

Isle of Wight Walks 2022

The Branch is grateful to the site owners/managers of the nature reserves visited in our walks for maintaining public access and safeguarding these very special places of wildlife interest.

Note: the grid reference given is for the parking location/meeting point which is *not always* at the site of the walk's focus.

Saturday 23 April, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 24 April)

Firestone Copse (SZ558910); site: Forestry England

Leader: Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

Directions: Meet at Firestone Copse main car park. A woodland walk with uneven paths; wear sturdy footwear.

Aiming to see: Brimstone, Comma, Orange-tip, Peacock.

Saturday 21 May, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 22 May)

Mottistone chalk pits (SZ420845); site: National Trust

Leader: Graham Sherratt, Tel: 07788 881401

Directions: Meet in the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brighstone. A downland walk with uneven ground, steep slopes and chalk pits; wear sturdy footwear.

Aiming to see: Dingy and Grizzled Skipper, Glanville Fritillary.

Saturday 28 May, meet at 10.30am (or, if wet, Sunday 29 May)

Compton Chine (SZ367854); site: National Trust

Leader: Sue Davies, Tel: 07702 151312

Directions: Meet in the NT Afton Down chalk pit car park off the A305 Military Road. On the No.12 bus route. A downland walk with some steep steps and uneven ground; wear sturdy footwear.

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

Saturday 25 June, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 26 June)

Newtown Meadows and Walter's Copse (SZ423906); site: National Trust

Leader: Nikki Kownacki, Tel: 07929 614423

Directions: Meet at the entrance to the Meadows Butterfly Walk on Town Lane, parking at the National Trust car park (charge) close by.

Aiming to see: White Admiral, Marbled White, Ringlet, Brown Argus.

Saturday 16 July, meet at 1.15pm (or, if wet, Sunday 17 July)

Kemphill Moor Copse, Havenstreet (SZ558910); site: Forestry England

Leader: Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

Directions: Meet at Firestone Copse car park (OS National Grid reference above) as limited parking available at the site. Transport provided to Kemphill Moor Copse. Passengers can be dropped off at the Rowlands Lane entrance (SZ569896). This is a woodland ride walk.

Aiming to see: White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary (including Valezina) and Purple Hairstreak.

Saturday 23 July, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 24 July)

Mount Joy, Carisbrooke (SZ496883)

Leader: Graham Sherratt, Tel: 07788 881401

Directions: Meet in Whitepit Lane, Carisbrooke, by the fish and chip shop near the junction with Elm Grove, and close to the junction with footpath N24, along which the walk up to Mount Joy proceeds. Some steps are encountered on the route. Car parking is very limited so leave plenty of time to find a space.

Aiming to see: Chalk Hill and Common Blue, Brown Argus and Wall Brown.

Saturday 6 August, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet Sunday 7 August)

Arreton Down, Arreton (SZ533874), site: HIOWWT

Leader: Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

Directions: Meet in Arreton Down car park off Downend Road. On the No.8 bus route, getting off at the Robin Hill Country Park stop. A downland walk, uneven and steep ground in places; wear sturdy footwear.

Aiming to see: Brown Argus, Chalk Hill Blue and Wall Brown.

Saturday 3 September, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet Sunday 4 September)

The Revetment, Ventnor (SZ568775)

Leader: Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

Directions: Meet in Wheelers Bay Road car park, Ventnor. On the No.3 bus route. A coastal 'undercliff' walk with steep steps from the car park down to the revetment.

Aiming to see: Clouded Yellow, Red Admiral and Wall Brown.

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