

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (Malvern Group) 2018 Minibus Visits, plus information on the walks.

Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire: winter visitors such as hawfinches, crossbills, goshawk....

Wednesday 7th February (& 8th if numbers warrant it, so please book early as minibus needs to be booked)

Cost: £15 **Depart from Splash at 07.30** (return early evening) **Limit 15** Bring packed lunch.

A late winter visit to the Forest of Dean brings the opportunity to see some special birds. We shall have Alan Baxter, a keen birder (of nightjar fame, for those who joined us in 2017) throughout the day. In addition to the birds mentioned above, we hope to see (amongst others), siskin, redpoll, dipper, grey wagtail, marsh tit, firecrest – and possibly great grey shrike and lesser spotted woodpecker.

Orchids in Kent, Saturday 26th – Wednesday 30th May

This trip was advertised early in 2017 and is full. If you would like further details and/or to be added to a reserve list, then please contact Margaret (01684 565079)

(Walk) Wednesday 20th June, 09.30 – 12.30: Hardwick Green Meadows: the flora and fauna of floodplain meadows **Limit 20**, so booking is essential: ring Neil on 01684 564288.

A morning guided walk with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Reserves Team Leader, Rob Allen, around the newly acquired Hardwick Green Meadows. The focus of the walk will be plants, butterflies, insects, birds and hopefully, we will see brown hares.

Meet & park at the reserve (SO 815327).

Voluntary donation to WorcsWT.

Bring a packed lunch if you wish.

Shropshire Wildlife Trust reserves: flora and fauna of Llanymynech Rocks, Llyncllys Common & Dolgoch Quarry

Saturday 30th June (& 1st July if numbers warrant it, so please book early as minibus needs to be booked)

Cost: £17 (including gift for SWT) **Depart from Splash at 07.30** (return mid-evening) **Limit 15.**

Take a packed lunch & we will stop at the Fish & Chip shop in Leominster on the way back for a take-away.

The three SWT reserves that we hope to visit are all limestone (calcareous) landscapes. The area was once a hive of industry, but is now a peaceful wildlife haven that straddles the English/Welsh border.

- During our visit to Llanymynech in the morning on the 30th we shall be accompanied by Fiona Gomersall, a skilled field botanist and the SWT conservation officer. There is a profusion of limestone-loving plants found here, including bee and pyramidal orchids and common rock-rose. Together with the aromatic herbs, the plants provide nectar for the many butterflies, including the Pearl-bordered Fritillary and Wall Brown, that can be found here. It is one of the best butterfly strongholds in the area and the Trust works with Butterfly Conservation to manage the landscape appropriately.

- After lunch we will move on to Llyncllys Common which comprises woods, meadows, scrub, old quarries, sunny glades and a pond. This variety of habitats makes it a great place for birds, plants, butterflies and moths.

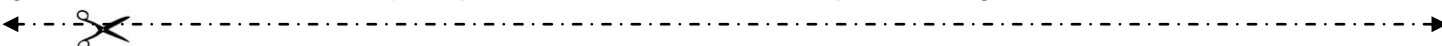
- If time permits, we shall visit Dolgoch Quarry with its 2 ponds, another stronghold for a variety of flowers, and here the limestone strata may provide views of fossils because they lay in a shallow sub-tropical sea many years ago.

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Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (Malvern Group): 2018 Day Trips Booking Form

Day/Date	Trip	Price /person	Number booking	Cost
Wed Feb 7 th	Forest of Dean	£15		£
Sat June 30 th	Shropshire Wildlife Trust reserves	£17		£
Wed August 8 th	Imber Village	£15		£
Thurs August 9 th	Imber Village	£15		£
Sat Dec 1 st	Llanelli (Wildfowl & Wetland Trust)	Members £14 Non-members £20.50		£
TOTAL				£

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(Walk) Friday 6th July, 10.00 – 13.00, Swinyard Hill: flora & fauna including Turtle dove & Silver-washed fritillaries. **Limit 20**, so booking is essential: ring Neil on 01684 564288.

A guided walk around Swinyard Hill, Gullet Quarry & adjoining common land with local resident, Roger Bates. We hope to see Silver-washed fritillaries, peregrines & slow worms and hear (& see?!) turtle doves. We will also visit his wildlife garden where tea & cake will be on offer. Vol donation to WorcsWT. Meet & park at Swinyard Car Park (SO 768382).

(Walk) Thursday 12th July, 09.30 – 12.30: The Fold Nature Reserve, Bransford **Limit 20***

Keith Falconer, a local naturalist familiar with The Fold, will lead a guided walk through the reserve, covering the Lakeside, Railway and Riverside trails, so all aspects of wildlife will be catered for. There are some steps & uneven ground but walking is fairly easy. Voluntary donation to WorcsWT. Please support the marvellous café serving local, seasonal and organic food at The Fold after our walk if you are able to. We will order before we set off. Meet & park at rear of The Fold (SO 796526). *Booking is essential: ring Neil on 01684 564288.

Imber Village, Salisbury Plain

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th August

Cost: £15

Limit 15

Depart from Splash: 07.30 (return mid evening)

The 2017 planned trips to Imber were heavily over-subscribed, but due to unexpected restricted opening days, we were unable to go. We will try again for 2018, offering 2 separate days. If you want the 2017 details, or further information, please ring Margaret (01684 565079).

(Indoor event) Saturday 22nd September, 10am: Moth trapping and identification, The Knapp & Papermill.

Limit 15, so booking is essential: ring Neil on 01684 564288.

Meet Tony Simpson, local naturalist and expert lepidopterist, at the Knapp Centre for the morning to review, identify and discuss the moths he caught in his moth trap overnight. Light refreshments will be available. Voluntary donation to WorcsWT.

Meet & park at the Knapp (SO 751522).

Llanelli Wetland Centre

Saturday 1st December

Depart from Splash: 07.30 (return mid evening)

Limit 15

Cost: Wildfowl & Wetland Trust members:

£14 (Bring membership card)

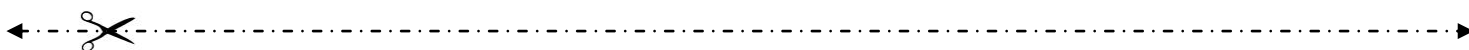
Others:

£20.50

We will be visiting Llanelli at an important time in the winter season and upon arrival we will be given an introduction to the centre and its recent sightings. With 9 hides, an observatory and 7 viewing screens from which to observe the many winter visitors that will be present on the reserve, we can expect and hope to see a large number of species in addition to the resident birds, including whooper swans, pintail, goldeneye, bittern, golden plover, water rail, brambling, merlin, hen harrier to name just a few. Barn owl and little owl are resident. There is an excellent Visitor Centre which houses a café and gift shop.

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Name and Address (Please Print)

Phone (essential, preferably landline)

email address