to moderate moorland walk of about 6 miles.

Saturday, 10th September, 10:30 am, leader Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR NY999237. **Eggleston to Cotherstone Circular.** Meet in Eggleston village at the top of the village green. A moderate circular walk of about 7 miles which will involve some climbing.

Wednesday, 14th September, 11.00am, leader Alan Simkins ☎ 01642 477484

GR NZ653157. **Margrove and Boosbeck.** Meet in the old shale tip car park on the west side of the road opposite the entrance to the caravan park at Margrove. A circular walk taking in Ice Age features and some industrial archaeology (mining sites) around Margrove and Boosbeck. This is a joint meeting with the Tees Valley RIGS Group.

Wednesday, 12th October, 10:30 am, leader Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR NZ479254. **Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park.** Meet in the visitor centre car park. A late season walk around this popular area to see what fungi, if any, we can find.

Saturday, 22nd October, 11.00am, leader Alan Simkins ☎ 01642 477484

GR NZ551168. **Flatts Lane Country Park.** Meet in the car park. This is a joint fungus foray with the NEFSG.

DATES FOR WINTER MEETINGS 2016-2017

Sep 26. Oct 17, 31. Nov 21. Dec 19. Jan 23. Feb 20, 27. Mar 20, 27.