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ALL BUTTERFLY RECORDS TO NYREE, PLEASE

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Birding

Please ensure you ring the Leader if planning to attend and cancel explicitly if you need to do so. Please car-share if possible. Meet at site at time stated. **Bring lunch, if desired. Bring RSPB /YWT card** where appropriate. More details and directions from Leader.

Sat Apr 20th Grimwith Reservoir
Circuit of Grimwith, looking for early waders and warblers.
Meet 10am at the car park SE064641
Leader: David Smith - 07773 716930

Sat May 11th Gouthwaite and Scar House—Ring Ouzels
Meet 10am at small car park at Gouthwaite Reservoir SE124699.
Leader: David Smith - 07773 716930

Thur Jun 13th Stainburn Forest—Nightjars
Meet 9pm at Stainburn Moor car park SE236522
Be prepared to stay until dark; a torch is useful.
Insect repellent may be needed.
Leader: Derek Parkin - 01943 864036

Sat Jul 20th Blacktoft Sands RSPB Reserve DN14 8HR
Blacktoft Sands has the largest tidal reedbed in England and is home to marsh harriers, bitterns and bearded tits.
Meet 10am at reserve, SE843233
Leader: David Smith - 07773 716930

Sat Aug 17th North Cave Wetlands YWT Reserve
A mixture of shallow and deep-water lakes with wide margins and islands, reedbeds, grassy banks and meadows, hedgerows and wooded fringes. 5 hides and easy walking.
Meet 10am at reserve car park SE886328
Leader David Smith - 07773 716930

Thur Aug 29th Staveley YWT Reserve
Meet/park in reserve car park SE369630, 10.30am
Parking limited—if necessary, park sensibly in village and walk down. Chance to see avocets and other waders and possible common terns, as well as a variety of songbirds.
Leader: Nigel Steels - 07794 992189

Improve your skills bring lunch if desired

Sat Apr 13th Morning Birds: Waterfowl and Early Spring Migrants Knotford Nook Lagoons (and Castley afterwards)

Meet 9.30am at entrance to the Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant. Coming from Otley on A659 towards Pool, take first left after Otley Garden Centre and park where convenient in this minor road SE221460.
Leaders: Rita and Anthony Grainger 0113 2583790

Sat May 11th Afternoon Butterflies: Stainburn Forest, ID Day/walk

Learn to identify a variety of butterflies, with chance of a green hairstreak. Meet 12.30pm at SE225506, limited parking. Bring binoculars, if possible. Weather-dependent; please contact leader: Nyree Fearnley 07811 066971 ahead of time.

Sat Jun 15th All day Birds: Family-friendly Wetlands, Saltholme RSPB

These family-friendly wetlands feature a vibrant Visitor Centre, new hides and screens, a cafe, play area and accessible trails, helping you discover lots of wildlife.
Meet 11am at reserve car park, Saltholme RSPB at NZ503232. Please ring leader if planning to come.
Leader: David Smith 07773 716930

Sun Jul 7th Morning Botany: Summer Flowers at Sun Lane Nature Reserve
Meet 10am Sun Lane Nature Reserve SE157464.
Leader: Ian Brand 07854 888206.

Sat Jul 20th Afternoon Butterflies: Sun Lane NR, ID Day/walk
Good for a variety of species. Meet 1pm Sun Lane Nature Reserve, SE157464. Bring binoculars if possible. Weather-dependent; please contact leader: Nyree Fearnley 07811 066971 ahead of time.

Moth-trapping with Aidan Smith—dates to follow
Mammal tracking with Rachel Huxham—dates to follow.

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Founded 1945 Member of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union
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Tuesday Evening Nature Walks

(easy walking, experts on hand; usually 2 – 3 miles maximum)

Meet at 7-00pm unless otherwise stated

May 7 Barden and Strid Wood

Our traditional first walk of the new Tuesday evening programme! Come and look for pied flycatchers, redstarts, dippers, and more, walking alongside the Wharfe into Strid Wood. Meet at Barden Bridge SE052574.
Leader: Ros Lilley - 07956 003498

May 14 Urban Botanical Safari

Be surprised at what you can find in the cracks of the concrete and tarmac!
Meet outside Ilkley Rail Station SE117476
Leader: Ian Brand –07854 888206
Followed by social drink at Bar T'at for those who'd like to join.

May 28 Fewston Reservoir

Walk through the wooded areas beside the shore of Fewston Reservoir, looking for plants, trees and birds.
Meet Swinsty Moor Car Park SE187537
Leaders: Peter and Anne Riley - 01943 862916

Jun 4 Otley's Favourite Trees

Joint event with Wildlife-friendly Otley
A 2hr evening guided walk around Otley's favourite trees as chosen by the residents of Otley via Wildlife Friendly Otley's social media. Gentle pace. The walk will feature: tree folk law, ecology, uses, history and maybe a bit of evolution. Followed by the opportunity of a good chat in one of Otley's great public houses.
Meet at entrance to All Saints Parish Church, SE202454
Parking: Burras Lane Car Park: SE202453
Leader: Steve Heaton (07801 700942) and walk support River Six (07854 242990).

Tuesday Evening Nature Walks continued

Jun 11 High Denton Farm , Denton

Exciting opportunity for a wander around the fields and moors around the farm, to see wildlife and hear about habitat improvements from the farm's owner.
Meet park at the farm, SE138508.
Leader: Diana Penny 07770 697001

Jun 18 Wildlife of Denton Moor

A walk over Denton Moor in search of some of the wildlife to be found there. There may be a chance of long-eared owls.
Meet/park NE corner of Wild Wood, SE154502.
Drive to very end of Smithy Lane, Denton and then continue through gate, turning right to follow unmade track round to northeast corner of wood.
Leader Andy Jowett: 07534 458112

Jun 25 Wildlife –friendly Addingham

A guided walk around village 'wild' spaces with Addingham Environment Group, followed by a social drink at The Swan.
Meet/park at The Swan (SE07624983), return for a drink at 9pm (and an optional saunter down to the River Wharfe for bat watching at dusk).
Leaders: Jan Hindle 07821 467214 and Rick Battersbee

Jul 2 Barn Owl Walk (weather dependent– detailed arrangements will be firmed up nearer the event by email)

Meeting/parking place to be arranged nearer the time in light of nesting info.
Leader Stewart Barlow 07970 116407

Summer Visits *Bring lunch if required*

May 18 (Sat)

Craven Museum Visit, Skipton

Behind the scenes at the museum for additional insights into the natural history collection.
Meet at the Visitor Services desk at the museum SD990518 at 10.30am.
Leader: Jenny Hill - 01756 706322.

May 26 (Sun)

Brimham Rocks: A Geological Tour

This is a 90 minute walk round Brimham Rocks where the 500 million year story can be seen in the rock formations.
Meet at 10:30am at the Welcome Hut in the National Trust main car park (car park charges apply to non-members).
Meet/SE208645 10.30am.
Leader: Stephen Lewis - 07908 578904.

Jul 16 (Tues)

Rodley Nature Reserve

Our regular visit to this rewarding reserve.
Meet 10am at Reserve SE228363.
Leaders: Peter and Barbara Murphy - 01132930188

Jul 27 (Sat)

Snaizholme, Hawes

Visit to see this Woodland Trust site being managed for climate and wildlife (inc. red squirrels and black grouse).
Meet/park 10am at Hawes car park or adjacent Gayle Lane - we will then drive in a small number of cars to the site. **Numbers limited—please contact Helen Steward on 07760 883865 to reserve your place. NB No mobile reception in the valley.**
Leader: Alistair Nash - 07786 661859

Aug 10 (Sat)

Butterflies in Bastow Wood

Target species will be the Scotch Argus. Meet/park by Grasswood Lane, Grassington, SD981656, at 10.00am. Bring binoculars. NB—it is a steep climb up to the site. Contact leader if planning to come.
Leader: Nyree Fearnley—07811 066971

Botany (Thursdays) Please car-share if possible - ring Bruce, or meet at venue. Bring packed lunch. Boots /wellies usually advisable. More details/directions from Bruce - 01943 467519

May 2 Rougemont Carr (bluebells!)

Meet 10am Weeton Church CP (donation) SE284465
Leader: Sarah Ward

May 16 Bolton Abbey Estate - Blands Beck Survey (near Appletreewick)

Meet 10am Howgill Campsite SE064593
Leader: Bruce Brown

Jun 6 Threshfield and Linton

Meet 10am Linton Falls CP (pay) SE002632
Leader: Bruce Brown

Jun 20 High Royds

Meet 10am Guiseley Drive, roadside parking SE178426
Leave A65 almost opposite petrol station by Plymouth Brethren Church
Leader: Sarah Ward

Jul 4 Litton, Crystal Beck

Meet 10.15am, roadside in Litton SD906741
Leader Carmen Horner

Jul 11 Long Preston circular walk

Meet 10.30am, park on layby, A65 by T-junction with A682, on outskirts of Long Preston SD837578
Leader Heather Burrow

Jul 25 Addingham Moorside

Meet 10am Addingham village, Memorial CP SE079497
Leader: Heather Burrow

Aug 8 Denton Moor, Dearncomb survey

Meet 10am Moorside Farm, park in yard SE141503
Leader: Sue Stevens

Aug 15 Buckden

Meet 10.30am in main CP (pay) SD942773
Joint meeting with Bradford Botany Group
Leader: Bruce Brown

