

The East Midlands branch covers the whole of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. The region includes a wide range of habitats which support around 30 different butterfly species; seven of these are the subject of urgent conservation action.

We work closely with many other conservation organisations. We try and ensure that there is a recognition of the needs of butterflies and moths within the overall aims of conservation and that their specialist habitat requirements are met, particularly where threatened species such as Grizzled and Dingy Skippers are concerned, two butterflies which had seriously declined in recent years.

Contact the Branch Organiser for more details if you would like to help with any of these activities.

## Join Us

For more details about the activities of Butterfly Conservation both nationally and at local level, you can contact:

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# Butterfly Conservation

## EAST MIDLANDS FIELD TRIPS 2017

Come  
face to  
face with  
the region's  
rarest  
species



SILVER WASHED FRITILLARY

Join us for your chance to see some of our region's most threatened butterflies

These field trips are a great way to learn about butterflies and their habitats. Help with identification will be available and there will also be photographic opportunities. Walks are open to anyone to attend. Please check weather conditions and come suitably prepared.

If weather looks bad enough for the trip to be cancelled we would ask you to ring the leader before setting off to check whether the trip is on or not.



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**B**utterfly Conservation is the leading UK organisation taking action to conserve butterflies and moths. Over the last fifty years many species of butterfly and moth have declined dramatically in both abundance and range. More than half our native butterfly species are now under serious threat and over 70 formerly common moths are now classified as endangered or vulnerable.

# Summer outings 2017

All are welcome to come along. You don't have to be a member.



## Sunday 14 May

### 1 Bingham Linear Park (Notts)

**Meet:** 10.00am. at the bridge on Tithby Road.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 701 393

Wear stout walking boots or shoes as the ground is rough. No toilets or facilities. The walk is about 6 km and takes c 2 hours.

**Target Species:** Spring butterflies - hopefully Grizzled Skipper

**Contact:** Jenny Craig: 01949 838899

This is a joint walk with the South Notts Wildlife Trust.

## Sunday 21 May

### 2 Cotgrave Forest (Nottinghamshire)

**Meet:** at the entrance at 9.30am.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 646 322

From Nottingham take the A606 towards Melton Mowbray, just before entering Stanton on the Wolds take the left turning into a single track road called Laming Gap Lane. Park with care on the roadside.

**Target Species:** Spring butterflies.

**Contact:** Neil Pinder 0115 9144896 or 07981 928402

Joint walk with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

## Sunday 28 May

### 3 Donisthorpe Woodland Park (Leicestershire)

**Meet:** 11.00am. in the car park in Church Street.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 315 142 Postcode: DE12 7RH

Late winter of 2017 heralds the arrival of 2 butterfly banks which will, hopefully, be visited on the walk.

**Target Species:** Dingy Skipper.

**Contact:** Richard Jeffery on 07803 599247

in conjunction with Ben Devine from LRWT as part of a 'Pollinator' Day

## Other branch trips:

Sunday 28 May. **DUNSTABLE DOWNS / TOTTERNHOE KNOLLS** (Bedfordshire)

Target species: Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper, Duke of Burgundy, Green Hairstreak, Brown Argus and Small Blue

1 & 2 July. **ESSEX WEEKEND**

Target species: Heath Fritillary White-letter Hairstreak and other summer butterflies.

Saturday 8 July. **FERMYN WOODS** (Northants)

Target species: Purple Emperor, White Admiral, Purple Hairstreak and White-letter Hairstreak.

Saturday 22 July. **WYRE FOREST** (Worcestershire)

Target species: Silver-washed Fritillary other woodland and grassland species.

See the website or contact Max Maughan on 01332 511825

## See us at these events:

7 May, **BURBAGE COMMON OPEN DAY**, Burbage Common, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3DD. 10.30am - 4.30pm. FREE

4 June, **PLEASLEY PIT WILDLIFE DAY**, Pit Lane, Pleasley, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 7PH. 10.00am - 4.00pm. FREE

2 July, **KIRK HALLAM LAKE GALA**, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hall, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 4HH. 12 noon - 4.00pm FREE

8 & 9 July, **REMPSTONE STEAM & COUNTRY FAIR**, Wymeswold, Leicestershire LE12 6ST. 10.00am - 5.00pm.

18, 19 & 20 August, **RSPB BIRD FAIR**, Rutland Water, Egleton, Rutland LE15 8BT. 9.00am - 5.00pm. Admission charge. Please note we will be covering all 3 days.

8 October, **GRANTHAM CANAL OPEN DAY**, Canal Depot, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, NG32 1NY. 2.00pm - 8.00pm. FREE

See the website or contact Jane Broomhead on 01623 824688

## Tuesday 30 May

### 4 Bagworth Heath Woods

**Country Park** (Leicestershire)

**Meet:** 11.00am. in the car park.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 457 068

Bagworth Heath Woods is located off Heath Road, approximately 0.6 miles south of Bagworth towards Merry Lees and Desford, in West Leicestershire. No toilets or facilities

**Target Species:** Dingy Skipper, and small heath.

**Contact:** Eliot Taylor 0116 2871677

## Sunday 4 June

### 5 Woodside Nature Reserve (DWT)

(Derbyshire)

**Meet:** 10.00am. at Pit Lane (restricted parking), Shipley off the main road A6007

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 449 447

Moderate walking distances with some rough ground requiring stout footwear.

**Target Species:** Dingy Skipper and other spring/summer butterflies.

**Contact:** Jim Steele 07850 194502

## Saturday 10 June

### 6 Pleasley Pit Country Park

(Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire)

**Meet:** 11.15am. at the Pit Head Cafe

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 499 642 Postcode: NG19 7PH Cafe and toilets open from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Top car park (at the pit) shuts at 2.00pm

**Target Species:** Spring butterflies, particularly Dingy Skipper and early dragonflies

**Contact:** Willy Lane 07790 000770

## Tuesday 4 July

### 7 Toton Sidings (Nottinghamshire)

**Meet:** 10.00am. At Banks Road Open Space Car Park

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 494 345

A walk around the Toton Fields Local NR and Toton Sidings for an approx. 2 to 3 hour walk.

**Target Species:** A range, including Marbled White.

**Contact:** Marion Bryce 07754 851290

Joint meeting with Long Eaton Natural History Society

## Sunday 9 July

### 8 Borders Wood (Nottinghamshire)

**Meet:** 10.30am.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 669 327

Parking on nearby grass verges. Please do not park at the entrances to the two bridleways at this location as these are used as farm access roads.

**Target Species:** Silver Washed Fritillary and other woodland species and possibly Purple Emperor.

**Contact:** Nigel Wood 01949 860001 or nibarwood@btinternet.com

## Sunday 16 July

### 9 Cotgrave Forest (Nottinghamshire)

**Meet:** 11.00am. At the entrance

Details as 21 May. Mainly easy walking on gravel tracks although stout footwear is recommended.

**Target Species:** Purple Emperor, Purple Hairstreak, White-letter Hairstreak and Silver-washed Fritillary.

**Contact:** Richard Rogers 0752 160 5995.

## Tuesday 18 July

### 10 Bagworth Heath Woods

**Country Park** (Leicestershire)

**Meet:** 11.00am. in the car park. Details as 30 May

**Target Species:** Marbled White.

**Contact:** Eliot Taylor 0116 2871677

## Sunday 23 July

### 11 Hoe Grange Quarry (Derbyshire)

**The first Open Day for Derbyshire's first Butterfly Reserve** 11.00am to 3.00pm

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 222 560

**Contact:** Ken Orpe ken@malaga.plus.com

## Tuesday 25 July

### 12 Coombs Dale (Derbyshire)

**Meet:** 10.00am. On the small side road by the side of the café at Calver cross roads/traffic lights.

**Location:** Grid ref: SK 239 749

Morning walk finishing about 12.30pm. Facilities available nearby in cafe and pub.

**Target Species:** Dark Green Fritillary, Brown Argus.

**Contact:** John and Al Roberts 01142 306487, 07752 675363