

April to September 2014

WIGHT SUMMER WALKS



ACTIVITIES
FOR
EVERYONE!

Explore the Island's
countryside and coast with
local experts as your guides

In this programme of outdoor events and guided activities for all ages, local experts share their knowledge and special understanding of Island wildlife, conservation, landscape, history and rural economy.

It's a chance to explore the Island's unique countryside and coast during friendly outings in the company of fellow walkers. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has brought this programme together and is grateful to all this season's contributors.

Before setting off

For many activities, there's no need to book - just turn up on the day at the stated time. Activities which require a reservation or confirmation beforehand are indicated. Please note that the event end time given is only approximate. Where there is a charge for an event, this is stated; otherwise the event is free.

Footpaths and bridleways may be muddy in places, so always be prepared. Good strong shoes or boots, and possibly wellies and a

waterproof would be sensible. Organisers have indicated, as far as possible, those events that are strenuous or may pose difficulties.

No walk or activity in the programme will be cancelled before it's due to start. Whatever the weather, the leader will be at the start of the walk, but may decide to vary the route or, in extreme weather, may cancel there and then.

Please take your litter home with you. Dogs, where permitted, must be on a lead. Please avoid causing obstructions or damage to verges if you travel by car to the starting point and park considerately.

Thank you and enjoy your walk

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken in compiling this information, no responsibility can be accepted for any change that may subsequently occur. Those attending any of the events in this programme do so at their own risk.

If you have any queries regarding this booklet, please phone (01983) 760016.



DISCOVER THE ISLAND THE EASY WAY...

APRIL

BRIDDLESFORD MOTHS

Hunt for day-flying moths. Event includes a trip to the pub for supper (optional and cost not included) then reconvene at 7pm to start setting up the moth trap. Event will finish at around 11pm. Booking essential.

Day Saturday **Date** 5 April **Time** 2pm **Meet** Details on booking **Cost** £5
Leader James Halsey, IW Butterfly and Moth Group.
Visit www.ptes.org/events or call 020 7498 4533 to book.

WIGHT LORE: THE HAMSTEAD WALK

Explore the out-of-the-way delights of Cranmore and Hamstead, hunt the big cat, discover the site of the Island's first railway and see what remains of John Nash's country estate on a tranquil stroll. Back in time for a pub lunch!

Day Sunday **Date** 13 April **Time** 10.30am to 1pm **Distance** 5.5 miles
Meet Public car park/bus stop at Horse and Groom, Ningwood
Cost Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle
01983 615636

WETLAND RESTORATION

A walk around the Wildlife Trust's Sandown Meadows Nature Reserve to look at the site's habitats, wildlife and restoration works. Dogs on leads welcome. Booking essential.

Day Saturday **Date** 26 April **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Entrance to Sandown to Newport cycleway, Perowne Way, Sandown GR 594 849 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

SHORESEARCH SURVEY: RYDE

Join the survey to record animals and plants living in the intertidal zone of Ryde's diverse sand and gravel beach. No experience necessary. Booking advisable.

Day Wednesday **Date** 30 April **Distance** A short walk is required to the survey start point **Meet** West side of Ryde Pier GR 592 929 **Cost** Free
Leader Abbi Scott, Wildlife Trust 01489 774439 Abbi.Scott@hiwwt.org.uk

Solent crab, washed up on the beach

MAY

HEDGEROW HARVEST WALK: VENTNOR

Discover more about the heritage of hedgerow foraging and wild foods. Part of the Tree Council's Hedgerow Harvest History Project.

Day Sunday **Date** 4 May **Time** 3pm to 5pm **Meet** On the path just inside Ventnor Cemetery, Newport Road, Ventnor GR 556 777 **Cost** Free
Leader Rowan Adams, Natural Wight and the Tree Council

WALKS FROM RAILS: BY RAIL TO THE RACES

A cross-country ramble to Asheys and along the route of the long-abandoned mineral branch line which once served the former racecourse. Return via Sea Mark and Downs. Some strenuous climbing. Bring a picnic.

Day Tuesday **Date** 6 May **Time** 10.30am to 3.30pm **Distance** 7 miles
Meet Ryde St John's Road railway station **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636



Yarmouth Mill

ASHEY AMBLE

Enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding landscape on this guided walk over chalk grassland and the Wildlife Trust's woodland reserve of Eaglehead and Bloodstone copses. Stout footwear required, several stiles and uphill walking.

Day Tuesday **Date** 6 May **Time** 11am **Meet** Large lay-by at the foot of Ashley Down GR 575 874 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Jamie Marsh, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

HEATHLAND HAVEN

A walk through the countryside at Cranmore to look at local wildlife such as nightingales and butterflies, including the Wildlife Trust's nature reserve at Ningwood Common.

Day Wednesday **Date** 7 May **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Ningwood Recycling Centre GR 401 892 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Gareth Shelley, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

WALKS FROM RAILS: THE SOLENT TUNNEL

An undemanding walk following the route of the former railway between Yarmouth and Freshwater, passing the projected junction for the Victorian Solent Tunnel scheme. Return via west bank of Yar.

Day Wednesday **Date** 7 May **Time** 2pm to 5pm **Distance** 4.5 miles
Meet Yarmouth (old) railway station PO41 0QT **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

WALKS FROM RAILS: LAKE COMMON

An undemanding cross-country ramble from Sandown to Shanklin via Lake Common, Blackpan and Lower Hyde. Returning from Shanklin to Sandown by train.

Day Thursday **Date** 8 May **Time** 2pm to 4pm **Distance** 3.5 miles
Meet Sandown railway station **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

SPRING ON THE DOWNS

A walk around the Wildlife Trust's chalk grassland reserve at Arreton Down to discover the wildlife, landscape and history of this fascinating area. Sorry, no dogs.

Day Thursday **Date** 8 May **Time** 7pm **Meet** Community car park in Arreton village, next to the White Lion public house GR 533 867 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Jamie Marsh, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018



Matthew Chatfield leading 'Tree ID for absolute neophytes' walk

WONDERFUL WETLANDS

A walk around the Wildlife Trust's nature reserve at Sandown Meadows to find out more about the wildlife of this wonderful wetland habitat.

Day Friday **Date** 9 May **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Entrance to Sandown to Newport cycleway, Perowne Way, Sandown GR 594 849 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Gareth Shelley, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

TREE ID FOR ABSOLUTE NEOPHYTES

A gentle stroll around scenic coastal parkland looking at a selection of native British trees and learning some quick tips on identifying them. Aimed especially at non-experts.

Day Friday **Date** 9 May **Time** 2pm **Duration** 1.5 hours/1.5 miles
Meet Appley Park, old golf hut by the car park GR 606 923 **Cost** Free
Leader Matthew Chatfield 01983 823893

WALKS FROM RAILS: A TRAIL OF TWO JUNCTIONS

A delightful rural ramble in central Wight linking the former rail junctions of Newport and Merstone – change for Ventnor West - via the old railway trackbed and the adjacent countryside. Bring a picnic.

Day Saturday **Date** 10 May **Time** 10.30am to 1.30pm **Distance** 8 miles
Meet Railway Medina Tavern, Sea Street, Newport **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636



Cubs enjoying geocaching at Appley Park

INTRODUCTION TO GEOCACHING

Find out about the game of geocaching from local experts who have teamed up with Garmin, a leader in GPS technology. A special introductory walk, with training followed by a treasure hunt in Appley's beautiful coastal parkland. All equipment provided. Booking essential.

Day Sunday **Date** 11 May **Time** 2pm **Duration** 1.5 hours/1.5 miles
Meet Appley Park, old golf hut by the car park GR 606 923 **Cost** Free
Leader IW Geocaching Project 01983 616771

WALKS FROM RAILS: TO THE MANOR BORNE!

A beautiful circular walk in idyllic rural Wight linking Newport with Swainston Manor via a section of the old railway tracked through Upper Watchingwell – station for the manor. Bring a picnic.

Day Monday **Date** 12 May **Time** 10.30am to 3.30pm **Distance** 8.5 miles
Meet Hunnyhill, Newport - opposite Halfords **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

KNIGHT-ON THE DOWNS

A walk across Knighton Down to discover its history, wildlife and landscape. Ghost stories, butterflies and plants with rude names are all found here! Sorry, no dogs.

Day Monday **Date** 12 May **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Large lay-by at the foot of Ashley Down GR 575 874 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Jamie Marsh, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

OVER THE UNDERCLIFF

A circular walk to look at the wildlife and landscape of the St Lawrence Undercliff, including nature reserves at Pelham Woods (Wight Nature Fund) and St Lawrence Field (Wildlife Trust). Sorry, no dogs.

Day Tuesday **Date** 13 May **Time** 2pm **Meet** Opposite St Lawrence village hall GR 540 768 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Richard Grogan, Wildlife Trust 01983 760016

HABITATS FOR HEROES

A walk through the Reserve Forces and Cadet Association property at Jersey Camp, Newtown, to explore the orchid-rich meadows and flower-rich woodlands of the eastern Newtown Estuary. This is a rare opportunity to glimpse the conservation work done by the Conservation Group on the Isle of Wight guided by expert staff and volunteers.

Day Wednesday **Date** 14 May **Time** 10am for 10.30am start
Meet entrance to Jersey Camp; you will be guided to parking from the barrier GR 445 907 **Cost** Donation to Jersey Camp Conservation Fund welcome
Leader David Maidment 01983 523503

BIG BOULDNR TODDLER

An adventurous story walk for under-fives through Bouldnor Forest with the Wildlife Trust's education staff. Wellies required. Not suitable for buggies. All children must be accompanied by an adult; maximum three children per adult. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Wednesday **Date** 14 May **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Bouldnor Forest Centre (PO41 OAB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Wildlife Trust 01983 760016

BOULDNR BATTERY

A walk through Bouldnor Forest to discover the sights and sounds of nighttime wildlife on this Wildlife Trust nature reserve and Forestry Commission plantation. Wear old clothes and wellies and expect to get muddy! Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Wednesday **Date** 14 May **Time** 7pm **Meet** Bouldnor Forest Centre (PO41 OAB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Gareth Shelley, Wildlife Trust 01983 760016

WALKS FROM RAILS: COASTAL RYDE

A gentle open access morning stroll on the 'flat' to Seaview and back. Follows the historically rich coastline and returns via a series of fascinating route diversions. Suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.

Day Thursday **Date** 15 May **Time** 10am to 1pm **Distance** 4.5 miles
Meet Ryde Esplanade railway station **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

a SECRET FLORA

A walk from Havenstreet to a secluded botanical jewel including ancient woodland and flower-rich meadows. Includes spectacular display of orchids. Sorry, no dogs. Places limited so booking essential.

Day Thursday **Date** 15 May **Time** 10.30am and 2pm
Meet Information at time of booking **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Richard Grogan, Wildlife Trust 01983 760016

a SECRET GARDEN

A walk through riverside woodlands and flower-rich meadows, looking at the wildlife and management of this private and secluded 'garden'. Sorry, no dogs. Places limited so booking essential.

Day Friday **Date** 16 May **Time** 10.30am and 2pm
Meet Information at time of booking **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Richard Grogan Wildlife Trust 01983 760016

RIVERFEST

The annual Riverfest is a celebration of the heritage, community, business and wildlife associated with the historic River Medina. A fun, family event with activities, entertainment and local food.

Day Saturday **Date** 17 May **Time** 11am to 3pm **Meet** Newport Quay GR 502 895 **Cost** Free **Leader** Footprint Trust 01983 822282

WALKS FROM RAILS: RECLAMATION

A walk through the history of Brading Haven's reclamation from the sea, following the route of the old Bembridge branch railway and returning via Bembridge Windmill and the mysterious Centurion's Cope. Café lunch stop or bring picnic.

Day Sunday **Date** 18 May **Time** 10.30am to 4.30pm **Distance** 5.5 miles
Meet Brading railway station **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

ISLE OF WIGHT BIOBLITZ

Come to Martin's Wood, Newchurch and join experts and amateurs as we look for as many species of wildlife as we can - including birds, bugs and small mammals. Fun for all the family!

Day Tuesday **Date** 27 May **Time** 10am to 4pm **Meet** Newchurch car park opposite primary school off School Lane GR 563 855 **Cost** Free **Leader** IW AONB 01983 823855

BEE SPOTTING AND BALSAM PULLING

As part of the Isle of Wight Bioblitz (*above*), why not take a gentle circular walk through Martin's Wood and down to the River Yar to see the problems caused by Himalayan balsam. Help spot the plant and pull it up as we go along. Sturdy footwear and long trousers/sleeves recommended. Bring gardening gloves if you want to help pull balsam.

Day Tuesday **Date** 27 May **Time** 11.30am to 1.30pm **Meet** Newchurch car park opposite primary school off School Lane GR 563 855 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Nicola Wheeler, Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

CREATURES FROM THE DEEP

A family event to find out, through games and pond dipping, about the creatures living in the ponds at Bouldnor Forest. Wear old clothes and don't forget your wellies. Recommended for ages 5 to 10. Children must be accompanied by an adult; maximum three children per adult. Booking essential.

Day Friday **Date** 30 May **Time** 10.30am **Meet** Bouldnor Forest Centre (P041 0AB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

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**Join the Hampshire and Isle of
Wight Wildlife Trust in celebrating
the Island's wonderful wildlife.**

*Details found
throughout this
programme.*

JUNE

MOTHS AT NINGWOOD COMMON

A walk to the Ningwood Common reserve to look at local wildlife with an emphasis on moths. Overnight moth traps will have been set so hopefully there will be a good variety for you to see. Weather dependant. Sorry, no dogs. Limited numbers, so booking essential.

Day Saturday Date 7 June **Time** 7am **Meet** Ningwood recycling centre GR 401 892 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

HEDGEROW HARVEST WALK: OAKFIELD

Discover more about the heritage of hedgerow foraging and wild foods. Part of the Tree Council's Hedgerow Harvest History Project.

Day Sunday Date 8 June **Time** 3pm to 5pm **Meet** Ark, Oakfield High Street, Ryde GR 594 915 **Cost** Free **Leader** Rowan Adams, Natural Wight and the Tree Council

SHORESEARCH SURVEY: FRESHWATER

Survey to record the animals and plants living in the intertidal zone of Freshwater's interesting rocky shore. No experience necessary. Booking advisable.

Day Saturday Date 14 June **Meet** Freshwater Bay car park GR 346 857 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Abbi Scott, Wildlife Trust 01489 774439 Abbi.Scott@hiwwt.org.uk

WIGHT LORE: THE NEEDLES WALK

Glorious high-level walk to the Island's western-most point via reminders of Tennyson, signal beacons, rocket testing, the military past and the Bronze Age. Some strenuous climbing. Café lunch stop or bring a picnic.

Day Saturday Date 14 June **Time** 10.30am to 3pm **Distance** 5.5 miles **Meet** Totland War Memorial, Broadway **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

HEDGEROW HARVEST WALK: CARISBROOKE

Discover more about the heritage of hedgerow foraging and wild foods. Part of the Tree Council's Hedgerow Harvest History Project.

Day Sunday Date 15 June **Time** 3pm to 5pm **Meet** Carisbrooke car park GR 485 881 **Cost** Free **Leader** Rowan Adams, Natural Wight and the Tree Council



Cowslips at West High Down, overlooking Alum Bay



Common blue butterfly at Arreton Down

JULY

WIGHT LORE: THE THORNESS WALK

A circular afternoon stroll from Cowes to Thorness via Gurnard and the Island's north coast, taking in remains of the secret wartime cross-Solent SOLO pipeline.

Day Wednesday **Date** 2 July **Time** 2pm to 5.30pm **Distance** 6 miles
Meet By Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes Parade **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

BRIDDLESFORD BUTTERFLY WALK

Two hour walk through the woods and fields to look for Briddlesford's butterfly fauna. Booking essential.

Day Saturday **Date** 5 July **Time** 11am **Meet** Details on booking **Cost** £3
Leader Andrew Brookes, Butterfly Conservation volunteer.
Visit www.ptes.org/events or call 020 7498 4533 to book.

WIGHT LORE: SHANKLIN WOODLAND WALK

Annual morning ramble through developing ancient woodland link west of Shanklin. Lots of history. Some strenuous climbing, but what goes up..!

Day Saturday **Date** 12 July **Time** 10.30am to 1pm **Distance** 3.5 miles
Meet Footpath access stile, Westhill Road, Shanklin **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

SHORESEARCH SURVEY: COLWELL

Join the survey to record the animals and plants living in the intertidal zone of Colwell's interesting rocky shore. No experience necessary. Booking advisable.

Day Saturday **Date** 12 July **Meet** Colwell Bay car park (charges apply) GR 327 877 **Cost** Free **Leader** Abbi Scott, Wildlife Trust 01489 774439
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BUTTERFLIES OF ARRETON DOWN

A guided walk across Arreton Down looking at species-rich chalk grassland and butterfly and invertebrate species that can be found there.

Day Saturday **Date** 19 July **Time** 2pm **Meet** Community car park in Arreton village, next to the White Lion public house GR 534 867 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

BUTTERFLY BALL FAMILY EVENT

A family walk with games and activities for children, exploring the minibeasts that make their home on Arreton Down, particularly colourful butterflies. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Friday **Date** 25 July **Time** 1pm to 3pm **Meet** Community car park in Arreton village, next to the White Lion public house GR 534 867 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome **Leader** Wildlife Trust 01983 760018



Redshank at Springvale



Campfire cooking at Wildplay Day

WILDPLAY DAY (UNDER EIGHTS)

Adventurous fun for little ones, exploring and enjoying Bouldnor Forest, with opportunities for den building, minibeast hunting, clay modelling and much more. Wear old clothes (keeping arms and legs covered) and wellies. Insect repellent advised. Healthy snack provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult; maximum three children per adult. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Tuesday **Date** 29 July **Time** 10.30am to 12.30pm
Meet Bouldnor Forest Centre (PO41 OAB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

WILDPLAY DAY (OVER EIGHTS)

Adventurous fun for older children, with opportunities for shelter building, campfire cooking, woodland crafts and much more. Bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks provided. Wear old clothes (keeping arms and legs covered), wellies, a sun hat, sun cream and insect repellent. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Wednesday **Date** 30 July **Time** 10.30am to 2.30pm
Meet Bouldnor Forest Centre (PO41 OAB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

AUGUST

WIGHT LORE: THE ST LAWRENCE WALK

Enjoy the contrasts and superb views on this historically-interesting circular route along the rugged coast path and up and down Weck Down via tiny St Lawrence Church. Some strenuous climbing. Bring a picnic.

Day Saturday **Date** 9 August **Time** 10.30am to 2pm **Distance** 5 miles
Meet Ventnor Botanic Garden car park **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome
Leader Adrian Searle 01983 615636

ROCKPOOL RUMMAGE

The Wildlife Trust's annual Marine Week event, raising awareness of the importance of living seas. Discover the fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting the Island's rocky shore at Bembridge Ledges. Bring a net and bucket if you have them, drinking water, a hat and sunscreen. All children must be accompanied by an adult; maximum three children per adult. Sorry, no dogs.

Day Tuesday **Date** 19 August **Time** 12noon to 2pm **Meet** Lane End, Bembridge car park (charges apply) GR 658 880 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

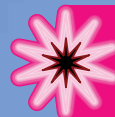
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Making a clay face in the wood

FORT VICTORIA FORAY

This popular event, celebrating the Island's coast, countryside and wildlife, has something to offer all the family, with environmental games and activities, stories, crafts, opportunities to explore the shore, take part in Forest School and lots more.

Day Thursday **Date** 21 August **Time** 10.30am to 4pm **Meet** Fort Victoria Country Park. Free parking at Fort Victoria Country Park with park and ride facility available **Cost** Free **Leader** This is a partnership event co-ordinated by Fort Victoria Country Park

'WILDTHING' FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY

Education staff from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Fort Victoria Country Park and the National Trust will be joining forces to deliver a range of environmental games and activities for all the family to enjoy, exploring the woodland, grassland and coast at Fort Victoria Country Park near Yarmouth. Activities will be aimed at 5 to 10 year olds and there will be information on how to 're-wild your child' and how to access activities and outdoor learning opportunities for families and schools at the country park and local nature reserves. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Thursday **Date** 28 August **Time** 2pm to 5pm
Meet Fort Victoria Country Park **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
Leader Wildlife Trust 01983 760018

SEPTEMBER

WIGHT LORE: THE NEWTOWN WALK

Follow the trail of the Island's Pied Piper, re-live the dramatic demise of Francheville, visit the tiniest town hall and enjoy the present-day tranquillity of Newtown on an undemanding stroll.

Day Saturday **Date** 13 September **Time** 10am to 12.30pm **Distance** 4.5 miles **Meet** Public car park near New Inn, Shalfleet **Cost** Donation to Lucie Blackman Trust welcome **Leader** Adrian Searle 01983 615636

FAMILY NATURE NIGHT

A family event to discover the nocturnal inhabitants of Bouldnor Forest Nature Reserve, with opportunities to detect bats, dissect owl pellets and meet a mouse! Dress warmly, wear wellies and bring a torch. (Top tip: come in your pyjamas and you can go straight to bed when you get home!) Insect repellent recommended. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

Day Friday **Date** 19 September **Time** 7pm **Meet** Bouldnor Forest Centre (PO41 0AB) - follow track from Yarmouth Road to forest parking site GR 378 896 **Cost** Donation to Wildlife Trust welcome
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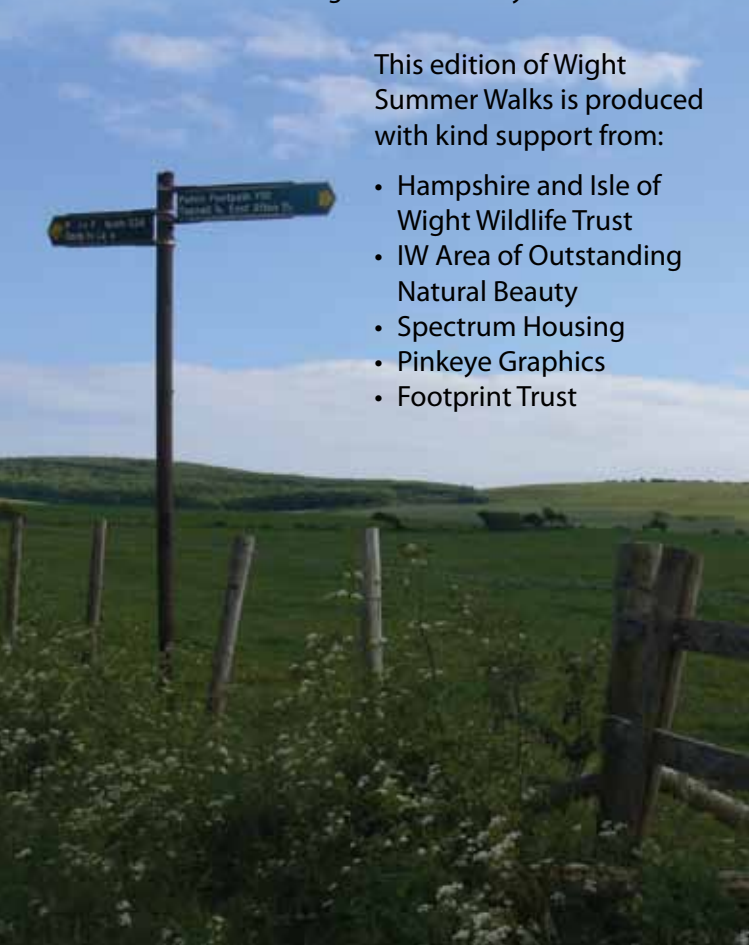
Newtown saltmarsh at low tide

GET OUT AND ABOUT!

Check out the latest countryside walks and events at www.hiwwt.org.uk or to find out more about countryside sites and your Local Nature Reserves visit www.iwight.com/countryside.

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Red squirrels spend much of their time in the tree canopy. Telltale signs of squirrels include large dreys in trees and scratch marks on bark. On the ground look for nibbled pine cones that look like chewed apple cores.

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