

Day Trips Information

Worcester and Malvern RSPB Local Group

March — June 2024



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note the Group's policy on cancellations: All bookings for day trips are non-refundable unless a replacement is made from the reserve list.

Payment Methods: Payment options are by Cheque or BACS. Please note we cannot accept cash.

Cheque: If paying by cheque please complete all parts of the booking form and send with one cheque made payable to 'RSPB Worcester & Malvern Local Group' to: **Anne Chisholm, 6 Ebrington Road, West Malvern WR14 4NL**. Alternatively, bring the form and your cheque to a Group meeting.

BACS: If paying by BACS the details are **A/C 'RSPB Worcester & Malvern Local Group' A/C No. 33372760, Sort Code 30-90-79**. Please add Trip Code (shown in brackets on the booking form) and Surname as reference.

An acknowledgement will be sent by email if you give an address, if not please enclose a SAE to receive a posted receipt. For enquiries please email Anne at a-chisholm@tiscali.co.uk or phone her on **01684 575541**.

Pick up points: The **Worcester** pick up point for the coach is in St. John's on Malvern Road, where it joins with Hanbury Park Road. Nearest postcode for satnav: **WR2 4PA**. 'What3words': '**Cloud.sooner.call**'.

The **Malvern** pick up point is at Priory Road car park (opposite Malvern Splash). Postcode for satnav: **WR14 3DS**.

Photographs: Photographs of attendees on day trips may be taken for use in the Group newsletter or to accompany an article on the website. Attendees will not usually be named. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken and used in this way, please inform the trip leader.



Message from the Day Trips Organiser

Welcome to our new programme of day trips from March to June 2024. As always, we would like to welcome 'beginner birders' as well as the more experienced among you so, if you've not joined us before, why not give it a try. We always have an experienced birder who will be happy to spend time on the trip with you if you wish.

Information on access and facilities is provided but, if you have any specific concerns or questions about any of the sites, please contact me. Contact details are given above and are on the booking form.

We always welcome ideas for future trips so please do let me have any suggestions, with an idea of what time of year would be best to visit.

Important – All trips are by minibus. Places on these trips will be on a first come, first served basis so do book early to avoid disappointment. On our shorter trips, if we get sufficient numbers, we may be able to offer more places by running two minibuses.

Bookings can be made via email by providing me with the information on the booking form and paying by bank transfer.

Anne Chisholm

RSPB Newport Wetlands and Goldcliff – Saturday, 16 March 2024

Anticipated journey time 1hrs 35mins from Malvern

Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve is an area of wetland, reedbed and estuary lying between the Severn Estuary and the River Usk on the South Wales Coast. We will start our visit at the RSPB Newport Wetlands reserve where we should see Curlews, Redshanks, Dunlins and Oystercatchers feeding on the estuary. We will also visit the nearby Goldcliff Lagoons, home to a number of breeding waders including Avocets, Lapwings and Ringed Plovers.

Facilities: RSPB Newport Wetlands has a visitor centre, café and toilets. The reserve has one hide, a number of viewing screens and several natural viewing points along a series of trails ranging from 1-3 miles. At Goldcliff there is a series of hides and viewing platforms overlooking the three lagoons.

Access: At Newport Wetlands all trails are level on compacted gravel and dust.

Please bring RSPB membership card to ensure free entry.

Cost: £22 **Pick-up:** Worcester 08:00; Malvern 08:20. **Leave approx:** 16.30.

RSPB Burton Mere – Saturday, 13 April 2024

Anticipated journey time 2hrs 30mins from Worcester

The gateway to the RSPB's Dee Estuary reserve, Burton Mere Wetlands straddles the border between England and Wales with a mosaic of freshwater wetland habitats, mixed farmland and woodland. The area is bursting with wildlife, hosting Avocets, Harriers and Redshanks. Reedbeds come alive with warblers in spring, with Herons, Egrets and Kingfishers often seen on the lookout for food.

Facilities: Visitor centre with refreshments including sandwiches and hot and cold drinks available at reception, and toilets. Three hides and two viewing screens.

Access: Step free, level access to visitor centre and level access to most hides. Paths around the reserve mostly level compact gravel surface with some sections of boardwalk. Seating available at all viewpoints and at regular intervals.

Please bring RSPB membership card to ensure free entry.

Cost: £26 **Pick-up:** Malvern 07:00; Worcester 07:20. **Leave approx:** 16.30.

RSPB Lake Vyrnwy – Saturday, 11 May 2024

Anticipated journey time 2hrs 40mins from Worcester

With its range of habitats including open water, native woodland and peatland bogs, Lake Vyrnwy in Powys offers opportunities to see or hear a range of birds including Pied Flycatcher, Redstart, Wood Warbler and Siskin. There is also a chance of seeing Dippers nesting by the rocky streams, Goosanders bobbing on the water or a Peregrine hunting overhead.

Facilities: Three hides and five trails ranging from 1 to 7 miles in length. Visitor hub (not RSPB). Refreshments available from Artisans café. Toilets.

Access: Some steep inclines on trails. Mainly grass tracks and forestry tracks with benches at regular intervals. Hides have ramps or step-free level access. Section of uneven rocky access path to Lakeside hide.

Please bring RSPB membership card to ensure free entry.

Cost: £25 **Pick-up:** Malvern 07:00; Worcester 07:20. **Leave approx:** 16.30.

Yarner Wood, Dartmoor – Saturday, 8 June 2024

Anticipated journey time 3hrs from Malvern

Yarner Wood forms part of the East Dartmoor National Nature Reserve. It is an ancient oak wood, home to a range of woodland birds and particularly famous for its Pied Flycatchers, Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers and Wood Warblers. We may also catch sight of Spotted Flycatchers and Redstarts. On the return journey we may stop off at one of a number of other reserves around the Exe Valley.

Facilities: Small visitor centre and toilet.

Access: Woodland paths and tracks.

Cost: £28 **Pick-up:** Worcester 06:40; Malvern 07:00; **Leave approx:** 16.30.



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