

## Essex Field Club Programme for 2017

**Botany Group – Contact Ken Adams 020 8508 7863**

**Essex Moth Group – contact Dougal Urquhart 01206 383868 email: dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk**

**Fungus Group – contact Tony Boniface 01245 266316**

**Geology Group – contact Peter Allen 01992 630661**

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### INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE JOINING THE FIELD MEETINGS OF THE ESSEX FIELD CLUB

1. Please confirm that you are coming to Essex Field Club meetings by emailing or telephoning the leader a few days beforehand to check for details; and let the leader know if you later find you can't attend so we don't wait needlessly, or if you need to leave early, to save us registering you as lost and possibly injured.
2. Health and safety of participants is an Essex Field Club priority, but you have some duty of care for your own safety and that of others during a meeting. The leader will brief you on the day about any particular hazards of the site known to them; please make sure you listen.
3. Do not attempt a walk (which may cover several miles) unless you are fit and able to do so and be prepared for normal footpath hazards. Check when booking if doubtful.
4. EFC Field meetings, unless otherwise stated, are led by members working in an amateur and volunteer capacity on behalf of fellow members and others in the Group. Meeting leaders are not expected to administer first aid, or to provide first aid equipment.
5. On meetings which include a picnic, we recommend you bring your own wipes or water to clean your hands before eating, and a plastic bag for sitting on which can then be used to carry waste home.
6. If you have a medical condition such as angina, a pacemaker, diabetes, blackouts or allergy to stings etc. that may give rise to a medical emergency during a meeting, you must inform the leader 2 days in advance to see if there might be a problem. N. B. Mobile phone contact to emergency services may not be available in remote areas. ( A fuller version is on our website at [www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal/p/Meetings+guidance](http://www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal/p/Meetings+guidance))

**For all geology field meetings, it is essential that you book ahead and that you read and agree to the rules and advice outlined on the Essex Rock and Mineral Society web site ([www.erms.org](http://www.erms.org)). Copies can be supplied on request from Peter Allen (01992 630661; [peter.allen6@virgin.net](mailto:peter.allen6@virgin.net)).**

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| January<br>Sun 1st 2017<br>10:00         | Basildon Natural History Society. Annual walk around Marks Hill and Hoppit Shaw. Meet at 10:00 am at Delmores car park SS16 6LR   | Leader: Booking not necessary.   |
| February<br>Sat 11th 2017<br>11:30       | Basildon Natural History Society - Birdwatch. Two Tree Island. Meet at first car park on the left after crossing the creek bridge. Nearest postcode SS9 2GB   | Leader: Booking not necessary  |
| February<br>Sat 11th 2017<br>10:30       | Essex Field Club with Essex Rock and Mineral Society. Globe Pit, Little Thurrock (subject to confirmation from Natural England)<br>Check beforehand with Peter that visit is confirmed. Site clearance and observation of Grays Brickearth. Hard hats and gloves recommended. Tools provided but please bring secateurs, loppers, etc. if possible. Meet at corner of Newburgh Road and Rectory Road  | Leader: Peter Allen (01 992 630661) [078 31 004 303 - use on day only]<br>Check beforehand with Peter that visit is confirmed  |
| February<br>Sun 12th 2017<br>10:30-17:00 | Essex Moth Group annual meeting. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler C.P. Lunch and refreshments £7 on the day. Please book. Guest speakers, slide shows, specimen displays.   | Leader: Essential to contact Peter Harvey or Dougal Urquhart if attending: Email: <a href="mailto:grayspeterharvey@gmail.com">grayspeterharvey@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk">dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk</a> |
| February<br>Sat 18th 2017<br>10:00-16:00 | Essex Gem and Mineral Show. Organised by the Essex Rock and Mineral Society.<br>North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row RM5 3QT. Visitors welcome. Free parking but come early.  |  |
| March<br>Sat 11th 2017<br>14:00-17:00    | Essex Field Club Spring Meeting and AGM. Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Ave. North side Chelmsford CM1 3DU. TL689,083   |  |
| March<br>Sat 18th 2017<br>9:30 - 16:30   | FSC Course: Identifying Spring Moths . Field Studies Centre - Flatford Mill Using live moth traps (set the evening before the course in different habitats) to catch a sample of the moths on the wing overnight. Once the traps are emptied and the animals safely stored in plastic pots, You will be introduced to the challenges of identifying macro-moths (the larger ones!) down to species.<br>Book via FSC <a href="http://www.field-studies-council.org">http://www.field-studies-council.org</a> | Leader: Edward Jackson   |
| April<br>Sun 23rd 2017<br>11:00          | Essex Field Club with Essex Rock and Mineral Society and the Geologists Assoc. Walton-on-the-Naze. Red Crag and London Clay<br>Meet at the new Naze Visitor Centre near the Naze Tower  | Leader: Gerald Lucy (07512 156579)   |
| April<br>Thu 27th 2017<br>11:00          | Botany Group. East Mersea for sea wall and saltings. Meet in car park corner of Ivy Lane. TM0665,1531.  | Leader: Ken Adams. Please book: 020 8508 7863  |
| May<br>Sat 6th 2017<br>11:00             | General Meeting. Rowney Wood. A large ancient oxlip wood which was planted up with conifers in the 1950s but has now to a large degree been returned to native deciduous by the Forestry Commission. In need of some up-to-date survey for most groups. Park and meet in the layby near Carver Barracks at TL566343.  | Leader: Peter Harvey, email <a href="mailto:grayspeterharvey@gmail.com">grayspeterharvey@gmail.com</a> Tel: 01375 371571   |
| May<br>Thu 11th 2017<br>evening          | Basildon Natural History Society: Members only: Fingringhoe nightingales. Evening Guided walk, about 1 mile, to hear these amazing birds. Meet at Visitor Centre, Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve, South Green Road, Fingringhoe, CO5 7DN. Car sharing encouraged. Cost £6, must be booked and paid for in advance via Meetings Secretary as group size is limited, closing date 12 April. No charge for early arrival at Fingringhoe   | Leader: Contact Meetings Secretary: Mavis Waylett, 01268 544856  |
| May<br>Sat 13th 2017<br>11:00            | General Meeting. Wallasea Island. Come and help record the old and newly developing habitats at this extensive site. The Wallasea Island Wild Coast project is a landmark conservation and engineering scheme for the 21st century, on a scale never before attempted in the UK and the largest of its type in Europe. Meet at Grapnell's Farm, Wallasea Island, Creeksea Ferry Road, Rochford, Essex SS4 2HD grid ref: TQ942947  | Leader: Peter Harvey, email <a href="mailto:grayspeterharvey@gmail.com">grayspeterharvey@gmail.com</a> Tel: 01375 371571   |
| May<br>Tue 16th 2017<br>10.30am          | General meeting: Chatham Green. Meet in car park at CM3 3FE. Monads TL7116 and TL7115. The Chatham Green Project is a conservation and education initiative on 400 acres of farmland in the heart of Essex. There is a 40-acre conservation and education site intended to be a biodiversity haven. The site has one pond, old woodland and extensive new tree plantations, grass meadow, ancient hedgerows and the working farm has large field margins.   | Leader: Please contact Peter Harvey if attending: 01375 371571 Email: <a href="mailto:grayspeterharvey@gmail.com">grayspeterharvey@gmail.com</a>   |
| May<br>Thu 18th 2017<br>11:00            | Botany Group. Strethall Field TL48-9,41 for rare poppies, fumatories and meadow rue. Meet Howe Wood Cross Roads. Strethall. TL489,403.  | Leader: Ken Adams. Please book: 020 8508 7863 Mobile: 07773 492260   |



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| July<br>Sat 22nd 2017<br>9:00 - mid-day | Geological Group. Highwood Quarry, Easton Park Estate, Dunmow, London Clay, Kesgrave Gravels, Lowestoft Till<br>Hard hats and hi-vis jackets necessary (limited number will be available on day)<br>Meet at SMC Quarry access Road, off B1256, east of A120.<br>(turn off between Takeley and Dunmow)  | Leader: Peter Allen (01 992 630661).<br>Check beforehand with Peter that visit is confirmed  |
| July<br>Sat 29th 2017<br>11:00          | Botany Group. Thorndon Park North. Meet visitor centre car park. TQ607,914. CM133RZ.   | Leader: Leader: Marion Miller Mobile: 07773 492260   |
| August<br>Fri 11th 2017<br>9:30 - 16:30 | FSC Course: Wetland Moths. Field Studies Centre Course: This weekend course will instruct moth identification and ecology through slide presentations. This will help you work through the defining features of micro and macro moths and particularly identifying their families. Possibly the most important part of the course will be the hands on identification of live moths by participants with assistance from the tutor, other participants and books provided. The course will target species of wetland habitats.<br>Book via FSC <a href="http://www.field-studies-council.org">http://www.field-studies-council.org</a> | Leader: Dave Grundy  |
| August<br>Sat 19th 2017<br>11:00        | Botany Group. . St. Lawrence Bay marshes. Meet in the Stone car park at TL952,060. Close to CM0 7NT.   | Leader: Leader: Marion Miller<br>Mobile: 07922034398   |
| August<br>Sun 20th 2017<br>11am - 5pm   | The Essex Natural History Show. Activities taking place at: The Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH. Free Entry and car parking!  |  |
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| September<br>Sat 2nd 2017<br>1100       | Botany Group. Thameside Nature Park and sea walls TQ69,78-79-80. Park at EVT Centre, Mucking Warf Road, Stanford le Hope. TQ6965,8064. SS17ORW.  | Leader: Leader: Enid Barrie<br>Mobile: 07941154538   |
| September<br>Sat 9th 2017<br>11:00      | Botany Group. Hatfield Forest Lake to search for Potamogetons & Stoneworts by boat. Meet in Shell House Car Park. CM22 6NE   | Leader: Leader: Ken Adams. Please book: 020 8508 7863 Mobile: 07773 492260   |
| September<br>Sat 16th 2017<br>11:00     | General Meeting. Noakes Grove Nature Reserve, Redgates Lane, Sewards End, TL571388; Meet in Car Park at reserve; Map at <a href="http://www.organic-countryside.co.uk">www.organic-countryside.co.uk</a> Organic Countryside website; Packed Lunch.  | Leader: David Corke 01799599576, Mobile on day 07583076790. Email <a href="mailto:david@corke.biz">david@corke.biz</a>                               |
| September<br>Sat 16th 2017<br>14:00     | Seaweeds & Botany Groups. Bradwell on Sea and Ramsey Island. Meet at Bradwell Waterside at the end of the B1021 (TL995079) Park wherever possible. Later, drive to Ramsay Island.<br>NOTE Start time - low water approx. 15.45.  | Leader: Leader: Ian Tittle Please book: 01227 365671 Mobile: 0781 829 2936   |
| September<br>Sat 23rd 2017<br>10:30     | Fungus Group. Tiptree Heath. Meet in car park off B1022 at TL883 147. Packed lunch.  | Leader: John Cooke please book on 01708 223477, mobile on the day 07941507549 email <a href="mailto:jhc@johcooke.plus.com">jhc@johcooke.plus.com</a> |
| October<br>Tue 3rd 2017<br>10:30        | Fungus Group. Epping Forest, Oak Hill and Long Running. Meet in Green Ride car park north at TQ435, 995. Packed lunch. bring maps, compass GPS   | Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754  |
| October<br>Sat 7th 2017<br>10:30        | Fungus Group. Phyllis Curry Nature Reserve. Follow signs to Great Leighs off the A130. Turn LEFT at the pub on right (used to be Queen Anne's Castle) towards Felsted for 3/4 mile and turn right into Dumney Lane. Packed lunch Limited parking Max 15 at the most, so please car share.  | Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316   |
| October<br>Wed 11th 2017<br>10:30       | Fungus Group. Hockley Wood (West). Meet in car park (small charge) at top of hill. TQ 833 923. Entrance is off Main Road, Hockley, just east of the Bull Pub. Packed lunch.  | Leader: Mary Smith Please book 01708 228921, mobile on the day 07903 052095  |
| October<br>Sat 14th 2017<br>10:30       | Fungus Group with BNHS. Marks Hill Wood walking to Hoppit Shaw, meet in car park off B1007, TQ686 875, Packed Lunch  | Leader: Rod Cole 01268 553149 email <a href="mailto:rod@jencole.plus.com">rod@jencole.plus.com</a>   |
| October<br>Sat 14th 2017<br>9:30-16:30  | FSC Course: Identifying Autumn Moths. Field Studies Course: Weâ€™ll be using live moth traps (set the evening before the course in different habitats) to catch a sample of the moths on the wing overnight. Once the traps are emptied and the animals safely stored in plastic pots, weâ€™ll introduce you to the fascinating challenges of identifying macro-moths (the larger ones!) down to species, wherever possible.<br>Book via FSC: <a href="http://www.field-studies-council.org">http://www.field-studies-council.org</a>  | Leader: Edward Jackson   |
| October<br>Tue 17th 2017<br>10:30       | Fungus Group. MEETING MOVED TO NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY 25  |  |
| October<br>Sat 21st 2017<br>11:00       | Fungus Group. Little & Great Bendysh Woods. Meet and park on left verge at Radwinter End just before Swan's Farm. CB10 2VD. Packed lunch.  | Leader: Graham Smith Please book 01277 354034.   |
| October<br>Wed 25th 2017<br>10:30       | Fungus Group. Danbury Country Park, Woodhill Road, slightly SW of village of Danbury. Packed lunch Car park fee.   | Leader: Mary Smith. Please book 01708 228921, mobile on the day 07903 052095   |
| October<br>Sat 28th 2017<br>11. 00am    | General meeting. Twinsteadhall Wood, an ancient woodland with a good number of veteran pollards on the wood bank boundaries, numerous ponds etc . Parking at surfaced timber yard TL858355, accessed along a short surfaced track from Lorkins Lane, turn onto track at TL861354.  | Leader: Please contact Peter Harvey if attending: 01375 371571 Email: <a href="mailto:grayspeterharvey@gmail.com">grayspeterharvey@gmail.com</a>     |
| November<br>Sat 4th 2017<br>10:30       | Fungus Group. Waxcap special. Starting from Fryerning Churchyard. TL 638 001. Packed lunch. Fungus group AGM after the meeting at 40 Pentland Avenue CM1 4AZ   | Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754  |
| December<br>Sat 2nd 2017<br>11:00-16:00 | Annual Exhibition & Social. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park TQ738, 865   | Leader: Contact: Mary Smith 01708 228921   |