

Isle of Wight Butterfly Conservation

Field Trips, 2024

Note. Locations are defined by grid references and by the what3words app

Saturday 27th April, if wet TBA

Parkhurst Forest, Forestry Commission

Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number [07944029056](tel:07944029056)

Meet at Parkhurst Forest, main car park, at 1.30pm (SZ48019000; country. opposites. enlighten).

Copse walk, and uneven paths, so please wear sturdy foot wear.

Hoping to see Orange Tips, Brimstones, Commas, and Peacocks.

Saturday 11th May, if wet TBA

The Revetment, Ventnor (1st Glanville Fritillary Walk)

Leaders, Kay and Colin Shaw, contact number [07562974343](tel:07562974343)

Meet at 1.20pm in the car park (SZ56817751; surface. muffin. submitted), off Wheeler Bay Road, Ventnor or at Eastern Esplanade Long Stay car park (SZ56497734; subsystem. student. sandals) and walk to the bottom of the steps at Wheelers Bay by 1.30pm.

Steep long steps down from the first car park, to the Revetment.

Parking in the Long stay car park makes this walk a wheelchair available walk.

Bus number 3 to Ventnor bus station.

Contact Kay for more details.

Hoping to see Glanville Fritillaries, other spring butterflies.

Saturday 18th May, if wet TBA

Mottistone Chalk-pits, National Trust (2nd Glanville Fritillary Walk)

Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number [07944029056](tel:07944029056)

Meet at 1.30pm, at the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brightstone (SZ42018451; tipping. quietest. third).

Downland walk. Uneven ground, and steep slopes. walking around chalk-pits. So please wear sturdy footwear.

For further info, please contact Graham.

Aiming to see, Glanville Fritillary, Grizzled Skippers, and Dingy Skippers.

Saturday 25th May, if wet TBA

Compton Chine (SZ367854) National Trust (3rd Glanville Fritillary Walk)

Leader Sue Davies, contact number 07702151312

Meet at Afton Down Chalk-pit car park (SZ35978563; aimlessly. sweeper. pastels) off A3055, Military Road, near Freshwater Bay, at 1.30pm. Cliff and downland walk, a busy road to cross. Uneven ground, some steep steps. Please wear sturdy footwear.

Further information, please contact Sue.

Aiming to see Glanville Fritillary, Green Hairstreak, Small Blue and Adonis Blue.

Saturday 22nd June, if wet TBA

Newtown, Meadows Butterfly walk, and part of Walters Copse

Leader Nikki Kownacki, telephone 07929614423

Meet at 1.30pm, at the entrance to the Meadows Butterfly Walk, on Town Lane, Newton (part of the Coastal Path), (SZ42409663; multiples. breached. wedding).

Parking at National Trust car park, close by. This is a paying car park.

Uneven ground, stiles, and a quiet road to cross.

Please contact Nikki, for more details.

Hoping to see White Admirals, Marbled Whites, Brown Argus and Ringlets.

Saturday 6th July, if wet TBA

Mottistone Down. National Trust.

Leader Nikki Kownacki, on 07929614423

Meet at 1.30pm at the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brightstone (SZ42018451; tipping. quietest. third).

This is a downland walk. Uneven ground, and steep slopes so please wear sturdy footwear.

For further information please contact Nikki (or Kay on 07562974343)

Aiming to see Dark Green Fritillaries, Brown Argus, Chalk-hill Blues.

Saturday 20th July, if wet TBA

Kemphill Moor Copse, Rowlands Lane, Havenstreet

Leader Kay & Colin Shaw, contact number 07562974343

Meet at the entrance to the copse, on the Rowlands Lane side, at 1.30pm ((SZ569896; dined. represent. character).

As parking at the Copse is very limited either contact Kay about a lift or meet at Ashy Cemetery (judges. rebounder. shape) at 1.00pm and walk down to the copse.

Woodland paths and rides.

Contact Kay, for further details.

Aiming to see White Admirals, Silver-washed Fritillary (also Silver-washed *valesina*), and Purple Hairstreaks.

Saturday 27th July, if wet TBA
Mount Joy, Carisbrooke, Newport
Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056

Meet at 1.30pm, White Pit Lane, near the pizza/chip shop. Footpath N24 (SZ49698829; material. hotspot. unpainted)

Parking is very limited, so leave plenty of time to find a parking space.

Walking up and over Mount Joy. Steps and steep path, in places.

Contact Graham for more information.

Aiming to see Chalk-hill Blues, Common Blues, Walls, and Brown Argus.

Saturday 3rd August, if wet TBA
Arreton Downs
Leader Kay and Colin Shaw, contact 07562974343

Meet at 1.30pm, Arreton Down's car park, off Downend Road (meanders. rift. flamed)

Bus number 8, getting off at Robin Hill Country Park.

Uneven ground, steep in places, wear stout shoes.

Contact Kay for details.

Hoping to see Chalk-hill Blues, Brown Argus, and Brown Wall.

Saturday 17th August, if wet TBA
Brading Downs
Leader Emma Brown contact 07817504992

Meet at 1.30pm at the most easterly chalk car park, on the Downs Road, where the ice-cream van often is (SZ597869; divisible. vibrate. cleanser)

Downland walk, some steps, steep in places and uneven ground. Please wear stout shoes.

Contact Emma for more details.

Hoping to see Chalk-hill Blues, Brown Argus.

Saturday 7th September, if wet TBA
The Revetment, Ventnor
Leader Kay and Colin Shaw, contact 07562974343

Meet at the car park at 1.20pm (SZ56817751; surface. muffin. submitted) off Wheeler Bay Road, Ventnor or at Eastern Esplanade Long Stay car park (SZ56497734; subsystem. student. sandals) and walk to the bottom of the steps at Wheelers Bay by 1.30pm.

Steep long steps down from the first car park, to the Revetment.

Parking in the Long stay car park makes this walk a wheelchair available walk.

Bus number 3 to Ventnor bus station.

Contact Kay for more details.

Hoping to see Clouded Yellows, Hummingbird Hawk Moths.