

IOW Group events 2017

Tuesday 18 April, meet at 7.30pm

Windy Gap, St Catherine's Point (SZ 494 758), site: National Trust

Leader: James Halsey, Tel: 07866 925888, Email: jameshalsey1@hotmail.co.uk

Meet in the National Trust car park at the end of Old Blackgang Road. If the weather is bad on the day, this event will be rescheduled so please contact James.

Moth trapping and search for Sloe Carpet Moth (not yet confirmed at this site).

Friday 26 May, meet at 10.30am

Compton Chine (SZ 367 854), site: National Trust

Leader: Sue Davies, Tel: 07702 151312

Meet in the National Trust Afton Down chalk-pit car park off the A305 Military Road. On the No. 12 bus route. Some steep steps and uneven ground so wear sturdy footwear. Note that if the weather is bad on the day, this walk may be rescheduled for Saturday 27 May. Please contact Sue for further information.

Aiming to see: Glanville Fritillary, Wall, Green Hairstreak, Small Blue.

Wednesday 14 June, meet at 10.00am

Whealers Bay, Ventnor (SZ 569 775)

Leader: Andy Butler, Tel: 01983 854925

Meet in the Wheelers Bay car park (free), off Wheelers Bay Road, Ventnor, for a walk along the revetment to see the management that has been carried out for Glanville Fritillaries.

Aiming to see: Glanville Fritillary, Holly Blue, Orange Tip and Painted Lady.

Thursday 29 June, meet at 9.00pm (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 26 JUNE)

Afton Marsh, Freshwater (SZ 346 863), site: Gift to Nature

Leader: James Halsey, Tel: 07866 925888. Email: jameshalsey1@hotmail.co.uk

Meet at the Blackbridge Road entrance to the marsh. Parking limited so please let James know if you are hoping to come along. If the weather is bad on the day, this event will be rescheduled.

Moth trapping and search for *Sclerocona acutellus*.

Saturday 1 July, meet at 9.00pm

Oaks Cottage, Hillisgate, Parkhurst PO30 5UB (SZ 474 924)

Leader: Ian Merrifield, Tel: 01983 297132

At the traffic lights on Horsebridge Hill, turn west onto Noke Common Road. Continue to Hillisgate entrance to the forest; at this road junction proceed towards Marks Corner. Oaks Cottage is the second entrance on the right at the beginning of the road. Parking available in paddock in Ian's garden.

Moth trapping.

Wednesday 12 July, meet at 9.00pm

Firestone Copse (SZ 558 910), site: Forestry Commission

Leader: Iain Outlaw, Email: zoothera@live.co.uk

Meet in the main Forestry Commission car park off Firestone Copse Road.

Moth trapping.

Saturday 15 July, meet at 1.00pm

Parkhurst Forest (SZ 480 900), site: Forestry Commission

Leader: Stuart Read, Tel: 07877 333734

Meet in the main car park off Forest Road.

Aiming to see: Silver-washed Fritillary and White Admiral.

Friday 4 August, meet at 10.30am

Tennyson Down (SZ 324 855), site: National Trust

Leader: Caroline Dudley, Tel: 01983 754935

Meet in the National Trust car park at the end of Highdown Lane, Totland. The Needles Breezer open-top bus stops at the High Down Inn.

Dark Green Fritillary, Chalkhill Blue and other blues.

Saturday 2 September, meet at 10.00am

Brading Down (SZ 597 868), site: Gift to Nature

Leader: Ian Pratt, Tel: 01983 641305

Meet in the Brading Down viewpoint car park along Brading Down Road.

Aiming to see: Chalkhill and Adonis Blues, Small Heath.

Walks will normally be of 2 to 3 hours' duration and of slow to moderate pace. It is advisable to bring something to eat and drink. Please wear sensible walking shoes/boots as walks are often over rough terrain. Keep to paths whenever possible to avoid trampling plants and caterpillars and observe the Countryside Code. In the event of poor weather, please check with the leader whether the walk will still take place or be rescheduled. Sorry, no dogs and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.