

Butterfly Conservation

East Midlands Field Trips 2019

**Come face to face
with some of
our most rare
butterflies**



GREEN HAIRSTREAK

**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 habitat; 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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SAVING BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

Butterfly 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 2019

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

big butterfly count

From 19th July until 11th August

The big butterfly count is a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies, with over 100,000 people taking part in 2018. **Visit: www.bigbutterflycount.org**

Saturday 18 May

① Longstone Edge (Derbyshire)

Meet: 10.00am. at the big layby.

Location: Grid ref: SK 199 730
On the single-track road that leaves Great Longstone on the left, just at the RHS bend in the village coming from Monsal Head. The St Crispin pub is just beyond this. If you see this you have gone too far! This is a meet suitable for those who have difficulty getting around as the walking is very short and easy. There are no conveniences.

Target Species: We hope to see Green Hairstreak and Wall Brown if they are out, but also other spring butterflies.

Contact: John & Sylvia Green 07760 136369

Sunday 19 May

② Bingham Linear Park (Notts)

Meet: 10.00am. at the bridge on Tythby Road.

Location: Grid ref: SK 701 393
Wear stout walking boots or shoes as the ground is rough. No toilets or facilities so bring your own drink or snack. The walk is about 6 km and takes approx 2 hours.

Target Species: Spring butterflies - hopefully Grizzled Skipper.

Contact: Jenny Craig 01949 838899



Other branch trips:

Saturday 25 May. DUNSTABLE DOWNS / TOTTERNHOE KNOLLS (Bedfordshire)

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

Sunday 7 July. FERMYN WOODS (Northants)

Target species: Purple Emperor, White Admiral, Purple Hairstreak White-letter Hairstreak Marbled White and other summer butterflies.

Saturday 10 August. ASTON ROWANT (Oxfordshire)

Target species: Silver-spotted Skipper, Chalkhill Blue and Brown Argus.

In the afternoon, if time permits, we will visit the nearby reserve of Whitecross Green Wood for Brown Hairstreak.

See the website or contact Max Maughan on 01332 511825

See us at these events:

12 May, BURBAGE COMMON OPEN DAY

Burbage Common, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3DD.
10.00am - 4.30pm. FREE

13 & 14 July, REMPSTONE STEAM & COUNTRY FAIR

Turn Post Farm, Wymeswold, Leicestershire LE12 6ST.
10.00am - 5.00pm. Admission Charged

21 July, HOE GRANGE QUARRY OPEN DAY

Longcliffe, Derbyshire. DE4 4BZ.
11am - 4pm. FREE

16, 17 & 18 August, RSPB BIRD FAIR

Rutland Water, Egleton, Rutland LE15 8BT.
9.00am - 5.00pm. Admission Charged

See the website or contact Jane Broomhead on 01623 862854

Wednesday 22 May

③ Bagworth Heath Woods

Country Park (Leicestershire)

Meet: 11.00am. in the car park.

Location: Grid ref: SK 457 068. Located off Heath Road, approximately 0.6 miles south of Bagworth towards Merry Lees and Desford.

There is a free car park at Heath Road Bagworth, LE67 1DL but no toilet facilities.

Target Species: Dingle Skipper, Small Heath and possibly Green Hairstreak.

Contact: Eliot Taylor 0116 2871677

Sunday 2 June

④ Codnor Park Forge

Nature Reserve (Derbyshire)

Meet: 10am and park in the Crossings Club car park bottom of Monument Lane.

Location: Codnor Park, Ironville, NG16 5PJ. The Forge site is a short walk from there.

Target Species: Dingle Skipper, Small Heath, Common Blue, Brown Argus, plus usual other species and day flying moths.

Contact: Pete Clark 07971 772184

Sunday 9 June

⑤ Tippings and Boundary Wood

(Former Blidworth Colliery, Notts)

Meet: 10.30am at Tippings Wood Car Park, Blidworth. Just off the B6020.

Location: Grid ref: SK 590568. Going north out of Blidworth towards Rainworth the free car park is on the right just after the right hand bend.

Target Species: Dingle Skipper, Small Heath, Common Blue. Orchids.

Contact: Jane Broomhead 01623 862854

Tuesday 16 July

⑥ Cloud Wood (Leicestershire)

Meet: 14.00pm in the lay-by.

Location: Grid ref: SK 417 214

Cloud Wood lies in the N.W. of Leicestershire, 1.5km S.E. of Breedon-on-the-Hill on the road between Tonge and Griffydham.

Target Species: Silver-washed Fritillary and White-letter Hairstreak.

Contact: Richard Jeffery 07803 599247

Sunday 21 July

⑦ Hoe Grange Quarry (Derbyshire)

The 3rd Open Day for Derbyshire's first

Butterfly Reserve:

From 11am to 4pm

Location: Grid ref: SK 222 560

Directions: Proceed to the crossroads in the centre of Longcliffe village and park in the adjacent office car park of Longcliffe Quarries at DE4 4BZ - transport will then be available to take visitors to and from the reserve. No dogs allowed on site.

Members of Butterfly Conservation East Midlands, will be able to show visitors around this abandoned limestone quarry where already 26 species of butterflies have been recorded including Dark Green Fritillary and the Peak District version of the Brown Argus. It will also be possible to see the work that many volunteers have done to enhance the habitat.

Contact: Ken Orpe ken@malaga.plus.com

Tuesday 23 July

⑧ Coombs Dale (Derbyshire)

Meet: 10.00am. at the bottom of the Dale by the playing field where there is a parking area.

Location: Grid ref: SK 236 751

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

Target Species: Dark Green Fritillary, Brown Argus and other summer butterflies.

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

Sunday 11 August

⑨ Williamthorpe Nature Reserve

(Derbyshire)

Meet: 11.15am.

Location: Postcode: S42 5UT,

Grid ref: SK43176 66306

From junction 29 M1, take the A6175 to Clay Cross & Holmewood, at the first roundabout take the third turning onto Park Lane, after roughly 300 yards, on the right is a track that runs down to the Reserve. Park on Park Lane

Target Species: Purple Hairstreak

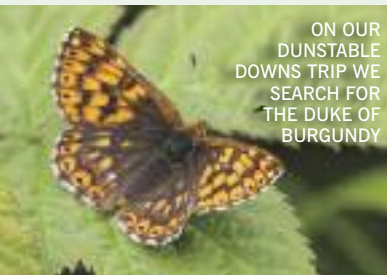
Contact: Willy Lane 07790 000770, Email: doeleaboy@gmail.com

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 to 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. This is particularly important 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.**



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DOWNS TRIP WE
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Join Us

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

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If you are interested in joining Butterfly Conservation and helping with the conservation work we are doing in the East Midlands, then get in touch with

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