

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION



Taw & Exmoor Branch

Field Meetings | 2018

Friday February 16th

Indoor meeting. The Castle Centre, Barnstaple at 7.30pm. Illustrated talk by Professor Charles Tyler on Emperors, Queens, Tigers, Potters, Robbers and assassins, an insight into the lives and habits of some of Devon's amazing insects. Admission £3, includes tea/coffee . Book stall.

Sunday March 11th

A visit to our local RSPB reserve at Isley Marsh for wetland and river birds followed by a walk around the neighbouring Home Farm Marsh reserve.

Meet on the Yelland Business Park road at 11.00am Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday April 22nd

Dawn chorus walk. Meet at 6.00 am, just west of Parkham Ash (Map Ref SS 3635 2075) another walk afterwards to Peppercombe and then a possible pub lunch. Warm clothes and a warm drink for elevenses.

Sunday May 20th

By popular request, a repeat visit to Gooseham Mill for fritillary butterflies and Spring flowers. Meet there (Map Ref SS 232 172) at 11.00 am. A walk down to the coast in the afternoon. Bring a packed lunch, probable cream tea afterwards.

Sunday June 24th

Another requested repeat visit to the DWT Reserve at Meeth for flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds. Meet there (Map Ref SS 543 081) at 10.30 am. Could go on to the adjoining reserve at Ash Moor afterwards. Bring a packed lunch. Probable cream tea afterwards. Not completely level walking.

Sunday July 15th

Butterflies and dragonflies at a new venue, the DWT reserve at Bystock in conjunction with the Devon branch of Butterfly Conservation. Amalgamate into fewer vehicles at the Barnstaple

Leisure Centre car park at 9.30 am or meet there (Map Ref SY 033 844) at 11.00 am. Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday August 19th

An evening meeting requested for bats. Meet at The Puffing Billy car park, Torrington at 7.30 pm. With luck may see an otter as well. Level walking. May need insect repellent.

Sunday September 9th

A walk around Morte Point for seals, sea birds and cliff top flowers. Meet at Morte Point car park at 11.00 am complete with a packed lunch and be ready for the last cream tea of the season.

Friday October 19th

Meet at Hillhead Cross (Map Ref SS 852 404) just north of Exford for the Red Deer rut at 6.00 am. Bring a hot drink, suitable clothing and footwear for a walk of unknown length over possibly difficult terrain. Should be finished in time for a pub lunch.

Saturday November 10th

Annual General Meal, at The Thatched Inn at Abbotsham .6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. After the meal there will be entertainment before the serious part of the evening when you decide what outings you would like for your branch in the forthcoming year.

Sunday December 2nd

Annual birdwatching bonanza. Meet at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre car park to take fewer vehicles at 9.00 am to go to Dart's Farm, Goosemoor, Bowling Green Marsh, the River Clyst and the Goat Walk. Bring a packed lunch, hot drink and warm clothes. Level walking.