

Essex Field Club Programme for 2018

Improve your skills. Join our field meetings and as well as enjoying the social side of the meetings, get expert help from specialists on identification and field survey techniques

Please check online at www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal/p/Our+meetings for any changes and new meetings.

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

Herpetofauna Group – contact Ray Cranfield 07841 359827

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)

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). Copies can be supplied on request from Peter Allen (01992 630661; peter.allen6@virgin.net).

January Sat 27th 2018 10:00	ERMS and EFC. Lion Pit, Chafford Gorges, Thurrock, Essex. Meet at EWT Visitor Centre, Drake Road, RM16 6RG. TQ599793. Site clearance of SSSI; please bring secateurs, loppers, etc, if you can; stout footwear, gardening gloves recommended.	Leader: Contact Peter Allen 01992 630661; peter.allen6@virgin.net
February Sat 10th 2018 10:30-17:00	Essex Moth Group annual meeting. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH. Lunch and refreshments £7 on the day. Essential to book in good time. Guest speakers, slide shows, specimen displays.	Leader: Essential to contact Peter Harvey or Dougal Urquhart in good time beforehand if attending: Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com or dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk
March Sat 10th 2018 14:00-17:00	Essex Field Club Spring Meeting and AGM. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH.	
March Sun 25th 2018 10:00	ERMS and EFC. Maylandsea Essex. London Clay site, for fossil Crabs, Lobsters etc. Meet at end of Parade on East side of Lawling Creek TL908029	Leader: Contact Jeff Saward, no booking required
April Tue 3rd 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks. Parking in barracks or in layby opposite TL566343, permission needed to enter barracks so book ahead with leader, Packed Lunch	Leader: Fiona Hutchings. Please book with on fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
May Sat 5th 2018 14:00	ERMS and EFC. National Geoscience Week. Essex Churches Project. Broomfield Church, Church Road, Broomfield.	Leader: Ian and Ros Mercer
May Sat 12th 2018 10:30	ERMS and EFC. National Geoscience Week. Marks Tey Brickworks Morning meeting. TL912241.	Leader: Peter Allen (01 992 630661)
May Sat 12th 2018 14:00	ERMS and EFC. National Geoscience Week. Cudmore Grove Country Park Afternoon meeting.	Leader: Peter Allen (01 992 630661)
May Tue 15th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Hadleigh Great Wood, Packed Lunch, The meeting point would be at the entrance in Warren Lane. Warren Road is accessible from Sanctuary Road which is off Woodlands Park, a continuation of Scrub Lane.	Leader: Contact Roger Payne Home: 01702 301548 mobile: 07891484633
May Tue 15th 2018 Check Start Time	Moth Group. Hilly Fields - meet at the northern end of Sussex Road at the gate to Hilly Fields, approx grid reference TL983252. If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com . The start time may vary, and is weather dependent so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.
May Sat 19th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Priory Fields. Parking in car park off Bicknacre road at TL786029, Football Club car park. Check the "Friends of priory Fields" website for more information. Packed Lunch	Leader: Please contact John Cooke on 01708 223477 or jhc@johocooke.plus.com beforehand so that we can confirm numbers the day before
June Sat 2nd 2018 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 grayspeterharvey@gmail.com Tel: 01375 371571
June Tue 5th 2018 19:00 approx	Moth Group. Lexden Springs - meet at the northern end of Spring Lane, layby parking available, approx grid reference TL971252. If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com . The start time may vary, and is weather dependent so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.

June Sat 9th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks. Meet at layby opposite TL566343, permission needed to enter barracks so book ahead with leader, Packed Lunch	Leader: Fiona Hutchings. Please book with on fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
June Sat 16th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Mill Green Common. Off road parking at TL 638 012 opposite the Cricketer's Pub but the entrance is concealed from the road until you are close to it. Packed lunch.	Leader: Graham Smith Please book 01277 354034.
June Tue 19th 2018 Check Start Time	Moth Group. Gosbecks - meet in public carpark close to roundabout at junction of B1022 Maldon Road and Cunobelin Way, approx grid reference TL967228 If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com. The start time may vary, and is weather dependant so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.
June Thu 21st 2018 10:30	Botany Group with BNHS. Lee Chapel South. Monad TQ6987, Meeting at TQ692879 near the western end of 'The Knares' parking in 'Ardleigh' to the North or 'Gaynesford' to the South, approx 1km East of Laidon station, Packed Lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith 01708 228921 or m.smith33gpf@gmail.com
June Sat 30th 2018 11:00	General Meeting. Mann Wood, Great and Little Leighs. At the invitation of owner David Boyle, Fairstead Hall. A truffle was recorded there in the late 1960s. The wood is mainly in 74,17 but extends into 74,16, 73,16 and 73,17. David will meet us promptly at 11.00 in the parking area at the end of the long drive from Boreham Road beside Bishop's Hall Farm CM3 1PP at the entrance to the wood at 74198,17060. Packed Lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams. 0208 508 7863 or on the day 07773 493260.
July Tue 3rd 2018 Check Start Time	Moth Group. Spring Lane Nursery - meet at gates to Colchester BC Spring Lane nursery. This is just off the roundabout at the junction of the A12 and A133 Cymbeline Way. If coming north down the A12 sliproad, Spring Lane is the first turning off the roundabout (A133 is the second). Approx grid reference TL972255. If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com. The start time may vary, and is weather dependent so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.
July Sat 7th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Hadleigh Great Wood, Packed Lunch, The meeting point would be at the entrance in Warren Road. Warren Road is accessible from Sanctuary Road which is off Woodlands Park, a continuation of Scrub Lane.	Leader: Contact Roger Payne Home: 01702 301548 mobile: 07891484633
July Sat 7th 2018 10:30-16:00	Botany Group. Thorndon Park Meet 10:30 Brentwood Stn (TQ593930, NR L'pool St). Cars needed. Joint with the Essex Botanical Society and the Essex Field Club.	Leader: Ken Adams 0208 508 7863 or on the day 07773 493260.
July Sun 8th 2018 10:30	ERMS and EFC. Walton on the Naze, EWT Visitor Centre, CO14 8LE, parking at centre.	Leader: Gerald Lucy (07512 156579)
July Tue 17th 2018 Check start time	Moth Group. Westlands Country Park - meet at gates to Park in James Carter Road at approx grid reference TL965234 Roadside parking available. If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com. The start time may vary, and is weather dependent so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.
July Sat 21st 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Curry Farm, Postcode CM0 7HL on the B1021 at Mill End, Bradwell on Sea, grid ref: TL994056. Packed Lunch.	Leader: Please Book with Stephen on 01621 776547
August Thu 2nd 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks. Parking in barracks or in layby opposite TL566343, permission needed to enter barracks so book ahead with leader, Packed Lunch.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings. Please book with on fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
August Tue 7th 2018 Check Start Time	Moth Group. Lexden Park - meet in public carpark off Church Lane at approx grid reference TL971250. If you bring your own moth trap, you will have to bring you own power supply from batteries etc.	Leader: Simon Wood. mobile: 07970 805423 email: simon.wood27@gmail.com. The start time may vary, and is weather dependent so it is vital to check with Simon beforehand.
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August Sun 19th 2018 11am - 5pm	The Essex Natural History Show. The Essex Natural History Show. Activities taking place at: the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH.	Leader: Contact: Peter Harvey. Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
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September Tue 4th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks. Parking in barracks or in layby opposite TL566343, permission needed to enter barracks so book ahead with leader, Packed Lunch.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings. Please book with on fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
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September Sat 22nd 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. Thrift Wood Bicknacre Packed lunch. Park in wood at TL790017 off Main Road B1418 if we can get the key (check with Martin). Or in Brewers Arms car park further North along Main Road.	Leader: Martin Gregory. Please book 01245 223300.
September Thu 27th 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. Galleywood Common, Park in Heritage Centre Car Park. Packed Lunch in Heritage Centre.	Leader: Mary Smith. Please book 01708 228921, mobile on the day 07903 052095
October Tue 2nd 2018 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 Fri 5th 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. Blakes Wood, This Meeting has been moved from 9th Oct Parking in wood at TL775064 off Riffhams Chase. Packed Lunch.	Leader: Graham Smith Please book 01277 354034.
October Sat 13th 2018 11:00	Fungus Group. Crowsheath Wood Reserve, Crowsheath Lane, Downham. Joint meeting with BNHS and WWF. Parking in reserve, on verges or in nearby Hanningfield visitors centre. Packed Lunch.	Leader: Leaders: Barbara and Richard Chapman. Please book 01268 765597. Mobile on the day 07742 291986.
October Tue 16th 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. Swan Wood, Stock. Packed Lunch. Parking in small layby or on road at TQ688992.	Leader: John Cooke please book on 01708 223477, mobile on the day 07941507549 email jhc@johcooke.plus.com
October Sat 20th 2018 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks. Parking in barracks or in layby opposite TL566343, permission needed to enter barracks so book ahead with leader, Packed Lunch.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings. Please book with on fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
October Fri 26th 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. Warwick Wood at TQ557828, park at TQ564824, charge for parking, packed lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book 01708 228921, mobile on the day 07903 052095
November Sat 3rd 2018 10:30	Fungus Group. 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 Sat 1st 2018 11:00-16:00	Annual Exhibition & Social. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park SS16 4UH, TQ738, 865	Leader: Contact: Peter Harvey. Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com