



Whitby Naturalists' Club

Workshop and Outdoor Programme 2019

April	
Sat 13 10.00	Mosses workshop, Sleights, with Alan Ritson. The morning will be spent in the small room at the back of Sleights Village Hall, with an introduction to mosses and studying samples. After lunch, we will foray for mosses around Sleights village. Tea & coffee available. Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential. £2.00 charge to cover cost of hall. Contact: AR.
Sat 20 09.30	Seashore, Boggle Hole. An event organised by CoCoast/YNU. Club Members welcome. Meet in the car park on Bridge Holm Lane [NZ952037]. Contact: JP.
May	
Sat 4 10.00	Spring fungus foray, private woodland near Grosmont, with David Minter. Morning: foraging. Afternoon: optional study of collections in Whitby. Booking essential. Parking near woodland limited, so transport will be arranged after booking. Contact: DM.
Tue 7 14.00	The Bard of Lealholm, with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Laura or Mike. Contacts: LS/MY.
Fri 10 & Sat 11	Bioblitz, Airy Hill School. We will assist school teacher Paul Armstrong in a nocturnal survey on Friday evening for bats, small terrestrial mammals and moths, and daytime events on Saturday. This event will also be open for pupils of the school and their families. Meet at the school, YO21 1PZ. Meeting times will be announced later. Contact: WE.
Tue 14 10.30	Local history and bluebells, Loftus, with Marshall Best. A walk of over 4 miles from Loftus Town Hall, through Loftus Woods to Middle Gill, where we will have a picnic lunch. Afternoon viewing the old mill ponds, finishing at Mill House, where Mr & Mrs Himsworth will tell us about the mill history, and show us the remaining wheel and machinery. Meet at Loftus Town Hall [NZ723183]. Those wishing to view the mill only can join the party by being at Loftus Town Hall at 14.00. Free parking on North Road (opposite Post Office). Contact: WE.
Fri 17 & Sat 18	Wildlife survey at May Beck. This is the Forestry Commission's centenary year, and the theme of their celebration is the "Big Forest Find". Our open event will include moth trapping, bat detecting, small mammal trapping and bird ringing in the evening and early morning with Club Recorders. Meet at May Beck car park [NZ892024]. Meeting times will be announced later. Contact: WE.
Sun 19 09.30	Seashore, Sandsend. An event organised by CoCoast/YNU. Club Members welcome. Meet in the pay & display car park near Wiii'ts End [NZ860129]. Contact: JP.
Tue 28 11.00	Nature up close. The first of three workshops for kids at (and organized jointly with) the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Grape Lane, Whitby. Drop in anytime from 11.00 to 16.00. £1.00 or free with museum entry. Contact: DM.
June	
Tue 4 14.00	Flowers of Ellerburn Bank, with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up through Laura or Mike. Contacts: LS/MY.
Sun 9 11.00	Plants and butterflies at Yatts with Wendy English and Graham Featherstone. A return to this flower-rich valley to catch the orchids and earlier butterflies. Meet Ruddings Road [SE813886]. Contact: WE.
Thu 13 11.00	Flowers and butterflies at Wharram Quarry, and Wharram Percy mediaeval village, with Wendy English. Morning: a visit to Wharram Quarry Nature Reserve, a former limestone quarry well known for butterflies and flora, including the Yorkshire broomrape. Afternoon: visit to the abandoned mediaeval village. Booking essential to co-ordinate transport to and between sites. Contact: WE.
Sun 16 14.00	Open garden in Ruswarp, with Wendy Holliday. Wendy Holliday invites Members and guests to view her garden, wildflower meadow and wildlife pond, and to enjoy cake and a cup of tea while raising Club funds. There will be a plant stall. There is a parking area opposite the livestock market [NZ886088]. Wendy's house is 50 m up the road at Oakley Garth, Sneaton Lane, YO22 5HN, behind the National Park sign. Take care crossing the road. Contact: WH.
Tue 18 07.00	Turtle doves and raptors in Broxa Forest, with John McEachen and Graham Oliver. A walk to listen for turtle doves, taking in Barns Cliff End, one of Mick Carroll's favourite raptor viewpoints. Meet Reasty Bank car park [SE965944]. Contact: JMce.
Wed 19 & Thu 20	Small mammal trapping in Rosedale, with Jeremy Snape. A precursor to the National Park Rosedale Wildlife Week (23-29 June). Details to be announced. Contact: JS.
July	
Tue 2 14.00	The Danby area, with Mike Yates. A Less Mobile Group outing. Arrange transport/pick up with Laura or Mike. Contacts: LS/MY.
Wed 3 19.00	Estate management at Mulgrave Estate with John Beech (Assistant Rural Surveyor). The Mulgrave Estate recently changed direction from shooting to ecological stewardship. John show us some of the new developments. Meet at the Stiddy car park, Lythe. [NZ845131]. We will continue from there with minimal vehicles. Contact: WE.
Sat 6 10.15	Local history walk from Glaisdale to Lealholm, with Jane Ellis and George Featherston. Visiting little-known inscribed stones, we will walk from Beggar's Bridge to Lealholm, returning by 'bus or train. Park near Beggar's Bridge [NZ784055], or catch the no. 95 'bus leaving Whitby at 09.31. Contact: WE.

July (cont.)	
Thu 11 21.00	Nightjar evening in Harwood Dale Forest, with John McEachen. We hope to hear and see nightjars and other nocturnal wildlife in the cleared forest. John will be setting up his mist net. Meet in layby west of the A171 [SE967989]. Bring a torch and insect repellent/net. Contact: JMCE.
Sat 20	The "Big Forest Find" at Deepdale. The Club is participating in this Forestry Commission event, together with naturalists from other local natural history groups. Further details will be announced later. Contact: WE.
Sun 21 10.00	Botany, butterflies and seashore at Skinningrove. A morning walk to view the outstanding flora and special butterflies of this area, with a seashore search after a picnic lunch by the shore. A joint meeting with the Cleveland Naturalists. Parking area by the shore west of the village [NZ714201]. Contacts: WE/JP.
Wed 24 11.00	Pannett Day. Family fun in Pannett Park, organised by Friends of Pannett Park. The Club will have a stand with microscopes, and will run a quiz and a nature walk. Contact: AR.
August	
Tue 6 11.00	Nature up close. The second of three workshops for kids at (and organized jointly with) the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Grape Lane, Whitby. Drop in anytime from 11.00 to 16.00. £1.00 or free with museum entry. Contact: DM.
Thu 15 10.00	Geology at Staithes, with Tim Burnhill. Visiting east Staithes, Penny Nab and Jet Wyke to look at the Staithes sandstone and Cleveland ironstone formations. The ironstones seams are particularly well developed in this section, which is an SSSI. Meet Staithes Harbour [NZ784189]. Bring a packed lunch, or find lunch afterwards in Staithes. Contact: TB.
Tue 20 11.00	Nature up close. The third of three workshops for kids at (and organized jointly with) the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Grape Lane, Whitby. Drop in anytime from 11.00 to 16.00. £1.00 or free with museum entry. Contact: DM.
September	
Sat 7 10.30	Birds in migration time at RSPB Saltholme, with Jeremy Snape. A full day visit to the RSPB reserve, where Jeremy regularly works as a hide guide. Afternoon visit to seal viewing point at Greatham Creek. Excellent café with a view of the lake, or picnic lunch. Arrange car sharing through Jeremy. Contact: JS.
Fri 13 19.45	Bats & moths, Grosmont with Wendy English and Graham Featherstone. A bat walk by the river, followed by moth identification in the car park. Cleveland Bat Group are loaning us bat detectors, so everyone will have a chance to listen to bat calls. Meet National Park car park [NZ82655]. Bring a torch. Contact: WE.
Tue 17 10.45	Pebbles on the beach at Boggle Hole, with Tony Kearsley. Explore the origins and the journeys made by a sample of the pebbles found on the beach at Boggle Hole. Coffee in the YHA café afterwards. Meet at Boggle Hole slipway [NZ955040]. Contact: WE.
Sun 22 10.00	Great British beach clean, Saltwick Bay. Organized in association with YWT. All rubbish is analysed to inform marine conservation. Meet top of path to beach [NZ915108]. Limited parking. Bring protective gloves. Coffee afterwards in Holiday Park café. Contact: WE.
Wed 25 10.30	River walk beside the Esk near Danby, with Roger Payn. Roger is a water bailiff for this stretch of river. He will explain river features, good areas for salmon spawning, and the effect of the pearl mussel project. Some stiles and uneven ground. Meet Moors Centre pay & display car park [NZ716084]. Contact: WE.
Sat 28 08.30	Seashore, Runswick Bay. An event organised by CoCoast/YNU. Club Members welcome. Meet in the lower pay & display car park [NZ809159]. Contact: JP.
October	
Sun 6 10.30	National Fungus Day Foray, with David Minter. Meeting point to be announced later. Contact: DM.
Thu 31 10.00	Morning conservation work in Upgang Ravine. Our annual grassland clearance on the bankside has resulted in clear improvement in the flora and dependent insects. Bring refreshments, tools and gardening gloves. Contact: WE.

Notes

For events distant from Whitby please contact the event organiser if you need transport, or have spare places in your car, or want to car-share, so that everyone can access events and we minimise use of cars. All workshops have limited places and may be cancelled if support is insufficient. Early booking preferential for Club Members – book early to guarantee your place and ensure the event runs. Some events are weather dependent – contact the event organiser for advice. Further details about these events will be sent by e-mail and posted on the Club website and Members' noticeboard in Whitby Museum. Extra 'ad hoc' events may be organized at short notice.

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